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DOLE delivers P2B TUPAD aid to calamity-hit areas

MANILA – Some PHP2 billion assistance under the Tulong Panghanapbuhay sa Ating Disadvantaged Workers (TUPAD) program has been provided to close to 400,000 beneficiaries that were affected by natural calamities that



(Photos from DOLE)

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Public urged to opt for chicken as price of 'GG' surges

MANILA – Agriculture Secretary Francisco Tiu Laurel Jr. on Wednesday advised consumers to consider more affordable fish options amid a tight global supply of galunggong (round scad), which has pushed retail prices higher in local markets.

Data from the Department of Agriculture's Bantay Presyo monitoring showed that as of Monday, imported galunggong in Metro Manila was priced between PHP280 and PHP350 per kilogram,

while locally sourced galunggong ranged from PHP300 to PHP400 per kilogram.

In an ambush interview, the agriculture chief said the limited arrivals of round scad from major sources have driven prices upward.

"It's really a supply and demand situation. If supply is scarce, prices will increase," he said in Filipino.

"I'm not saying prices will go down soon. If it's too expensive, you can opt for chicken instead."

He also mentioned other fish alternatives for buyers, considering the high retail price of round scad.

"We still have milkfish, tilapia, let's not forget our own," Tiu Laurel said.

Besides galunggong, the DA also logged elevated prices for mackerel or alumahan, which range from PHP300 per kg to PHP450 per kg.

Tiu Laurel, however, expects prices to decline to around PHP230 to PHP250

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FISH ALTERNATIVES. Department of Trade and Industry Secretary Maria Cristina Roque (right), Department of Agriculture Secretary Francisco Tiu Laurel, Jr. (2nd right) and Navotas Mayor Jhon Ray Tiangco (red dress) conduct joint price monitoring of basic goods and commodities at Agora Complex Market, Navotas City in this Aug. 29, 2025 photo. Tiu Laurel Jr. on Wednesday (Dec. 3) urged Filipino consumers to opt for fish alternatives amid the limited global supply of galunggong (round scad). (PNA photo by Ben Briones)

Los Baños LGU passes resolutions addressing E. coli contamination in artesian wells

LOS BAÑOS, Laguna (PIA) – The local government of Los Baños has passed two resolutions aimed at addressing reported cases of Escherichia coli (E. coli) contamination in water from several artesian wells across the municipality, following water quality assessments conducted by the University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB).

A recent UPLB study



revealed alarming contamination in artesian well water of

Los Baños, with eight of the 30 samples collected from selected

barangays including Bayog, Malinta, and Mayondon—testing

positive for fecal coliform and three confirming the presence of E. coli.

In response, the municipal government approved two significant resolutions to strengthen monitoring, coordination, and public awareness on safe water use.

Municipal Councilor and Committee on Health, Nutrition and Sanitation Chairperson Muriel Laisa Dizon said the resolutions

are a proactive move to prevent potential health emergencies and ensure that the municipality responds swiftly to any threat to public safety.

The first resolution directs closer coordination between UPLB and the municipality for the joint identification and assessment of artesian wells, formulation of management recommendations, provision of assistance

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per kg once delayed import shipments, affected by recent weather disturbances in the Philippines and China, arrive.

Of the 55,000 metric tons of approved fish import volume, only 30 percent has entered the country so far.

He said the agency

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hit 10 regions in the past months.

In a statement, the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) reported that from Kanlaon's eruption earlier this year to the most recent typhoons, they have delivered a total of PHP2.045 billion in TUPAD assistance across hard-hit areas throughout the country.

A total of 381,513 individuals nationwide benefitted from the emergency employment interventions.

The DOLE noted that the assistance has provided hope for recovery and a fresh start.

Last month, the DOLE mobilized the TUPAD program, providing PHP843 million worth of temporary wages to over 160,000 beneficiaries that were affected by two typhoons.

According to the Bureau of Workers with Special Concerns (BWSC), the Labor Department's response to Typhoon Tino has benefited 68,349 affected workers through emergency employment, amounting to over PHP363 million across Western Visayas, Central Visayas, Eastern Visayas and Caraga.

Meanwhile, following

will revoke unused sanitary and phytosanitary import clearances (SPSICs) from non-utilizing importers and reallocate them to those with higher utilization rates. To date, only 70 percent of issued SPSICs have been used. (PNA)

Super Typhoon Uwan, the department has assisted 91,699 workers still under TUPAD with wages totaling PHP480 million in the Cordillera Administrative Region, Cagayan Valley Region, Central Luzon, Calabarzon, Bicol and Western Visayas.

In Central Visayas, where massive destruction continues to affect communities following the onslaught of Typhoon Tino, profiling and TUPAD orientations are ongoing to reach and support more workers as payouts continue across the region.

In the province of Aurora and other areas devastated by Super Typhoon Uwan, TUPAD beneficiaries have been deployed to aid recovery efforts.

In addition to clearing operations, TUPAD beneficiaries were tapped for disaster rehabilitation efforts, including repairs and restoration of damaged houses.

DOLE also extended TUPAD emergency employment to workers affected by recent earthquakes in Visayas and Mindanao.

A total of 9,413 workers in Central Visayas received PHP55.9 mil-

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to affected communities, and the requirement that all UPLB studies posing risks to public health be furnished to the local government, particularly the Sangguniang Bayan, to support effective crisis management.

"We have passed two resolutions. We are collaborating with UPLB Community Affairs to ensure we hold meetings to address this issue because they are the ones with the technical expertise who know how to handle crisis management," Dizon said.

The second resolution intensifies the implementation of the municipal ordinance adopting the Philippine Water Code (Presidential Decree No. 1067) through strengthened information dissemination on the proper use, management, and regulation of artesian wells within Los Baños.

"We are also intensifying the implementation of the Philippine Water Code. We adopted it before, but as

lion, and 5,726 workers in Davao and Caraga received PHP29 million.

Beyond emergency employment, the BWSC reported that 1,693 beneficiaries nationwide received livelihood grants totaling PHP19.5 million under the DOLE Integrated Livelihood Program following the onslaught of ty-

phoons Crising, Dante, Emong, Mirasol, Nando and Opong.

BWSC Director Leilani Reynoso said the department continues to provide assistance to the calamity victims and will remain a steadfast, inclusive partner in aiding the recovery and advancing the livelihood and opportunities of Filipino workers. (PNA)

the chairperson of Science and Technology and Health, Nutrition and Sanitation, I am now leading its enforcement. Wells are not meant for domestic use; people know they should not be drinking from them, though some still use them for irrigation, washing, or even in bathing and we need to reinforce this," she added.

Dizon also noted that the LGU is working closely with the Municipal Health Office and barangay leaders to fast-track disinfection procedures and develop long-term solutions to ensure Los Baños' water sources remain resilient and compliant with national standards.

"We are making sure that communities are provided with potable water. We want to ensure that residents do not drink from contaminated wells, and we assure them that the LGU is working to provide not just clean but accessible, sufficient, and efficient water for all," Dizon said. (AM/PIA 4A)

Pork, carrot MSRP to take effect Dec. 5

MANILA – The Department of Agriculture (DA) on Wednesday announced that the maximum suggested retail price (MSRP) for selected pork cuts will be enforced starting Friday.

The move comes as the DA prepares to impose a temporary import ban on live hogs and pork products from Spain, currently the country's second-largest source of pork, following reports of an African swine fever (ASF) outbreak.

In an ambush interview, Agriculture Secretary Francisco Tiu Laurel Jr. said the agency is finalizing the pricing measure to keep retail prices stable during the holiday season.

"Ang target ko is by Friday, mailabas iyong (My target is to release by Friday the) MSRP for other products," he said.

In particular, Tiu Laurel said they are set to impose the MSRP of PHP370 per kg. for pork liempo (pork belly) and PHP350 per kg. for pigu (ham) and kasim (shoulder).

On the planned suspension of imports from Spain, Tiu Laurel said products processed on or after Nov. 11 will be prohibited unless certified ASF-free.

"I think this Christmas season, medyo reasonable ang price ng pork. Pero, siyempre, sa demand baka tumaas ng konti (there's somehow a reasonable price of pork. But, of course, the demand might slightly increase). But, more or less, it's affordable," he said.

He assured consumers that the ban would not affect local supply, noting that cold storage facilities remain well-stocked and market prices have been relatively steady.

DA monitoring as of Dec. 1 shows pork ham in Metro Manila selling at PHP270 to PHP390 per kg., while pork belly ranges from PHP320 to PHP470 per kg.

Aside from pork, the DA will also impose an MSRP of PHP120 per kg. for imported carrots starting Friday. (PNA)

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Cavite Career Caravan brings new opportunities to Kawit

The Cavite Career Caravan held at Mana Town Center in Kawit on November 19, transformed the venue into a vibrant hub of opportunities for jobseekers. A total of 62 applicants participated in the activity, with 20 successfully hired on the spot.

Twenty companies from a wide range of industries opened their doors to Caviteños, offering more than 8,000 job vacancies. The selection felt like a neatly arranged buffet of career paths, each one ready for exploration by eager applicants.

Adding to the event's strength were several national agencies and provincial government office that set up assistance booths, including the Office of the Provincial Legal Officer (OPLO), Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), PhilHealth, TESDA, Pag-IBIG Fund, Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR), and the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA). Their presence ensured that jobseekers had access to essential government services, document processing guidance, and employment-related support all in one stop.

The Cavite Career Caravan continues to sustain its mission of connecting Caviteños to employment while bringing government services closer to the people. The Kawit leg once again showcased how unified efforts can open doors, spark hope, and create smoother pathways toward brighter careers.--- OPIO



Cavite strengthens Civil Society Organizations through capacity development program

In its continuous effort to empower civil society organizations (CSOs) and strengthen their role in local governance, the Cavite Provincial Development Council (CPDC) conducted a Capacity Development Program on November 20, 2025 at the New Provincial Government Center.

The program was facilitated by the Office of the Provincial Planning and Development Coordinator (OPPDC) in partnership with the Department of Interior and Local Government - Cavite, providing a comprehensive learning experience for CSO representatives.

The learning sessions were divided into four modules. Module 1: Development, discussed by LGOO II Lucky Kharl-Leen Jorolan L, focused on the fundamentals of development planning and the CSOs' role in advancing



Youth leaders gather for "Youth's Choice: A Drug-Free Life" Engagement Program

In line with the nationwide observance of Drug Abuse Prevention and Control (DAPC) Week, more than 400 Barangay Kontra Droga (BKD) advisers and senior high school student leaders from across Cavite convened at the Tanza Convention

Center on November 19, for the Youth's Choice: A Drug-Free Life Engagement Program. The regional gathering aimed to strengthen youth involvement in drug prevention initiatives and promote a unified stand for a safer, drug-free CALABARZON.

The event was spearheaded by DILG IV-A, in partnership with DepEd IV-A, the Dangerous Drugs Board (DDB), and the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA), with the support of various provincial offices and youth organizations across the region.

A key feature of the program was the Drug-Free Life lecture delivered by PDEA 4A, which provided participants with critical insights on the impacts of drug abuse, current drug trends, and the vital role of informed advocacy in prevention efforts.

This was followed by the presentation of programs and services by the National Youth Commission and the Cavite Provincial Anti-Drug Abuse Council (CPADAC), offering youth leaders a deeper understanding of available platforms and partnerships that support their engagement in community-based anti-drug initiatives.

One of the highlights of the celebration was the recognition of winners of the regional digital poster making and short film making contests, showcasing the creativity,

ing local initiatives. Module 2: Local Development, tackled by LGOO III Nina Norisa C. Maranga, emphasized strategies for fostering sustainable development at the community level. Module 3: Local Development Council Operations, presented by LGOO VI Marren Juangco-Bautista, covered the operational mechanics of development councils and how CSOs can actively participate in decision-making processes. Finally, Module 4: Soft Skills, facilitated by LGOO II Amiel D. dela Rosa, highlighted communication, leadership, and collaborative skills essential for effective engagement with local government and communities.

The program aimed to equip CSO representatives with the knowledge and skills necessary to actively participate in local development initiatives and contribute to policy formulation. Participants appreciated the opportunity to enhance their organizational capacities and deepen their understanding of local governance processes. The initiative reflects the provincial government's commitment to fostering a strong partnership between government and civil society, ensuring that development efforts in Cavite are inclusive, participatory, and impactful.--- OPIO

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TIMES AND IS A BROTHER WHO IS BORN
FOR TIMES OF DISTRESS**

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FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-650-25

BANK OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS,
Petitioner-Mortgagee-Creditor,

-versus-

ABBYGALE CORDOVA CIOCON,
Respondent/s-Mortgagor/s-Borrower/s,
X-----X

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed by Petitioner-Mortgagee-Creditor, **BANK OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS**, with business address at Bank of the Philippine Islands, 28/F, Ayala Triangle Gardens Tower 2, Paseo de Roxas cor Makati Avenue, Bel-Air, Makati City, against the Respondents- Mortgagors-Borrowers-Debtors, **ABBYGALE CORDOVA CIOCON**, with residence and postal addresses at (1) #67 Saint Peregrine Street, Addas 2C, Molino 2 (C), Bacoor, Cavite and (2) Block 29, Lot 9, Phase 2, Amaia Scapes General Trias, Brgy. Santiago, Gen. Trias, Cavite to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of September 29, 2025 amounts to **FIVE MILLION THIRTY NINE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY ONE PESOS and 39/100 (P5,039,551.39)**, Philippine Currency, inclusive of interest, penalties and other charges as of said date but exclusive of other charges incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on **December 22, 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:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE 057-2023052163

Lot No. 9 Block No. 29 Plan No. Psd-04-236903
Portion of: Lot 5-C, Psd-042108-066707
Location: Barangay of Santiago, Municipality of Gen. Trias, Province of Cavite, Island of Luzon
Boundaries:

LINE	DIRECTION	ADJOINING LOT (S)
1-2	SW	Road Lot 10, Psd-04-236903
2-3	NW	Lot 10, Block 29, Psd-04-236903
3-4	NE	Lot 27, Block 29, Psd-04-236903
4-1	SE	Lot 8, Block 29, Psd-04-236903

Area: ONE HUNDRED ONE SQUARE METERS (101), more or less

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 time and date, it shall be held on **January 05, 2026** without further notice.
Prospective bidders/buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title to the said property and encumbrances thereon, if any there be.
Trece Martires City, **November 25, 2025.**

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CHINA BANK SAVINGS, INC.
Mortgagee,

-versus-

SPS. JAN MICHAEL VINCENT G. CARPIO
And CRISTINA F. CARPIO,
Mortgagors/Borrowers,
X-----X

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Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed by Petitioner/Mortgagee, **CHINA BANK SAVINGS, INC.**, with business address at CBS Building, No. 314 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City against the Mortgagors/Borrowers, **SPS JAN MICHAEL VINCENT G. CARPIO and CRISTINA F. CARPIO**, with residence and postal addresses at (1) Blk. 2, Lot 12, Odyssey St., Addas Villa 4, Mambog 4, Bacoor City, Cavite and (2) Blk. 67, Lot 96, Phirst Park Homes Tanza, Phase 2A, Batch 1, Governor's Drive, Brgy. Tanauan, Tanza, Cavite to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of August 29, 2025 amounts to **ONE MILLION FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY NINE THOUSAD FIVE HUNDRED FORTY EIGHT ESOS and 00/100 (P1,429,548.00)**, Philippine Currency, inclusive of interest, penalties and other charges 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 22, 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:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE 057-2022022518

Lot No. 96 Block No. 67 Plan No. Psd-04-247444
Portion of: Lot 37, Block 70, Pcs-04-030746
Location: Barangay of Tanauan, Mun. of Tanza, Province of Cavite, Island of Luzon
Boundaries:

LINE	DIRECTION	ADJOINING LOT (S)
1-2	WEST	Lot 94, Block 67, Psd-04-247444
2-3	NORTH	Road Lot 85, Psd-04-247444
3-4	EAST	Lot 98, Block 67, Psd-04-247444
4-1	SOUTH	Lot 95, Block 67, Psd-04-247444

Area: FORTY FOUR (44) SQUARE METERS, more or less

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 time and date, it shall be held on **January 05,** without further notice.
Prospective bidders/buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title to the said property and encumbrances thereon, if any there be.
Trece Martires City, **November 25, 2025.**

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DepDev reinforces
gender mainstreaming
efforts across Calabarzon



CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) — The Regional Development Council (RDC) in Calabarzon has continued to advance gender-responsive institutions and programs across the region with the addition of new experts to its Gender and Development Resource Pool (GDRP).

On November 27, the RDC formally sworn in newly-certified Calabarzon GAD Resource Pool (CGRP) members, reaffirming the collective commitment to promoting gender equality and women's empowerment in the region.

In her message during the contract signing, Department of Economy, Planning, and Development (DepDev) Regional Director Carmel P. Matabang acknowledged the unwavering dedication of CGRP members in responding to the growing demand for technical assistance.

She noted that this development reflects the increasing recognition of the importance of gender-responsive governance across institutions.

"I encourage the new members to embrace

their roles with commitment and professionalism, and I urge continuing members to strengthen collaboration and shared learning. Gender equality thrives through partnership, synergy, and collective action," Matabang said.

To welcome the new members, Ms. Revy Jolongsbayan of DRO IV-A emphasized the importance of integrating Batch 3 into a cohesive network of GAD experts and aligning them with ongoing gender mainstreaming priorities.

This was followed by a presentation from Ms. Frances Lopez on the role of the Regional GAD Committee (RGADC) in regional development, highlighting the committee's mandate to strengthen gender-responsive governance across Calabarzon.

Additionally, Ms. Sara Caliwagan provided a detailed orientation on the Calabarzon GAD Resource Pool, underscoring the roles, functions, and responsibilities expected of its members.

One of the program's highlights was the (Turn to p. 5)

DMW job fair draws Filipinos seeking work in Finland

MANILA – Thousands of Filipino workers flocked to the one-day overseas job fair of the Department of Migrant Workers (DMW) in Mandaluyong City on Wednesday, with lines stretching outside SM Megamall, hoping to get hired and work in Finland.

At the mega job fair, DMW Undersecretary Felicitas Bay said that although only pre-registered applicants were allowed inside, a drop-off system was still provided for walk-ins, noting the long line of hopeful applicants.

“We have available 800 job orders or vacancies for the various sectors, manufacturing, production, and those in the factory setup,” she said.

“It’s only a one-day job fair. But there are recruitment agencies. I mentioned earlier, we have six participating recruitment agencies. Nineteen ang active recruitment agencies na nagpapadala sa Finland (Nineteen recruitment agencies are actively deploying to Finland). So, the job seekers can always check on the website of the participating agencies.”

One of the participating companies, Bondata, is seeking to hire skilled Filipino workers for industrial technology roles in Finland.

Bondata Partnership Director Rebekka Kiljunen shared that their company has been operating in the Philippines for three years and has already hired hundreds of Filipinos.

“We’re very excited to be here. At the moment, our biggest sector is industrial technology. So, we have positions for CNC machinists, we have positions for concrete workers and welders.



JOB IN FINLAND. The Department of Migrant Workers’ (DMW) mega job fair at the SM Megamall in Mandaluyong City, which is part of the Philippines-Finland Friendship Week, is flocked by applicants seeking jobs in Finland on Wednesday (Dec. 3, 2025). The DMW said 800 job orders are available through the six recruitment agencies present during the event. (PNA photo by Marita Moaje)

Welder is a big need that we have at the moment,” she said.

Kiljunen said that successful applicants would have an initial contract of one year, with potential renewal.

Leilani Macaranas of IPAMS, Bondata’s partner recruitment agency, meanwhile, urged applicants to prepare concise resumé highlighting relevant experience, certifications, and machinery handled.

She also reminded applicants to secure essential documents, such as passports, National Bureau of Investigation clearances, and educational credentials.

“Sa experience po namin deploying sa Finland, mga three to four months po, basta medically fit, tapos po mai-issue ka ng visa.

And sa amin po, wala pong babayaran. As in, no placement fee, no processing fee, no salary deduction po kami (In our experience, deploying to Finland takes about three to four months, so long as you are medically fit, then you will be issued a visa. And for us, there is no fee. As in, no placement fee, no processing fee, no salary deduction),” Macaranas said.

Meanwhile, among those who queued up before dawn was 35-year-old Melanie Estrella Paras from Pangasinan, who took the bus at 1 a.m. to attend the fair.

“Gusto ko talagang mag-abroad para matulungan yung family ko, lalo na may dala-wang anak ako. Mahirap din kasi maghanap ng trabaho dito (I really want to go abroad to help my family, especially because I have two children. It’s also difficult to find a job here),” she said.

Another applicant, Arnel Romero, admitted that he was a bit nervous as it was his first time applying for an overseas job, while expressing confidence, noting that he brought with him all the needed documents.

“Bukod sa pagtulong sa pamilya, kasi yun naman ang gusto nating lahat... gusto ko mag-apply kasi karamihan doon sa Finland nadadala yung pamilya (Besides helping the family, because that’s what we all want... I want to apply because most people in Finland get to bring their families with them),” he said.

Bay, meanwhile, warned job seekers against illegal recruit-

WHO issues first guidelines on GLP-1 therapies for obesity

GENEVA – The World Health Organization (WHO) on Monday released its first guidelines on the use of Glucagon-Like Peptide-1 (GLP-1) therapies for treating obesity, responding to what it calls a growing global health crisis affecting more than 1 billion people.

Obesity was linked to 3.7 million deaths in 2024, and the WHO warned that without decisive action, the number of people living with the condition could double by 2030. The GLP-1s are medicines that help people feel fuller for longer.

“Obesity is a major global health challenge that WHO is committed to addressing ... Our new guidance recognizes that obesity is a chronic disease that can be treated with comprehensive and lifelong care,” WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said in a statement.

He added that while “medication alone won’t solve this global health crisis, GLP-1 therapies can help millions overcome obesity and reduce its asso-

ciated harms.”

ers, stressing the importance of verifying whether an agency is licensed and has accredited job orders.

“Check if the agency is licensed, and even if the agency is licensed, meron ba siyang (do they have) job order registered with the DMW?” she said, noting that those eyeing overseas jobs must always check and verify through the DMW website. (PNA)



ciated harms.”

The guidelines said GLP-1 therapies may be used for the long-term treatment of obesity in adults, except pregnant women, though the WHO noted the advice is conditional due to limited long-term safety data, costs, and potential equity concerns.

The WHO also said intensive behavioral interventions, including structured healthy diet and physical activity programs, may be offered alongside the medications to enhance outcomes.

The agency emphasized that obesity is a complex, chronic disease driving cardiovascular illnesses, type 2 diabetes and some cancers, and contribut-

ing to worse outcomes from infectious diseases. The economic toll is projected to reach USD3 trillion annually by 2030.

The agency stressed the need for healthier environments, early interventions for high-risk groups, and life-long, person-centered care.

It also called for urgent action to ensure equitable access to GLP-1 therapies, warning that fewer than 10 percent of those who could benefit are expected to receive them by 2030.

In September, the WHO added GLP-1 therapies to its Essential Medicines List for managing type 2 diabetes in high-risk groups. (Anadolu)

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sharing of insights from seasoned CGRP members. Ms. Genesis Baseleres and Mr. Gino Cabrera delivered heartfelt messages—extending well-wishes, congratulations, and practical advice to the new batch. Their reflections, along with contributions from other Batch 1 and 2 members during the open forum, offered valuable guidance and inspired deeper commitment among participants.

The ceremonial con-

tract signing of Batch 3 served as a formal affirmation of their entry into the CGRP and their pledge to contribute to the region’s GAD initiatives.

With nine new members joining the pool, Calabarzon now has 32 certified GAD experts—the largest GAD Resource Pool in the country—ready to support the region’s growing demand for gender-responsive technical assistance. (PIA4A/DepDev4A)

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FEU-D sets up title duel with NUNS in UAAP boys' basketball

MANILA – Third seed Far Eastern University-Diliman defeated second seed University of Santo Tomas, 82-75, to reach the UAAP Season 88 boys' basketball finals on Wednesday at the Smart Araneta Coliseum.

Led by Dwyne Enriquez and Prince Cariño, the Baby Tamaraws recovered from a five-game slump to arrange a best-of-three title showdown with the National University Nazareth School (NUNS) starting on Dec. 6 at the Big Dome.

FEU-D lost to NUNS, 66-78, and 68-72, in the elimination round.

It will be the second championship duel between the Baby Tamaraws and the Bullpups since the inaugural tournament in Season 86, when Rob Celiz's buzzer-beating triple gave NUNS its first U16 crown.

"Of course, we're very happy that we recovered. We came back here and we beat them here in the knock-out game. I always tell them that no matter how you fall, you have to learn to get back up — not just in basketball, but at home too. You can't just fall,



STANDOUT. Dwyne Enriquez of Far Eastern University-Dilimas makes a jump shot during the game against University of Santo Tomas in the UAAP Season 88 boys' basketball tournament on Wednesday (Dec. 3, 2025) at the SMART Araneta Coliseum in Quezon City. The Baby Tamaraws won, 82-75. (UAAP photo)

you're just there," said FEU-D head coach Muriel Garcia.

FEU-D scored 11 straight points to take a 68-59 lead in the fourth quarter, before UST rallied to trim the gap, 64-68.

Enriquez, Cariño and Prince Pineda scored back-to-back baskets, giving the Baby Tamaraws a 79-70 advantage, 1:27 left.

Enriquez delivered 22 points, seven rebounds, and four steals, while Cariño had 21 points, 22 rebounds, two blocks, and one assist for FEU-D, which prevailed over Adamson University, 90-76, in the stepladder quarterfinals on Nov. 30 to advance against UST in the semis.

Andrei Chavez chipped in 12 points,

seven rebounds, four assists, and two blocks, while Pineda added 11 points, 10 rebounds, five assists, and one steal.

Rowie Cabañero had 18 points, nine rebounds, eight assists, and two steals, while CJ Tabbuga contributed 14 points, 14 rebounds, five assists, and three steals as UST settled for third place after a runner-up finish in Season 87.

Gab Castro made 12 points, four rebounds, and one block, while Miguel Jubilado and Dave Regala had nine points each for the Tiger Cubs, who earned an outright semifinals ticket for ranking second in the elimination round with a 10-4 card. (PNA)

La Salle forces rubber match vs. NU

MANILA – De La Salle University pulled off an 87-77 victory over top-ranked National University on Wednesday at the Smart Araneta Coliseum to force a rubber match in the UAAP Season 88 men's basketball semifinal.

Jacob Cortez delivered 13 points, four assists, and two steals, while Mike Phillips had 12 points, 17 rebounds, and two blocks for the fourth-seeded Green Archers, who will try to secure a Finals berth with a victory in Game 2 on Saturday.

Kean Baclaan has returned from an MCL injury, and EJ Gollena from suspension.

"We're extremely grateful and blessed to be here. Again, we just tried to prolong the series," said head coach Topex Robinson.

"Kean only got back in practice last week, so the guys decided to put in more work with this lineup. We're up against the No. 1 team, so it's always going to be a battle," he added.

Behind Mason Amos, JC Macalalag, and Cortez, the Green Archers extended their lead to 71-54 in the fourth quarter.

"Thank God Mason and Kean are back with us. Mason hit a couple of big shots, Kean played composed. We're still focused on the next game, which is do-or-die. We know NU's going to come out hard—it's up to us to focus on what we're going to do," said Cortez.

Gollena and Vhoris Marasigan chipped in 11 and 10 points, respectively. Macalalag and Pablo scored nine apiece, and Amos had eight points, including two triples in the



TOP SCORER. Jacob Cortez of De La Salle University aims for the basket against Reinhard Jumamoy of National University in the UAAP Season 88 men's basketball semifinal at the Smart Araneta Coliseum on Wednesday (Dec. 3, 2025). Cortez scored 13 points in leading the Green Archers to victory, 87-77. (UAAP photo)

fourth quarter.

Figueroa paced NU with 20 points, 10 rebounds, and four assists, followed by Omar John with 12 points and five rebounds.

Meanwhile, defending champion NU nipped Ateneo, 67-66, to forge a title showdown with unbeaten University of Santo Tomas.

The Lady Bulldogs, ranked second in the stepladder playoffs with a 12-2 record, will be making their 11th straight championship appearance.

NU held a 9-1 run behind Ann Pingol, Tin Cayabyab, and Marga Villanueva to tie the count at 66-all, one minute remaining. Angel Surada split her charities off Nigerian center Sarah Makanjoula to seal the win.

"First of all, I want to thank the coaches and teammates for their effort. We dedicate this game to Coach DA. I'm proud of my teammates for their efforts because they didn't give up until the final buzzer," said Surada, who had 15 points, eight rebounds, six steals, two assists, and one block.

NU's seven-year

reign ended when UST won Season 86, but the Lady Bulldogs managed to reclaim the title last season.

"Speechless. As I said, we weren't playing that well during this game, but the positive thing for this game is our players, everybody, did not quit. They didn't give up until the end even though things weren't going our way. I can't teach them that desire to win — they themselves, they didn't quit until the final buzzer," said NU head coach DA Olan.

Villanueva paced NU with 16 points, including four triples, alongside three rebounds, two steals, and one block.

Cayabyab had 15 points, two rebounds, two assists, and one steal, while Pingol added 10 points, six rebounds, five steals, and one assist.

Kacey dela Rosa delivered 18 points, 22 rebounds, six assists, and three steals, while Camille Malagar also had 18 points with six rebounds, two steals, and one assist as the Blue Eagles improved to third after three consecutive fourth-place finishes. (PNA)