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Free toll set on Pulilan-San Fernando route amid NLEX flood traffic

MANILA – The Department of Transportation (DOTr) has secured a toll waiver for vehicles traveling between Pulilan, Bulacan, and San Fernando, Pampanga starting Wednesday as heavy traffic continues to affect portions of the North Luzon Expressway (NLEX) due to flooding at Tulaoc Bridge in San Simon, Pampanga.

In a statement, Transportation Secretary Banoy Lopez said he personally coordinated with NLEX Corporation President Luis



(File photo courtesy of NLEX Corp.)

Reñon to waive toll fees for all vehicle classes using the Pulilan-San Fernando route and vice versa.

“Nakausap ko po sina NLEX President Luis Reñon para matulungan ang ating mga motorista at mga pasahero

na labis na naapektuhan nitong matinding traffic, alinsunod sa utos ng ating Pangulo (I spoke with NLEX President Luis Reñon to help our motorists and passengers who have been severely affected by the heavy

Saklaw ng mga ito ang edukasyon, ligtas

Cayetano suportado ang 6 global pacts para proteksyunan at palawakin ang oportunidad ng mga Pilipino

Suportado ni Senate Minority Leader Alan Peter Cayetano ang anim na kasunduang magbibigay ng dagdag na proteksyon at oportunidad sa mga Pilipino sa loob at labas ng bansa.

Saklaw ng mga ito ang edukasyon, ligtas



na biyahe sa eroplano, patas na pagbubuwis,

pinsalang dulot ng space objects, extradition, at paglaban sa krimen.

Sumalang nitong September 1, 2026 sa interpellation sa plenaryo ng Senado ang anim resolusyon sa pangunguna ng sponsor
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traffic, in line with the President's directive),” he said.

Lopez thanked the toll operator for immediately acting on the request, saying the waiver will remain in effect until traffic con-

ditions along NLEX return to normal.

The regular toll for Class 1 vehicles traveling from Pulilan to San Fernando is PHP113, while Class 2 vehicles pay PHP281 and Class 3 vehicles PHP338.

Lopez also thanked toll operators that continue to provide free toll passage to provincial buses and vehicles transporting agricultural products under the government's UP-
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Cavite City health officials sound alarm on rising leptospirosis cases

CAVITE CITY, Cavite (PIA) — Health officials in Cavite City are warning the public against entering floodwaters which pose a risk of contracting leptospirosis.

At an emergency

meeting with the Liga Ng Mga Barangay last September 2, Dr. Jeffrey dela Rosa, head of the City Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit (CESU), sounded the alarm about the rising leptospirosis cases in

the city.

In a statement, CESU Cavite City advised residents to refrain from getting into floodwater to prevent contracting the virus.

As of September 1, the city has reported eight (8) leptospirosis cases, with three (3) currently being treated in local hospitals and one (1) in recovery. Meanwhile, four (4) have already died due to complications.

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DTI CALABARZON Facilitates Coffee Farm Tour for Philippine Coffee Quality Competition Judges

CAVITE, Philippines – The Department of Trade and Industry IV-A CALABARZON facilitated a coffee farm tour for the judges of the Philippine Coffee Quality Competition (PCQC) Judges on June 4, 2026, in Cavite Province.

The activity aimed

to provide the judges with a deeper appreciation of Cavite's coffee industry by showcasing selected coffee institution and enterprises through presentations on their history, operations, and best practices, followed by guided visits to their facilities.

Among the sites visited during the tour were Gourmet Farms in Silang, the National Coffee Research, Development and Extension Center (NCRDEC) at Cavite State University Main Campus, and Wit and Joy Coffee Farm in Indang, Cavite.



Joining the activity were DTI CALA-

BARZON representatives SupTIDS Mary Ann Mada and Admin Aide VI Noriel Katigbak, together with DTI Cavite representatives OIC Division Chief
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LIFT initiatives.

Flood warnings

In a separate statement, the DOTr, through the Toll Regulatory Board (TRB), directed NLEX Corporation to implement a faster and more efficient warning system for motorists during heavy rains and flooding.

Under the directive, the toll operator must issue advisories through direct SMS or text messages and other accessible platforms, while providing rerouting options through variable message signs (VMS) and portable VMS at least three hours before expected rainfall and traffic closures.

Lopez said timely advisories would help motorists avoid flood-related congestion and identify alternative routes.

"Dapat proactive ang mga toll operator natin. I-anticipate na kung saan 'yung mga babantayang lugar lalo na pag may paparating na malakas na ulan, para malaman agad ng mga motorista kung saan 'yung mga bahagi ng expressway na may baha o mahirap daanan at maiwasan (Our toll operators should be proactive. They should anticipate which areas to watch, especially when heavy rain is approaching, so motorists will immediately

know which parts of the expressway are flooded or difficult to pass and avoid them)," he said.

The TRB also issued a Notice to Explain (NTE) to NLEX Corporation dated Aug. 31, directing the operator to explain within three days the traffic congestion caused by the flooding, including measures it plans to undertake to mitigate the impact and prevent similar incidents.

In a separate letter, NLEX Corporation was directed to consider reimbursing toll fees paid by Class 1 motorists who were compelled to make a U-turn along the expressway because of the flooding.

Lopez earlier instructed the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) to deploy additional personnel in San Simon to support efforts to mitigate flooding in the area.

The DOTr is also coordinating with the TRB, Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), and Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) on additional measures, including sandbagging, continuous pumping of floodwater, installation of flood barriers, and diversion of vehicles to alternative routes. (PNA)

CAYETANO... FR. P. 1

nitong si Senate Majority Leader Juan Miguel Zubiri, na layuning gawing opisyal ang pagsang-ayon ng Senado sa anim na international agreements.

Giit ni Cayetano, na dating Foreign Affairs Secretary, importanteng isulong sa pamamagitan ng mga kasunduang pandaigdig ang interes ng Pilipinas nang may paggalang sa Konstitusyon at mga batas ng bansa.

Kabilang sa nilagdaan niya ang Proposed Senate Resolution No. 622 para makasali ang Pilipinas sa 2014 Montreal Protocol.

Pinalalakas nito ang mga patakaran laban sa krimen at magulong asal sa international flights. Maaari nitong bigyan ng kapangyarihan ang mga awtoridad sa bansang nilapagan ng eroplano o kinaroroonan ng operator nito na umakasyon sa mga itinakdang kaso.

Sakop naman ng PSR No. 625 ang Convention on International Liability for Damage Caused by Space Ob-

jects, na magbibigay sa Pilipinas ng paraan para humingi ng bayad-pinsala sakaling may masawi, masaktan, o mapinsalang ari-arian sa bansa dahil sa space object.

Upang maiwasan naman ang pagpapataw ng dobleng buwis sa kita ng mga manggagawa at negosyong Pilipino sa Cambodia, nilagdaan ni Cayetano ang PSR No. 628 o Philippines-Cambodia Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement. Nililinaaw nito ang mga patakaran sa buwis, pinipigilan ang tax evasion, at hinihikayat ang kalakalan at pamumuhunan.

Para naman sa edukasyon, nilagdaan ni Cayetano ang PSR No. 626 na sumasang-ayon sa Tokyo Convention on education. Tinitiyak ng kasunduan ang patas at malinaw na evaluation sa university degrees, diploma, at school credits ng mga estudyante at manggagawang tumatawid ng ibang bansa sa loob ng Asia-Pacific region.

Makakatulong ito sa

mga Pilipinong gustong magpatuloy ng pag-aaral, kumuha ng training, o maghanap ng trabaho sa ibang bansa.

"I hope we can continue to work on more exchanges — more exchange students, more trips between Japan and the Philippines," pahayag ni Cayetano noong Hulyo. "The Japanese people, the Japanese businessmen, can be not only a partner but a wise counselor and guide to the Philippines."

Sinuportahan din ni Cayetano ang PSR No. 623 o ASEAN Treaty on Extradition at ang PSR No. 624 para sa Philippines-India Treaty on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters.

Magtatakda ang ASEAN treaty ng iisang framework sa pagtugis sa mga taong akusado o nahatulan ng krimen sa rehiyon, alinsunod sa mga umiiral na batas para sa due process at karapatang-pantao.

Nagbibigay-daan

naman ang kasunduan ng Pilipinas at India sa pagtutulungan ng dalawang bansa sa pagkuha ng ebidensya, paghahatid ng legal documents, at pagtunton sa mga tao at ari-ariang sangkot sa mga kasong kriminal.

Sa pagsuporta niya sa mga kasunduan laban sa cross-border crime, binigyang diin ni Cayetano na dapat pairalin ang due process at proteksyong nakasaad sa Konstitusyon.

Noong Marso, co-sponsor siya ng Senate Resolution No. 307 para protektahan ang mga Pilipino laban sa extrajudicial rendition. Binibigyan nito ang mga Pilipino ng sapat na panahon para lumapit sa mga korte ng Pilipinas bago isuko sa ibang bansa.

"Everyone should be given due process," ani Cayetano. "If there's a conflict between international law and our Constitution, our Constitution will prevail." PR

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The Department of Health – Center for Health Development (DOH CHD) CALABARZON has also advised the public against bathing or playing in floodwaters to avoid risk exposure to leptospirosis. In cases where exposure and getting submerged in floodwater will become unavoidable, the DOH advises consultation at health facilities within 24 to 48

hours.

Although a known antibiotic for preventing and treating mild leptospirosis, the DOH reminds that patients must first consult with a doctor for proper dosage and drug administration. (PB-PIA CALABARZON, with reports from Cavite City Health Office Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit and DOH CHD CALABARZON)

DTI CALABARZON... FR. P. 1

Julita C. Salvacion and TIDS Mikaela Jane P. Bartolome.

Through the exchange of knowledge and experiences, the

tour further promoted appreciation for the efforts of Cavite's coffee stakeholders in advancing the province's coffee industry. PR

Better is a piece of dry bread
where there is peace Than a
house full of feasting along
with quarreling.

Proverbs 17: 1

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FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-467-26

BDO UNIBANK, INC.,
Mortgagee,

-versus-

DENN BERT R. ROBERTO
Debtor/Mortgagor,

X-----X

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

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 Debtor/Mortgagor, **DENN BERT R. ROBERTO**, represented by **Gloria Ricasio Roberto** as Attorney-in-Fact, with postal addresses at (1) Block 5, Lot 19 Phase 2B, Barangay San Luis Antipolo City (currently occupied); and (2) Block 7, Lot 14, Kensington 20, Brgy. Navarro, General Trias, Cavite (currently occupied), to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of **June 5, 2026** amounts to **NINE HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED TWENTY SEVEN PESOS and 37/100 (Php920,227.37)**, 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 **September 29, 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. 057-2019062940

LOT NO:14 Block: 7 Plan No. Pcs-04-030759
Portion of: Lots 14 & 15, Blk. 7; & 8 and Block 12, Psd-04-227769, Lot 1645, FRS-04005328 and Lot 1651, RS-04-005328, both of San Francisco de Malabon Estate, Decreed No. 4270 LRC Record No. 5964
Location: Barangay of Bacao 1 (formerly Navarro), City of Gen. Trias, Province of Cavite of Cavite, Island of Luzon
Boundaries:

LINE	DIRECTION	ADJOINING LOT (S)
1-2	SW	Lot 13, Block 7, Pcs-04-030759
2-3	NW	Lot 12, Block 7, Pcs-04-030759
3-4	NE	Road Lot 11, Pcs-04-030759
4-1	SE	Lot 16, Block 7, Pcs-04-030759

AREA: FIFTY (50) 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 date and time, it shall be held on **October 06, 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, **28 August 2026.**

JOSELITO L. ARANDA
Sheriff IV

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BDO UNIBANK, INC.
CONSUMER REMEDIAL MANAGEMENT
33rd Floor, BDO Corporate Center Ortigas
No. 12, ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City

MR. DENN BERT R. ROBERTO/MS GLORIA R. ROBERTO

1. Block 5 Lot 19 Phase 2B, Barangay San Luis, Antipolo City
2. Block 7, Lot 14, Kensington 20, Brgy. Navarro, General Trias, Cavite

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TRECE MARTIRES CITY

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-658-26

BDO UNIBANK, INC.,
Mortgagee,

-versus-

SPS. SHARON L. ASTO AND ROMMEL
M. ASTO,
Debtor/Mortgagor,

X-----X

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

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 Debtor/Mortgagor, **SPS. SHARON L. ASTO AND ROMMEL M. ASTO**, with postal addresses at (1) Lot 6 Block 25 Phase 12 Purok 3 Package 3 Barangay 188, Zone16, District 1, Tala Leprosarium, Caloocan (occupied by third party); and (2) Lot 65 Block 13 Westwood Phase 5 Barangay Pasong Camachile, General Trias, Cavite (abandoned property), to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of **July 20, 2026** amounts to **NINE HUNDRED FIFTEEN THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY TWO PESOS AND 60/100 (Php915,452.60)**, 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 **29 September 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. 057-2020050186

LOT NO:65 Block: 13 Plan No. Pcs-04-032025
Portion of: BLK. 28, PCS-04-029303, BLK. 14, PCS-04-031691, LOT 1939-A & 1939-D (LRA) PSD-29632, LRC RECORD NO. 5964, DECREE NO. 4270
Location: BARANGAY OF PASONG CAMACHILE, CITY OF GEN. TRIAS, ROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON
Boundaries:

LINE	DIRECTION	ADJOINING LOT (S)
1-2	SE	Lot 66, Block 13, Pcs-04-032025
2-3	SW	Lot 67, Block 13, Pcs-04-032025
3-4	NW	Road Lot 13, Pcs-04-032025
4-1	NE	Lot 63, Block 13, Pcs-04-032025

AREA: FIFTY (50) SQUARE METERS, more or less

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

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Trece Martires City, **28 August 2026.**

RICARDO A. TOLEDO
Sheriff IV

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CONSUMER REMEDIAL MANAGEMENT
33rd Floor, BDO Corporate Center Ortigas
No. 12, ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City

SPS SHARON L. ASTO AND ROMMEL M. ASTO

(1) Lot 6 Block 25 Phase 12 Purok 3 Package 3 Barangay 188, Zone 16, District 1, Tala Leprosarium, Caloocan (occupied by third party);
(2) Lot 65 Block 13 Westwood Phase 5 Barangay Pasong Camachile, General Trias, Cavite (abandoned property)

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TRECE MARTIRES CITY

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-506-26

BDO UNIBANK, INC.,
Mortgagee,

-versus-

ROGER G. ABARICO,
Debtor/Mortgagor,

X-----X

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TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 057-2019063351

LOT NO:68 Block: 12 Plan No. Pcs-04-028981
Portion of: the cons/subd If Lots 1,2, & 3 , Pcs-04-011336; Lot 2457-B-3, Psd-04-024243; Lot 2469-A, Psd-04-233225; Lot 2457-A, Lot 2457-C, FLS-1228-D; Lot 2458, FRS-04-005325; Lot 2468, all of San Francisco de Malabon Estate, Decreed No. 4270, LRC Rec. No. 5964
Location: Barangay of: Navarro, Municipality of : Gen. Trias, Province of: Cavite
Boundaries:

LINE	DIRECTION	ADJOINING LOT (S)
1-2	NE	Lot 69, Block 12, Pcs-04-028981
2-3	SE	Lot 2473, SFDM Estate
3-4	SW	Lot 155, Block 12, Pcs-04-028981
4-1	NW	Road Lot 24, Pcs-04-028981

AREA: NINETY TWO SQUARE METERS (92), 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 **October 06, 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.

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33rd Floor, BDO Corporate Center Ortigas
No. 12, ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City

MR ROGER G. ABARICO

(1) Lot 28, Block 166 Calachuchi Street, Zone 10, Pembo, Makati City
(2) Lot 68, Block 12 Somerset 14, Brgy. Navarro, Gen. Trias, Cavite

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FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-487-26

CHINA BANK SAVINGS, INC.
Mortgagee,

-versus-

SPS. JOEFFREY L. VARGAS and
REALYN S. VARGAS,
Mortgagors/Borrowers,

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, **CHINA BANK SAVINGS, INC.**, with business address at CBS Building No. 314 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City against the Mortgagors/Borrowers, **SPS. JOEFFREY L. VARGAS and REALYN S. VARGAS**, with known addresses at (1) 156 Timalan, Concepcion, Naic, Cavite and (2) Blk. 57A, Lot 6 Primerose St. Phirst Park Homes Phase 1, (Batch 3) Governor's Drive, Brgy. Tanauan, Tanza, Cavite, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of **May 28, 2026** amounts to **ONE MILLION NINETY THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FIFTY SIX PESOS and 32/100 (PhP1,090,956.32)**, 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 29 September 2026 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning ntil 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. 057-201937494

LOT NO. 6 Block No. 57A Plan No. Pcs-04-030746
Portion of: Lot 2171-B-1, Psd-04-003866, Lot 2171-N-B, FL-1479-D Sta. Cruz de Malabon Estate Lot 2171-B-2-1, Psd-04-025600 & Lot 2171-B-2-J, Psd-04-024600

Location: Barangay of Tanauan, Municipality of Tanza, Province of Cavite, Island of Luzon

Boundaries:

LINE	DIRECTION	ADJOINING LOT (S)
1-2	EAST	Road Lot, Block, Pcs-04-030746
2-3	SOUTH	Lot 4, Block 57A, Pcs-04-030746
3-4	WEST	Lot 3,Block 57A, Pcs-04-030746
4-5	WEST	Lot 5, Block 57A, Pcs-04-030746

AREA: FORTY FOUR SQUARE METERSS (44), more or less

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Trece Martires City, **28 August 2026.**

JOANNAH AVIGAIL C. TIMKANG
Sheriff IV

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SPS. JOEFFREY L. VARGAS & REALYN S. VARGAS

(1) 156 Timalan, Concepcion, Naic, Cavite
(2) Blk. 57A, Lot 6 Primerose St. Phirst Park Homes Phase 1 (Batch 3) Governor's Drive, Brgy. Tanauan, Tanza, Cavite

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FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-630-26

MAYBANK PHILIPPINES, INC.,
Petitioner/Mortgagee,

-versus-

ARMIDALYN COMBIS SALAZAR
REPRESENTED BY ATTORNEY-IN-FACT
BRIGIDA C. SALAZAR
Respondent/Mortgagor,

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, **MAYBANK PHILIPPINES, INC.** with business address at Maybank Corporate Center, 7th Avenue corner 28th Street, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City, against the Respondent/Mortgagor, **ARMIDALYN COMBIS SALAZAR REPRESENTED BY HER ATTORNEY-IN-FACT BRIGIDA C. SALAZAR** with given address at Sitio Riverside, Brgy. Banglayan, Narvacan, Ilocos Sur and Block 14 Lot 02, Westwood Phase 2, Brgy. Pasong Camachile II, General Trias, Cavite, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of **July 20, 2026** amounts to **TWO MILLION FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY SEVEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED NINETY PESOS AND 65/100 (PhP2,427,390.65)**, Philippine Currency, inclusive of interests and penalties, service charge attorney's fees 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 **29 September 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. 057-2024050971

Lot No. 2 Block No. 14 Plan No. Pcs-04-030704
Portion of: BLOCK 26, PCS-04-029303; LOT 1941 (FRS-04-0054432) & LOT 2230, (RS-04-0054414) ALL OF S AN FRANCISCO DE MALABON ESTATE, DECREED NO. 4270 LRC REC. NO. 5964

Location: BARANGAY OF PASONG CAMACHILE II, CITY OF GEN. TRIAS, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON

LINE	DIRECTION	ADJOINING LOT (S)
1-2	NE	LOT 1, BLOCK 14, PCS-04-030704
2-3	SW	ROAD LOT 2, PCS-04-030704
3-5	SW	ROAD LOT 18 PCS-04-030704
5-6	NW	LOT 4, BLOCK 14, PCS-04-030704
6-7	NE	LOT 7, BLOCK 14, PCS-04-030704
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DPWH, JICA-led Imus retarding basin eases flooding woes in Cavite

IMUS CITY, Cavite (PIA) — Marked by land conversion and flooding due to heavy rains, the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) have formally turned over the Retarding Basin project to the City of Imus.

During the turnover ceremony of the Imus Retarding Basin on September 1, Mayor Alex Advincula expressed his optimism that the project will lessen rain-induced flooding especially during monsoon seasons.

“Napakalaking tulong nito [dahil] matagal na itong project nina Sec. Jonvic [Remulla] at Sec. Vince [Dizon]. Ricefield kasi lahat dito. Ngayon, nagkaroon ng maraming subdivision,” Advincula said.

Over the years, Imus City saw expansive land conversions where rice fields were transformed into subdivisions and housing projects which slowly contributed to the increasing flooding especially in communities near rivers.

“Dahil sa mga subdivision, mabilis nang bumaba ang tubig papuntang ulong kaya nagkaroon ng retarding basin na ito na napakalaking tulong to hold the water,” the mayor added.

Designed to solve flooding problems in the province, Dizon noted that the Imus Retarding Basin will hold excess water and prevent rivers from overflowing.

“Dahil nga ‘yung tubig sa main river, sa Imus River, ay mayroon nang pinupuntahan at hindi na nag-o-overflow sa mga kalye, sa mga bahay, sa mga komunidad. Dito na iimbak at wala nang halo na baha sa areas ng Imus na dati ay [umaabot] hanggang dibdib,” the Public Works and Highways secretary said.

Interior and Local Government Secretary Remulla, who, in his tenure as Cavite governor saw the retarding basin project at its early stages, expressed his hopes that the project can be replicated in other parts of the country.

“This was technology perfected in Japan, and the Japanese government generously provided us with. Kung magagawa lang natin sa buong Pilipinas ito, sa lahat ng mga grabeng binabaha, mawawala ang baha dito sa Pilipinas. Pero kailangang magkaisa tayo mula local hanggang national,” he said.

Funded by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), the 35-hectare Imus Retarding Basin expansion includes an 84-meter overflow dike whose surrounding dike stands at an average of 1.3 kilometers, and a 1.1-kilometer separating dike. It aims to make flood-prone areas in the province more resilient during the rainy season.

It can hold up to 1.12 million cubic meters of rainwater, or equivalent to 448 Olympic-size swimming pools. (PB-PIA CALABARZON)

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WeLoveU Holds 941st Worldwide Blood Drive in Dasmariñas

The blood drive helps save the lives of those in need of blood and promotes a culture of voluntary, non-remunerated blood donation

The International WeLoveU Foundation (Chairwoman Zhang Gil-jah, hereinafter referred to as WeLoveU), a global welfare organization, held the 941st Worldwide Blood Drive at Emilio Aguinaldo College Medical Center-Cavite (EACMC-C) in Dasmariñas, Cavite, on August 31. Through this blood drive, WeLoveU has helped people who need blood for surgery, childbirth, cancer treatment, and other types of medical care, contributing to the spread of a culture of voluntary non-remunerated blood donation. The Worldwide Blood Drive is actively being carried out in the Philippines and many other countries, including the Republic of Korea, the United States, Peru, Colombia, Kenya, and Australia.

A representative from WeLoveU said, “The Worldwide Blood Drive is a life-sharing initiative that helps save people suffering from blood shortages, because blood can only be obtained through donation.” He added, “To bring hope to our neighbors with the heart of a mother who loves her family, our members and citizens from Cavite and Laguna have come together without hesitation. We hope many people will be able to return to their happy everyday lives.”

From the morning, a steady stream of people arrived at EAC Medical Center-Cavite to donate blood. They underwent a pre-donation health screening, including blood pressure checks and blood tests. 68 out of approximately 200 participants successfully donated a total of 29,716 mL of blood. A single blood dona-

tion can help save up to three lives. Therefore, their donations could help give the gift of new life to 204 people. EAC Medical Center-Cavite helped ensure that the entire blood donation process was carried out safely, contributing to the success of the Worldwide Blood Drive. It also provided refreshments for every donor.

At the opening ceremony held before the blood drive began in earnest, Dasmariñas City Councilor Fernando Laudato expressed his gratitude to the participants, saying, “I thank the International WeLoveU Foundation for conducting this meaningful act that gives life to those who are in need of blood.” Dasmariñas City Bureau of Fire Protection SF03 John Bryan T. Añonuevo emphasized that blood is needed in various rescue situations happening in the community, and expressed his appreciation. Former Cavite 4th District Representative Francisco ‘Kiko’ Barzaga also graced the gathering and congratulated the Int’l WeLoveU Foundation for organizing such a meaningful initiative.

Juan Carlos De Jesus Faylona (20) said he was happy to take part in volunteer work for his neighbors. He smiled and added, “One person’s blood donation can save the lives up to three people. So, I’m so excited and happy for being able to join this meaningful event through which I can practice a mother’s love.” John Edison Collado (30) pledged to volunteer again at future events, saying, “It’s fulfilling to do something that benefits

the community.”

The Worldwide Blood Drive is a global life-saving movement that creates a virtuous cycle of sharing, where a small act of blood donation by one person spreads to two people, then four, and beyond. Since its launch in Korea in 2004, the blood drive has attracted over 151,000 participants in 67 countries, approximately 67,000 of whom have successfully donated blood (as of June 2026). The blood drive has potentially saved more than 200,000 lives. It has also been held regularly across the country since 2012. In grateful recognition of its outstanding contributions, WeLoveU has received certificates of recognition from Emilio Aguinaldo College Medical Center – Cavite.

In addition to blood donation, WeLoveU actively carries out a wide range of welfare initiatives across the country. In June this year, WeLoveU repaired the typhoon-damaged school building at Bisang Elementary School in Talisay City, Cebu, and held an international cooperation seminar to discuss how to ensure sustainable education, based on the project. In August last year, WeLoveU renovated the restrooms at Camp Crame High School in Quezon City and conducted handwashing education to improve personal hygiene at Macabud Elementary School in Montalban, Rizal. This helped students lead healthier school lives.

WeLoveU’s environmental welfare initiative called “Clean WORLD Movement,” which aims to promote well-being by creating

PGC employees avail of free medical consultation and medicines during Employees’ Month kickoff

The Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC) provided free medical services to its employees as part of the kick-off activities for the PGC Employees’ Month Celebration held recently.

A total of 553 PGC employees availed of the medical consultation conducted during the activity. Aside from receiving medical assessment and consultation, employees were also provided with free prescribed medicines, ensuring that their immediate health needs were addressed.

The medical mission highlighted the Provincial Government’s commitment to promoting the health and well-being of its workforce. The activity also served as an avenue for employees to prioritize their health while participating in the month-long celebration dedicated to recognizing their valuable contributions to the organization.

Through the initiative, the provincial government continues to foster a healthier, more supportive, and employee-centered workplace, in line with its commitment to the welfare of its personnel.--- OPIO



PGC Takes Healthcare to the Heart of GMA Community

Healthcare services came closer to home for residents of Barangay Poblacion 2, General Mariano Alvarez (GMA) as the Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC) conducted another leg of its continuing medical outreach program on August 26, 2026.

The community-based mission served 418 patients, with 341 receiving medical consultations, 50 underwent fasting blood sugar (FBS) testing, and 27 availed electrocardiogram (ECG) services.

Medical professionals from the General Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital (GEAMH) and CarSiGMA District Hospital provided the services, bringing essential healthcare closer to residents and giving them an opportunity to have their health concerns assessed within their own community.

The activity was supported by 5th District Board Members Aidel Paul Belamide, Ivey Jane Reyes, and a municipal councilor, whose cooperation helped facilitate the successful health outreach.

The medical mission forms part of the PGC’s continuing efforts to promote health and wellness through accessible, community-based healthcare.--- OPIO

cleaner and more pleasant environments, has also been carried out in various locations across the country, including Seminary Road in Bahay Toro, Quezon City, and Tanza Marine Tree Park. In recognition of its dedicated efforts

across a wide range of activities, WeLoveU has received certificates of recognition and appreciation from Secretary of Social Welfare and Development, Governors of Laguna and Oriental Mindoro,

Member of the House of Representatives of the Philippines from Tarlac, Mayor of Quezon City, Director of the Philippine Red Cross (PRC) National Blood Services, and many others.

SSS marks 69th anniversary with stronger member protection, expanding services

QUEZON CITY, 2 September 2026 – The Social Security System (SSS) marked its 69th Anniversary, reaffirming its commitment to protect Filipino workers and their families while strengthening the System's financial sustainability, expanding access to social security, and transforming the delivery of services.

Carrying the theme “Bawat Isa Protektado, Bawat Bukas Sigurado,” the anniversary celebrates nearly seven decades of providing social security protection while looking ahead to the evolving needs of Filipino workers and their families.

During the 69th Anniversary Press Conference at the SSS Main Office in Quezon City, SSS President and Chief Executive Officer Robert Joseph M. de Claro presented the System's latest performance and key initiatives, highlighting the continued expansion of benefits, financial assistance, retirement savings, and digital services.

“For 69 years, SSS has been a steadfast partner of Filipino workers and their families, providing protection when they need it most. As we move toward our 70th year, we are focused on making that protection stronger, more accessible, and more responsive while ensuring that SSS remains financially sustainable for generations to come,” de Claro said.

Finance Secretary and Social Security Commission (SSC) Chairperson Frederick D. Go underscored the importance of main-

taining the SSS's financial strength to ensure that it can sustainably provide and expand social protection to more Filipino workers and their families.

“A stronger fund means a stronger capacity to pay pensions and benefits. It means greater assurance that when today's worker retires, or when hardship strikes a member's family, SSS will have the capacity to respond,” he said.

₱205.56 billion released in benefits

From January to July 2026, SSS released a total of ₱205.56 billion in benefit payments to members, pensioners, and their beneficiaries.

Retirement and death benefits accounted for the largest share of Social Security benefit payments totaling ₱180.86 billion from January to July 2026. This included ₱110.83 billion for regular pensioners and ₱43.89 billion for survivor pensioners, covering 2.70 million and 1.23 million pensioners, respectively.

Pension reform strengthens retirement protection

SSS continues to implement the Pension Reform Program (PRP), the first multi-year pension increase program in SSS history.

Under the PRP, pensioners receive annual pension increases every September from 2025 to 2027. Retirement and disability pensioners received a 10% increase in their monthly pensions, while death and survivor pensioners received a 5% increase.

For 2026, SSS has disbursed approximately

₱6 billion in additional pension benefits to help pensioners cope with inflationary pressures and higher energy costs. The pension increase was released earlier in June as part of SSS' support for pensioners amid the national energy situation.

As of July 2026, the average basic monthly pension was ₱5,704, inclusive of the additional ₱1,000 benefit for Social Security pensioners and ₱1,150 for Employees' Compensation pensioners.

Contribution collections remain strong

Members' contributions reached ₱235.33 billion from January to July 2026, continuing to provide the primary funding base for SSS' benefit and service obligations.

During the period, SSS recorded ₱268.14 billion in total revenues and ₱212.64 billion in total expenditures, resulting in ₱55.50 billion in net revenue.

Operating expenses amounted to ₱7.09 billion, equivalent to 24.3% of the ₱29.22-billion charter limit, reflecting the System's continuing efforts to maintain prudent expenditure management.

₱1.29 trillion investment portfolio

SSS continues to maintain a diversified investment portfolio to support its long-term obligations and preserve the value of the pension fund.

As of July 2026, the System's total investment level stood at ₱1.29 trillion, with an annualized return on investment of 4.64%.

Government securities accounted for

49% of the portfolio, followed by equities at 14%, loans to members and pensioners at 13%, real estate at 12%, and corporate notes and bonds at 8%. The remaining investments were in bank deposits, externally managed funds, and mutual funds.

SSS manages its investment portfolio through prudent risk management and disciplined asset allocation to generate sustainable returns while safeguarding the pension fund.

Expanding financial assistance

In response to rising energy costs, inflationary pressures, and broader economic challenges, SSS has enhanced its loan programs to provide members with more accessible financial assistance during times of need.

The Enhanced Emergency Loan Program (ELP), which took effect on 1 May 2026, provides qualified members with access to up to ₱20,000 at an interest rate of 7% per annum, with a six-month repayment moratorium. The program also relaxed the contribution requirement from 36 to 18 months, provided that the member has at least six posted contributions within the last 12 months.

SSS has also rolled out the SSS Micro Loan Program, or SSS LoanLite, which provides qualified employed members with a fully digital option for short-term financial assistance through participating financial institutions.

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DOST-Laguna supports unveiling of Santa Maria's Marilag Convergence Area Development Plan

SANTAMARIA, LAGUNA — In a landmark move toward sustainable rural industrialization and agricultural modernization, the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Laguna Provincial Office, represented by Provincial Director Agnes G. Morales, officially joined the launch of the Marilag Convergence Area Development Plan (CADP) on July 2, 2026. The initiative is strategically designed to foster economic resilience, optimize local resources, and unlock institutional opportunities for the convergence of the municipality and its stakeholders.

The day's proceedings commenced with a grand civic motorcade, bringing together honorable regional and provincial government officials, local agricultural leaders, agrarian reform beneficiaries, and members of the community. The route offered participants a firsthand view of Santa Maria's rich agro-ecological landscape, emphasizing the economic potential slated for development under the CADP.

A pivotal moment of the itinerary took place mid-route, where delegates gathered for the official unveiling of the newly built Santa Maria Municipal Marker. Spearheaded by Municipal Mayor, Hon. Ma. Rocelle V. Carolino, the ribbon-cutting ceremony formally dedicated the

monument as a symbol of the municipality's transition toward higher productivity, institutional efficiency, and an elevated quality of life for its citizens.

Recovering at the Sta Maria Convention Center, In her keynote address, Mayor Atty. Ma. Rocelle V. Carolino formally inaugurated the presentation of the approved Santa Maria CADP. The Chief Executive outlined a rigorous, data-driven vision to position Santa Maria as a premier regional hub for high-value agricultural exports, with a primary focus on scaling up the production and trade of Buko (coconut) and Rice to neighboring economies.

To formalize the socioeconomic pact, the present regional department heads and local executives executed the CADP Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) Signing and affixed their signatures to the Commitment Wall, sealing a unified mandate to drive sustainable progress in Santa Maria, Laguna. PSTO Laguna congratulates the Municipality of Sta Maria for the CADP Initiative and look forward to our future convergence.

*A kind man benefits himself,
But the cruel person brings trouble on himself.
Proverbs 11:17*

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16 inventions vying for Presidential Filipinnovation Awards



the first participating financial institution to make SSS LoanLite available through its mobile application. Representatives of the other participating financial institutions, Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation (RCBC), Land Bank of the Philippines, UnionBank of the Philippines, and Standard Economics, were also present during the SSS 69th Anniversary Press Conference, underscoring the strong partnership between SSS and its financial institution partners. The other LoanLite partners will make the facility available through their respective digital platforms as their systems become ready.

Strengthening retirement savings

SSS is also expanding opportunities for members to build additional retirement savings through the Mandatory Provident Fund (MPF) and Pension Booster (PB).

As of July 2026, MPF contributions reached ₱263.12 billion from 9.18 million members.

The PB recorded ₱2.09 billion in contributions from 95,745 members, giving members another option to build additional retirement savings.

Expanding social security coverage

As of July 2026, SSS had 44.25 million covered members, including employed, self-employed, voluntary, and Overseas Filipino Workers.

The System also maintained 292 local offices nationwide and 30 foreign offices, allowing it to serve members in the Philippines and abroad.

SSS was likewise serving more than 1

million active employers, strengthening its partnership with employers in expanding and sustaining social security coverage.

Preparing for the future

SSS is developing new programs designed to respond to the evolving needs of its members.

Among these is the Energy Sustainability Loan Program, which will allow qualified members with Mandatory Provident Fund accounts to borrow up to ₱400,000 to install solar panel systems at home. The loan will be payable over seven years at an interest rate of 6% per annum.

SSS is also developing the Mandatory Provident Fund Loan and Pensioners' Card as part of its continuing efforts to expand financial and service options for members and pensioners.

Continuing 69 years of protection

The 69th Anniversary celebration will continue throughout September with activities recognizing SSS members, pensioners, employers, and partners.

Pensioners' Day on 11 September will honor the country's pensioners and highlight the importance of sustained social security protection in retirement.

The opening of the SSS Foreign Office in Madrid on 11 September will serve more than 70,000 Filipinos in Spain.

SSS Global Kabayan Day will be held in Hong Kong on 12 to 13 September and in Barcelona, Spain on 13 September to provide services and honor OFWs and pensioners.

MANILA — Sixteen homegrown inventions are set to lower farming costs, power remote communities, and bring internet-free learning to classrooms as they head to a major national finals.

These breakthroughs come from the finalists of this year's Presidential Filipinnovation Awards (PFA), proving that the answers to the country's needs are already being created by Filipinos themselves.

"When we give our innovators the support, networks, and opportunities to grow, we help turn Filipino ingenuity into real-world impact," Department of Economy, Planning, and Development (DEP-Dev) Secretary Arsenio Balisacan said in a statement Wednesday.

The 16 finalists pushing for this real-world impact include:

Healthcare and education: OstreaVent2™, Nano Foldable Crutches, TeachAid Offline/Intranet E-Learning System, and the CPU/PNC Feeds and Phyto-medicines.

Agriculture and food technology: Semi-automatic Feed Milling System, JUAN Algae

The 2026 Balikang Bayan Awards on 21 September will recognize outstanding partners and stakeholders whose contributions have helped advance SSS programs and strengthen social security protection.

As SSS moves toward its 70th year, the Sys-

Paste, AI-Driven Farm Management Module (AID-FMM), and the Automated Coconut Sap Juice Extractor.

Energy and Environment: Compact-Easy-to-Operate and Economical Biodiesel Reactor for Benteng Diesel, Saltrix Marissa Turbine, and Advance Waste Solution.

Systems and Digital Solutions: USHER-WEHLO Unified Resilience Platform, REELIST8, Draft Master Innovation, WERT System, and AIMHI Construction Clarity Intelligence.

Aside from farming and health, the awards also highlight crucial fields like finance, public administration, and the blue economy to ensure that no sector is left behind in the country's modernization.

As vice chair of the National Innovation Council (NIC), Balisacan said Filipinos who best understand the struggles faced by local farmers, workers, entrepreneurs, students, and communities are the ones who live these realities every day.

"That is why the NIC, through the Presidential Filipinnovation

tem remains committed to strengthening its financial foundation, expanding social protection, and delivering services that respond to the changing needs of Filipino workers and their families.

Bawat Isa Protektado, Bawat Bukas Sigurado. By SSS

Awards, is committed to helping Filipino innovators and homegrown solutions gain visibility, build partnerships, and reach the people and industries that can benefit from them," he said.

The national finals began on Sept. 1. Finalists went through a rigorous process of eligibility screening, technical evaluation, mentoring, live pitching, and prototype demonstration during the sub-national competitions across the country.

They also received additional capaci-

ty-building support to refine their business models and pitch decks before presenting their innovations to the National Board of Judges on Wednesday.

The competition will wrap up with an awarding ceremony on Thursday in Quezon City, where five grand winners will each receive a PHP3.5 million cash grant and support to help grow and bring their innovations to the market.

The remaining 11 finalists will take home PHP250,000 each to support the continued development of their innovations, including research and development, prototyping, field testing, and system upgrades. (PNA)

Pneumonia tops PhilHealth H1 payouts at P12.76B

MANILA – Community-acquired pneumonia III topped the medical conditions with the highest payouts from the Philippine Health Insurance Corp. (PhilHealth) in the first half of 2026, receiving PHP12.76 billion in healthcare claim payments.

PhilHealth said Thursday it released a total of PHP210.09 billion in healthcare claim payments from January to June, helping millions of Filipinos cover medical expenses.

In a public advisory, the state health insurer said cerebral infarction, commonly known as stroke, ranked second with PHP2.76 billion in claims, followed by acute gastroenteritis at

PHP1.96 billion.

Other conditions with substantial payouts included dengue with warning signs at PHP1.78 billion and urinary tract infections at PHP1.60 billion.

These were followed by stage 2 hypertension at PHP1.10 billion, stage 5 chronic kidney disease at PHP1.05 billion, bronchial asthma at PHP978.18 million, malignant hypertension at PHP975.20 million, and other cases of acute gastritis at PHP910.34 million.

PhilHealth encouraged members to seek timely medical attention, assuring the public that healthcare coverage is available for major diseases nationwide. (PNA)

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**Enchanted Kingdom unveils 31st anniversary events and offerings, announces new developments at AGILA
The EKsperience: SARIBUHAY**



Enchanted Kingdom, the first and only world-class theme park in the Philippines, is set to mark its 31st Anniversary with Fiesta ng Saribuhay, a month-long celebration that puts the country's rich biodiversity at the heart of its enchanting lineup of exciting shows, world-class entertainment, and other anniversary experiences this October.

With this year's theme, EK continues its mission to enrich every guest's visit as it highlights the beauty of the Philippines through a grand showcase of its people, culture, and biodiversity, which make the country truly unique and enchanting.

The anniversary festivities officially begin on October 2, with an enchanting World Teachers' Day Celebra-

tion, complete with insightful sessions, captivating performances, and special treats and giveaways dedicated to the inspiring educators who help nurture the next generation of Filipinos.

Guests are also invited to take a symbolic stride for sustainability, wellness, and togetherness at Run to 31: Takbo ng Saribuhay Fun Run on October 11. More details about the event, including how to register, will be released soon on EK's social media pages.

Every weekend of October, the Fiesta ng Saribuhay streetdance performances will set the stage for the country's vibrant culture and festive spirit to shine across the Park. EK's very own Storyverse characters will also add their magical touch into

the festivities through their spectacular nighttime parade.

On October 17, EK will put Filipino music, talent, and pride in the spotlight at the Fiesta ng Saribuhay Concert, with R&B hitmaker Dionela set to headline the star-studded lineup of OPM acts that will surely make the anniversary festivities even more unforgettable. The celebration continues on October 18 with another exciting set of Fiesta ng Saribuhay performances featuring more OPM artists, all of which will be revealed soon.

Explore the archipelago through food as EK's newest Saribuhay Menu serves up healthy and hearty local dishes from the featured destinations in the AGILA The EKsperience: SARIBUHAY film, avail-



able soon at Launch-Time and Amazon Grill restaurants.

Further expanding its wide selection of in-park food and dining options, EK will also welcome new tenant partners in the coming months, including Pepper Lunch at the EK Portico, Minimelts, Stroop & Zo, and Mango Royal.

AGILA The EKsperience: SARIBUHAY 2.5

One of the highlights of EK's 31st anniversary is the launch of AGILA The EKsperience: SARIBUHAY 2.5 this October, featuring new immersive pre- and post-show experiences that bring more enchanting stories of biodiversity to life. It introduces a new multi-sensory walkthrough upon entry that reveals the inspiration, symbolism, and making of the attraction.

Delving deeper into the walkthrough, guests are brought into the nat-

ural habitat of the Philippine eagle, offering a glimpse into its lifecycle and the eye-opening plight of one of the most iconic and critically endangered birds in the country.

Additionally, EK will elevate the retail experience at Pugad, AGILA's in-house concept store, with displays and experiences that incorporate retail, education, innovation, and sustainability. Guests can take home not just souvenirs, but also a deeper appreciation and understanding of their overall AGILA experience.

Relaunched in October 2025 with a renewed mission that goes beyond tourism to champion sustainability, AGILA The EKsperience: SARIBUHAY was notably named as the Best ASEAN New Tourism Attraction by the ASEAN Tourism Association (ASEANTA) last January.

Extending its advo-

cacy beyond the Park, EK has tapped its homegrown P-pop girl group, SMS, to take on the role of Saribuhay Explorers, serving as ambassadors for biodiversity. Through short-form digital content, the group will spread greater awareness about AGILA and the local biodiversity among audiences inside and outside the Park.

*Schedules are subject to change with prior notice.

For more information and updates on EK's 31st Anniversary Celebration and its other events and offerings, visit <https://www.enchantedkingdom.ph> and EK's official social media accounts @enchantedkingdom.ph for Facebook and TikTok, and @ek_philippines for Instagram.

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