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DA confident of Senate's backing to push RTL amendment

MANILA — The Department of Agriculture (DA) on Tuesday expressed confidence in the Senate's backing to advance amendments on the Rice Tariffication Law (RTL).

This, after Senator Francis Pangilinan, chair of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, during his visit to the DA Central Office in Quezon City on Monday, expressed

support to prioritize the revision of the RTL to help ensure the welfare of farmers, boost productivity, and realize food security in the Philippines.

"With this visit of Senator Pangilinan, we are confident we could secure the backing of the Senate for these amendments that could ensure the modernization of the rice industry and the over-

all agriculture sector, securing a better future for our hardworking farmers and fisherfolk," Agriculture Secretary Francisco Tiu Laurel Jr. said in a statement.

"Our fighting target is to get these proposed amendments to the RTL enacted into law before the start of the harvest season, which begins March next year."

Pangilinan, likewise, underscored the urgency for Congress to take immediate action "to fix a lot of things in the current RTL, as well as improve the provision of direct support and extension services for farmers and fisherfolk, down to the grassroots level."

The agriculture chief, in turn, expressed

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DOLE extends P373-K aid to parents of child laborers in Cavite



CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) — At least 19 parents and guardians of identified child laborers in Cavite received livelihood assistance from the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) Region IV-A through its Cavite Provincial Office.

Beneficiaries received a total of P373,571.10 in livelihood assistance, consisting of starter kits for small enterprises such as sari-sari stores, eateries, street food vending, and frozen goods reselling.

In a statement, DOLE Cavite Provincial Di-

rector Marivic Martinez said the initiative reflects the DOLE's continued efforts to eliminate child labor and to help create a future where every Filipino child is free to learn, play, and dream.

"The livelihood assistance aims to ease the financial burden on vulnerable families and ensure that children stay in school and out of hazardous or exploitative labor. More than just livelihood support, the intervention is a meaningful step toward breaking the cycle of poverty and helping these

children become true Batang Malaya," Martinez said.

She also emphasized to parents and guardians of child laborers that they must sustain the livelihood package awarded to them and ensure that their children will no longer engage in any kind of work.

"Alagaan at paunlarin n'y po itong pinagkalooob ng DOLE sa inyo, pero higit sa lahat, hindi na pwede at dapat hindi na babalik ang mga anak n'y po sa pagtatrabaho," Martinez stressed.

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Laguna exec imposes online gambling ban on employees

SAN PEDRO CITY, Laguna (PIA) — The city government of San Pedro in Laguna has passed two measures imposing restrictions on online gambling, such as prohibiting its employees from playing on all gambling platforms and taking down dig-

ital online gambling advertisements across the city.

Mayor Art Mercado signed Executive Order No. 13 directing Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) licensees, suppliers, gaming venue operators, and system

administrators to remove online gambling advertisements within the city by August 15.

Mercado also signed Executive Order No. 14 prohibiting all city officials and employees from playing in online casinos and other forms of gambling

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RTL AMENDMENT. Sacks of palay (unhusked rice), procured from local farmers, fill a National Food Authority warehouse in San Ildefonso, Bulacan, on June 7, 2024. Agriculture Secretary Francisco Tiu Laurel Jr. on Tuesday (Aug. 12, 2025) expressed confidence in the Senate's backing to advance amendments to the Rice Tariffication Law (RTL), which aims to restore the regulatory functions of the NFA. (PNA file photo by Joan Bondoc)

LTFRB reviews P15 minimum jeepney fare petition

MANILA — The Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) is studying a petition filed by major transport groups seeking a provisional fare increase for public utility jeepneys (PUJs).

In a statement on Tuesday,

LTFRB chairperson Teofilo Guadiz III said the petition was filed by PASANG MASDA, ALTODAP, and ACTO on Monday seeking a PHP1 provisional fare increase and other fare adjustments for both traditional and modern PUJs.

On the other hand, the petitioners seek a minimum fare increase for modern PUJs from PHP14 to PHP19.

tioners are asking the LTFRB to declare the previous PHP1 provisional fare hike granted in October 2023 as permanent and to grant an additional PHP2 provisional increase, bringing the minimum fare from PHP13 to PHP15 for traditional PUJs.

The petition covers multiple filings between August 2023 and March 2025, with proposals ranging from base fare hikes to

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optimism that these amendments may be passed "sooner."

"If we could convince President (Ferdinand R.) Marcos (Jr.) to certify a bill that includes all these amendments as urgent, then we should get this passed sooner," he said.

One of the proposed amendments is the restoration of the powers of the National Food Authority (NFA), to allow the agency to perform market intervention to stabilize rice prices, manage rice buffer stocks, and set a floor price for palay (unhusked rice), among others. To date, NFA is tasked to ensure rice buffer stock-

ing.

Tiu Laurel earlier said that the RTL, if left unamended, "may kill" the rice industry due to liberalized importation.

Before Pangilinan's visit, the DA earlier expressed support for the proposed Rice Industry and Consumer Empowerment (RICE) Act under House Bill No. 1, filed by House Speaker Ferdinand Martin Romualdez, which seeks to reauthorize the NFA to intervene in the rice market by accrediting retail outlets and selling affordable rice directly to the public. (PNA)

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"Ang focus dapat nila ay una, studies, kaya dapat pagbutihin ang pag-handle nito, para may pantustos kayo sa pangangailangan ng mga anak n'yo at, huli, ay ma-enjoy nila ang pagiging bata nila. Dapat naglalaro sila sa playground, hindi iyong nagwo-work kung saan," she added.

According to DOLE, child labor remains a deep-rooted social issue in the Philippines, often fueled by poverty and lack of livelihood opportunities. Many children are forced to trade classrooms for construction sites, kitchens, or farms, missing out on their right to education, safety, and proper development.

"DOLE's ongoing interventions are a clear recognition that eradicating child labor requires more than enforcement, it demands empowerment. By equipping parents and guardians with viable means of income, DOLE helps ensure that children can return to school, reclaim their childhood, and pursue their dreams," DOLE Calabarzon said in a statement.

For parents like Grace Romerica, the assistance is more than just financial — it's a second chance for their children.

"Bilang isang magulang, wala nang

mas masakit pa kayssa sa makitang ang anak mo ay kinakailangang tumigil sa pag-aaral at magtrabaho dahil sa kakulangan sa kabuhayan. Pero sa tulong ng DOLE Cavite na livelihood assistance na ito, muling nabigyan kami ng pag-asaya. Maraming salamat po sa DOLE sa tulong," she said.

A child beneficiary, Emily (not her real name), shared how the program changed her life: "Maraming, maraming salamat po sa pagbibigay sa amin ng panibagong simula. Hindi na po ako nagtitinda ng candy, maglalako ng tuyos at tinapa. Pangako ko po, mag-aaral ako nang mabuti at gagamitin ko ang ikalawang pagkakataong ito para tuparin ang aking mga pangarap. Sana po mas marami pa kayong matulungan na kagaya ko."

Through programs like DOLE's livelihood assistance and the Child Labor Prevention and Elimination Program, the government affirms its goal of uplifting the most vulnerable sectors, fostering economic self-reliance, and ensuring that no Filipino child is forced to work at the expense of education and well-being. (with reports from DOLE 4A)

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activities within the city. Both orders were signed on July 11.

"As public servants, it is our duty to set an example of discipline, integrity, and compassion. We cannot build a better community if we tolerate distractions that silently destroy lives," he said in a Facebook statement on August 4.

The local chief executive stressed his commitment to prioritize programs with genuine value and purpose, while encouraging the public to turn away from vices that lead nowhere.

"This is not a fight against leisure, but a fight against systems that slowly drag families, young people, and livelihoods into ruin," Mercado said.

"In San Pedro, we will choose what is right, even when it's not easy," he added.

EO 13 also prohibits the approval of any new outdoor advertisements promoting online gambling

that includes billboards, digital signages, vehicle and public transport ads, posters, flyers, and other outdoor media.

Mercado noted that gambling contributes to social harm, and as civil servants, government employees must set an example by protecting the future of the youth and every family from the dangers of gambling.

In adopting the twin measures, the city government cited the social harm caused by excessive gambling, particularly its impact on the youth, vulnerable individuals, and families, "which can lead to addiction, financial instability, and other consequences detrimental to community well-being."

It also saw the need to uphold the integrity of public service and ensure the ethical conduct of government employees, fostering public trust and responsible governance. (CH/PIA-Laguna)

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adjustments per succeeding kilometer.

"We are studying the petition in detail to ensure that any fare adjustment is fair, reasonable, and based on solid justification," Guadiz said.

He assured that the study will consider both the welfare of commuters and PUJ operators.

"Our goal is to balance the needs of the riding public and the

sustainability of public transport operations," he added.

Guadiz said the board will follow due process on the fare hike study, including holding public consultations and hearings.

"We will listen to all sides before making a decision. This is part of our mandate to ensure transparent and participatory fare-setting," he said. (PNA)

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In a briefing Tuesday, Meralco Vice President and head of Corporate Communications Joe Zaldarriaga said generation charge rose by PHP0.3749/kWh because of higher rates imposed by independent power producers (IPPs) and the Wholesale Electricity Spot Market (WESM), as well as the depreciation of the Philippine peso against the US dollar.

He said the peso's depreciation affected almost 99 percent of IPPs' cost, which is denominated in US dollars.

He added IPPs also registered lower dis-

patch due to scheduled maintenance, namely that of the First Gas-Sta. Rita from June 30-July 9, and First Gas-San Lorenzo from July 10-14, thus the higher cost.

During the same briefing, Meralco Utility Economics head Larry Fernandez said peso depreciation is the main reason for the rise in generation cost, with the local currency weakening to as much as PHP58 to a US dollar from PHP56-level, primarily due to uncertainties on the US' tariff policies, among others.

He said the September rate will still be affect-

ed by the peso-greenback movement but expressed hope that the local currency will continue to improve against the US dollar to help lower generation cost.

Fernandez said that since the collection of the deferred generation cost from the new gas supply agreement from Malampaya will end in September," Zaldarriaga said. (PNA)

given a bit of reprieve. The ERC earlier approved the pass-through of the increase in gas supply agreement cost, or the add-on of around PHP0.17/kWh, since last year.

"Hopefully, by October, we can see a small reduction since collection of the deferred cost will end by September," Zaldarriaga said. (PNA)

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Tabuk City Cooperatives Embark on Successful Lakbay Aral in Cavite.

Eleven primary cooperatives from Tabuk City recently concluded a two-day Lakbay Aral aimed at enhancing their operations and services. Organized by the Tabuk City Cooperative and Enterprise Development Office, headed by Ms. Catherine Lee Uera, the trip, held from July 23-24, 2025, saw cooperative officers and management staff visit successful cooperatives in Cavite.

The Lakbay Aral provided a valuable opportunity for participants to witness firsthand the successful models and best practices of their counterparts. The group visited a diverse range of cooperatives, each showcasing unique strengths and approaches.

The first day of the journey took the group to General Trias Dairy Raisers Multi-Purpose Cooperative in General Trias City and Palangue Agrarian Reform Cooperative in Naic. The cooperatives showcased their products, services, and operational strategies. The day concluded at the New Provincial Government Center in Cavite, where Governor Abeng Remulla graced the event. Ms. Myrachel Cuadra, Supervising Administrative Officer, presented OPCDO services, and Ms. Rizalie Pinpin-Enero delivered welcoming remarks.

The following day continued the learning experience with visits to Santa Luisa Multi-Purpose Cooperative in Tagaytay City, Cafe Amadeo Development Cooperative in Amadeo, and Damayan sa Cavite Community Multi-Purpose Cooperative in Imus City. Each cooperative provided insights into their respective operations, highlighting successful strategies and innovative approaches.

The Lakbay Aral is expected to significantly benefit the participating Tabuk City cooperatives. By observing and learning from established models, the cooperatives can improve their own operations, expand their service offerings, and ultimately contribute to the economic growth of Tabuk City. The CCEDO expressed its gratitude to the Provincial Government of Cavite for accommodating and facilitating their learning journey.



CIA-FRIMP raises flood awareness among students through IEC campaign in Bacao Elementary School

In a proactive effort to strengthen flood preparedness and awareness among young learners, the Cavite Industrial Area - Flood Risk Management Project (CIA-FRIMP) conducted an Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) campaign at Bacao Elementary School on July 31, 2025.

Spearheaded by the City Government of General Trias and the City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (CDRRMO), in partnership with the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) and CIA-FRIMP, the campaign aimed to educate students on the importance of flood mitigation through both structural and non-structural measures. It also underscored the critical role of community participation in disaster risk reduction.

The program featured insightful presentations on Structural Flood Mitigation Measures by Mr. Shuji Kaku and Non-Structural Measures (NSM) by Ms. Mimi Estaris of CIA-FRIMP. Their sessions highlighted how infrastructure and community-based strategies work hand-in-hand to reduce flood risks.

Experts from the Department of Science and Technology – Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (DOST-PAGASA), Ms. Vivian Gay Aggasid and Ms. Rosalie Pagulayan, engaged students with interactive discussions on weather systems, the warning information system, and basic flood awareness. These sessions provided practical knowledge to help students better understand and respond to flood-related hazards.

The IEC campaign for school children is part of CIA-FRIMP's continuing non-structural initiatives and complements the five structural contract packages currently underway as part of the broader flood mitigation efforts in Cavite.

The campaign echoed its core message: "Buhay ay Ligtas at Mabuti, Kung Baha ay Maibsan sa Cavite!", underscoring the project's mission to protect lives and build a more resilient Cavite through sustained education and infrastructure development.

In her closing remarks, Ms. Myra Aro, Principal of Bacao Elementary School, expressed her gratitude to the organizers for bringing flood awareness directly to the students.

Also present during the event were representatives from the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), and the Office of the Provincial Information Officer (OPIO).

through the partnership of Office of the Provincial Governor (OPG) and the Office of the Provincial Health Officer (OPHO).

The OPHO team provided free medical consultations benefiting a total of 435 individuals, and dental services catering 107 patients. Likewise, the team from the OPG, led by Mr. Geri Olaes, distributed free medicines to the community.

This initiative reflects the continued commitment of the Provincial Government of Cavite to deliver quality and accessible healthcare services to the Caviteños.



PGC's medical and dental mission team goes to the City of Dasmariñas.

The Provincial Government of Cavite's medical and dental mission was conducted on July 31, 2025, in Barangay Paliparan I, City of Dasmariñas,

Laguna moms take part in nationwide breastfeeding activity



SAN PEDRO CITY, Laguna (PIA) – Mothers in San Pedro City, Laguna joined thousands of women nationwide in breaking the stigma of breastfeeding in public during the Hakab 'Ta 2025 simultaneous breastfeeding celebration held on August 8.

The event, held at the Pacita Astrodome, was spearheaded by Laguna 1st District Representative and House Committee on Women and Gender Equality Chairperson Ann Matibag, in partnership with the Philippine Pediatric Society and the San Pedro City Medical Society.

Hakab 'Ta (a Filipino term that means to latch or an act of breastfeeding) aims to raise public awareness, celebrate the special bond between mother and child, and emphasize the importance of breastfeeding as a baby's first and exclusive food for the first six months of life.

It also seeks to build a more supportive environment where breastfeeding is valued and normalized not only at home, but also in workplaces and communities nationwide.

"Breastfeeding is not just about providing milk — it's about giving care, love, and hope. It is a journey

of love, strength, and connection, and the first step toward a child's lifelong health and cognitive development," Matibag said in a statement.

A former breastfeeding mother herself, Matibag reaffirmed her commitment to advancing programs that empower women and improve family well-being. She also encouraged mothers, families, and health advocates to continue supporting breastfeeding parents and the networks that assist them.

San Pedro City Medical Society President Dr. Mabelle Evangelista Carreon expressed her full support for the initiative, citing the many benefits of breastfeeding.

"For babies, breastfeeding provides complete nutrition, antibodies to fight illness, boosts brain and eye development, and strengthens the mother-child bond," Carreon explained.

She added that breastfeeding also benefits

mothers by aiding postpartum recovery, reducing the risk of breast and ovarian cancer, being cost-free and always available, and helping lessen stress and depression.

In a radio interview on Sulong Southern Tagalog, Department of Health-CALABARZON Nutrition and Breastfeeding Program Manager Jellie Anne Palencia noted that public stigma around breastfeeding persists, particularly for first-time and younger mothers. She stressed the need for strong nationwide support systems.

"We must boost mothers' confidence so they know there is nothing to be embarrassed about. You're feeding your child; you're not exposing your body. It is your right to feed your child anytime, anywhere," Palencia said.

The DOH also reiterated Republic Act 10028, or the Expanded Breastfeeding Promotion Act of 2009, which ensures access to lactation stations in all establishments nationwide and to breast-milk collection facilities or milk banks for mothers who are seriously ill or unable to produce milk for their infants. (CH/PIA-Laguna)

Better is a piece of dry bread where there is peace Than a house full of feasting along with quarreling.

Proverbs 17: 1

Hundreds of thousands rally across Europe in support of Gaza



LONDON – Hundreds of thousands of demonstrators in European countries held rallies and marches Saturday in solidarity with Palestinians in the Gaza Strip, demanding an end to Israeli attacks on the enclave.

Brits took to the streets in London to protest the attacks and demand an immediate ceasefire as part of the 30th National March for Palestine.

Hundreds of thousands marched towards the Prime Minister's Office from central Russell Square under the theme: "Stop Starving Gaza."

Palestine Solidarity Campaign (PSC), one of the organizers of nationwide pro-Palestine rallies, wrote on X before the protest that Israel is starving Palestinians in Gaza to death.

"Our government must take action to end Israel's genocide," it said.

Carrying Palestinian flags, the crowd shouted slogans including one that criticized the British government "for being complicit" in the genocide.

Hundreds in Stockholm protested Israeli plans to occupy Gaza City.

The protesters gathered in the Odenplan area with various signs that denounced Israeli attacks and US support for Israel.

The demonstrators later marched toward the Foreign Ministry.

Israel's Security Cabinet approved Prime Minister Benjamin

Netanyahu's widely opposed occupation plans early Friday.

Many also took to the streets in Amsterdam to protest the plan and Western support for Israel.

The demonstration demanded immediate unrestricted aid delivery into Gaza.

The Health Ministry in Gaza said Friday that 21 Palestinians have been killed and more than 341 injured while trying to get humanitarian aid in the last 24 hours, bringing the number of Palestinians killed while seeking aid to 1,743, with over 12,590 wounded since May 27.

It reported that 11 people, including children, have died in the past 24 hours due to famine and malnutrition.

That took the death toll from starvation to 212, among them 98 children, as the humanitarian crisis in the enclave deepens.

Several pro-Palestine rallies were held in Spain, including Madrid, to protest Israeli attacks and starvation in Gaza.

Carrying Palestinian flags, protesters shouted "End to genocide" during the rally in Madrid.

Some banged pots and pans to protest the starvation in the

sieged Palestinian enclave.

Thousands gathered at Jardin Anglais in Geneva to protest famine- and malnutrition-related deaths in Gaza from the Israeli blockade.

The crowd staged a sit-in during the demonstration while protesting Israeli attacks by shouting in English, French and Arabic.

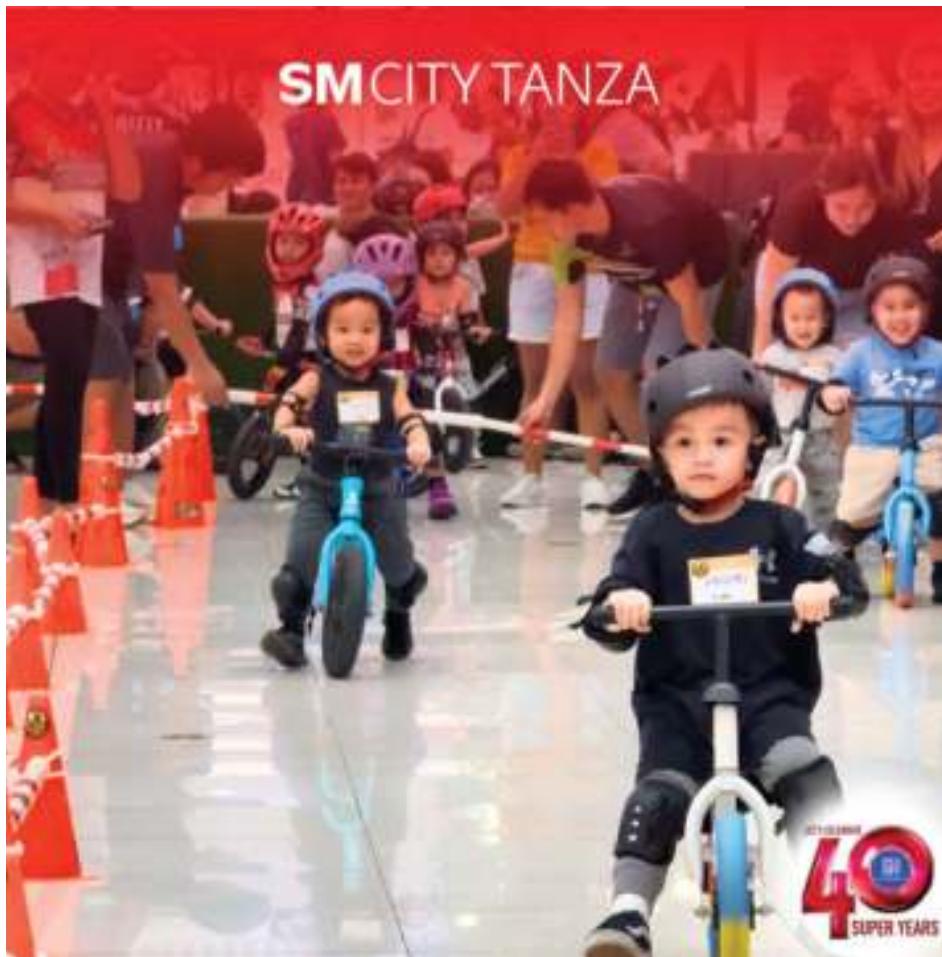
Carrying Palestinian flags, protesters banged pots and pans to raise awareness about the starvation in Gaza.

The crowd also demanded an end to international support for Israel's oppression of Palestinians.

The Israeli army resumed attacks on Gaza on March 18, and has since killed 9,862 victims and injured 40,809, shattering a ceasefire and prisoner exchange agreement that took hold in January.

Last November, the International Criminal Court issued arrest warrants for Netanyahu and his former Defense Minister Yoav Gallant for war crimes and crimes against humanity in Gaza.

Israel also faces a genocide case at the International Court of Justice for its war on the enclave. (Anadolu)



Push Bike Clinic Rolls On at SM City Tanza

SM City Tanza kicked off an exciting and heartwarming ride during the Push Bike Clinic held on August 1 in partnership with Tangway Brave Riders. The event brought together young champions, returning riders, and new participants for a fun-filled day of learning, confidence-building, and biking adventures.



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**A joyful heart is good medicine,
But a crushed spirit saps
one's strength**
Proverbs 17:22

D&L Industries exec hopeful for sustained net income rise in '25

MANILA – Higher export sales and revenues from its Batangas plant boosted publicly-listed D&L Industries' income in the first half of the year, raising hopes for a double-digit income growth this year.

Alvin Lao, D&L president and chief executive officer, in an online briefing Tuesday, reported that earnings in the first six months this year rose 6 percent to nearly PHP1.4 billion from year-ago's PHP1.32 billion.

He, however, noted that higher coconut oil prices dampened the rise in income in the first six months this year, due to lower contribution from their high-margin business that covers oil-based food, personal hygiene, and home care segments.

Exports registered a 28 percent year-on-year growth in sales, with gross profit rising by 7.4 percent, and is seen as a "bright spot amidst a generally cautious consumer



OPTIMISM. Specialty oil products of Oleo-Fats are among the businesses of publicly listed D&L Industries. D&L president and chief executive officer Alvin Lao, in an online briefing Tuesday (Aug. 12, 2025), expressed optimism of hitting double-digit growth this year 2025 as exports remain strong and their Batangas province-based plant continues to register profits. (Photo taken from Oleo-Fats website)

sentiment in the domestic market."

For the second quarter, net income rose by 2 percent to PHP714 billion.

Last year, the company booked a full-year income of PHP2.3 billion.

"So we only need about PHP946 million in the second half to meet last year's net income," Lao said.

Lao also cited the projected additional cuts in the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) key rates this year as a plus

to their business.

Aside from lower interest rate expense, he said lower BSP rates mean people will have more cash to spend on other things.

"In general, lower interest rates are positive or bullish for an economy. And that is something we think will be beneficial to the overall economy. So, there'll be more demand for our products (and) our customers' products. So, it will spur more growth," he added. (PNA)

Meralco rates up P0.63/kWh in August

MANILA – Power rates of Manila Electric Company (Meralco) will increase by PHP0.6268/kWh this August due to higher generation and transmission charges.

Residential consumers with monthly usage of around 200 kWh will have an increase of around PHP125 for this August, since the overall rate is around PHP13.2703/kWh from PHP12.6435/kWh last July.

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HIGHER RATE. Consumers of Manila Electric Company (Meralco) will pay higher rates for August 2025 after the distribution utility on Tuesday (Aug. 12, 2025) announces that rates will increase by PHP0.6268/kWh due to higher generation and transmission charges. Residential consumers with monthly usage of around 200 kWh will have an increase of around PHP125 for this August as overall rate is around PHP13.2703/kWh from PHP12.6435/kWh last July. (Screenshot from Meralco's PowerPoint presentation)

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PH beats Saudi Arabia in OT to reach FIBA Asia Cup quarterfinals

MANILA — Justin Brownlee did it again when it mattered most, lifting Gilas Pilipinas to a 95-88 overtime win against host Saudi Arabia, 95-88, to barge into the quarterfinals of the FIBA Asia Cup 2025 on Monday at King Abdullah Sports City stadium in Jeddah.

Brownlee scored a game-high 29 points, including a triple with 8.4 seconds left that sent the game into overtime. He also had five assists and four rebounds.

The Philippines dominated Saudi Arabia in the extra period, 16-9, ignited by Kevin Quiambao's three-pointer as Gilas sealed its second win in four games.

Behind Brownlee, AJ Edu and Quiambao, the Philippines surged to a double-digit lead, 25-15, after the first quarter.

However, the host team bounced back and briefly erased the deficit after a 14-1 run behind the all-around performance of Muhammad-Ali Abdur-Rahkman, who finished with 33 points, including eight triples.

Edu scored 17 points and made his presence felt inside the paint with 11 rebounds and a block, while Quiambao also finished with 17 points and Scottie Thompson added crucial four points and 10 rebounds.

"They posed a lot of problems for us, and



CRUCIAL WIN. Justin Brownlee pulls out another late-game heroics as Gilas Pilipinas defeated host Saudi Arabia, 95-88, in overtime to reach the quarterfinals of the FIBA Asia Cup 2025 at King Abdullah Sports City in Jeddah on Monday (Aug. 11, 2025). The Philippines will face two-time defending champion Australia in the next round on Wednesday (Aug. 13). (Photo from FIBA Asia Cup website)

by all rights, they had the game won except for the guy sitting to my right (Brownlee), he's the big shot. And if you know his history, that's not unusual. He's been hitting big

shots," Gilas Pilipinas coach Tim Cone said.

The Filipinos will face two-time defending champion Australia in the quarterfinals on Wednesday. (PNA)



On August 7, 2025, the Provincial Government of Cavite, in coordination with the Local Government Unit of Tanza, conducted a successful medical and dental mission in Brgy. Mulawin.

The technical team from General Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital worked with the healthcare providers of Tanza Rural Health Unit in providing free medical consultation to 492 patients and free dental services to 92 individuals.

Likewise, the Office of the Provincial Governor (OPG) distributed prescribed medicines and vitamin supplements, free of cost to ease the financial constraints of the residents.

Seventh District Board Member Aldrin Anacan, alongside Tanza Councilors Derek Matro and Alexis

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Dones, graced the event showing their support and appreciation to the PGC medical mission team for bringing the healthcare services closer to the doorsteps of their constituents. --- OPIO