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Marcos calls for compassion, solidarity as Ramadan begins

MANILA – President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. on Wednesday called on Muslim Filipinos to let the Holy Month of Ramadan deepen their faith and strengthen solidarity within their communities, as he joined them in marking the start of the sacred observance.

“I join our Muslim brothers and sisters around the world as you enter the Holy Month of Ramadan,” Marcos said in his message made public by the National Commission on Muslim Filipinos (NCMF).

Ramadan, observed through fasting from

dawn to sunset, prayer, reflection, and acts of charity, is one of the Five Pillars of Islam.

In the Philippines, it is solemnly observed across the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) and in Muslim communities nationwide.

The NCMF said Ramadan in the Philippines will begin on Thursday, after no crescent moon was sighted on Tuesday night.

In his message, the President underscored the spiritual discipline at the heart of the month-long obser-

vance.

“In every hour devoted to prayer and reflection, you open yourselves to the presence of Allah by cultivating discipline, humility, and compassion – drawing closer to the values of mercy, justice, and service that Ramadan calls forth,” he said.

He described Ramadan as sacred ground for renewal, not only personal but communal.

“Upon this dedication, we stand on sacred ground – a place of renewal – where
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Farmer-scientists push for climate-smart agri communities

TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite (PIA) — The country’s farmer-scientists, or those who combine traditional farming experience with modern technology, have renewed their commitment in helping shape the agriculture industry by promoting sustainable and resource-efficient practices.

The Agriculture

Training Institute (ATI) in CALABARZON reminded the farmers of their role during a seminar on Circular Economy for Magsasaka Siyentista marking ATI’s 39th anniversary celebration.

The session underscored the importance of farmers in the country’s food production chain as active part-

ners in shaping practical and innovative agriculture solutions.

It also highlighted that combining field



CPD: Education key to curbing teenage, unplanned pregnancies

MANILA – The Commission on Population and Development (CPD) on Tuesday underscored the critical role of education in addressing the rising cases of teenage and unplanned pregnancies, particularly among girls aged 10 to 14.

CPD Information and Communication Management Division chief Mylin Mirasol Quiray, in an interview over Bagong Pilipinas Ngayon, cited data from the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) showing 138,697 live births among females aged

10 to 19.

Of the total, 3,560 cases involved girls aged 10 to 14 in 2024, up from 3,343 in 2023, which Quiray described as “alarming.”

“So, gusto talaga natin na mayroon talagang link ang education (we really want the ed-
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(PNA file photo by Yancy Lim)

Expanded Lifeline Rate Law gives 100% discount to 4Ps households

MANILA – Beneficiaries of the Department of Social Welfare

and Development’s (DSWD) Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) are automatically registered under the electricity subsidy for low-consumption households program as mandated by Republic Act No. 11552 or the Expanded Lifeline Rate Law, and given a 100 percent discount under the Lifeline Rate Subsidy Program (LRSP).

“Ngayon ang ating mga 4Ps beneficiaries automatic po mare-register dito sa programa na ito at awtomatiko po mag-

kakaroon ng 100 percent discount o walang babayaran kung yung kanilang monthly consumption ay hindi hihigit sa 50 kilowatt per hour (4Ps beneficiaries are automatically registered under this program and automatically gets a 100 percent discount, or will pay nothing, if their monthly electricity consumption will not exceed 50 kilowatt hours),” DSWD spokesperson Assistant Secretary Irene Dumlaog said in a televised interview on
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spiritual growth bears fruit not only in our own lives, but also in the lives of those entrusted to our care," he said.

The President invoked the example of the Prophet Muhammad, whose encounter with the Almighty through the revelations of the Holy Qur'an is central to the meaning of Ramadan.

"Like the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) who encountered the Almighty through the revelations of the Holy Qur'an, may your faith be deepened and your commitment be renewed to live out His teachings," he said.

He also emphasized sacrifice and self-emptying as pathways to spiritual fulfillment.

"Let every fast be a moment of self-emptying that fills your personal and spiritual hunger," he said.

He encouraged Muslims to use the sacred month to reinforce uni-

ty and shared responsibility.

"During these blessed hours, may you find opportunity to reinvigorate your solidarity and rekindle your shared concern for one another. Continue becoming a vessel of kindness, understanding, and empowerment throughout this sacred month and beyond," he said.

Marcos assured Muslim Filipinos of his support and goodwill.

"Rest assured that I stand with you in prayer and goodwill for the flourishing of your communities, loved ones, and families," he said.

Ramadan follows the Islamic lunar calendar and concludes with Eid al-Fitr.

Eid al-Fitr, one of Islam's two major holidays aside from Eid al-Adha (Feast of Sacrifice), is declared a regular holiday under Republic Act 9177. (PNA)

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education to have a link) because education is always a protective factor against early sexual engagement and early pregnancy and early childbirth," she said.

Quiray noted that many early pregnancies are recorded among girls from low-income families, highlighting the link between poverty, limited educational opportunities and increased vulnerability.

She said a comprehensive reproductive health education and life skills training must be strengthened both in schools and

communities to equip young people with the knowledge and confidence to make informed decisions.

The CPD is working with local government units (LGUs) to roll out programs such as "Parent-Teen Talk," which encourages open communication between parents and children on sexuality and responsible decision-making, and continues to implement Executive Order No. 141, issued in 2021, which prioritizes the prevention of adolescent pregnancy through a whole-of-government

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Wednesday.

"Kapag naman po nag-exceed ng 50 kilowatt hour, meron pa rin po silang diskwento na ipo-provide ng mga distribution utilities na nakakasakop sa kanila (If ever they exceed 50 kWh, distribution facilities will still provide them discounts)," the DSWD spokesperson added.

The lifeline rate is a "subsidy on monthly electricity bills" granted to low-income households "and marginalized end-users" that have difficulty paying their electricity bills at full cost, as provided under Section 73 of the Electric Power Industry Reform Act (EPIRA).

R.A. 11552 (Expanded Lifeline Rate Law) further strengthened this social protection mechanism by clearly identifying qualified beneficiaries, including households covered by the 4Ps.

While registration under the LRSP is automatic, the actual grant of the lifeline subsidy remains subject to compliance with the monthly electricity consumption threshold set by the Energy

approach.

The agency also supports school-based reproductive health education integrated into the Department of Education (DepEd) curriculum.

Misinformation from social media, lack of parental guidance, and limited access to services contribute to unplanned pregnancies, Quiray said.

Beyond prevention, Quiray emphasized the need to help young mothers return to school and acquire skills to prevent repeat pregnancies and improve their long-term prospects.

Regulatory Commission (ERC).

The ERC has adopted a uniform national lifeline consumption threshold of 0 to 50 kWh, which entitled qualified marginalized end-users to a 100 percent discount on applicable electricity charges within this consumption level.

For distribution utilities (DUs) with existing ERC-approved thresholds above 50 kWh, current discount structures for higher consumption levels will continue to apply.

Under the Supplementary and Amending Framework for the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR), all qualified 4Ps beneficiaries included in the latest DSWD-certified list shall be automatically registered under the LRSP, subject to data matching with customer records of distribution utilities.

Pursuant to the instructions of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr., the DSWD will continue to bridge 4Ps beneficiaries to the programs and services of other government agencies or private in-

Citing a study by economist Dr. Alejandro Herrin, she said teenage pregnancy is linked to an estimated PHP33 billion annual economic loss, underscoring its broader impact on national development.

The CPD urged parents to actively engage in early and age-appropriate discussions about sexuality, boundaries, and responsible behavior, stressing that family involvement, education, and access to accurate information are vital to safeguarding the country's youth. (PNA)

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forcing that farmers are active partners in shaping the country's agriculture practices.

Dr. Rolando Maningas, Center Director for ATI CALABARZON, in a statement, emphasized the importance of similar learning sessions in bridging the gap between traditional farming and technological innovations to promote environmentally responsible agricultural communities.

"Through concrete examples and grounded discussions, the session underscored the importance of resilience, environmental

responsibility, and sustainability, strengthening the Center's role as a vital bridge between innovation and the field, and supporting the development of climate-smart and environmentally responsible agricultural communities."

The farmer-scientists also renewed their oath to reiterate their commitment to applying the knowledge and innovation provided by the DA-ATI in shaping their farming and fishing communities to become more productive and resilient. (PB-PIA CALABARZON, ATI CALABARZON)

stitutions to ensure that they will not slide back to poverty.

The 4Ps is the national poverty reduction strategy and human capital investment program that provides

conditional cash transfers to poor households for a maximum period of seven years to improve their children's health, nutrition, and education. (PNA)

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Cavite PESO Managers hold 1st quarter meeting, elect new officers

The Office of the Provincial Public Employment Service Manager (OP-PESM) successfully hosted the 1st Quarter Meeting and Election of Officers of Cavite PESO Managers, Inc. recently, at the New Provincial Government Center in Trece Martires City.

The meeting gathered PESO managers from cities and municipalities of the province and discussed the plans, programs, and collaborative initiatives aimed at strengthening employment facilitation and workforce development in Cavite. It also served as a venue to align priorities and reinforce coordination among PESO offices.

A key highlight of the activity was the election of new officers who will lead the Cavite PESO Managers, Inc. for the current term. Dr. Abraham D. De Castro, Bacoor City PESO Manager was elected as President, while Ms. Rizalie P. Enero, Provincial Public Employment Service Manager was chosen as Vice President. The PESO Manager of Silang, Mr. John Christian Paolo M. Belen was elected as Secretary, Ms. Lynette M. Bayot, PESO Amadeo as Treasurer, Mr. Jon P. Gozo, PESO City of General Trias as Auditor, and Mr. Edwin E. Tolentino, PESO City of Carmona as Public Relations Officer (PRO).

The newly elected officers expressed their commitment to further enhance cooperation among PESO offices and to actively support employment programs and services for Caviteños. The meeting concluded with a shared resolve to continue working together in advancing inclusive and responsive employment initiatives across the province.--- OPIO



PGCECC charts 2026 cooperative roadmap

The Provincial Government of Cavite Employees and Community Multi-Purpose Cooperative (PGCECC) held its Yearend Evaluation and Planning for 2026 recently at the New Provincial Government Center in Trece Martires City, gathering cooperative officers, committee members, and management to set the course for another year of growth and service.

Chairperson Sheryl H. Loyola delivered the opening remarks setting the tone for a forward-looking agenda, while cooperative officers, and management prepared to map out plans for the year ahead.

Highlights included committee evaluation of past year accomplishments and the presentation of 2026 plans, and awarding of laptops, printers, and bond papers to PGCECC’s small brother cooperatives, equipping them to strengthen operations and achieve sustainable growth. The program also honored Director Stella Angcaya, marking 20 years of service, and Ms. Darianne Borja, 10 years, with Plaques of Recognition and cash incentive for their dedicated service.

Vice Chairperson Anne Minette M. Dastas delivered Words of Challenge, inspiring officers to uphold unity and excellence. The event concluded with closing remarks from General Manager Angelina C. Bergonio, emphasizing strategic direction and shared responsibility as the cooperative moves confidently into 2026.--- OPIO

DOH extends measles vaccination drive until Feb. 20

MANILA - The Department of Health (DOH) has extended its “Ligtas Tigdas” vaccination campaign until Feb. 20, 2026, as more than 2.2 million children in Mindanao and the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region (BARMM) have already been immunized against measles.

In its situation report on Monday, the DOH said 2,299,034 children aged six to

59 months have been vaccinated under the intensified drive from Jan. 19 to Feb. 15.

BARMM posted the highest number of vaccinated children at 511,321, equivalent to 89 percent of its target.

Region IX (Zamboanga Peninsula) followed with 447,186 (85 percent), Region X (Northern Mindanao) with 437,876 (84 percent), Region XII (Soccsksargen) with 343,677 (76 percent),

Region XI (Davao) with 328,185 (64 percent), and Caraga with 230,789 (86 percent).

Despite the progress, thousands of children remain unvaccinated, including 184,824 in Region XI, 107,573 in Region XII, 85,743 in Region X, 76,520 in Region IX, 65,909 in Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, and 38,506 in Caraga.

The DOH said the ex-

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Commemoration of Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo’s 62nd Death Anniversary

On February 6, 2026, National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP), in partnership with the Municipality of Kawit and the Provincial Government of Cavite, led the commemorative rites marking the 62nd Death Anniversary of General Emilio Aguinaldo at the Museo ni Emilio Aguinaldo in Kawit, Cavite.

The solemn wreath-laying ceremony was attended by distinguished officials who paid tribute to the country’s first President. 5th District Board Member Aidel Paul G. Belamide took part in the activity, representing Governor Francisco Gabriel D. Remulla.

Also present was Kawit Vice Mayor Angelo Emilio G. Aguinaldo, who represented Mayor Cynthia “Armie” G. Aguinaldo, showing the local

government’s continued commitment to honoring the town’s rich historical legacy.

The event was further graced by key personalities, including Carmin-da R. Arevalo, Executive Director of the NHCP, and Cavite 1st District Representative Ramon “Jolo” Revilla III, who joined in remembering the life and enduring contributions of General Emilio Aguinaldo to Philippine history.--- OPIO

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FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-842-25

PHILIPPINE NATIONAL BANK,
In its capacity as Assignee-Mortgagee
of PNB Savings Bank,
Mortgagee,

-versus-

SPS. GIL E. BARROZ, JR. AND
MA. CECILIA V. BARROZ,
Debtors/Mortgagors,

X-----X

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed by **PHILIPPINE NATIONAL BANK In its capacity as Assignee-Mortgagee of PNB Savings Bank** with business address at PNB Financial Center, Pres. Diosdado P. Macapagal Blvd., Pasay City against the Debtor/Mortgagor, **SPS. GIL E. BARROZ, JR. and MA. CECILIA V. BARROZ**, with residence and postal addresses at (1) 114 Reyes Circle St., 4th Estate Subd., Brgy. San Antonio, Parañaque City (2) Lot 3, Block 30 Phase 7B, Elliston Place, Brgy. Pasong Camachile 2, General Trias, Cavite and (3) #0114 (D) Reyes Cpd St., 4th Estate Subd., San Antonio, Parañaque City, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of October 30, 2025 amounts to **THREE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY THREE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY ONE PESOS and 96/100 (P3,533,781.96)**, Philippine Currency, inclusive of interest but exclusive of foreclosure expenses, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on **March 4, 2026** 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 NO. 057-2021053642

LOT NO:3 Block No. 30 Plan No. Pcs-04-030042
Portion of: Lot 2506; Lot 2510-B, Psd-40866, LRC Record No. 5964

Location: Barangay of Pasong Camachile 2, Municipality of Gen. Trias, Province of Cavite, Island of Luzon

Boundaries:

LINE	DIRECTION	ADJOINING LOT (S)
1-2	SE	Road Lot 33, Pcs-04-030042
2-3	SW	Lot 2 Block 30, Pcs-04-030042
3-4	NW	Lot 2504, RS-04-004854
4-1	NE	Lot 4, Block 30, Pcs-04-030042

AREA: FORTY EIGHT SQUARE METERS (48), 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 date and time, it shall be held on **March 18, 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, **February 4, 2026.**

JOSELITO L. ARANDA
Sheriff IV

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(3) #0114 (D) Reyes Cpd St., 4th Estate Subd., San Antonio, Parañaque City

Meralco secures baseload supply requirements



POWER SUPPLY. Manila Electric Company on Tuesday (Feb. 17, 2026) said Sual Power Inc. has been chosen to provide the distribution utility's 200-megawatt baseload supply requirements. In a statement, Meralco said SPI submitted the lowest offer of PHP4.2955/kilowatt-hour through a competitive selection process witnessed by several sectors, including consumer groups. (PNA file photo)

MANILA – Sual Power Inc. was chosen to provide Manila Electric Company's (Meralco) 200-megawatt (MW) baseload supply requirements, after submitting the lowest offer of PHP4.2955 per kilowatt hour (kWh).

In a statement Tuesday, the Manny V. Pangilinan-led Meralco said six of the 15 generation companies that expressed intent to bid for the distribution utility's baseload supply requirement submitted a total capacity of 531 MW on Feb. 16.

"As in previous years, this CSP (competitive selection process) has successfully secured the required power supply for customers at the lowest possible cost, achieved through an open and transparent process," Meralco Bids and Awards Committee for Power Supply Agreements (BAC-PSA) chair Lawrence Fernandez said.

Other generation companies considered

for the requirement include Mariveles Power Generation Corporation, which offered PHP4.3805/kWh for 200 MW of supply; Bac-Man Geothermal Inc., PHP4.5187/kWh for 35 MW; and San Manuel Solar Inc., PHP4.5787/kWh for 46 MW.

Also, ACEN Corporation, PHP5.2087/kWh for 25 MW; and First Gen Hydro Power Corporation, PHP5.4906/kWh for 25 MW.

Meralco said they tapped consumer groups as among the CSP observers and the submission of bids process was livestreamed on Meralco's YouTube page.

The CSP is in line with the requirement of the Department of Energy and the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC), and securing the 200 MW baseload requirement is for compliance with the Renewable Portfolio Standards, subject to ERC's approval. (Joann Villanueva/PNA)

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FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-764-25

BDO UNIBANK, INC.,
Mortgagee,
-versus-

SPS. JEFFREY F. TARUC AND
ROVELYN A. TARUC,
Debtors/Mortgagors,

X-----X

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Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed by Mortgagee, **BDO UNIBANK, INC.**, with business address at 33rd Floor, BDO Corporate Center Ortigas, No. 12 ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City against the Debtors/Mortgagors, **SPS. JEFFREY F. TARUC and ROVELYN A. TARUC**, with postal addresses at (1) No. 0319 D. de Leon St., Tambo, Parañaque City (occupied by Mortgagors), and (2) Block 22, Lot 3, Phase 151 Amaia Scapes Cavite, Arnaldo Highway, Brgy. Santiago, Gen. Trias, Cavite (not occupied) to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of October 17, 2025 amounts to **TWO MILLION THREE HUNDRED SEVENTEEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY PESOS and 95/100 (PHP2,317,670.95)**, Philippine Currency, including interest, penalties and other charges as of said date but exclusive of all other expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on **March 4, 2026** 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 No. 057-2019027679

A parcel of land (Lot 3, Blk. 22 of the consolidation & subdivision plan, Pcs-04-026861, being a portion of Lots 2374-A, Fls-2049-D & Lot 2372 San Francisco de Malabon Estate & Lots 2374-B-1 & 2374-B-2, Psd-04-030238), situated in the Barangay of Santiago, Municipality of General Trias, Province of Cavite, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the SE., along line 1-2 by Road Lot 20; on the SW., along line 2-3 by Lot 2, Blk. 22, both of the consolidation & subdivision plan; on the NW., along line 3-4 by Lot 2368 San Francisco de Malabon Estate; and on the NE., along line 4-1 by Lot 5, Blk. 22 of the consolidation & subdivision plan. Beginning at a point marked "1" on plan. **x x x containing an area of FORTY SIX (46) SQUARE METERS, more or less x x x**

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date and time, it shall be held on **March 18, 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, **February 04, 2026.**

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FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-763-25

BDO UNIBANK, INC.,
 Mortgagee,

-versus-

**SPS. JINKY M. PEÑAREDONDO AND
 JERSON A. PEÑAREDONDO**
 Debtors/Mortgagors,

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TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 057-2023034966

LOT NO:21 Block No. 6 Plan No. Pcs-04-032313
Portion of: Consolidation and subdivision of Lots 1026-A & 1026-B both of (LRA) Psd-E2016007004 1027-DD-2 (LRA) Psd-E2016003356, 1029-A & 1029-B, both of (LRA) Psd-E2016004559, 1031, FRS-04-006030 & 1032-A & 1032-B, both of Psd-04-247824, LRC Record No. 6832
Location: Barangay of Mulawin & Sanja Mayor, Municipality of Tanza, Province of Cavite, Island of Luzon

Boundaries:

LINE	DIRECTION	ADJOINING LOT (S)
1-2	NE	Lot 13, Block 6, Pcs-04-032313
2-3	NE	Lot 12, Block 6, Pcs-04-032313
3-4	SE	Lot 22, Block 6, Pcs-04-032313
4-5	SW	Road Lot 14 (8.00 m wide), Pcs-04-032313
5-1	NW	Lot 20, Block 6, Pcs-04-032313

AREA: ONE HUNDRED (100) SQUARE METERS, more or less

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Trece Martires City, February 04, 2026.

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DepEd highlights importance of public-private partnership to improve learners' literacy

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) — The Department of Education (DepEd) reaffirmed its commitment to improving learners' literacy through strengthened public-private partnerships in support of the BINHI Reading Program, one of the agency's key initiatives aimed at enhancing foundational reading skills among students.

DepEd Secretary Sonny Angara, during his visit to the Calamba Central Elementary School on Monday, February 9, where the program is being implemented, emphasized that collaboration with private partners has played a significant role in expanding the reach of literacy interventions, providing additional learning resources, and strengthening teacher capacity-building efforts.

"This is a big help because we know that sometimes we lack materials or the delivery of materials gets delayed. That's why this is really good to see—every child has their own reading kits, and it truly helps even at a young age. It also makes learning enjoyable. The children are very engaged, and this shows how valuable our private partnerships with DepEd really are," Angara said.

The BINHI Reading Program, initiated by BINHI Foundation Inc., is designed to



address learning gaps in literacy, particularly among early-grade learners who require focused intervention in reading and comprehension. Through structured reading sessions, assessment tools, and targeted instructional strategies, the program seeks to ensure that students develop essential literacy skills at an early stage.

For BINHI Program Kit 0 Teacher Ivy Roquero, the program is deemed effective as it is structured progressively to match the learners' developmental stages, ensuring that each child builds strong foundational skills before moving on to more complex reading tasks.

"It is helping our students, and we see it every day based on their performances in every activity, you see progress. In Kit 0 (kindergarten), we focus more on learning the sounds—how to blend and how to segment words. When they move to Kit 1,

which usually starts in Grade 1, the learners begin reading sentences, phrases, and even paragraphs, already with comprehension. One of the goals of BINHI is, as much as possible, to develop learners into analytical thinkers," Roquero stated.

The department has likewise implemented the ARAL Program or the Accelerating Reading and Literacy, which aligns with the objectives of the BINHI Reading Program, that strengthens foundational skills through structured interventions, targeted assessments, and focused support for learners who are struggling with reading.

"This is very good because as early as Kindergarten and Grade 1, children are already

learning how to read and understand. That is truly the directive of President Marcos—to focus on literacy and basic reading. So this is very timely. We also have the ARAL Program, so everything is aligned. We will be able to help everyone and ensure that no child is left behind," Angara emphasized.

Through sustained collaboration and innovation, DepEd remains optimistic that strengthened partnerships will further enhance the implementation of the BINHI and ARAL programs, ultimately cultivating a stronger culture of reading and equipping Filipino learners with the essential skills needed for life-long learning and future success. (AM/PIA CALABARZON)

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tension aims to reach more children below five years old and prevent potential measles outbreaks.

It also underscored

its call for parents and guardians to bring their children to the nearest vaccination site or health center. (PNA)

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England runners rule Open Masters Games Abu Dhabi half marathon

ABU DHABI – Two runners from England secured a 1-2 finish in the half marathon of the Open Masters Games Abu Dhabi 2026 (OMGAD) at Hudayriyat Islands in the United Arab Emirates on Sunday.

Nicholas Grant Bester ran as if he had already joined organized tournaments in the past, as he finished way ahead in one hour, 9 minutes and 43 seconds to emerge as the overall champion in the men's category.

"This win is awesome. This is my first time to join an organized game. So beautiful out there, you've got the desert, the ocean views, and the buildings. The views in this island are really awesome," the 36-year-old Bester, who competed in the 35+ age division.

Adam Tuck, also of England, came in second with a time of 1:16.43 to top the 45+ class, while Hsiang Che-weng of Taiwan finished third overall and first in the 50+ group with a time of 1:18.14.

Tifanne Thayne of Canada clocked 1:25.23 to win the women's category and finish 14th overall in the event, also joined by para athletes.

Simone Walter of the United States finished second in 1:26.01, followed by Chaoling



KINGS OF THE ROAD. England runners Nicholas Grant Bester (left) and Adam Tuck shake hands after pulling out a 1-2 finish in the men's division of the half marathon event at the Open Masters Games Abu Dhabi 2026 (OMGAD) at Hudayriyat Islands in the United Arab Emirates on Sunday (Feb. 15, 2025). Tifanne Thayne of Canada clocked 1:25.23 to win the women's category and finish 14th overall. (PNA photo by Avito Dalan)

Dong, a Chinese trail runner, with a time of 1:26.01.

Best Filipino finisher

Davao City native James Campoamor was the best Filipino finisher with a time of 1:39.18 to finish 29th

overall and fifth place in the men's 30+ category.

"My goal here is to improve my personal record," Campoamor, an overseas Filipino worker (OFW) in the UAE, said.

Palace open to study on social media curbs amid teen pregnancy rise

MANILA – Malacañang on Wednesday said it is open to studying proposals to regulate minors' use of social media following reports linking increased teenage pregnancies to online exposure.

Palace Press Officer Claire Castro said lawmakers' suggestions

to limit social media access for children deserve careful review.

"Magandang suggestion po iyan pero kailangang aralin po (That's a good suggestion but it needs to be studied)," Castro said.

"Kailangang aralin dahil ang social media naman po ay may positive, may nega-

UST advances to UAAP high school beach volleyball semis

MANILA – University of Santo Tomas rolled to its fifth straight win in the girls division to boost its title campaign in the UAAP Season 88 high school beach volleyball at Sands SM By The Bay.

Grithney Dadang and Angelica Del Mar dominated Ateneo's Louise Atienza and Jelena Dait, 21-9, 21-6, and University of the East's Janella Mangahis and Nicole Agustin, 21-6, 21-3, to reach the Final Four over the weekend.

Defending champion National University Nazareth School, meanwhile, moved closer to securing a semis berth with a 4-1 card after Faith Mangyao and Alaiza Candelario conquered De La Salle-Zobel's Aislinn Alemaña and Tessa Bonafe, 21-10, 21-16, and Ateneo's Atienza and Ainsly Santiago, 21-7, 21-10.

Adamson University remained in third place with a 3-1 slate after Maegan Pineda and Ella Gonzalvo pulled off a 21-7, 21-5 victory over UE's Mangahis and Agustin.

Far Eastern University-Diliman's Franz Premaylon and Alexa Amana prevailed

over University of the Philippines Integrated School's Anya Capus and Niña Abad, 19-21, 21-17, 15-13, to forge a three-way tie for fourth place with UP and DLSZ at 2-2. In the boys division, UST and NUNS finished with identical 5-0 records to grab the first two semifinal slots.



DYNAMIC DUO. University of Santo Tomas pair Grithney Dadang (left) and Angelica Del Mar react after securing a semifinal berth in the UAAP Season 88 high school beach volleyball at Sands SM By The Bay over the weekend. They beat Ateneo's Louise Atienza and Jelena Dait, 21-9, 21-6, and University of the East's Janella Mangahis and Nicole Agustin, 21-6, 21-3. (UAAP photo)

UST's Mark Bihag and JP Apidian defeated UPIS' Marco Bamba and Prince Jimenez, 21-12, 21-11, and UE's Mharl Dullete and Cedie Camposano, 21-8, 21-12.

NUNS' Kian Tan and Ethan Jadraque, on the other hand, downed UE's Dullete and Em-

plemented.)" The Commission on Population and Development (CPD) earlier reported rising cases of teenage pregnancy, including among girls aged 10 to 14, with social media exposure cited as one of the contributing factors.

Castro said the government is addressing the issue through ongoing sex education programs implemented by the Department of Health (DOH), in

man Marcelino, 21-16, 24-22, and Ateneo's Antonio Castillo and Ymanuel Cervantes, 21-2, 21-8.

UE slid to 3-2, ahead Adamson University, which improved to 2-2 after Brice Malinao and James Bernabe outplayed De La Salle-Zobel's John Kooper Arguelles and Brett Urriquia, 21-16, 21-14.

FEU-Diliman finally barged into the win column after Sam Coronel and Kenneth Maliwanag downed Ateneo's Xavier Castillo and Cervantes, 21-14, 21-10.

FEU-D, UP and DLSZ have similar 1-3 slates. (PNA)

line with existing laws and cultural standards.

She added adolescent health services are available and accessible without parental consent, except in cases requiring treatment or prescribed medication.

The Palace is also coordinating with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) for additional interventions. (PNA)