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Typhoon-hit farmers allotted P571-M insurance payout for recovery

MANILA – The Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation (PCIC) has allocated an initial insurance payout of PHP571.3 million to help hasten the recovery of farmers affected by Super Typhoon Uwan and Typhoon Tino.

In a news release Tuesday, the Department of Agriculture (DA) said a report of

PCIC head Jovy Bernabe to Secretary Francisco Tiu Laurel Jr. showed that as of Nov. 11, a total of 65,176 insured farmers across 14 regions in the country were affected by the two typhoons, with rice, corn, and other high-value crops recording the most losses.

“Initial assessments indicate losses of

around PHP147.3 million for rice, PHP55.6 million for corn and PHP224.3 million for high-value crops,” the DA said.

The report also showed that Region 5 (Bicol), which includes severely hit Catanduanes, posted the highest number of claimants at 10,958, with potential payouts

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Cavite gov’t provides financial aid to newborn screening patients

TRECE MAR TIRES CITY, Cavite (PIA) — The Provincial Government of Cavite reaffirmed its commitment to child health and welfare as it distributed financial assistance to 100 patients of the Newborn Screening Continuity Clinic (NBSCC) at the New Provincial Government Center.

Each beneficiary received ₱5,000 to help families cover the medical needs and long-term care of children enrolled in the



program, ensuring that infants diagnosed with congenital disorders receive consistent and life-saving follow-up care.

Provincial Administrator Gilbert V. Gandida, representing Governor Abeng Remulla, led the activity and reiterated the administration’s dedication

to strengthening child healthcare services across Cavite. He emphasized the vital role of newborn screening in the early detection and management of congenital conditions, noting that timely intervention can greatly improve a child’s quality of life.

Health officials, in-

DSWD extends P48.8-M aid to Typhoon Uwan-displaced families

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) — The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) in Calabarzon has distributed a total of 76,158 family food packs to households affected by Super Typhoon Uwan across the CALABARZON region as of



November 13, 2025. The DSWD IV-A

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AGRILOSS. Super Typhoon Uwan leaves this palay farm in Lian, Batangas damaged on Nov. 10, 2025. The Department of Agriculture on Tuesday (Nov. 18) said the Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation allocated an initial insurance payout of PHP571.3 million to help farmers recover from the damage caused by Super Typhoon Uwan and Typhoon Tino. (Photo courtesy of Municipality of Lian, Batangas)

DSWD enrolls 300K more food-poor households in Walang Gutom Program

MANILA – The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) has begun enrolling 300,000 additional household beneficiaries into the Walang Gutom Program (WGP), a key anti-poverty initiative of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.’s administration.

Ms. Jhonelyn D. Bantigue, Follow-up Nurse for the NBSCC, provided parents with an overview of the continuity clinic and

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gram Development Group (IPDG) announced that the new beneficiaries will complete the 600,000 target households for this year.

“(Since) last year, we have served 300,000 household beneficiaries in 22 provinces from 10 regions. Now, we have onboarded (an) additional 300,000 beneficia-

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explained the steps for accessing financial aid to ensure they were well-informed about available services.

The program concluded with a message from Ms. Felipa Ser-vañez, who thanked all partners and reaffirmed the shared mission of safeguarding

the health and future of Caviteño children.

This initiative reflects Cavite's sustained efforts to deliver accessible, responsive, and family-centered healthcare during the crucial early stages of a child's development. (Ruel Francisco, PIA Cavite)

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ries," Undersecretary Punay said in a radio interview on Monday.

"Before the end of the year, 600,000 na po ang ating ise-serve sa programang ito -- 600,000 household beneficiaries sa 12 rehiyon at mas maraming probinsya na po (we will be serving 600,000 household beneficiaries from 12 regions and more provinces under this program)."

According to Punay, the expansion was supported by the release of funds under the Asian Development Bank (ADB) loan agreement as part of the Reducing Food Insecurity and Under-nutrition with Electronic Vouchers (REFUEL) Project.

"The funding provided by the national government in the General Appropriations Act amounted to PHP1.9 billion. This is only sufficient to serve 50,000 beneficiaries for one year. Therefore, our economic managers strategized by negotiating and arranging a loan agreement with the ADB,"

he said.

The DSWD's REFUEL project is implemented in partnership with the ADB, Agence Française de Développement (AFD), and the OPEC Fund for International Development (OFID).

It aims to assist 750,000 households across 22 provinces.

The project will provide these households with PHP3,000 each in monthly food credits, which can be used to purchase nutritious food items from DSWD-accredited stores.

Punay highlighted the positive outcomes of the WGP, citing findings from the Social Weather Stations (SWS).

According to the SWS survey, the incidence of hunger among WGP beneficiaries decreased by 7.2 percent over six months from October 2024 to March 2025.

Based on SWS data, the incidence of involuntary hunger among WGP beneficiaries decreased to 41 percent in March this year from 48.7 percent in October 2024. (PR)

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estimated at PHP119.4 million.

Bernabe said PCIC regional teams have been instructed to remain on the ground to assist affected farmers and help fast-track the processing of their claims to prevent cash-flow disruptions.

Total agricultural losses from the two typhoons have climbed to PHP4.13 billion.

This covers about 43,882 hectares of farmland, wiping out 19.2 million metric tons of production across crops, including coconut farms, livestock, poultry, fisheries, and agricultural

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of Membranes), pre-eclampsia and eclampsia.

The benefit includes coordinated referral and transfer to higher-level health facilities when necessary.

PhilHealth added that premature infants born with congenital anomalies, including congenital heart dis-

facilities.

Tiu Laurel Jr. said the funding is part of President Ferdinand Marcos Jr.'s directive to provide urgent support to food producers reeling from consecutive climate shocks, helping them to recover swiftly.

He noted that expanding crop insurance coverage is becoming increasingly vital as extreme weather events intensify.

"Hopefully, more of our agricultural stakeholders can be covered by the PCIC so the sector can better cope with disasters," Tiu Laurel said. (PNA)

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assistance extended by the agency has reached ₱48.77 million, reflecting the government's ongoing efforts to support affected residents during the early stages of recovery.

According to DSWD IV-A, these relief goods were sent to hardest-hit communities to help address the immediate food needs of displaced families.

Aside from the regular food packs, the DSWD has also delivered ready-to-eat food items, sleeping kits, and other essential relief supplies to several individuals and families who were severely impacted by the typhoon.

The department reported that it is continuously monitoring 963 evacuation centers in the region, which

remain operational and currently house around 24,000 families who were forced to leave their homes due to flooding, landslides, and other typhoon-related hazards.

The agency added that DSWD field personnel and local social welfare offices are working closely to ensure that evacuees remain safe, that relief operations run smoothly, and that the immediate needs of displaced communities are identified and adequately addressed.

The DSWD assured the public that relief distribution will continue in the coming days as part of the government's commitment to assist families affected by Typhoon Uwan. (PIA4A/ DSWD 4A)

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Fuel surcharge stays at Level 4 in December

MANILA – Fuel surcharge stays at Level 4 for the fifth consecutive month in December.

Currently, under Level 4, the fuel surcharge for domestic flights ranges from PHP117 to PHP342, and from PHP385.70 to PHP2,867.82 for international flights, depending on the distance.

Fuel surcharge is the extra fee that airlines may collect in addition to the base fare to cover the costs incurred from the volatility of fuel.

In an advisory dated Nov. 17, 2025, Civil Aeronautics Board

(CAB) Executive Director Carmelo Arcilla said airlines wishing to collect fuel surcharge must file their application to his office on or before the date of effectivity.

The conversion rate is USD1 to PHP58.47.

This year, the CAB first raised the fuel surcharge to Level 5 in March.

It went down from Level 4 in April to Level 3 in June, when passengers could only be charged with PHP83 to PHP300 for domestic flights and PHP273.36 to PHP2,032.54 for international routes. (PNA)



Cavite's Ugnayan sa Barangay makes another stop in Indang

Recently, the Provincial Government of Cavite's Ugnayan sa Barangay program made another stop in Indang, Cavite, visiting residents of Tambo Munti Kulit to strengthen community engagement and foster closer collaboration between the provincial government and local residents.

Joining Governor Abeng Remulla were Vice Mayor Ram Revilla Bautista, Mayor Virgilio Fidel and Vice Mayor Ferdinand Papa along with 7th District Board Members Aldrin R. Anacan and Camille V. Del Rosario. Apart from the governor's updates on development programs for the benefit of Caviteños and messages of support from the provincial leaders, BM Del Rosario also invited Indangeños to participate in the Free Medical Mission to be held in Indang on November 5, in celebration of her birthday month.--- OPIO



Strengthening Enterprise-Based Education and Training for sustainable growth and national development

In a collaborative effort to enhance workforce competencies and strengthen the link between education and industry, the Office of the Provincial Public Employment Service Manager (OPPESM), in partnership with the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), successfully conducted the seminar on "Strengthening Enterprise-Based Education and Training (EBET) for Sustainable Growth and National Development" on October 28, at the New Provincial Government Center, Trece Martires City.

The program formally opened with a welcome message from TESDA Provincial Director Gerardo R. Marasigan, who underscored the importance of partnerships between the government, private sector, and training institutions in cultivating a competitive workforce. This was followed by a message from Engr. Jovencio M. Ferrer, Jr., TESDA Regional Director, highlighting the role of enterprise-based training in bridging education and real-world industry needs.

Governor Francisco Gabriel D. Remulla, Jr. also graced the event and expressed his full support for initiatives that promote skills development and sustainable employment for Caviteños.

The discussion on the Enterprise-Based Education and Training (EBET) Framework was facilitated by Mr. Joel M. De Guzman, Senior TESDA Specialist, while Engr. Jerry Webb E. Muhi, President and Executive Director of Dualtech Training Center, presented insights on "Bridging Skills and Industry: A TVI Perspective on Education for Employment." Both sessions were followed by open forums, allowing participants to share perspectives and raise inquiries on implementation and collaboration opportunities.



Jobseekers Flock to Cavite Career Caravan in SM City Rosario

A wave of optimism swept through the activity center of SM City Rosario on November 4, 2025, as the Cavite Career Caravan once again delivered on its promise of bringing employment closer to the people.

The event was spearheaded by the Provincial Government of Cavite, through the Office of the Provincial Public Employment and Service Manager (OPPESM) headed by Ms. Rizalie Pinpin-Enero, in partnership with the Municipality of Rosario under the leadership of OIC-PESO Mr. Aries Abutin.

A total of 31 companies—29 local and 2 overseas—joined the fair, offering a combined 7,218 job vacancies in various industries. Government services were likewise present, with 9 National Government Agencies (NGAs), including PSA, PNP, DTI, SSS, BIR, Pag-IBIG, PhilHealth, OWWA, and TESDA extending assistance to jobseekers.

The event drew 238 applicants—101 male and 137 female—all eager to explore fresh employment opportunities. Among them, 62 jobseekers were hired on the spot (HOTS), proving that success truly comes to those who show up prepared.

The Cavite Career Caravan continues to make its rounds across the province, reaffirming that in Cavite, opportunity doesn't wait—it travels to where the people are.--- OPIO

PhilHealth offers aid up to P135-K for premature babies

MANILA — The Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) is providing financial support of up to PHP135,000 for premature babies born between 24 weeks and less than 32 weeks of gestational age under its Z Benefits package.

In an advisory Monday coinciding with the global observance of World Prematurity Day, PhilHealth said the Z Benefit aims to help parents manage the high medical costs associated with caring for extremely premature or small newborns.

The package is available in PhilHealth-contracted health facilities



(Image courtesy of PhilHealth)

and covers essential needs.

The agency also detailed Z Benefits for expectant mothers at risk of preterm delivery, with assistance from PHP600 to PHP4,000 to help prevent complications such as preterm labor, vaginal bleeding, PPROM (Preterm Premature Rupture

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Pag-IBIG offers payment moratorium after recent calamities

MANILA – Pag-IBIG Fund is offering a one-month payment moratorium and reminding borrowers of their Housing Loan insurance coverage to help members recover from the devastation caused by recent typhoons and earthquakes, officials announced on Tuesday.

Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development Secretary and Pag-IBIG Fund Board Chairman Jose Ramon Aliling said the measures reflect Pag-IBIG Fund's continuing commitment to provide responsive support to Filipino workers affected by disasters, in line with President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.'s directive to accelerate recovery efforts in calamity-hit areas.

"Guided by President Marcos's directive for a whole-of-government response to help those affected by calamities, we are offering Housing Loan borrowers a payment moratorium and insurance coverage for damaged homes under our Housing Loan program, as well as providing all our members with affordable loan options to help them recover and rebuild," Aliling said in a news release.

Pag-IBIG Fund Chief Executive Officer Marilene Acosta said the agency's home loans include built-in insurance that provides protection and helps cover repair costs.

She added that they are offering a one-month payment moratorium for Housing Loan borrowers in areas declared under a state of calamity due to typhoons Nando, Opong, Ramil, Tino and Uwan, as well as recent earthquakes in Cebu and Davao.

"We understand that our members need immediate help when disasters strike, and we at Pag-IBIG Fund are always ready to respond,"

Acosta said.

"Housing Loan borrowers whose homes were damaged can take comfort in knowing that their homes are insured, and we are reaching out to help them avail of their benefits as soon as possible. We are likewise offering a one-month payment moratorium so they may prioritize the safety and recovery of their families. They may conveniently apply online through Virtual Pag-IBIG."

In addition to the insurance and moratorium, Pag-IBIG Fund is also offering calamity loans and home improvement loans at affordable rates.

Under the Pag-IBIG Calamity Loan Program, eligible members residing in areas declared under a state of calamity may borrow up to 90 percent of their total Pag-IBIG Regular Savings at a low interest rate of 5.95 percent per annum, the lowest among comparable programs. The loan is payable for up to three years, with an automatic three-month grace period before the first payment.



PAYMENT MORATORIUM. *Cebu Gov. Pamela Baricuatro (right) shows to President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. the scale of destruction along Mananga River in Talisay City on Nov. 7, 2025. Pag-IBIG Fund on Tuesday (Nov. 18) said it is offering a one-month payment moratorium and reminding borrowers of their Housing Loan insurance coverage to help members recover from the devastation caused by recent typhoons and earthquakes. (Photo courtesy of Cebu Province Facebook)*

Through the Pag-IBIG Home Improvement Loan, qualified members can borrow up to PHP300,000 for repairs or home upgrades. The loan is payable within five years and is currently offered at a promotional rate of 3 percent per annum for the first 10,000 borrowers.

"We know that rebuilding after a disaster takes time and resources," Acosta said.

"That is why we are

providing multiple ways to help through our payment moratorium for financial relief, our Calamity Loan for immediate needs, the Housing Loan insurance for protection, and our Home Improvement Loan to help members restore their homes to safety and comfort. Pag-IBIG Fund is here to make recovery easier, faster and more affordable for our members," she added. (PR)

PHA backs DOT first-aid kiosk program

MANILA – The Philippine Heart Association (PHA) has expressed its support to the Department of Tourism's first aid kiosk program in major tourist destinations.

The kiosks, staffed by medical professionals in Boracay, La Union, Panglao, Palawan and Puerto Galera, are equipped with basic first aid tools and communication systems to provide immediate emergency assistance to travelers.

The group said integrating emergency preparedness into tourism is essential for resident and visitor safety.

Region 4-A (Calabarzon) and Region 4-B (Mimaropa) host high-traffic attractions

such as Taal Volcano, Pagsanjan Falls, Masungi Georeserve, Enchanted Kingdom, and resorts in Palawan and Puerto Galera.

Meanwhile, PHA-Southern Tagalog Chapter said its primary initiative is the region-wide rollout of free cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training in barangays, towns and cities.

The effort supports the national CPR-ready campaign, which aims to equip Filipino communities with CPR skills and

automated external defibrillators (AEDs).

PHA-Southern Tagalog president Ray Albert Cabigan pledged to expand CPR training through partnerships with local governments, hospitals and non-government organizations.

Cabigan said the chapter would continue physician education programs such as Guru 2.0, strengthen community health advocacy and promote the PHA's "Puso Muna" (Heart First) healthy lifestyle campaign. (PNA)

The one walking with the wise will become wise, But the one who has dealings with the stupid will fare badly.

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Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed by Mortgagee, UNIONBANK OF THE PHILIPPINES with business address at UnionBank Plaza Building, Meralco Avenue corner Onyx and Sapphire Roads, Ortigas Center, Pasig City against the Mortgagor, ARMAN S. MARQUEZ, represented by his Attorney-in-Fact, MARY ANN S. MARQUEZ, with residence and postal address at 156 Interior, Maria Ruiz Compound, Dr. Sixto Avenue, Rosario, Pasig City, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of August 8, 2025 amounts to THREE MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FORTY FOUR PESOS and 16/100 (P,873,544.16), Philippine Currency, inclusive of accrued interests as of said date but exclusive of all other charges incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on **December 10, 2025** at 10:00 o'clock in the morning until 12:00 o'clock 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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6-7	SE	Lot 42, Block 24, Psd-04-231572
7-8	SE	Lot 43, Block 24, Psd-04-231572
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Cavite Career Caravan Brings Job Opportunities to Silang Jobseekers

The Cavite Career Caravan made another impactful stop at Cavite State University – Silang Campus on November 7, opening doors to employment to residents in the area. A total of 147 jobseekers participated in the activity, eager to explore career possibilities and take steps toward meaningful employment.

The caravan featured the participation of 42 companies, composed of 6 overseas employers and 36 local companies, collectively offering an impressive 6,309 job vacancies across various industries. From entry-level positions to specialized roles, the event provided a wide range of opportunities tailored to different skill sets and backgrounds.

In addition to employment prospects, several national government agencies were also present to assist attendees with essential services. Representatives from the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), Social Security System (SSS), Pag-IBIG Fund, PhilHealth, Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), and Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) extended support through consultations, information desks, and on-site processing.

Spearheaded by the Office of the Provincial Public Employment Service Manager (OPPESM), the Cavite Career Caravan continues to serve as a vital initiative that strengthens linkages between jobseekers, employers, and partner agencies. The program reflects the Provincial Government of Cavite's commitment to helping Caviteños access employment, livelihood, and government services closer to home.

With strong participation from the academe, government agencies, and the private sector, the CvSU-Silang leg of the career caravan stands as another successful milestone in promoting career readiness and economic empowerment across the province. --- OPIO



Educational Assistance Distributed to 2,542 Iskolar ng Lalawigan

A total of 2,542 Iskolar ng Lalawigan from Cavite State University – Carmona Campus received their educational assistance during the payout held on November 12, at the CarSiGMA Gymnasium in the City of Carmona. The initiative underscores the Provincial Government of Cavite's continued commitment to supporting students in their academic journey.

PCA, NCIP naghatid ng libreng serbisyon medikal sa mga magniniyog, IPs sa Gen. Nakar

GEN. NAKAR, Quezon (PIA) — Mahigit 500 magniniyog, kasa-ma ang kanilang mga pamilya at katutubong komunidad, ang nakinabang sa libreng serbisyon medikal at dental sa paglulunsad ng Mobile Health Services at HAPAG Katutubo Project ng Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA) Region IV-A, katuwang ang National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP), noong Nobyembre 14, 2025, sa General Nakar Sports Complex.

Ayon kay Ronnel Bisnar ng PCA-4A, layunin ng aktibidad na palawakin ang serbisyo para sa coconut farming communities sa General Nakar, kabilang ang Indigenous Peoples (IPs).

Kasama ring naki-bahagi ang mga ahensya ng kabilang sa pagpapatupad ng Coconut Farmers and Industry Development Plan (CFIDP) tulad ng Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP), at Phil-



ippine Crop Insurance Corporation (PCIC), na nagbahagi ng Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) materials ukol sa mga programang nakalaan para sa sektor ng niyugan.

Sa muling paglulunsad ng HAPAG Katutubo Project, bini-gyang-diin ni NCIP Director IV Reynaldo A. Dingal ang pagsuporta sa mga katutubong pamayanan at magniniyog sa bayan.

Bilang simbolo ng pagpapalago ng proyekto, nagsagawa ng ceremonial tree planting ang PCA, LGU General Nakar, at partner agencies, isang pagpapakita ng pakikiisa sa Bayaniyugan at pangmatagalang suporta sa HAPAG Katutubo Project.

Governor Abeng Remulla and Vice Governor Ram Revilla personally graced the event, delivering messages of encouragement and reiterating the provincial leadership's dedication to expanding educational opportunities for Caviteño youth.

Local leaders also showed strong support through their presence, including Carmona City Mayor Dahlia Loyola, 5th District Representative Roy Loyola, Board Members Ivey Jane Reyes and Aidel Paul Belamide, and members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod. Their collective attendance highlighted the shared vision of strengthening education as a pathway to development.

During the program, provincial officials expressed their pride in the scholars' efforts and emphasized the importance of accessible education in shaping the future workforce. The financial assistance provided aims to ease students' academic expenses and empower them to focus more on their studies.

The distribution concluded successfully, giving students renewed motivation to pursue excellence and contribute to the progress of Cavite. --- OPIO

Ibinahagi naman ni King Arvi Gaspar ng PCA Health and Medical Division ang layunin ng Mobile Health Services, at ang kahalagahan ng Bayaniyugan at iba pang pangunahing programa ng PCA na nakatuon sa kalusugan, kabuhayan, at kapakanan ng coconut farmers.

Target ng PCA IV-A na susunod na dalhin ang Mobile Health Services sa mga magniniyog sa REINA Circuit—Real at Infanta, Quezon—upang ipagpatuloy ang pagbibigay ng libreng serbisyon medikal at dental at higit pang mapalakas ang sektor ng niyugan sa rehiyon. (Ruel Orinday, PIA Quezon)

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Alas U16 Girls jump 17 spots to No. 25 in FIVB world rankings

MANILA – The Alas Pilipinas Girls' under-16 team rose to world No. 25 in the latest FIVB Girls' U17 rankings after qualifying for next year's world championship in Santiago, Chile.

Alas jumped 17 spots from world No. 42 after finishing fifth in the 2nd Asian Volleyball Confederation (AVC) Asian Women's U16 Volleyball Championship in Amman, Jordan, last week.

The program started ranked No. 57.

"Awesome leap from 57 to 25! We didn't realize that our small wins in the Asian Qualifying were that instrumental in raising our country's standing to a higher rank," Alas U16 coach Edwin Leyva said.

"It just shows that the level of play here in the Philippines has improved and is slowly catching up with our top Asian counterparts."

Philippine National Volleyball Federation president Ramon "Tats" Suzara labeled the under-16 team's

achievement as "big" and stressed that the federation's grassroots program has developed in the last four years.

"We are now reaping the fruits of the grassroots program that the PNVF has started four years ago," Suzara said.

The PNVF was established in post-pandemic 2021 and has since nurtured the growth of volleyball—Alas Pilipinas Men and Women, making impacts in the world and Asian levels, the country hosting the world championship for men and for Suzara, his election as president of the Asian Volleyball Confederation and appointment as executive vice president of the FIVB.

The youngest national team is now the highest-ranked Philippine volleyball squad, leading Alas Women at 46th and Alas Men at 80th place.

Leyva said that despite the achievement, the work doesn't cease.

"Being in the top 25

is already a milestone. Why stop dreaming? Let's train hard, play harder!" Leyva said. "We have the momentum, and we are highly motivated. First, win a set or two, then work up from there. It's up to us to keep the fire burning."

The Philippine U16 team earned 14 ranking points after a 25-23, 25-20, 19-25, 25-22 victory over Thailand to secure the last Asian ticket to the 2026 FIVB Volleyball Girls' U17 World Championship.

China had qualified automatically as defending world champion even before the Final Four, while the other Asian representatives for the world meet are newly crowned AVC U16 champion South Korea, runner-up Chinese Taipei, and fourth placer Japan. The Philippines, against all odds, earned its rightful place among them.

The world championship in the capital Santiago is set from Aug. 5 to 16. (PR)

Carrion optimistic on PH campaign at World Juniors gymnastics

MANILA – Gymnastic Association of the Philippines (GAP) president Cynthia Carrion believes that Karl Eldrew Yulo is a potential medalist in the 3rd FIG Artistic Gymnastics Junior World Championships, which starts at the Manila Marriott Hotel, Newport World Resorts in Pasay City on Thursday.

Karl Eldrew is the younger brother of Paris Olympics double-gold medalist Carlos Edriel Yulo.

"Eldrew has been training very, very well in Japan, so if everything goes according to plan, he may be good for one or two golds," Carrion said at the Philippine Sportswriters Association (PSA) Forum at the Philippine Sports Commission conference room inside the Rizal Memorial Sports Complex on Tuesday.

To prepare for the World Juniors, Eldrew went to Japan for a five-month training under the supervision of Munehiro Kugiyama at the Sohgo Gymnastics Club in Nagoya.

Kugiyama molded the elder Yulo into a world and Olympic champion.

Carrion is hoping that Eldrew will excel in the floor exercise, parallel bars, rings, and vault, an event where he bagged a bronze medal at the Asian Junior Championships in Jecheon, South Korea last July.

"He (Yulo) excels in all of these four events, and if he is able to do what he is supposed to



HOPEFUL. Karl Eldrew Yulo (right) and his older brother, Paris Olympics double gold medalist Carlos, at the Philippine Sportswriters Association Awards Night at The Manila Hotel on Jan. 27, 2025. Gymnastic Association of the Philippines (GAP) president Cynthia Carrion on Tuesday (Nov. 18) expressed optimism about Eldrew's campaign in the 3rd FIG Artistic Gymnastics Junior World Championships, which will start at the Manila Marriott Hotel, Newport World Resorts in Pasay City on Nov. 20. (Contributed photo)

do, he will win golds," na Tayag, and Jellian Bantilan are also competing.

Carrion also announced that the Philippines can now field men's and women's teams in the five-day tournament.

"Despite the fact that we were the host country, the International Gymnastics Federation declined our request to field teams, which may be sad, because we did not compete in the two past editions of the world juniors," she said.

"But suddenly, the FIG belatedly told us we could field teams so that we had to undergo an evaluation so other gymnasts will join Karl Eldrew and Elizabeth Antone, who were supposed to be our lone representatives in each division," she added.

Joining Yulo are Hilarion Palles III, siblings John Anthony and CJ Pernia, all standouts in the last Batang Pinoy National Championships, while Maxine Bondoc, Sabi-

Movie star Derek Ramsey, a GAP's board member, is hosting the colorful opening ceremony featuring Journey vocalist Arnel Pineda, who will sing the tournament's catchy theme song "Going for Gold." (PNA)

Just a little while longer, and the wicked will be no more; You will look at where they were, And they will not be there. But the meek will possess the earth, And they will find exquisite delight in the abundance of peace

Psalm 37:10-11