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## OVER 21K JOBS UP FOR GRABS ACROSS CALABARZON AT LABOR DAY JOB FAIRS

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) – The Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) Region IV-A is set to offer more than 21,614 job opportunities on May 1 during its Labor Day job fairs.

According to lawyer Erwin Aquino, Regional Director of DOLE Region IV-A, job opportunities in the region have continued to grow over time due to the steady rise

of various industries and businesses in Calabarzon.

One of the major contributing sectors is manufacturing particularly electronics and semiconductors, automotive parts, and food processing, as large companies and export processing zones are located in the provinces of Cavite, Laguna, and Batangas.

“Some of the leading and highest-contributing sectors here

in the region include manufacturing, particularly in electronics and semiconductors, automotive parts, and food processing because large companies and export processing zones are located in areas of Cavite, Laguna, and Batangas. This significantly contributes to our regional economy,” Aquino said.

Aside from the manufacturing sector, the construction industry

### P20 per kilo rice available in Laguna's Kadiwa ng Pangulo

VICTORIA, Laguna (PIA) — The government's P20 per kilo rice-program has yet to pilot in the Visayas, but a farmers' group has started selling premium rice at P20 per kilo at a Kadiwa ng Pangulo outlet in Victoria, Laguna as a gesture of support to residents and gratitude for a bountiful harvest.

Held on April 25, the Kadiwa ng Pangulo aims to ease the burden of rising commodity prices and help farm-



ers sell their products directly to consumers.

Emmanuel Atas, Municipal Agriculturist, said that portions of the farmers' recent harvest were offered at a low price as an al-

ternative form of payment for the foliar fertilizers they used last planting season provided by Eunlad Marketing Cooperative.

Gabina Tubig, a resident of Brgy. Nan-

## Comelec mulls extending online voting enrollment

MANILA – The Commission on Elections (Comelec) is looking at the possibility of extending the period of enrollment for the online voting and counting system (OVCS).

The enrollment pe-

riod, which started on March 20, is set to end on May 7.

“Now, we may also consider extending the period to enroll,” Comelec Chairman George Garcia said in an interview on Wednesday.

The enrollment is for Filipinos living or working abroad who intend to use the OVCS in the May 12 midterm elections.

“We started the enrollment period early so that we can accom-

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also contributes significantly, driven by the rise of infrastruc-

ture projects in the region. While agriculture is not as large as manufacturing, it remains a vital sector, especially in the provinces of Quezon and Batangas, where agricultural production remains high.

There are six job fair sites in the region this year located at SM City Santo Tomas in Batangas, SM City San Pedro and Grandshoppe Center Cabuyao in Laguna, SM Taytay and Robinsons Place Antipolo in Rizal and Robinsons Place Imus in Cavite.

Applicants can also avail one-stop-shop services from various

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haya, was among the early customers who lined up upon hearing that rice would be sold for only P20 per kilo.

She expressed gratitude to President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. for fulfilling his promise of making rice available at an affordable price.

“Thank you for the promise of our President. I hope he continues to fulfill it, that rice remains at only 20 pesos per kilo, especially here in our town.”

As for the sustainabil-

government agencies, including PhilHealth, Social Security System (SSS), Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), and the Home Development Mutual Fund (PAG-IBIG).

The labor department director emphasized that the gradual increase in the minimum wage in the region, which varies depending on the sector and location, encourages more Filipinos to apply for work.

He added: “The increase in the minimum wage in the region is also a significant achievement. In 2023 and 2024, the

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Regional Tripartite Wages and Productivity Board IV-A implemented consecutive wage hikes for workers, which currently range from Php450 to Php560.”

Based on the January 2025 employment data, Calabarzon has a 93.9 percent-employment rate. Although

it represents a decline from 94.7 percent in April 2024, Calabarzon continues to gain recognition for its abundant job opportunities due to its proximity to Metro Manila and the local and international investments that continuously enter the region. (CO/PIA-4A)

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ity of the farmers’ initiative, Atas is hopeful that it will grow if supported through local government mandates or ordinances to ensure continuity and broader impact.

“Looking ahead, these farmers are willing to sell rice at just 20 pesos per kilo at upcoming Kadiwa markets,” he said.

When asked if the farmers would incur a loss, Atas said, “They won’t incur losses because the farmers are simply giving back their harvest to the people as a form of assistance.”

In addition to rice and farm produce, local sellers also offered a variety of goods such as slippers, shoes, hats, bags, and clothing. Beverages, including fresh cow’s milk, were also available, along with other locally made products.

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moderate more registered voters,” Garcia said.

At the same time, the poll body chief urged overseas voters to enroll and cast their votes ahead of the deadline.

“We want to strongly encourage our kababayans to enroll early. Even if they don’t want to vote yet... Don’t cram when it’s nearing the deadline and there will be no extension,” he said.

A total of 77 posts abroad will be using the OVCS, while the re-

maining 16 Philippine Embassies and Philippine Consulates General will use the automated counting machines.

Latest Comelec data showed that a total of 117,778 overseas voters have enrolled for online voting.

The overseas voting period is from April 13 to May 12. They will be voting for national positions only, specifically 12 senators and one party-list organization. (PNA)

**NCDA asks establishments to honor PWD IDs**

CALAMBA CITY (PIA) — The National Council on Disability Affairs (NCDA) is urging commercial establishments to continue honoring identification cards presented by Persons With Disability (PWD), despite the rise in cases involving fake PWD identification cards.

Lawyer Walter Jason Alava, NCDA regional programs coordinator, called on establishments to accept PWD IDs even in the absence of a verification system. This comes in the wake of reports that a certain establishment in Rizal province has rejected PWD IDs due to the growing prevalence of fake ones.

“The NCDA has released a statement [urging the establishments that] as much as possible, we should honor the IDs upfront especially if the disability is apparent. If it’s non-apparent and we don’t see any problems in the ID, let’s give our services [to them].”

Alava suggested, “Before rejecting the ID, they can ask for additional proof of identification.”

Dr. Mark Anthony In-

ocencio, information, education and communication division chief of NCDA, emphasized that the spread of fake PWD IDs undermines the access of legitimate PWDs to their rightful benefits and privileges.

“We want to remind those who falsify PWD IDs to stop, let’s give PWDs the rights and privileges due to them. Second, I hope that the restaurants and establishments that have been providing support and discounts continue because this is what every PWD needs. Let’s give them what they are due because this is their right and their privilege.”

The NCDA has been collaborating with local Persons With Disability Affairs Offices (PDAO) to develop a verification mechanism for authenticating PWD ID’s, while also extending other forms of support and assistance.

“We have been discussing with different subcommittees our guidelines. And then we have the NCDA and technical working groups on the guidelines.” (PB-PIA4A)

**DOH, SMC open another urgent care center for Filipinos**

MANILA – The Department of Health (DOH) and the San Miguel Corporation (SMC) have opened a second Bagong Urgent Care and Ambulatory Services (BUCAS) Center to bridge healthcare gaps for the poor.

The new BUCAS center is located at the San Miguel Foundation’s (SMF) Better World Smokey Mountain facility in Manila City. It is operated in partnership with the Tondo Medical Center (TMC).

The first BUCAS center, which the DOH opened with the SMC’s support,

is located at the SMF Better World Clinic in Cubao, Quezon City. It started its operations last year in partnership with the Quirino Memorial Medical Center (QMMC).

Health Secretary Teodoro Herbosa said the BUCAS Centers are the centerpiece of the DOH’s “28 for 28 by 28” initiative.

Its goal is to establish 28 urgent care centers to serve 28 million Filipinos who are in need of accessible and quality healthcare by 2028.

All consultations at the BUCAS Centers are free of charge, with the Philippine Health (Turn to p. 3)

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PGCEA Elected Officers sworn into office. The Provincial Government of Cavite Employees Association (PGCEA) marked another milestone as the new set of officers for the year 2025-2026 vowed to their duties and responsibilities after being sworn into office at the Conference Room at the New Provincial Capitol on April 21, 2025. This underscored the continuity in leadership and commitment of one another for the advancement of the association and for the betterment of the government employees.

Atty. Rodolfo Uy III, Provincial Administrator, alongside Ms. Maria Fe Satsatin, Provincial Human Resource Management Officer, officiated the Oath Taking Ceremony. He, then, congratulated the elected officers and reminded them to adhere to their oath.

Afterward, Ms. Michelle Osorio, PGCEA President, imparted that the cooperation, support and trust of the members will solidify the association, “Ito ay parang walis tingting, kung isa hindi siya makakawalis, pero kung naka bind sila, sama-sama, magagawa natin nang maayos ang ating trabaho.”--- OPIO



On April 29, 2025, the medical mission team headed by the Office of the Provincial Governor (OPG) and the Office of the Provincial Health Officer (OPHO) conducted a health outreach program at Brgy. Paliparan I, City of Dasmariñas. The program aimed at providing free consultation and medicine to the community.

The health program was successfully carried out with the support of medical and dental professionals from the OPHO, whose expertise and dedication enabled the provision of free consultations and medicines to 170 medical and dental patients.-- OPIO

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Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) covering most laboratory examinations.

Patients pay or request assistance from

Malasakit Centers for some laboratory services not covered by the PhilHealth.

“This is the kind of impact we want to

make: help patients, especially the poor, recover faster, return to their daily lives, and thereby strengthen communities,” SMC chairman and chief executive officer Ramon



**PGC’s Medical and Dental Mission serves over 300 patients**

In its continued commitment to bring quality healthcare services closer to the people, the Provincial Government of Cavite conducted a medical and dental mission on April 28, 2025, in Barangay San Manuel I, City of Dasmariñas, benefitting a total of 341 patients.

Residents availed of free medical check-ups, dental services, and essential health consultations facilitated by the medical team from the Office of the Provincial Health Officer. The initiative aimed to provide accessible and preventive healthcare especially to those with limited access to regular medical services.

The outreach program is part of the provincial government’s ongoing efforts to promote community wellness and ensure that every Caviteño receives the healthcare they deserve. Local officials and barangay leaders expressed their gratitude for the assistance extended to their constituents.--- OPIO

Ang said in a news release on Monday.

The DOH has opened 50 BUCAS Centers nationwide, based in public hospitals or in facilities of private sector partners.

The SMC is looking into transforming its community clinics in different provinces

**A kind man benefits himself, But the cruel person brings trouble on himself.**

*Proverbs 11:17*

into BUCAS Centers, be identified. (PNA) if partner hospitals can

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**RIZAL COMMERCIAL BANKING CORPORATION,**  
(in its capacity as successor-in-interest of RCBC Savings Bank, Inc.) represented by Atty. Leonardo A. Yepes Jr.,  
*Petitioner-Mortgagee,*  
*-versus-*  
**CRISANTA PALERMO LEYCO AND PEDRO PALERMO LEYCO JR.,**  
*Respondents-Mortgagors,*

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**NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE**

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed by Petitioner-Mortgagee, **RIZAL COMMERCIAL BANKING CORPORATION,** (in its capacity as successor-in-interest of RCBC Savings Bank, Inc.) represented by Atty. Leonardo A. Yepes Jr., with business address at 28th Floor At Yuchengco Centre, 25th & 26th Sts., Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City, against the Respondents-Mortgagors, **CRISANTA PALERMO LEYCO AND PEDRO PALERMO LEYCO JR.,** with residence and postal address at Pili Pinamalayan, Oriental Mindoro/Gumamela St., Brgy. Cacawan Pinamalayan, Oriental, Mindoro, Philippines / Blk 34 Lot 35 Meridian Place Phl. Brgy. Pasong Kawayan 4107, General Trias, Cavite, Philippines to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness as of FEBRUARY 24, 2025 amounts to **FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY-FOUR THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FORTY-THREE AND 43/100 ONLY (PHP484,243.43)** inclusive of interest and other charges, attorney's fees and expenses of foreclosure, the undersigned Sheriff will set at public auction on **MAY 21, 2025** at 10:00 o'clock in the morning until 12:00 noon at the main entrance of the Government Center Building located at the Provincial Capitol Compound, Trece Martires City, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency the following described property with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

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**No. 057-2021059234**

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**PORTION OF:** THE CONS/SUBD OF LOT 2324-A, FLS-168-D, S.F.D.M. ESTATE & LOT 3296-D, PSD-04-051993; LRC RECORD NO. 5964

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3-4	SW	LOT 36, BLOCK 34, PCS-04-029079
4-5	SW	LOT 34, BLOCK 34, PCS-04-029079
5-1	NW	LOT 33, BLOCK 34, PCS-04-029079

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All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above-stated time and date.

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date and time, it shall be held on **JUNE 4, 2025** without further notice.

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Trece Martires City, **April 24, 2025**

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# PH domestic tourism ‘promising’; 98% of Filipinos eye local travel

MANILA – A great majority of Filipinos plan to travel locally this year, indicating a “promising” performance for the Philippines’ domestic tourism, a study by travel booking service firm Klook revealed.

The firm’s 2025 Travel Pulse showed that 98.5 percent of Filipinos are looking to travel domestically in 2025 while 56.3 percent said they plan to travel abroad.

Klook’s General Manager for Philippines and Thailand Michelle Ho said this signals that Filipinos are becoming “smarter and more intentional with their money” and that travel remains resilient even amid fears of global economic slowdown.

“What we can get out of it is that they have a strong drive to travel, and they had found different ways to be able to make that happen through the kinds of destinations that they pick, the experiences that they do, and how frequent they do it with their friends and family,” Ho said in a press conference in Makati City on Tuesday.

The study surveyed about 500 Filipino respondents across the Philippines, mainly

from Metro Manila and Cebu.

Manila, Tagaytay, Boracay, and Siargao are among the popular destinations for Filipinos, according to the study.

“You got your core destinations still rising in terms of popularity, but at the same time, lesser known destinations are being talked about online,” Ho said.

Internationally, more Filipinos traveled to Vietnam, Taiwan, and Thailand in 2024 on top of the usual international hotspots like Japan, South Korea, and Singapore.

“Overall, we’ve seen Filipinos take more chances on travelling in 2024 and definitely aren’t slowing down in 2025. It’s even reached the extent that Millennials and Gen Zs perceive it to be a therapeutic tool,” Ho said.

According to the study, planning ahead is a key part of Filipino travels as over 35 percent of them booked one to three months ahead for flights and accommodations.

Once at their destination, 63 percent of Filipinos shared that they try out adventurous tours, digital detox, wellness, and meditation retreats,



**WANDERLUST:** Klook’s General Manager for Philippines and Thailand Michelle Ho speaks to the press during the presentation of the 2025 Travel Pulse in Makati City on Tuesday (April 29, 2025). The survey showed that 98 percent of Filipinos are interested to travel across the country this year. (Photo by Joyce Rocamora)

and aligned with the spirit of trying out new things.

Some 57 percent, on the other hand, take on hidden gem adventures, and 54 percent try out workshops and classes that pique their interest.

In 2024, Ho said Klook recorded a 94-percent spike in sales of its local tourism products and services, as well as a 93-percent growth in hotel and activity bookings compared to 2023.

The top consideration for 37.3 percent of the respondents when booking is perfect weather.

Scheduling around

work and school vacations were ranked of equal importance at 29.9 percent, followed by the affordability of the travel options available to them at 15.3 percent.

Meanwhile, all Filipino respondents agreed that travel is an effective way to manage stress and their well-being and consider it a form of therapy.

The study also found that 78.4 percent use travel as a getaway for a mental health break with 31.6 percent of them choosing a nature retreat for a creative reset, higher than market average of 15.8 percent. (PNA)

## US, Ukraine sign minerals deal

WASHINGTON – Washington and Kiev signed an agreement giving the United States access to Ukrainian mineral resources, Bloomberg wrote citing sources.

According to the report, the US will receive privileged access to new investment projects in this sector, including the production of aluminum, graphite, oil, and natural gas.

Ukraine deputy premier Yulia Sviridenko confirmed the signing of the minerals deal with the US.

The signing of the minerals deal between the US and Ukraine is set to demonstrate Washington’s commitment to peace resolution of the Ukrainian crisis, US Secretary of the Treasury Scott Bessent said in a statement.

“This agreement signals clearly to Russia that the Trump Administration is committed to a peace process centered on a free, sovereign, and prosperous Ukraine over the long term,” he said. (TASS)

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## Credit rating affirmation reflects PH's strong medium-term growth

MANILA – Fitch Ratings' reaffirmation of the country's credit rating is a vote of confidence for the Philippines and highlights the country's strong economic fundamentals, Finance Secretary Ralph Recto said Wednesday.

In a statement, Recto also said the reaffirmation of the "BBB" credit rating also "underscores the strength of our economic fundamentals, the credibility of our ongoing reforms, and our resilience in navigating global headwinds — all while maintaining robust growth."

"We remain committed to sustaining this trajectory through sound fiscal management and an open, investment-friendly environment that invites and welcomes partners from around the globe," he said.

Fitch Ratings on Tuesday reaffirmed the Philippines' "BBB" credit rating with a "Stable" outlook, citing the country's strong medium-term growth potential.

A "BBB" rating, which is above the minimum investment grade, indicates the Philippines' strong



**STRONG GROWTH POTENTIAL.** *The skyline and business district of Bonifacio Global City in Taguig City on Oct. 4, 2024. Fitch Ratings recently reaffirmed the Philippines' Long-Term Foreign-Currency Issuer Default Rating at "BBB" with a Stable Outlook, citing the country's success in taming inflation and robust medium-term growth potential. (PNA photo by Joan Bondoc)*

creditworthiness.

Over the medium term, Fitch expects economic growth to exceed 6 percent, more than double the projected "BBB" median, as the Philippine economy reaps the benefits of structural reforms and strategic investments.

Fitch likewise acknowledged the government's progress in fiscal consolidation, with general government (GG) budget deficit narrowing and the GG debt-to-GDP ratio on a downward path.

However, Fitch cautioned that risks to

growth remain, particularly from domestic political uncertainty and global trade tensions.

Technological change likewise poses risks to the Philippines' large outsourcing sector, but Fitch noted that the country is adapting well.

Recto assured that the country is "ready to respond to these risks with agility and resolve — through forward-looking reforms such as the CREATE MORE Act and strategic investments in innovation and human capital." (PNA)

## PH's total external trade in goods up 9.6% in March

MANILA – The country's total external trade in goods went up by 9.6 percent to USD17.31 billion in March this year from USD15.80 billion a year ago, according to data released by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) on Wednesday.

The PSA data also showed that of the to-

tal trade during the month, 61.9 percent were imported goods while 38.1 percent were exported goods.

Total export sales reached USD6.59 billion, up by 5.9 percent from the USD6.23-billion total export sales in the same month of the previous year.

The PSA said elec-

tronic products continued to be the country's top exports in March with total earnings of USD3.64 billion. This was followed by manufactured goods with USD434.41 million and other mineral products with USD246.56 million.

The United States remained the country's biggest export market with export



### Cavite Celebrates World Malaria Day 2025

In line with the global observance of World Malaria Day, the Office of the Provincial Health Officer (OPHO) spearheaded a province-wide celebration held on April 28, 2025, at the Cavite Collaboration Center for Public Health in Trece Martires City. The event gathered medical practitioners from various public and private hospitals, as well as Rural Health Units (RHUs) across the province, to reinforce the importance of malaria prevention and control.

The program officially commenced with a warm welcome from Dr. Nelson Soriano, Provincial Health Officer I, who expressed his gratitude for the active participation of healthcare professionals in the fight against vector-borne diseases. He emphasized the significance of collaborative efforts in sustaining a malaria-free Cavite.

The lecture proper opened with a presentation from Mr. Jommel Mojica, Nurse V – Department of Health who delivered the latest updates on vector-borne diseases, including surveillance and control strategies. This was followed by an insightful discussion from Mr. Raffy MacDonald, Nurse II - OPHO on the 1-3-5 Strategy—an effective approach for timely reporting and response to malaria cases within one, three, and five days, respectively.

The event concluded with closing message from Dr. Armand Dotollo, who commended the dedication of the healthcare community and encouraged continuous vigilance and community engagement in the prevention of malaria.--- OPIO

value amounting to USD1.11 billion, followed by Hong Kong (USD 1.01 billion), Japan (USD 960.50 million), People's Republic of China (USD 762.78 million), and Singapore (USD 273.74 million).

The total value of imports, meanwhile, also rose by 11.9 percent to USD10.72 billion.

The PSA said electronic products recorded the highest import value at USD2.52 billion, accounting for 23.5 percent of the country's total imports. This was followed by mineral



(Courtesy of Philippine Ports Authority)

fuels, lubricants and related materials with USD1.31 billion and transport equipment at USD1.06 billion.

Top sources of imports include China, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, and Thailand.

The PSA, meanwhile, said the balance of

trade in goods or the difference between the value of exports and imports amounted to USD4.13 billion in March this year, higher by 23.1 percent than the USD3.35-billion deficit during the same month last year. (PNA)

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## La Salle advances to UAAP baseball finals



**TRIUMPHANT.** De La Salle University celebrates after beating University of Santo Tomas, 6-5, in the semifinal of the UAAP Season 87 baseball tournament at Rizal Memorial Baseball Stadium in Manila on Tuesday (April 29, 2025). The Green Archers will be making their fifth straight finals appearance. (UAAP photo)

MANILA – De La Salle University marched to the finals of the UAAP Season 87 baseball tournament after beating University of Santo Tomas, 6-5, Tuesday at Rizal Memorial Baseball Stadium in Malate, Manila.

Rookie Yuan Sumague came up with a dramatic walk-off hit in the 11th inning to send the Green Batters to their fifth straight championship stint.

Sumague, a graduate of Faith Colleges in Tanauan, Batangas, delivered a deep shot to center field, good enough to allow catcher and co-captain Tuting Samuel sprint home for the winning

run.

Samuel and JR Alcontin advanced to the third and second bases, respectively, after Miguel Agoncillo made a sacrifice hit, setting the stage for Sumague's clutch hit.

"I told them, at this point, it's a battle of mental toughness. They need to have that fighting spirit and give it their all until the game is over. Because as long as the game isn't finished, the chance to win is still ours," long-time head coach Joseph Orillana said.

"I also told them that there's no such thing as rookies-rookies here -- anyone can be a leader on this team;

we don't always have to rely on the seniors. We just need to execute the play, believe in it, and give our best, and we'll achieve what we're aiming for," Orillana, a former national team standout from La Salle, added.

Sumague put La Salle ahead in the bottom of the seventh inning with his lone hit of the game -- three-RBI triple that brought Samuel, Alcontin and Pio Villamiel home.

Sumague finished with one hit and a sacrifice fly, earning four RBIs while Alcontin had three hits and one RBI.

UST took a 4-2 lead entering the bottom of the seventh, bank-

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Now it's your turn! Enjoy a friendly match of table tennis with your fam or barkada—just drop by and get your game on! Whether you're a beginner or a ping-pong pro, it's the perfect way to stay active and beat the summer boredom.

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ing on rookie Cedrick Marquez, whose solo home run extended the game to an 11th inning.

The other semifinal match pits top seed and defending cham-

pion National University and Adamson University. (PNA)

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