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Cavite police warns public against illegal sale of electric meters

CITY OF IMUS, Cavite (PIA) — The Cavite Police Provincial Office warned the public against the illegal sale and purchase of Meralco electric meters, stressing that such activities are punishable under Re-
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Senate Mobile clinic to boost public health services

MANILA — The Senate on Wednesday formally accepted a fully equipped mobile clinic from the Department of Health (DOH) to help deliver basic healthcare services to underserved communities.

Senate President Vicente Sotto III and Health Secretary Teodoro Herbosa led the turnover ceremony at the Senate Grounds. Sotto thanked the DOH, the Senate Public Assistance Office (SPA0) and the Senate Spouses Founda-

tion, Inc. for making the project possible.

The initiative was first proposed by former Senate president Aquilino Pimentel III when he was Minority Leader.

“This project embodies our commitment to public service that goes beyond the walls of the Senate. The Senate Mobile Clinic will bring healthcare closer to the people —bringing hope, compassion, and assurance that public service is alive and mobile,” Sotto said.

The mobile clinic, equipped with an X-ray machine, blood testing facilities, and other diagnostic tools, will be supervised by the SPA0 and will be deployed to communities to provide preventive, diagnostic, and emergency health services free of charge.

Sotto said the project symbolizes the Senate’s continuing effort to make social services more accessible.

“This is not just about bringing equipment closer to the people.
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MOBILE CLINIC. The Senate accepts on Wednesday (Nov. 5, 2025) from the Department of Health the fully equipped Senate Mobile Clinic, designed to deliver free healthcare services to underserved communities. The clinic, supervised by the Senate Public Assistance Office, is equipped with an X-ray machine, blood testing facilities, and diagnostic tools, and will soon roll out to reach more Filipinos in need. (PNA photo by Avito C. Dalan)

DSWD Calabarzon inks new agreements to support 4Ps beneficiaries

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) — The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Calabarzon has signed new partnership agreements to strengthen the implementation of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) in the region.

According to DSWD Field Office IV-A, four new partners namely: the Global Peace Foundation, Joy-Nostalg Foundation, Fast



Logistics Group, and Quezon National Agricultural School signed an agreement with the agency on October 27 to help improve the lives of 4Ps beneficiaries.

“As part of the part-

nership agreement with the DSWD, all these partners target to provide different interventions addressing the needs of 4Ps households and communities in their re-

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FDA joins global campaign for safer use of medicines

MANILA — The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on Thursday said the country is joining over 130 partner organizations worldwide in the 10th anniversary of #Med-SafetyWeek, an international campaign promoting the safe use of medicines through vigilant reporting of side effects.

Running from Nov.

3 to 9, this year’s campaign carries the theme “We Can All Help Make Medicines Safer,” highlighting the shared responsibility of patients, families, healthcare professionals and regulators in ensuring medicine safety.

“Every report counts. When you report suspected side effects, you are not just pro-

tecting yourself; you are helping protect others,” FDA spokesperson Khay Ann Magundayao-Borlodo said in a statement.

“Through #Med-SafetyWeek, we encourage everyone to be more involved in ensuring that the medicines we take are both safe and effective,” she added.

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It's about bringing hope, compassion, and the assurance that public service is alive and mobile," he said.

Also present were Kathryna Yu-Pimentel representing the former senator; DOH Undersecretaries Dr. Gregorio Murillo and Dr. Emmie Chiong; DOH Director Dr. Lester Tan; SSFI Executive Director Kath Pimentel; Senate Secretary Renato Bantug Jr.; SPAO Director General Lino Ong; and Senate Medical Bureau Chief Dr. Renato Sison.

Ong said the mobile clinic would help extend healthcare to Filipinos who cannot easily access medical facilities.

"The mobile clinic will allow us to reach more Filipinos who may not have the means to seek medical help," he said.

He added the Senate launched "Senate Assist," an online platform that simplifies applications for medical and social services, allowing Filipinos anywhere in the world to request assistance. (PNA)

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The campaign aims to raise awareness on the importance of reporting suspected side effects to help the FDA's Center for Drug Regulation and Research (CDRR) identify potential risks and take appropriate actions.

These reports play a vital role in promoting public health and improving medicine safety.

Since medicines, like all products, have risks, the FDA underscored that continuous vigilance helps ensure that medicines are safe for everyone.

It noted that only 5 to 10 percent of suspected side effects are reported globally. Common reasons for not reporting include lack of awareness, the belief that the side effect is minor, or simply forgetting to do so.

The #MedSafetyWeek campaign, founded in 2016, was launched to address this gap and strengthen global pharmacovigilance.

The 2025 anniversary edition is expected to

be the largest to date, with 150 organizations across 77 countries sharing the #MedSafetyWeek message in more than 60 languages.

CDRR Product Research and Standards Development Division Chief Lanette Lee Querubin said the FDA continues to enhance pharmacovigilance in the country through improved reporting mechanisms, including the VigiMobile app and online submission via VigiFlow nationwide information drives, and partnerships with the Department of Health, Philippine Information Agency and the World Health Organization-Uppsala Monitoring Centre.

The FDA is also encouraging the public to join the conversation online by following and sharing #MedSafetyWeek posts on its official Facebook page and partner platforms.

"When we speak up, we save lives," FDA Director Gener-

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spective areas of coverage," DSWD IV-A said in a statement.

Fast Logistics Group and Quezon National Agricultural School will focus on providing livelihood support through job fairs, employment help, and skills training.

Meanwhile, the Global Peace Foundation and Joy-Nostalg Foundation will offer community-based projects such as installing solar and street lights in off-grid communities (Global Peace Foundation) and holding sessions on responsible homeownership and financial literacy (Joy-Nostalg Foundation).

To date, there are 44 external stakehold-

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ers, including civil society organizations, non-government organizations, academic institutions, and private sectors, which have existing partnerships with the DSWD Field Office IV-A.

"These partners work together with the DSWD in addressing gaps hampering the improvement of the level of wellbeing of 4Ps beneficiaries in the region," the agency stated.

According to DSWD IV-A, there are about 309,000 active 4Ps beneficiaries in Calabarzon receiving health, education, and financial assistance to help improve their quality of life. (DSWD 4A/PIA4A)

communications Commission were present during the event.

Aguda is optimistic for this shift, noting that telco players have been very cooperative in heeding the government's goals for continued enhancement of the telco industry while ensuring data protection and privacy.

He said a consultation meeting with Smart and PLDT officials is

in the works to further enhance policies on data protection, but said they are also open to more ideas from other players.

Asked when he aims to end the use of OTP, Aguda said this is not an overnight thing.

"So, the fastest that we can do it without inconveniencing the public that what we will do," he added. (PNA)

no becomes a partner in medicine safety. (PNA)

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public Act No. 7832, or the Anti-Electricity and Electric Transmission Lines/Materials Pilferage Act of 1994.

According to Acting Provincial Director P/Col. Ariel R. Red, only Meralco-authorized offices and accredited dealers are allowed to sell, install, or replace electric meters.

He emphasized that unauthorized possession, sale, or use of these devices is considered a criminal offense and violators may face imprisonment of six years and one day to 12 years, a fine ranging from ₱10,000 to ₱20,000, or both. Confiscation of all involved electrical materials, devices, or meters is also mandated by law.

The provincial police chief further cautioned that individuals found guilty of tampering with or selling unauthorized electric meters may face disconnection of power service and

permanent disqualification from future electrical connections.

Red called on Cavite residents to remain alert and report any person or establishment engaged in the illegal trade, tampering, or installation of electric meters to the nearest police station or through the official Cavite Police Provincial Office Facebook page.

"Ang ating kapulisan ay mahigpit na nakabantay laban sa mga ilegal na gawain tulad ng bentahan at paggamit ng hindi awtorisadong electric meters," PCOL Red stated. "Makipagtulungan tayo upang maiwasan ang panganib at mapanatili ang kaayusan at kaligtasan ng ating komunidad."

The Cavite PNP reiterated its commitment to enforcing the law and safeguarding the public from illegal activities that may pose risks to lives and property. (RBF/Cavite PPO)

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A joyful heart is good medicine,
But a crushed spirit saps one's strength

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al Paolo Teston said. "Our vision is a nation where every Filipin-

Cavite hosts 4th CALABARZON Culture Summit

The Province of Cavite, through the Office of the Provincial Tourism Officer, hosted the 4th CALABARZON Culture Summit dubbed as “Hibla ng Kama-layan” – Paghahabi ng Malikhaing Diwa: Weaving the Creative Spirit of CALABARZON” on October 23, at the International Convention Center, Cavite State University, Indang, Cavite.

The annual summit gathered hundreds of participants from various local government units, the academe, and other cultural stakeholders across Region IV-A, all united in their commitment to preserve, promote, and enrich the region’s diverse cultural heritage.

The event formally open through the welcome remarks delivered by Dr. Ma. Agnes P. Nuestro, President of Cavite State University, expressing her gratitude to the Provincial Government of Cavite and the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) for choosing CvSU as the venue of this year’s gathering. She highlighted the importance of academic institutions in safeguarding culture and heritage, emphasizing that universities play a vital role in nurturing the next generation of culture bearers and creative leaders.

This was followed by the opening remarks delivered by Ms. Caroline B. Mizal, Head of NCCA Planning and Policy Office, on behalf of Ms. Mari-chu G. Tellano, Dep-



uty Executive Director of the NCCA. In her message, Ms. Mizal, underscored the significance of the summit as a platform for collaboration, innovation, and dialogue among culture and arts advocates in the region. She noted that weaving the creative spirit of CALABARZON is not just about preserving traditions but also about strengthening the region’s identity through shared stories and artistic expressions.

Representing Cavite Governor Francisco Gabriel D. Remulla, Ms. Elinia Imelda Rozelle Sangalang, Provincial Tourism Officer delivered the message of support, extending the Governor’s appreciation to all participants and partner institutions for their active role in advancing Cavite’s and the region’s cultural agenda. She also reaffirmed the Provincial Government’s continuous commitment to promoting cultural awareness, creative industries, and heritage preservation across Cavite and beyond.

The summit featured a rich lineup of lectures and discussions led by distinguished experts and cultural advocates who shared valuable insights on Filipino culture, heritage, and development. The speakers

included Prof. Felipe “Jun” De Leon, Jr., former NCCA Chairperson; Ms. Caroline B. Mizal; Ms. Ricamela Palis, Chairperson of Artist, Inc.; Mr. Phillip Norbert Ahmad L. Medina, President of the Silang Historical Society; EnP. Lorenz G. Palec of Palec and Amigos Urban Enviro; Mr. Joether A. Francisco from Cavite State University; Mr. Guillermo Ramos, Jr., Managing Director and Founder of the Ugnayan Center for Filipino Gastronomy; and Dr. Carlos P. Buasen, Jr., Regional Director of NCIP IV-A. An engaging open forum followed, allowing participants to interact and exchange perspectives with the speakers.

Another exciting highlight of the event was the announcement of winners for the Digital Photography and Logo-Making Contests, which showcased the creativity and cultural passion of CALABARZON’s artists. Mr. Jeffrey Sandoval won the grand prize in the Digital Photography Contest for his entry “Mga Kamay ng Pamanang Buhay”, while Christopher Macerin emerged as the grand prize winner in the Logo-Making Contest for his design that captured the spirit of cultural unity



Coop i-CREATE empowers Cooperative Leaders through progressive management training

The Provincial Government of Cavite, through the Office of the Provincial Cooperatives Development Officer (OPCDO), successfully conducted the Capacity Training Seminar for Cooperatives, Coop i-CREATE: A Ladderized Training for Cooperative Managers and Chairperson, from September 17 to October 22, at the New Provincial Government Center.

This capacity building seminar is a structured professional development program designed to equip cooperative leaders and managers with essential management skills and knowledge to effectively sustain and grow their organizations.

The program featured a progressive curriculum, beginning with foundational concepts and advancing to specialized areas of cooperative management. Topics included Organizational Assessment, Business Model Design, Strategic Business Planning, Organizational Design and Human Resource Management, Sales and Marketing Management, Operations Management, and Financial Management.

Dr. Alvin Antivola, the resource speaker, guided participants through interactive discussions and workshops, emphasizing practical applications of each topic. The training culminated in the presentation and defense of participants’ strategic plans, highlighting their understanding and commitment to applying learned concepts within their respective cooperatives.

The activity concluded with a graduation ceremony, recognizing the dedication and achievements of the participants who completed the comprehensive program.

Through initiatives like Coop i-CREATE, the Provincial Government of Cavite continues to promote sustainable cooperative growth, enhance leadership capacities, and strengthen the cooperative movement as a key driver of inclusive local economic development.--- OPIO

and creativity across the region.

The summit also featured vibrant cultural intermissions that added color and rhythm to the event, with captivating performances by the CvSU Chorale Ensemble, CvSU Cultural Dance Group, Las Cuerdas Caviteños–Rondalla, ARTIST, Inc., and some Indigenous Peoples from Tanay, Rizal.

One of the event’s most anticipated moments was the turn-

over ceremony of hosting responsibilities to the Provincial Government of Laguna, which will serve as the next host of the CALABARZON Culture Summit.

The program concluded on an inspiring note with Mr. Edward Perez, CALABARZON SCC Co-Chairperson,

leading the closing segment, capped off by a heartfelt performance from ARTIST, Inc. The event truly embodied the summit’s theme— weaving the creative spirit of CALABARZON—celebrating the region’s shared heritage, creativity, and collective cultural pride.--- OPIO

***Draw close to God
and He will draw close to you***

James 4:8

Konektadong Pinoy Act IRR ups implementation timing — Aguda

MANILA—The soon-to-be published implementing rules and regulations (IRR) of the Konektadong Pinoy Act underscore the importance of timing in the implementation of enhanced policies and infrastructure sharing among agencies.

This was stressed by Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) Secretary Henry Aguda on Wednesday, on the sidelines of the launch of the country's first telecommunications firm-enabled fraud management application programming interfaces (API) dubbed SmartSafe SilentAccess, the flagship anti-fraud solution of PLDT Enterprise.

He said the IRR of the Konektadong Pinoy Act, or the Republic Act (RA) 12234, which was signed into law last Aug. 24 and took effect on Sept. 14, will be published this week once all the signatories have signed the document.

Among the features of the IRR are the compressed deliverables of the agencies.

“So, speed is what the major change is. Then second, the infrastructure sharing. We put in there arbitration options so that when they (players) have issues they do not have to go immediately to the regulators,” he said.

Aguda also said the government will help data transmission industry participants (DTIP) by providing them with a map of the country's fiber network, to inform inves-

tors of potential areas for additional facilities.

He said information about the country's fiber network will be posted on the DICT website around 15 days before the IRR's effectivity to make the sector fully transparent.

He said around seven major foreign players have indicated their interest to conduct business in the country but he declined to give specifics, aside from one investment that may amount to around USD1 billion to USD1.5 billion.

Data authentication

Meanwhile, the SmartSafe API suite of PLDT Enterprise is certified by the global mobile industry body GSMA, according to PLDT and Smart SVP and head of Enterprise Business Group Blums Pineda.

It improves the authentication process against illegal access to mobile users' personal data, from the current use of one-time password (OTP).

“With SmartSafe SilentAccess, we are proud to be the first in the country to deliver the safest telco-powered authentication solution available today. Because when businesses and their customers feel safe, they have the confidence to grow,” he said.

Aside from Aguda, officials of other regulators that include the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, National Privacy Commission and National Telecommu-

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27 October 2025, Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite.

DA chief: Gov't price strategy helps tame inflation in PH

MANILA – Agriculture Secretary Francisco Tiu Laurel Jr. on Wednesday highlighted the government's continued efforts to tame inflation in the Philippines.

Tiu Laurel made the statement after the country's headline inflation settled at 1.7 percent in October, maintaining its September level and lower than the 2.3 percent recorded in the same month last year.

In a statement, he said the government is closely monitoring the supply and price movements of key commodities in local markets, following President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.'s directive to ensure food security and affordability for Filipino consumers.

“President Marcos' instructions are clear—keep food affordable and supply stable,” Tiu Laurel

said. In particular, food inflation further decelerated to 0.3 percent, primarily driven by slower inflation in vegetables at 16.6 percent, alongside softer prices for meat and dairy products and sharper annual declines in both rice and corn prices.

Besides close market prices monitoring, the Department of Agriculture (DA) also allowed the importation of some commodities to ensure a stable supply and prevent spiking prices.

“We will import when necessary to stabilize the market, especially when bad weather damages crops,” Tiu Laurel said.

Earlier, the DA allowed the importation of onions, carrots, fish and seafood to sustain a sufficient supply in preparation for the upcoming holiday season. (PNA)

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Gov't, DUs working hard to restore power to 7M consumers

MANILA – Around 7 million power consumers are affected by outages due to the impact of Typhoon Tino (Kalmaegi), but Energy Secretary Sharon Garin called for understanding and assured that restoration efforts continue.

In an online briefing Wednesday, Garin said personnel from the various energy-related government agencies and those from the distribution utilities (DUs) are working non-stop as much as they can despite limitations due to flooding.

She said safety of the field personnel should also be considered vis-a-vis the goal to fully restore power in typhoon-hit areas, to prevent untoward incidents recorded in the past.

“I do believe [we can restore power] within hours or days, hours pa nga kasi yung iba nagre-restore ngayon. We’re working hard na ma-restore lahat na distribution lines natin. Restore, and hopefully if everything works out within the week, sana maayos na most of these problems that we have (I do believe that we can restore power within hours or days, hours even because there are already ongoing restoration. We’re working hard to restore all distribution lines. Restore, and hopefully, if everything works out within the week, I hope we



can address all these problems),” she said.

Energy Undersecretary Willam Fuentebella, during the same briefing, said there is an adequate supply of power, and even fuel, in typhoon-hit areas, but the issue is due to unavailable transmission lines.

“Ninety-nine percent of our facilities are working. This means we can bring and purchase gasoline, diesel, and LPG (liquified petroleum gas) and other petroleum products that we need,” he said.

Transmission lines

The National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP), in its 5 p.m. report, said two more lines have been restored, namely the Compostela-Consolacion 69kV Line that caters to the Cebu II Electric Cooperative (CEBECO II) and the Bacolod-San Enrique 69kV Line that services the Negros Electric and Power Corporation (NEPC) and the Negros Occidental Electric Cooperative (NOCECO).

Two lines are also currently partially energized, and these

are the Ormoc-San Isidro 69kV line that caters the Don Orestes Romualdez Electric Cooperative, Inc. (DORELCO), Southern Leyte Electric Cooperative Inc. (SOLECO), Leyte III Electric Cooperative, Inc. (LEYECO III), LEYECO V, and the Biliran Electric Cooperative, Inc. (BILECO); and the Ormoc-Baybay 69kV line that caters LEYECO IV; and the Ormoc-Baybay 69kV line that services LEYECO IV

Two others, meanwhile, are still unavailable and these are the Maasin-Baybay 69kV Line that services LEYECO IV; and the Calongcalong-Asturias 69kV Line that services CEBECO III.

NGCP, in a report, added that one 138kV line and one 230kV line are also currently unavailable.

“NGCP has mobilized its line crews and is currently conducting patrols. Simultaneous restoration activities are also being conducted in areas already accessible,” it added. (PNA)

D&L Industries posts 8% growth in income in first 9 months of 2025

MANILA – An official of publicly-listed D&L Industries is optimistic of hitting their 10 percent income growth target this year after the first three quarters’ income rose 8 percent, boosted by strong volume growth.

In a briefing Wednesday, D&L Industries president and chief executive officer Alvin Lao said volume expanded by 11 percent on an annual basis in the first nine months this year despite the rise in coconut oil prices, the average of which surged 78 percent to date, allowing the company to book PHP1.95 billion income despite higher coconut prices.

Price of coconut oil, the key ingredient in D&L’s products, registered an all-time high of almost USD3,000 per metric ton during the third quarter alone, he said, dampening the rise of the company’s overall blended margins.

Lao said “while we cannot control commodity price movements, we can control how we navigate these challenges and where we direct our focus and resources.”

“In this volatile environment, we continue to stay true to our core —investing in R&D (research and



EXPORTS BOOST. The facility of publicly-listed firm D&L Industries in Batangas in this undated photo. The company reported on Wednesday (Nov. 5, 2025) an 8-percent growth in income as of end-September this year to PHP1.95 billion despite being hit by high coconut oil prices. (Photo courtesy of D&L Industries)

development) and innovation. We believe these investments will enable us to develop higher-value, more technical, and differentiated solutions for our customers, helping insulate the business from macroeconomic volatility.”

“We’re not that far away from the 10 percent target and we’re going to try our best to hit that,” he said, but added this still depends on several factors such as the growth of the domestic economy and the direction of coconut oil prices.

Lao also cited their export business posted a 20 percent rise in revenues to USD11 billion as of end-September.

Profit from exports

business inched up by 22 percent, way higher than the 8 percent expansion of their domestic business.

Lao declined to answer queries on their focused foreign market in the near term, but said they export to most continents, such as North America, the United States, Europe, Asia and the Pacific, and even Africa.

“For the rest of the year, we remain cautiously optimistic. While some customers continue to face pressure from elevated input costs, improving macro fundamentals —such as easing inflation and interest rates— should help spur economic activity,” he added. (PNA)

Gentriseños receive free health services during PGC’s Medical Mission.

A total of 450 residents from Brgy. Panungyanan, General Trias City benefited from a medical and dental mission conducted by Provincial Government of Cavite on October 23. Spearheaded by Office of the Provincial Governor and the Office of the Provincial Health Officer, the activity was successfully carried out in collaboration with the local government unit.

Of the total beneficiaries, 339 individuals received medical consultations and treatments, while 69 availed the free dental extractions, 11 underwent x-rays and 31 received ECG services. Additionally, maintenance medicines and essential supplements were distributed to help support the overall health and well-being of the recipients.

Sixth District Board Member Kerby Salazar graced and supported the



event, together with City Councilor Kyle Salazar.

The initiative underscores the commitment of the provincial government in delivering accessible healthcare services to its constituents.--- OPIO

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Calabarzon juvenile justice committee enhances care in Bahay Pag-asa centers

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) — The Regional Juvenile Justice and Welfare Committee (RJJWC) and the Regional Sub-Committee for the Welfare of Children (RSCWC) IV-CALABARZON are enhancing the management and rehabilitation programs of Bahay Pag-asa centers across the region, drawing insights from the best practices of La Union, one of the country's child-friendly champions.

During their recent learning visit in San Juan, La Union, the committees examined local models of care that promote structured, compassionate, and collaborative rehabilitation for children in conflict with the law.

According to Public Attorney's Office (PAO) CALABARZON Regional Director Angelica O. Malasa-Manaog, who is also the co-chairperson of both committees, the activity gathered regional partners and child protection advocates to assess



program implementation and learn from La Union's award-winning initiatives in juvenile justice and child welfare.

Among the highlights was the visit to the City of San Fernando and the Provincial Government's Bahay Pag-asa, Balay Namnama, which demonstrated effective models of holistic, family-centered rehabilitation that integrate psychosocial support, education, skills training, and values formation.

"The CALABARZON delegation noted La Union's key strategies, including strong inter-agency collaboration, active youth participation, institutionalized child-friendly policies, and empathy-driven facility management that upholds dignity

and transformation," Manaog said.

Following the learning visit, the committees conducted their joint meeting and year-end review to evaluate accomplishments and set priorities for 2026, including the use of tools for child budget tracking and case management.

"RJJWC and RSCWC IV-CALABARZON affirmed our commitment to strengthen the region's Bahay Pag-asa network by adopting proven practices from La Union to ensure these centers remain true to their mission as houses of hope, safe spaces for rehabilitation, empowerment, and reintegration of children in conflict with the law," Manaog stressed. (CCM, PIA4A)

PH's Arca shares lead in ASEAN Solo Chess Championships

MANILA – Filipino Christian Gian Karlo Arca defeated compatriot Tyrhone James Tabernilla in the third round Wednesday to gain a share of the lead in the 6th Association of Southeast Asian

Nations (ASEAN) Individual Chess Championships-Gov. Henry Oaminal Cup at the Misamis Occidental Resort and Aquamarine Park in Ozamiz City.

The 16-year-old Arca

of Panabo, Davao del Norte won after 57 moves of a Catalan encounter to join Vietnamese Grandmaster Tran Tuan Minh, Indian International Master (IM) V S Raahul, and Mongolian IM

PSC-led sports tourism body pulls all the stops for FIG Jr Gymnastics

MANILA – The 3rd FIG Artistic Gymnastics Junior World Championships will greatly benefit from the new National Sports Tourism Inter-Agency Committee (NST-IAC) formed by President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.

Philippine Sports Commission Chairperson Patrick Gregorio said the NST-IAC is supporting the event, slated at Manila Marriott Hotel Grand Ballroom in Pasay City on Nov. 20 to 24, all throughout.

A total of 762 participants from 72 countries signed up for the world juniors.

"In bidding for the hosting of international meets, both private sector represented by national sports associations (NSAs) and the government will be on the same page," Gregorio said during the PSC-organized inter-agency coordination meeting at the event venue on Nov. 3, as stated in a news release Wednesday.

"With the NST-IAC, both sectors can now work together without overlapping, how to maximize the brands, like the junior world championships, and maximize the support of the government agencies involved."

Gymnastics Association of the Philippines (GAP) president Cyn-

Munkhdalai Amilal on top with 2.5 points.

Raahul and Tran split the point, while Munkhdalai downed Indonesian FIDE Master Fabien Glen Mariano.

Filipinos GM John Paul Gomez and IMs Pau Bersamina, Jem Garcia, Michael Concio Jr. and Kim Steven Yap have 2.0 points



thia Carrion made the bid for the competition in last year's International Gymnastics Federation (FIG) Congress in Doha, Qatar.

"When the FIG technical officials visited the country to conduct an ocular inspection on our preparations last August, the GAP was given a gold medal for our organization," Carrion said during the meeting.

Gymnastics in the Philippines experienced a resurgence after Carlos Yulo won two gold medals at the 2024 Paris Olympics.

The key role of the NST-IAC is to lead plan, source, and/or allocate funds for the bidding of international sporting events, in coordination with relevant international sports governing bodies, sports associations, and other government agencies, including local government units.

It is also mandated "to formulate and implement marketing and promotional strategies to maximize the eco-

each along with GM Nguyen Van Huy, IM Dang Hoang Son and FM Dinh Nho Kiet of Vietnam, IM Kamotra Soham of India, and FM Wong Vinh Long of Malaysia.

Meanwhile, WFM Ruelle Canino lost to WGM Hoang Thi Bao Tram of Vietnam, sliding to No. 6 with 2.0 points in a tie with

conomic, cultural and social benefits of sports tourism."

"So if the NSA wants to bid, present us the budget and then we will work it out. We can go to President BBM and Congress and ask for the money to support the hosting," Gregorio explained.

"It is not unlike before when the NSA would ask the PSC or the Department of Tourism for money for the hosting. Now we have a systematic and all-encompassing process when we as a country bids for the hosting of international sporting events."

Carrion reported getting positive feedbacks from the foreign contingents, especially with the athletes and participants just walking from their hotels to the competition arena.

"Newport World Resorts hotels has really rolled out the welcome mat for our delegates," Carrion said of the meet's major supporter. (PSC Media/PNA)

10 others, including Olympiad teammates WGM Janelle Mae Frayna and WIMs Bernadette Galas, and Jan Jodilyn Fronda and World Youth bronze medalist Jamaica Yap Mendoza.

Winners in the men and women divisions of the nine-round tournament will get an outright GM title. (PNA)