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Growing public support inspires PBBM to work harder

Manila – President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. on Wednesday welcomed reports of growing public support for him and his administration, saying it inspires him to work even harder for the country's betterment.

This, after the results of the Social Weather

er Stations' (SWS) June 25 to 29 survey showed an increase in public satisfaction with Marcos' performance in the second quarter of 2025.

While he maintained that his work performance should not be measured by numbers alone, Marcos

expressed gratitude knowing that more Filipinos are satisfied with his efforts to give them a more comfortable life.

"I have no idea. I don't look so much at [survey results]. Of course, it's so nice to know. I did not know

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Calabarzon LGUs lauded for intensified pre-emptive evacuations amid Typhoon Opong

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) — The Regional Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (RDRRMC) Calabarzon commended local government units (LGUs) in the region for intensifying pre-emptive evacuations ahead of the onslaught of Typhoon Opong on Friday, Sept. 26.

Office of Civil Defense (OCD) Regional Director and RDRRMC Chairperson Carlos Eduardo Alvarez III empha-



sized that although Calabarzon was not directly hit by the recent typhoon, the pre-emptive evacuations have been crucial in ensuring public safety, especially for residents in flood- and landslide-prone areas.

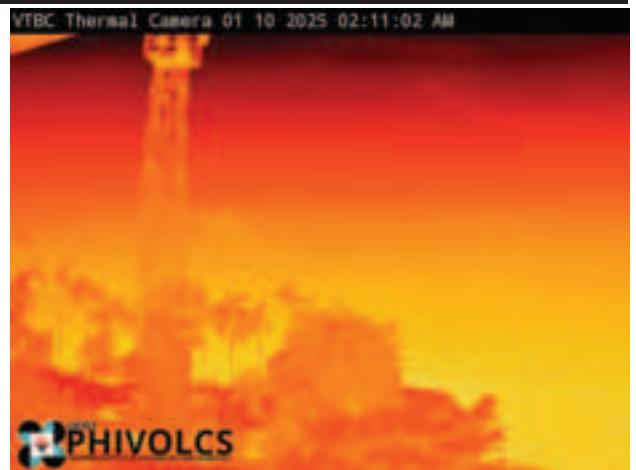
Alvarez also thanked local disaster officers and responders for their efforts in safeguarding communities amid the threat of Severe Tropical Storm Opong in the region on Friday, Sept. 26.

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PHIVOLCS: Walang dapat ikabahala sa phreatomagmatic eruption ng Bulkang Taal

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) — Walang dapat ikabahala ang publiko sa phreatomagmatic eruption ng Bulkang Taal kaninang alas-2:00 ng madaling araw, ayon sa Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PHIVOLCS).

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DAY WITH THE PRESIDENT. Grade school students mob President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. during the national culminating activity of "Tara, Basa!" tutoring program at the University of Makati in Taguig City on Sept. 15, 2025. President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. on Wednesday (Oct. 1, 2025) welcomed reports of growing public support for him and his administration, saying it inspires him to work even harder for the country's betterment. (PNA photo by Joan Bondoc)

Minor eruption normally happens in Taal Volcano - Phivolcs

MANILA — Minor eruption normally happens in Taal Volcano, the head of the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (Phivolcs) said on Wednesday.

"Taal erupts every now and then. More than 90 phreatic and phreatomagnetic eruptions were recorded since April last year," Phivolcs Director Teresito Bacolcol said in a television interview.



Taal Volcano (File photo)

His clarification came after a minor eruption was recorded in Taal at 2:02 a.m. Wednesday. which lasted for about 13 minutes, produced a 2,500 meter-high plume that drifted

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about that, but now that you tell me, of course I'm glad that it's that way," he said in an interview in Masbate City.

"I guess it's just we just have to keep working. 'Yun lang (That's all)," Marcos added.

Marcos emphasized the importance of delivering real progress and providing immediate services to the people.

He said government officials should remain focused on working for the country instead of engaging in politics for personal gain.

"Whatever is happening, kahit na anong nangyayari, kahit may bagyo, kahit may skandal, kahit may gulo, ang taumbayan ay umaasa sa pamahalaan na tuloy ang serbisyo, tuloy ang trabaho ng pamahalaan (no matter

what happens – whether there's a typhoon, a scandal, or unrest – the people expect the government to continue its service, to continue its work) at every level, at the national level, at the local level," Marcos said.

Around 46 percent of adult Filipinos were satisfied with Marcos' performance, while 36 percent were dissatisfied and 19 percent were undecided, yielding a net satisfaction score of "moderate" +10, according to the SWS' non-commis-

sioned survey released on Tuesday.

The poll results saw a significant 20-point improvement from the "poor" -10 net score logged in April 2025, reversing the downward trend observed over the past three quarters. (PNA)

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northwest.

Bacolcol said minor phreatomagnetic eruptions were also recorded last Sept. 11 and July 17.

"Taal Volcano erupts almost every month," Bacolcol added.

He reminded the public to refrain from entering the Taal Volcano Island or permanent danger zone.

Taal Volcano stays at Alert Level 1. Sudden steam or phreatic eruptions, volcanic earthquakes, thin ash-fall and emission of poisonous gases are possible.

Bacolcol said raising

Taal Volcano's alert level is unlikely at this time because there are other parameters being considered.

For instance, he said there was no earthquake recorded in Taal Volcano for the past 24 hours.

Bacolcol, meanwhile,

also clarified that the

eruption has no connection with the magnitude 6.9 offshore Cebu earthquake late Tuesday.

The earthquake was triggered by offshore active fault northeast of Cebu Island, according to Phivolcs. (PNA)

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the city, the park offered a sweeping 360-degree view of Taal Lake and Laguna de Bay. Lunch was served at Siglo Modern Filipino, a restaurant that pays homage to the country's rich culinary traditions with unique takes on classic Filipino dishes.

**How to get to People's Park in the Sky: From Manila, take CAVITEX. From Kawit, go straight to Centennial Road, turn left to Advincula Ave, and then turn left to Lancaster Blvd. Arlette V. Capistrano, Vice President for Communication and Stakeholder Management of MPT South, said, "This tour is a celebration of what Cavite has to offer. Through the Biyaheng South Experiential Tour, we are not only showcasing Cavite's diverse attractions but also reinforcing our commitment to support local tourism and communities."

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"We, in the Office of Civil Defense and the Regional Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council Calabarzon, extend our gratitude to all our local DRRM officers, staff, responders, and stakeholders for the invaluable services rendered to ensure the safety of our communities considering the threat of TC Opong in the region. I convey our sincerest appreciation to all our Provincial DRRMC chair-

persons for heeding our call for massive pre-emptive evacuations," Alvarez said.

The RDRRMC Calabarzon reported that 64 local government units had preemptively evacuated 12,201 families, composed of 41,723 individuals, before the onslaught of Typhoon Opong.

It added that the RDRRMC is intensifying pre-emptive evacuation particularly in areas identified by the Mines and

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VOLCS).

Ayon kay Paolo Reniva, resident volcanologist ng PHIVOLCS Taal Observatory, walang naitalang ash-fall sa paligid ng Taal Caldera at mga lake-shore communities. Ipinalwanag niya na ang phreatomagnetic eruption ay nagaganap kapag nagkaroon ng interaksyon ang magma at tubig sa ilalim ng lupa, na nagdudulot ng pagsabog.

Batay sa ulat ng PHI-

VOLCS, umabot sa 2,500 metro ang taas ng ibinugang usok ng bulkan na tinangay ng hangin patungong hilagang-kanluran.

Nananatili itong nasa Alert Level 1, na nan-gangahulugang abnor-

mal ang kondisyon ngunit walang nakikitang banta ng malakas na pagsabog.

Muling nagpaalala ang PHIVOLCS na mahigpit na ipinagbabawal ang pagpasok sa Taal Volcano Island, lalo na sa Main Crater at Daang Kastila Fissures, gayundin ang pagpapalipad ng sasakyang panghimpapawid malapit sa tuktok ng bulkan dahil sa panganib ng biglaang pagbuga ng abo at naka-lalasong gas.

Tiniyak ng ahensya na patuloy ang mahigpit na pagmamanman sa aktibidad ng bulkan upang makapagbigay ng agarang abiso kung kinakailangan. (KA PIA4A)

In the afternoon, the tour shifted to a different kind of discovery with a one-of-a-kind Lancaster Community tour by Profriends. Participants were given closer look at key landmarks inside the township. These include St. Edward School, showcasing the academic and sports achievements of its youth, and where the Galing LNC youth volunteers are nurtured. The community tour included the site where Westwind is being constructed, the commercial hub which is The Square, and the spiritual hub, the Parish of the Holy Family.

Geosciences Bureau (MGB) as vulnerable to flooding and landslides.

Prior to the typhoon's landfall, the RDRRMC directed LGUs across the region to enforce preparedness measures, including the immediate evacuation of residents in high-risk areas.

"Mas gusto natin na before it happens—bago magkaroon ng pagguho ng lupa, pag-baha, at iba pang epekto ng bagyo tulad ng malakas na hangin at ulan—nasa ligtas na lugar na ang ating mga kababayan," OCD Calabarzon Spokesperson Reyan Derrick Marquez told the Philippine Information Agency.

He stressed that these efforts are aimed at minimizing casualties and protecting communities from hazards.

"Yun po ang ating pinagpupursigihan, para po maging ligtas at huwag po tayong maging casualty na

dulot ng pagbaha at landslide."

Marquez also called on the public to co-operate fully with local authorities during emergencies.

"Makipagtulungan po tayo sa ating mga LGUs. Kapag sinabi nilang mag-evacuate, sumunod po tayo. Huwag po nating hintayin na dumating ang disgrasya dahil mahihirapan din magpadala ng search and rescue. Ayaw din nating malagay sa panganib ang ating mga responders," he said.

The RDRRMC Calabarzon reported ₱25,568,751.00 worth of damages to agriculture, including rice, corn, and farm structures, affecting a total of 281 farmers across the region.

Meanwhile, relief assistance provided to local government units has reached ₱7.54 million, according to the Department of Social Welfare and Development 4A. (FC, PIA4A)

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PGC's Medical and Dental Mission brings free health services in Tanza

As part of the nationwide celebration of "Handog ng Pangulo: Serbisyon Sapat Para sa Lahat", a Medical and Dental Mission was held last September 13, 2025, at the Tanza Convention Center, providing vital health services to local residents.

A total of 346 patients benefitted from the initiative, with 320 individuals receiving medical consultations and 26 availing of dental services. The mission was spearheaded by the Office of the Provincial Governor (OPG) medical mission team, with medical consultations and dental care rendered by dedicated health workers from the Office of the Provincial Health Officer (OPHO). Patients also received free prescribed medicines and vitamins, ensuring access to much-needed treatment and preventive care.

The event drew the support of several local leaders, including Governor Abeng Remulla, Vice Governor Ram Revilla Bautista, 7th District Congressman Ping Remulla, 1st District Board Member Jygs Gandia, 7th District Board Member Aldrin Anacan, Tanza officials led by Mayor Archangelo "SM" Matro, and mayors of different LGUs in Cavite, who visited the medical and dental mission booth to extend their solidarity with the community.

The activity highlighted the government's commitment to delivering accessible healthcare services to Caviteños, bringing essential medical support closer to the people as part of the province's continuing health outreach programs.--- OPIO



Brgy. Burol III residents gain access to free healthcare

A total of 593 patients benefited from the free healthcare services provided during the medical and dental mission conducted by the Provincial Government of Cavite in Brgy. Burol III recently, in partnership with the local government of the City of Dasmariñas.

Around 500 residents availed of medical consultations, 15 underwent X-rays, 22 received ECG services, and 56 benefited from dental extractions. In addition, free medicines were distributed to all beneficiaries by staff from the Of-



PGC provides free medical and dental Care in Muzon II, Rosario

On September 19, 2025, the Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC) held a successful medical and dental mission in Brgy. Muzon II, Rosario, Cavite serving a total of 491 residents with free medical and dental services, and free prescribed medicines.

Of the total beneficiaries, 411 availed medical consultations, basic health check-ups, 43 individuals received free dental care, including tooth extractions and oral health advice. In addition, 14 patients underwent free X-ray procedures, while 23 patients benefited from ECG examinations.

First District Board Member Juan Ysmael R. Gandia, Vice Mayor Bamm Gonzalez, and Punong Barangay Denmark Baquiran attended the event to extend their full support. Health workers from Barangay Muzon worked in close coordination to ensure the smooth and orderly implementation of the program. Patients were properly assisted at every stage of the process, from registration and consultation to the distribution of medicines.

The activity is part of the PGC's continuous efforts to improve the health and well-being of its constituents. The mission in Barangay Muzon II, Rosario, Cavite demonstrates the positive results that can be achieved through strong collaboration between the government and the community in promoting health and wellness.--- OPIO



Medical and dental mission marks Vice Mayor Cabuhat's birthday in GMA

In celebration of the birthday of Vice Mayor Percival Cabuhat, the Municipality of General Mariano Alvarez hosted a successful medical and dental mission on September 18, benefitting 671 residents with essential healthcare services.

The program extended free medical consultations, dental extractions, ECG, x-ray, and medicines, making quality healthcare more accessible to the community. Beyond a birthday celebration, the initiative reflected Vice Mayor Cabuhat's deep commitment to public service and his dedication to the well-being of every GMA resident.

The event's success was a product of strong collaboration among local officials, the Provincial Government of Cavite staff, and the unwavering support of Barangay Health Workers. Further ensuring its impact, the professionalism and expertise of the GEAMH medical and dental team and the CarSIGMA team helped bring the program's mission to life – advancing the health and welfare of the community.



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

Proverbs 17: 1

'Dagyaw sa CALABARZON' sheds light on adolescent pregnancy



LUCBAN, Quezon (PIA) – With the CALABARZON (Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal, Quezon) region reporting the highest number of live births among girls aged 10 to 19, this year's 'Dagyaw sa CALABARZON' open governance forum called for a collective action to address growing concerns on adolescent pregnancy.

The 2022 National Demographic and Health Survey of the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) reported a gradual decline in adolescent births, from 57 per 1,000 women aged 15 to 19 years in 2013 to 25 per 1,000 in 2022.

However, the Commission on Population and Development (CPD) stressed that the decline should not be celebrated, pointing instead to a more pressing concern—girls giving birth before even reaching the age of 15.

Jasmine Osias, Information Officer II, noted that limited access to reliable sexual education among the youth remains a key issue in the region.

"There have been many studies on early pregnancies, the most direct factor being that [they] did not use protection during sexual intercourse. Many hesitate to ask

their parents and professional adults [about sex]. This tells us that family communication and access to accurate information remain a challenge."

Dr. Alicia Manuel, Supervising Administrative Officer of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)'s Support for Local Governance Program, stressed the need to provide a space for youth participation in policymaking to address teenage and adolescent pregnancy.

"We are strengthening laws, expanding comprehensive sexuality education, and building informed trauma care for victims. But the truth is: no policy will work if it does not resonate with you—the youth."

Crafted by the CPD and the Department of Economy, Planning, and Development (DepDev—formerly NEDA), Osias cited the Philippine Population and Development Plan of Action (PDP-POA) 2023-2028 as

the country's blueprint for addressing persistent population issues, including early pregnancies.

"Our goal is to optimize demographic opportunities and address persistent population issues and challenges to reap demographic dividend and accel-

US gov't shuts down amid impasse between Trump, Democrats

WASHINGTON – The wheels of government ground to a halt early Wednesday as negotiations between US President Donald Trump and congressional Democrats to fund the government failed to reach an agreement.

Negotiators had until midnight Tuesday to reach an understanding, but the deadline came and went with major differences persisting.

Democrats have sought to include health care reforms as part of any budget bill, including a reversal of part of Trump's signature tax law that established cuts to Medicaid funding, as well as an extension of subsidies under the US' quasi-universal health care law, known as the Affordable Care Act.

Republicans are instead demanding a "clean"

continuing resolution devoid of any changes to existing spending.

The House of Representatives passed a bill Sept. 19. It would have funded the government at existing levels through Nov. 21, but it stalled in the Senate, where Republicans lack the number of seats to clear a 60-vote procedural hurdle to approve legislation.

Trump already laid claim to the longest shutdown in US history when funding lapsed in 2018 and continued for 35 days into 2019.

While a shutdown does not automatically result in a full-blown economic crisis, it creates major disruptions for many aspects of American life.

Many federal employees will be furloughed, or forced to work without pay, while others will be placed on mandatory

leave until a new budget is approved. Each federal agency has its own shutdown plan, determining which government employees are essential.

Unlike past shutdowns, Trump has threatened to make additional layoffs if the government shutters.

Services like border security, hospital care, air traffic control, law enforcement and power grid maintenance were considered essential in previous shutdowns, while benefits like Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid continued.

Immigration services, for instance, are not affected by a government shutdown as they are funded by independent fees.

Some public services could suffer from a government shutdown. Environmental and food

inspections may be affected, while factory inspections may be temporarily suspended.

National parks may close, and air travel delays and cancellations could occur due to air traffic controllers and security personnel working without pay.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics' emergency plan states that economic data will not be published during a government shutdown, which means non-farm payrolls, a closely watched flow of data expected to be published Friday, may not be released.

The US has had 19 shutdowns lasting three days or less since 1981, while some prolonged shutdowns seriously affected federal government operations. (Anadolu)

DOH pushes for responsible pet ownership as rabies cases in PH hit 260

MANILA – Rabies cases in the Philippines have climbed to 260 from January to September 20 this year, the Department of Health (DOH) said Monday.

In a public advisory, the DOH reported that 95 percent of the infections were linked to animals that were unvaccinated or had unknown vaccination status.

With the rising number of cases, the DOH

urged the public to take preventive measures through responsible pet ownership.

Annual vaccination of pets is the most effective protection against rabies for both humans and animals. The Anti-Rabies Act of 2007 makes vaccination mandatory for pet owners to help eliminate rabies nationwide.

Local government programs provide rabies vaccines for free.

erate sustainable and inclusive development at all levels."

The 2024 census recorded CALABARZON's population at 16,933,234, accounting for about 15 per-

cent of the country's total and the largest among the 18 regions. The PSA also estimated 2.9 million Filipinos aged 15-24 reside in the region. (PB/PIA4A)



(Photo courtesy of DOH)

The first rabies vaccine is given to puppies around three months old, followed by yearly boosters for all adult pets.

The DOH also reminded pet owners to register their dogs and cats with their barangay, keep pets from roaming unsupervised,

and immediately seek treatment at an Animal Bite Treatment Center if bitten or scratched.

The agency issued the reminder as part of the observance of World Rabies Day 2025, highlighting the importance of prevention to save lives. (PNA)

SAY NO TO DRUGS

Cavite takes Spotlight in MPTC's Biyaheng South Experiential Tour 2025

Cavite took the spotlight in the recently concluded Biyaheng South Experiential Tour 2025, featuring top destinations made more accessible through Metro Pacific Tollway Corporation's (MPTC) expressways—CAVITEX and CALAX. Successfully hosted by MPT South, a subsidiary of MPTC, in partnership with the Department of Tourism Region IV-A (DOT IV-A) and the Cavite Tourism Office, the tour highlighted the province's rich blend of history, culture, and culinary delights. Co-presented by mWell (by Metro Pacific Health Tech Corporation), the tour also highlighted wellness on the road, with participants wearing mWell watches to track their health and activity throughout the journey.

The Ka-Biyaheros, composed of influencers and media partners, enjoyed a seamless and immersive two-day experience aboard stylish and comfortable Chery Tiggo vehicles such as the Chery Tiggo Cross HEV, Chery Tiggo Grand Tour, and the newly introduced all-new Chery Tiggo REV LE, thanks to Chery Philippines, the tour's official mobility partner. Every stop—from museum and scenic views to must-visit local dining spots—was made smoother and more memorable by the reliable ride. The event was also made possible through the support of Quest Hotels, Profriends, Coffee Builders, and Sky-Ranch Tagaytay.

Immersing in Cavite's History, Flavors, and Fun

The adventure began with a scenic drive along the Cavite-Laguna Expressway (CA-

LAX), giving participants a firsthand look at how the expressway makes Southern Luzon more accessible. The first destination was Coffee Builders in Silang for breakfast, a café known for its artisan brews and cozy atmosphere. Participants indulged in some of the house favorites, which are beef salpicao, salted egg chicken, and fish and chips, paired with their signature drinks.

**How to get to Coffee Builders: From Manila, take CAVITEX. From Kawit, go to CALAX Silang Aguinaldo Interchange, then exit at Silang East Interchange. Coffee Builders is just a few minutes away.

Following the hearty breakfast, the participants then had the opportunity to have a special look at CALAX Governor's Drive Interchange in General Trias, Cavite, which is set to open this 2025. This new segment will expand CALAX's operating section all the way to General Trias, providing motorists with faster, more convenient routes, easing congestion on Cavite's major roads.

Next on the list was the Geronimo Berenguer De Los Reyes (GBR) Museum in General Trias, a cultural gem dedicated to preserving and promoting the country's rich history and heritage. Upon entering, the group was immediately immersed in a powerful display of the Cavite Mutiny of 1872, one of the most relevant events in Philippine history. Among the museum's exhibits, the World Aviation History Exhibit stood out, featuring remarkable replicas such as the Wright Brothers' "Flying Machine" and NASA's Lunar Roving



Vehicle. Afterward, Ka-Biyaheros enjoyed lunch at Cabezera Ridge View Restaurant in Tagaytay City, a dining spot that pairs Cavite flavors with sweeping views of Taal Lake.

**How to get to GBR Museum: From Manila, take CAVITEX. From Kawit, go straight to Centennial Road going to NIA Road, General Trias. Continue driving along Prinza Street to the GBR Museum.

Fun and excitement awaited the Ka-Biyaheros at Sky Ranch Tagaytay, one of the city's most popular leisure destinations. Participants enjoyed a mix of thrilling rides and family-friendly attractions like the Sky-Eye Ferris Wheel, Drop Tower, and Cartoonville, Sky Ranch's newest attraction. The day closed with a comforting hotpot dinner at



Nabe Hotspot, a local favorite for its warm flavors and cozy vibe.

**How to get to Sky Ranch Tagaytay: From Manila, take CAVITEX. From Kawit, go to Cars-dong Bago going to Aguinaldo Highway. Then turn right, going



to Tagaytay-Nasugbu Highway. Sky Ranch Tagaytay is just a short drive from there.

The participants then went to check in at Quest Hotel, a top choice for travelers seeking accessibility and convenience in the city. The group settled into modern, cozy rooms before indulging in treats at Baker J Café, the hotel's signature French-inspired bakery known

for its pastries and artisanal breads, before unwinding in the outdoor pool. With its modern facilities, panoramic views, and exceptional service, the hotel offered a warm and relaxing stay for the Ka-Biyaheros.

**How to get Quest Hotel: From Manila, take CAVITEX. From Kawit, go to Cars-dong Bago in Imus going to Aguinaldo Highway in Tagaytay

City. Drive on from there until you arrive at the Quest Hotel.

Discovering Tagaytay's Natural and Cultural Charm

The second day opened with breakfast at Quest Hotel. Energized for the day ahead, the group's first stop was People's Park in the Sky, one of Tagaytay's most iconic landmarks. Perched at the highest point in

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Cavite Job Fair Delivers — 101 Jobseekers Hired on the Spot

The Provincial Government of Cavite, through the Office of the Provincial Public Employment Service Manager (OPPESM), in partnership with the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), successfully conducted a Job Fair on September 24, 2025 at SM City, Tanza, Cavite.

The activity brought together 43 participating companies and agencies, composed of 39 local employers, 4 overseas recruitment agencies, and 9 national government agencies (NGAs) including Social Security System, Philhealth Insurance Corporation, Home Development Mutual Fund, Philippine Statistics Authority, TESDA, Bureau of Internal Revenue, Department of Trade and Industry, Overseas Workers Welfare Administration, and the Office of the Provincial Legal Officer.

A total of 7,370 job vacancies were offered during the event, providing a wide range of opportunities both locally and abroad. The job fair attracted 571 job-seekers, with 101 applicants hired on the spot (HOTS)—a clear indicator of the event's success in connecting Caviteños with meaningful employment opportunities.

The successful activity was spearheaded by Ms. Rizalie Pinpin-Enero, department head of OPPESM, with the strong support of Tanza local officials led by Councilor Derek Matro. Their leadership and collaboration ensured a well-organized event that not only provided employment opportunities but also made government services accessible to participants through the presence of various NGAs.

This emphasizes the Provincial Government of Cavite's steadfast commitment to address unemployment, empower the local workforce, and steer economic growth in the province.--- OPIO



PGC Employees Mark Civil Service Month with Tree Planting Activity in Tagaytay
In celebration of the 125th Philippine Civil Service Anniversary, the Provincial Gov-

Senate commends Alas Pilipinas for historic performance in FIVB worlds

MANILA — The Senate on Wednesday adopted a resolution filed by Senate Minority Leader Alan Peter Cayetano congratulating Alas Pilipinas for its historic 19th-place finish at the 2025 FIVB Men's World Championship.

Cayetano, who sponsored Proposed Senate Resolution No. 143, said the team's breakthrough run "brought immense pride and honor" to the country and proved that Filipino athletes can excel when given the right opportunities.

"Sports brings Filipinos together. This team not only made us proud during the SEA Games, but they also made sure they will pleasantly surprise us," Cayetano said during his sponsorship speech.

He described sports as a "God-given activity" that promotes health and well-being, fosters unity even in the midst of political divides, and elevates the Philippines' global image through international success.

The Senate resolution said the achievement was made even more significant by the Philippines' role as the tournament's sole host.

All 24 senators supported and adopted the resolution, with Majority Floor Leader Juan Miguel "Migz" Zubiri and Senators Francis "Kiko" Pangilinan, Joel Villanueva and Erwin Tulfo making their manifestations congratulating the national team.

Present at the Senate

ernment of Cavite (PGC), through the Office of the Provincial Human Resource Management Officer (OPHRMO), spearheaded a Tree Planting and Tree Growing Activity on September 19, 2025, at the Taal Volcano Protected Landscape in Tagaytay City.

The event, which gathered sixty (60) employees from various PGC offices, was part of the Employees' Month Celebration under the Civil Service Commission's nationwide observance of "Linggo ng Malasakit sa Kalikasan." The initiative highlighted the importance of sustainable environmental protection and natural resource management. A total of 150 seedlings were planted during the activity, reinforcing the provincial government's commitment to conservation and ecological balance.

Anchored on the anniversary theme, "Bawat Kawani, Lingkod Bayani: Puso, Dangal, at Galing para sa Bayan," the activity emphasized the role of government workers not only as public servants but also as stewards of the environment.

Ms. Maria Fe Mojica-Satsatin, Head of the OPHRMO, expressed her gratitude to the employees for their active participation and support, noting that their collective efforts reflect the true spirit of public service and solidarity for a greener Cavite.

Civil Service Month is observed every September by virtue of Presidential Proclamation No. 1050, s. 1997, commemorating the establishment of the Philippine civil service and honoring the invaluable contributions of government employees across the nation.--- OPIO



COMMENDABLE FINISH. Senators pose with Philippine National Volleyball Federation officials and Alas Pilipinas members for a group photo at the Session Hall on Wednesday (Oct. 1, 2025). The Senate has adopted a resolution congratulating the Philippine team for its historic 19th-place finish at the 2025 FIVB Men's World Championship. (Contributed photo)

were Philippine National Volleyball Federation (PNVF) president Ramon "Tats" Suzara and secretary-general Donaldo Caringal, and members of Alas Pilipinas led by head coach Angiolino Frigoni, deputy coach Ogie Mamon and team captain Bryan Bagunas.

The resolution cited standouts led by captain Bryan Bagunas, who was third among the tournament's top scorers, and Marck Espacio, who finished fourth among receivers.

Cayetano said the success gave the Philippines more confidence to host the FIVB Women's Volleyball Championship in 2029.

"Because of their performance and because of the successful hosting, two years from now, iyon namang Women's Volleyball Championship will be held in the Philippines and this time around we have much more time to prepare," he said. (PNA)