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Cavite is fastest-growing province in CALABARZON for 2025 – PSA

BACOOR CITY, Cavite (PIA) – Cavite Province reported the fastest economic growth in the CALABARZON for the year 2025, posting a 6.7 percent increase in its Gross Domestic Product (GDP) according to the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA).

In its report on the 2025 Provincial Product Accounts, the PSA noted that the GDP of Cavite Province was valued at Php 875.67 billion in 2025 from Php 820.76 billion in 2024.

Meanwhile, the province's estimated per capita GDP was valued at Php 181, 561 which is a 4.6 percent increase in 2024.

A key indicator of local economic growth, per capita GDP indicates the average economic value or output by each person in a given area.

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Expect less rainfall until early 2027, PAGASA warns amid Super El Niño

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) — Rainfall in the CALABARZON region may be significantly reduced by up to 60 percent until early 2027 due to the drier conditions brought by the super El Niño, according to PAGASA.

Bernadeth Lucillo, PAGASA Weather Specialist, in an interview said the region may experience less rainfall by up to 20 to 60 percent in October. By November, rainfall may be further reduced in the provinces of Batangas, Cavite and Rizal, as well as the upper part of Laguna province.

"Pagdating ng October, halos buong CALABARZON ay inaasahan na mayroon tayong reduction ng 20 to 60 percent of rainfall. Pagdating naman ng November may reduction na sa western Batangas, whole of Cavite, whole of Rizal, [at] upper part of Laguna may reduction na ng 60 percent sa rainfall na natatanggap nila. Then the rest may reduction na ng 20 to 60 percent."

Lucillo added that the reduced amount to rainfall may continue until January 2027, and is expected to further dwindle during the drier months of February and March.

"Pagdating lalo ng February and March, parang whole of CALABARZON na ay mayroong kakulangan sa pag-ulan na greater than 60 percent, although maliliit naman talaga 'yung inaasahan nating pag-ulan during these months."

Traditionally, El Niño and La Niña phenomena take place every five to seven years. However, these extreme weather conditions

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DOH monitoring Russia outbreak

MANILA, Philippines — The Department of Health is closely monitoring developments in Russia involving the death of a laboratory technician at a plague research institute, as well as recommendations from the World Health Organization (WHO).

The DOH said it is prepared to respond should additional measures become necessary, citing a recent evaluation that affirmed the country's capacity to meet the requirements of the International Health Regulations.

"The Bureau of Quarantine is ensuring that travelers are appropriately screened and that vector surveillance for rodents and rodent fleas on incoming cargo and vessels is strictly implemented. We will keep everyone apprised should

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CFO continues to provide counselling programs, ensuring safety of Filipinos migrating abroad

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) — To promote safe migration and ensure accurate migration data, the Commission on Filipinos Overseas (CFO) reiterated its programs for Filipinos leaving the country to settle permanently abroad, which prepare prospective migrants for their rights, responsibilities, and obligations in their destination countries.

In an interview during the Philippine Information Agency's (PIA) radio program on September 29, Emigrant Services Officer Cleo Ann Cunan stated that CFO assists in registering and providing pre-departure orientation seminars to emigrants, or known as Pre-Departure Orientation Seminar (PDOS), as well as Guidance Counselling Program to guide Filipinos migrating to other countries.

According to Cunan, the program provides counseling sessions for Filipinos with foreign partners who plan to move and reside permanently in another country, with the aim of preventing cases of exploitation and human trafficking through proper guidance, information, and support.

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WHO says 'low' risk in Russia following plague reports
Agence France-Presse

GENEVA, Switzerland — The World Health Organization said Tuesday that it deemed the public health risk across Russia to be low, following reports that a laboratory technician had died of plague.

A worker at the anti-plague institute in Siberia's Irkutsk region reportedly died of pneumonic plague, and news of the death sparked international alarm.

"A woman who worked at a laboratory in Irkutsk oblast has died, and the authorities are looking into whether pneumonic plague caused her death," WHO spokesman Christian Lindmeier said.

"To date, no cause of death has been officially confimed and laboratory testing is reportedly under way," he told a press briefing.

The technician -- named as 28-year-old Darya Shipilova -- worked at an institute that studies dangerous pathogens, including plague, in a part of Siberia where plague occurs naturally in wild animals, the spokesman said.

Russian authorities were looking into whether pneumonic plague caused her death, he said.

"The WHO initial risk assessment from the information available estimates the risk to be moderate to low for Irkutsk, a low risk for the Russian Federation as a whole, and very low for the WHO European region."

Lindmeier said Russian authorities had identified the people she was in contact with and was monitoring them.

He said the WHO was in touch with the Russian health authorities to verify the event and the laboratory tests.

The UN health agency saw the reports on Friday and began monitoring the situation.

The WHO brought in technical experts at its European regional office in Copenhagen and at its global headquarters in Geneva, including specialists in high-threat pathogens.

"WHO is following the situation closely," and stands ready to support the Russian authorities if they ask, the spokesman said.

'Community-acquired pneumonia'

On Saturday the WHO contacted the Russian authorities to get more information, under the International Health Regulations.

The IHR provide a legally-binding framework defining countries' rights and obligations in handling public health events and emergencies that could cross borders, and countries are asked to respond within 24 hours.

Russia got back to the WHO on Tuesday.

"In response to the inquiry regarding a suspected case of plague...no case of this dangerous disease has been recorded in the city of Irkutsk," said the update from Russia to the WHO.

"An epidemiological investigation was conducted following the detection of a case of community-acquired pneumonia -- which had presented as a typical acute respiratory viral infection -- in an

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"Iba't ibang programs and services na mayroon ang CFO, more on orientation siya. Preparation ito sa pangingibang bansa at kung paano mag-a-adjust ang mga Pilipino sa ibang bansa."

She further added that the CFO implements these preventive measures as cases of exploitation often occur under the guise of intermarriages, arranged marriages, or fixed marriages, while the agency verifies the authenticity of these relationships through interviews and seminars attended by Filipinos and their foreign partners to help ensure their safety and prevent them from becoming victims of exploitation.

Meanwhile, Allan Ducusin of the Migrant Integration and Education Division – Immigrant Services II of the CFO also highlighted the Community Education Program (CEP), a year-round initiative that conducts information drives in selected local governments across the country for Filipinos planning to migrate abroad for employment or work.

The Commission also partners with various local government units, schools, and colleges to conduct symposiums for teenagers and adults who are planning to migrate abroad, particularly those who may be following in their parents' footsteps in pursuing careers overseas.

"Kadalasan kasi, may mga parents po ang mga teenagers na ito na OFWs, so sometimes, they follow their parents' footsteps. Pagka graduate, maghahanap ng trabaho, then abroad," Ducusin said.

He explained that the agency implements these measures to strengthen and streamline its systems, ensure a more efficient process, and safeguard the welfare of Filipinos even when they have decided to settle abroad, especially those who have foreign partners.

CFO explained that migrants mandatorily have to undergo PDOS, as the certificate issued upon completion is required for presentation to immigration officers before they leave the country.

He encouraged Filipinos to reach out to the CFO's 1343 Actionline for assistance if they encounter or suspect cases of exploitation or human trafficking, while other concerns may be referred to the appropriate government agencies for proper assistance and intervention. (AKL,COP/PIA-CALABARZON)

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have occurred more frequently during the recent years and have since followed a two-year cycle.

Despite these observations, PAGASA clarified that these shortened cycles need to be further studied and take into account climate change and global warming.

"Syempre kailangan natin ng study kung bakit nangyayari ito. Pero isa kasi sa mga ina-attribute ay dito ay climate change and global warming. Pero kailangan pa ng deeper study patungkol dito, mayroon nang studies na nagsasabi na pwedeng I-attribute ang mga ito sa climate change at global warming." (PB-PIA CALABARZON)

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According to the PSA, Cavite posted the largest contribution for the entire region's growth rate for the services sector with a 2.0 percent share.

Among the industries, the Human health and social work activities sector saw the fastest growth with 15.5 percent, followed by public administration and defense and compulsory social security at 10.5 percent.

On the other hand, the mining and quarrying industry accounted for the lowest economic performance at 4.1 percent. (PB-PIA CALABARZON with reports from PSA)

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additional measures become warranted," DOH said on Tuesday.

Malacañang yesterday gave assurance that health authorities are monitoring developments.

The DOH response comes after the WHO said the risk of an epidemic in Russia remained low following the death of Darya Shipilova, 28, who worked at the Irkutsk Anti-Plague Research Institute in Siberia. – Alexis Romero

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Healthcare gets closer to home in Maragondon

Residents of Maragondon received a welcome dose of care as the Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC) conducted a Medical Mission at Maragondon Town Plaza recently, bringing essential health services closer to the community.

A total of 439 individuals benefited from the mission, with 334 medical consultations, 55 ECG tests, and 50 FBS tests provided to residents.

The activity was supported by Mayor Lawrence 'Umbe' Arca and carried out in collaboration with doctors of the Cavite Medical Society, whose expertise and commitment helped bring quality healthcare within easier reach of the community.

The mission reaffirmed the PGC's commitment to making healthcare more accessible, responsive, and closer to the people – because staying healthy should never be a long-distance affair.

PGC brought healthcare services straight to Brgy. Bernardo Pulido, GMA

In a continued display of solidarity and commitment for the welfare of the Caviteños, the Provincial Government of Cavite brought the essential medical and dental services straight to the residents of Brgy. Bernardo Pulido, GMA, recently.

General Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital and CarSiGMA District Hospital healthcare professionals worked hand in hand to serve a total of 471 patients for medical consultations and 59 patients for tooth extraction. Likewise, the Office of the Provincial Governor rendered diagnostic tests, particularly 35 ECG and 25 FBS, and distributed free prescribed medicine.

5th District Board Members Aidel Paul Belamide and Ivee Jayne Reyes graced the activity, conveying their appreciation for the dedication and commitment of the provincial government in bringing accessible medical and dental services closer to the people.

PGC employees receive performance incentives

Employees of the Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC) received their performance incentives during a simple distribution program held on September 28, 2026, at the New Provincial Government Center in Trece Martires City.

The activity was conducted to recognize the employees' exemplary performance, dedication, and continued commitment to the effective and efficient delivery of public services. The incentives were given to September birthday celebrators to serve as an acknowledgment of their contributions to the programs and initiatives of the provincial government.

Governor Abeng Remulla and Vice Governor Ram Revilla Bautista, together with members of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, led the distribution of the performance incentives and conveyed their appreciation to the employees for their valuable service and dedication to the Provincial Government of Cavite.

The initiative underscores the Provincial Government of Cavite's commitment to fostering a culture of excellence, professionalism, and accountability among its workforce, while encouraging employees to continuously uphold high standards in the delivery of quality public service to the people of Cavite.--- OPIO

Medical and dental mission catered 639 residents in GMA.

Through the continuous effort of the Office of the Provincial Governor and Office of the Provincial Health Officer, another successful medical and dental mission was spearheaded at EARIST-Cavite Campus, General Mariano Alvarez recently.

The health outreach program catered a total of 639 patients with medical, dental and diagnostic services. In addition, available prescribed medications were also handed out to the residents to help ease their healthcare needs.

The PGC's medical and dental mission continues to expand across the province to reach the individuals who have limited access to healthcare services.

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employee of the Irkutsk Research Anti-Plague Institute," it said.

The update said preventative measures had been conducted in accordance with Russia's health laws, with contacts indentified, and arrangements made for medical monitoring and laboratory testing.

"Test results showed no presence of dangerous infectious disease pathogens in any of the contacts," the update said.

"Based on the available data, laboratory test results, and health status, medical monitoring for 100 percent of the contacts has now been concluded. The epidemiological situation is stable and remains under monitoring."

Peace Through Science & Technology
DOST XII brings life-changing innovations closer to MNLF communities

Peace is more than the absence of conflict — it's the presence of real opportunities for healthy, productive, and dignified lives.

On September 22, 2026, the Department of Science and Technology SOCCSKSARGEN (DOST XII) made this vision real during the Service Caravan in Maasim, Sarangani Province. Held at the Municipal Gymnasium and organized by the Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity (OPAPRU) through the MNLF Peace Process Office, the event marked National Peace Consciousness Month and the 30th Anniversary of the 1996 Final Peace Agreement between the Philippine Government and the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF).

Through the DOST Provincial Science and Technology Office – Sarangani and General Santos City (PSTO-SarGen), the agency brought practical food technologies developed by the DOST-Food and Nutrition Research Institute (DOST-FNRI) directly to the people:

Iron-Fortified Rice – fighting iron deficiency and anemia

Enhanced Nutribun – nutritious bread packed with local vegetables

Brown Rice Nutty Fruity Bar – a ready-to-eat snack with brown rice, nuts, seeds, dried fruits & honey

Nutricocookies – delicious, nutrient-rich cookies

A total of 602 MNLF beneficiaries availed of these technologies, showing how science can improve everyday nutrition and well-being.

The event also spotlighted the Community Empowerment through Science and Technology (CEST) Program — a pathway for organized MNLF communities to access technologies, capacity-building, and technical assistance tailored to their needs.

In Maasim alone, two organized ex-combatant groups are already thriving under CEST:

One group is advancing smart aquaculture through African catfish fingerling production, another is building a community-based enterprise producing footwear, bags, and clothing using modern technologies

These former combatants are now using Science and Technology not only to create sustainable livelihoods but also to uplift their entire communities — proving that S&T can transform conflict-affected areas into productive, peaceful, self-reliant, and resilient ones.

OPAPRU recognized DOST XII's strong partnership by awarding a Plaque of Appreciation to Regional Director Dr. Sammy P. Malawan, RABE, represented by Supervising SRS For. Nabil A. Hadji Yassin.

From conflict to livelihood… from limited opportunities to productive enterprises… from dependence to empowerment. DOST XII continues to prove that Science, Technology, and Innovation are powerful partners in peace and development.

Through CEST and its ongoing collaboration with OPAPRU, DOST XII remains committed to making S&T accessible and relevant, turning local potential into lasting opportunities for sustainable, empowered, and resilient communities.

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approaches that can be applied in their respective communities and fields.

A key highlight of the opening was the soft launch of Project ISLA Mavulis, or Island Support and Life-saving Assistance for Mavulis, an initiative of DOST-PSTO Batanes aimed at bringing critical technological and life-saving support to Mavulis Island, the northernmost island of the Philippines.

The soft launch was marked by the signing of a Pledge of Support among local officials and stakeholders, signifying their commitment to work together toward the implementation and success of the project.

Project ISLA Mavulis seeks to provide support, technology, and life-saving assistance to fishermen and frontliners operating in and around Mavulis Island, extending science and technology interventions to one of the country's most remote communities.

Through the 2026 STI Caravan, DOST-PSTO Batanes continues to strengthen the delivery of science, technology, and innovation initiatives across the province, demonstrating how STI can be translated into practical solutions, opportunities, and services for Ivatans.

The caravan runs from October 1 to 9, 2026, with various activities to be conducted for different sectors and stakeholders throughout the province. (Nelson Santos)

Cavite Career Caravan Brings Job Opportunities to Carmona

The Provincial Government of Cavite brought job opportunities and government services closer to Caviteños in the City of Carmona through the Cavite Career Caravan recently. Spearheaded by the Office of the Provincial Public Employment Service Manager, the event welcomed 637 jobseekers who came to explore employment opportunities offered by 40 participating companies.

The caravan recorded 222 near-hired applicants, while 23 jobseekers were hired on the spot, giving many Caviteños a step closer to securing employment.

Carmona City Mayor Dahlia Loyola also graced the event and expressed her support for programs that help connect residents with employment opportunities.

More than just a job fair, the Career Caravan also provided access to important government services through participating national government agencies, including SSS, Pag-IBIG, PhilHealth, PNP, NBI, DTI, TESDA, PSA, BIR, LandBank, and OPCDO.

With employers and government agencies gathered in one venue, the Cavite Career Caravan continues to make job opportunities and essential services more accessible to the people of Cavite bringing opportunities closer to home, one community at a time.--- OPIO

Enchanted Kingdom marks its 31st Anniversary with enhanced AGILA The EKsperience: SARIBUHAY and a night of OPM music

Enchanted Kingdom (EK), the first and only world-class theme park in the Philippines, renews its commitment to sustainability and biodiversity as it celebrates its 31st Anniversary with the second set of enhancements of its award-winning flying theater, AGILA The EKsperience: SARIBUHAY this October.

As a highlight of its Fiesta ng Saribuhay anniversary campaign, EK will continue to share more enchanting stories of Saribuhay through the attraction's new and enhanced pre- and post-show experiences that showcase the rich biodiversity of the Philippines and reinforce its call for Filipinos to appreciate and take care of our environment.

Among the enhancements is Kwento ng Agila, an immersive walkthrough accessible upon entering the AGILA building. Through immersive visuals and storytelling, the new entry experience takes guests behind the scenes of the attraction, revealing its inspiration, the symbolism behind its architecture, and its development by an all-Filipino team.

Further along the walkthrough, guests will be introduced to the world of the Agila, or Philippine eagle, through a glimpse of its natural habitat and the various species that thrive within its ecosystem. It also traces the lifecycle of the Agila, highlighting its plight as one of the critically endangered birds in the world.

This builds on EK's steadfast commitment to eagle conservation, earlier demonstrated by its adoption and continued support for the care and breeding of Enchanting Kagitingan, a male Philippine eagle, in partnership with the Philippine Eagle Foundation.

Additionally, the immersive experience extends beyond the atrium lobby, as augmented reality (AR) brings the landing queue leading to the Enchanted Forest to life through the guests' smartphones.

EK has also given PUGAD, the attraction's in-house concept store, a new direction as part of the AGILA improvements. The refreshed retail space will now incorporate an enchanting mix of entertainment and learning to encapsulate the overall AGILA experience.

The attraction's existing facilities remain operational and accessible to all guests, while its newly updated areas will officially launch on October 17.

Almost a decade after its launch, AGILA The EKsperience: SARIBUHAY was reimagined in October 2025, placing renewed focus not only on tourism but also on sustainability and appreciation for the country's natural heritage. It was later recognized as the Best ASEAN New Tourism Attraction by the ASEAN Tourism Association (ASEANTA) in January 2026.

EK celebrates its 31st Anniversary with Fiesta ng Saribuhay

EK is all set to celebrate its 31st Anniversary as it releases more updates on its events, shows, and other offerings throughout October.

Following the announcement of its anniversary events in late August, the theme park has unveiled the complete lineup of performers at its Fiesta ng Saribuhay Concert on October 17 at the Spaceport Grounds. The spectacular night will showcase world-class Filipino music and talent through live performances by award-winning R&B hitmaker Dionela, 1Z Entertainment's rising P-pop girl group XONARA, indie band Sacred Red, and other up-and-coming artists, alongside EK's homegrown talents, SMS and Kingsmen.

The celebration will culminate in the Lipad ng Agila: A Pyromusical Fiesta, giving EK's signature evening send-off a magical twist as vibrant pyrotechnic displays and symbolic imagery bring the spirit of the festivities to the night sky.

Every weekend in October, the EK Storyverse Characters will bring all the magic and excitement across the Park's themed zones during the Fiesta ng Saribuhay Anniversary Parade. And on October 17, streetdance performers will join in the parade as it serves as a festive prelude to the concert proper.

Meanwhile, Run to 31: Takbo ng Saribuhay, a fun run celebrating biodiversity through fitness and togetherness, will take place on October 11 in partnership with the United RSBS Boulevard Stakeholders Federation (URSF). Registration is now ongoing at the EK Online Store, with 1.5K, 3K, and 5K routes available for interested participants.

SMS and Kingsmen will also mark the Park's 31st Anniversary with new music. The P-pop girl group will release their rendition of Lipad, while the all-male vocal group has re-recorded a festive version of their song, Saribuhay. Both tracks will soon be available on all major streaming platforms.

Meanwhile, parkgoers can immerse themselves in other seasonal experiences at the Agila Grounds, including the Ube-Matcha Festival from October 14 to 18, which showcases the fusion of local flavors with other well-loved favorites, and Palarong Pinoy, a set of skill-based activities featuring traditional Filipino street games, launching just in time for the main anniversary festivities.

More in-park food options also await Filipinos as EK welcomes new tenant partners, with Minimelts launched in September and Mango Royal scheduled to open on October 3.

2026 STI Caravan brings science, technology closer to Ivatans

BATANES | The Department of Science and Technology Provincial Science and Technology Office (DOST-PSTO) Batanes officially opened the 2026 Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI) Caravan on October 1, bringing science- and technology-based programs, services, and innovations closer to communities across the province.

Running until October 9, the caravan features a series of activities designed to support local communities, micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs), researchers, students, and other stakeholders through practical applications of science, technology, and innovation.

In her opening message, Provincial Science and Technology Director Nora Garcia highlighted the importance of bringing DOST programs directly to the people of Batanes, particularly initiatives that can provide practical solutions and create opportunities for communities and local industries.

Meanwhile, Batanes Provincial Governor Hon. Ronald P. Agoto Jr. emphasized that science and technology should respond to the realities faced by island communities. He noted that for Batanes, STI is not simply about adopting modern tools and ideas, but about finding better solutions suited to the province's unique needs and conditions.

Among the activities lined up during the caravan are Sensory Evaluation Training in partnership with the Food and Nutrition Research Institute (FNRI), a visit to the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) office, the GIA Innovation Press Tour, MSME Empowerment activities, the CUATRO Caravan on Industry 4.0 featuring a Balik Scientist, technology training on dehydration, and the EUREKA 2.0 Forum on experimental research for the 21st-century learner.

The activities provide participants with opportunities to gain new knowledge, explore technologies, strengthen enterprise capabilities, and learn about science-based

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CALAX is now approaching full completion

MPCALA Holdings, Inc. is nearing completion of the Cavite-Laguna Expressway (CALAX), marking substantial progress toward the full operation of the 45-kilometer, four-lane expressway with two lanes in each direction, connecting Cavite and Laguna.

Construction continues on the remaining 18.5 kilometers of CALAX, covering Subsections 1 and 2, with active works focused on mainline road pavements, bridge superstructures, drainage systems, interchange ramps, and other associated infrastructure.

CALAX currently operates continuously from Mamplasan, Binan to Governors Drive in General Trias. Completion of Subsections 1 and 2 will extend the expressway through Open Canal to Kawit, completing the CALAX corridor and connecting it to CAVITEX through the CAVITEX-CALAX Link (CCLink).

This will give motorists a more direct route across the Cavite-Laguna corridor and toward Metro Manila, providing an alternative route to major local roads and improving access to residential, commercial, industrial, and economic centers across the region. The interconnected network will also provide a more seamless expressway connection, supporting the movement of people and goods and strengthening access to key destinations across the region.

The completed CALAX will further support logistics and business activity by strengthening connections between industrial areas, warehouses, distribution hubs, commercial centers, and major markets in Cavite, Laguna, and Metro Manila. Improved expressway connectivity can provide logistics and delivery operators with more efficient routes for transporting cargo, raw materials, finished products, and other goods across key economic centers and supply networks.

For businesses, improved accessibility can facilitate the movement of workers, goods, and supplies while supporting stronger links to industrial and commercial areas. More broadly, the integrated expressway network is expected to contribute to regional mobility, logistics connectivity, and economic activity across Cavite and Laguna.

The Cavite-Laguna Expressway (CALAX) is a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) project with the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) serving as the government grantor, and MPCALA Holdings, Inc., a subsidiary of Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation, acting as the private concessionaire.

ASEAN Youth backs DAP's Rising Leaders Development Program

TAGAYTAY CITY, Cavite (PIA) – The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) called for stronger collaboration to prepare the youth in addressing shared regional issues.

Lee Troy Calimlim, Country Director for the ASEAN Youth Organization Philippines, made the call during the launch of the AGOS cohort for its BAGANI Rising Leaders Development Program which welcomed around 100 youth leaders from various sectors.

Calimlim pledged the ASEAN's support to the Rising Leaders Development Program which was designed to hone a generation of leaders who have long overcome the moral challenges of governance and leadership,

"Our institutions may work in different spaces, but our aspirations converge: to develop leaders who both are capable and committed to public service."

Calimlim added that the Philippines is not spared from the problems its neighbors also face, such as climate change, digital transformation, and economic disruptions to name a few.

"We are eleven countries in ASEAN. Climate change, digital transformation, and even economic disruption do not stop here in the Philippines, and neither should our collaboration."

With these challenges becoming a reality across borders, Calimlim urged that ASEAN members must work together to hone a new generation of capable and committed next generation of leaders.

A leadership development initiative of the Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP), the BAGANI Rising Leaders Development Program aims to equip young Filipinos with the knowledge, competencies, and values needed in their work in public service and nation-building. (PB-PIA CALABARZON)