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Food bank and donation system pushed in Cavite to combat food waste

TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite (PIA) — The Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Cavite Province is pushing for a measure to establish a Food Bank and Food Donation system to minimize food wastage and provide healthier eating options.

In a Joint Hearing of the Committees on Health, Nutrition, and Population, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan reviewed the provisions of the proposed measure that aimed to deliver healthy meals especially for marginalized sectors.

Board Member Jasmin Maligaya-Bautista said that the proposed Food Donation Program and Food Bank System will help minimize food wastage and push for responsible food consumption.

"Tinalakay po natin ang panukalang ordinansa na naglalayong magtatag ng Food Donation Program and Food Bank System sa

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PNP: Security measures in place for ASEAN Summit

MANILA – Security measures are in place for the country's hosting of the 49th ASEAN Summit and Related Summits next week, with the Philippine National Police (PNP) completing its final review of security plans and site inspections to ensure operational readiness, its chief said.

Interior Secretary Jonvic Remulla and PNP Chief Gen. Jose Melencio Nartatez Jr. led the ceremonial send-off of security forces and resources at the Quirino Grandstand in Manila on Wednesday.

During the ceremony, Remulla urged security personnel to demonstrate both care and vigilance in protecting delegates and the public.

"We care, caregiving is one of our key virtues in our culture, we care for our elders, we care for each other but also, we protect. When we provide and we protect, we show what is the best. So in this endeavor you show both. You will show care and you will show your protection," Remulla said.

"In the next 72 hours do your utmost, follow your orders, obey your commands, be at your posts and be ready for any eventuality. The success of this ASEAN is already been assured because it has been prepared for from top to bottom," he added.

Nartatez said the final security discussions

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SEND-OFF. The ceremonial send-off of security personnel who will be deployed for the 49th ASEAN Summit and Related Summits at the Quirino Grandstand in Manila on Wednesday (Nov. 11, 2026). The security preparations also cover traffic management and planned protest activities by various groups. (PNA photo by Lloyd Caliwan)

Tuition subsidy hike for private JHS learners 'timely relief' –DepEd chief

MANILA – Education Secretary Sonny Angara on Wednesday highlighted the "timely relief" for Filipino households as the Department of Education (DepEd) secured the first increase in tuition subsidies for learners in private Junior High Schools (JHS).

This comes after members of the State Assistance Council approved the first adjustment of Educational Service Contracting (ESC) grant rates since 2017.

These include the DepEd, Commission on Higher Education (CHED), Department of Budget and Management (DBM), Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), and Department of Science and Technology (DOST).

In a statement, Angara said the move is timely considering the rising school expenses in the country.

"Matagal nang hinihintay ng mga magulang at ng ating mga partner private schools ang dagdag na tulong na ito (Parents and our partner private schools have been waiting for this additional aid for so long)," he said.

"Malaking ginhawa ang mas mataas na subsidy para masigurong tuluy-tuloy ang pag-aaral ng ating mga kabataan at hindi sila napipilitang huminto dahil sa kakulangan sa pambayad (The higher subsidy is a huge relief to ensure that the youth will continue their studies and not be forced to stop due to lack of financial resources)."



TUITION SUBSIDY HIKE. Education Secretary Sonny Angara observes actual classroom teaching in this undated photo. Angara on Wednesday (Nov. 11, 2026) highlighted the "timely relief" for Filipino households as the Department of Education secured the first increase in tuition fee subsidies for learners in private Junior High Schools. (File photo courtesy of DepEd)

Angara said the adjustment will help address classroom congestion in public schools.

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focused on ensuring proper coordination, strategic deployment and the effective implementation of security plans on the ground.

"Security preparations for an event of this scale require foresight, seamless coordination, and the ability to respond decisively to emerging threats. We are leaving nothing to chance," he said.

The PNP's Highway Patrol Group will assist the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority in enforcing traffic rules and helping motorists affected by congestion, alongside its security duties at summit venues.

Nartatez urged motorists to plan their trips, monitor traffic conditions and prepare for possible road rerouting during the summit. He also reminded them to observe traffic rules and cooperate with authorities to prevent road incidents.

The security preparations also cover traffic management and planned protest activities by various groups.

Nartatez said the police would observe maximum tolerance toward groups proceeding with their planned activities. However, he urged organizers to heed the call of the ASEAN National Organizing Council to hold their activities after the summit out of consideration for foreign visitors.

He also emphasized the PNP's readiness to respond to any action that could disrupt the international gathering.

On Tuesday, Nartatez inspected the Multi-Agency Coordinating Center at the Philippine Trade Training Center in Pasay City to assess the operational readiness, interagency coordination and response capabilities of security personnel and participating agencies.

During the ceremonial send-off, he said the summit, scheduled for the third week of November, is expected to bring together 23 leaders and thousands of staff members and observers.

"This third week of November will be the main event consisting of about ang attendance natin dito is 23 leaders and thousands of their staff and as well as observers not only ASEAN will be watching over us but also the entire world," he said.

He congratulated security personnel for their role in preparing for the gathering and ensuring its peaceful conduct.

Meanwhile, the National Capital Region Police Office (NCRPO) said it continues to intensify security measures through increased police visibility, intelligence monitoring, interagency coordination and operational readiness to protect delegates and the public.

It said police services and public safety operations across Metro Manila would remain uninterrupted before, during and after the summit.

NCRPO acting chief and Task Group Metro Manila Commander Brig. Gen. Christopher Abrahano said the police force would remain vigilant and proactive throughout the event.

"Our position is clear: We remain vigilant, prepared, and proactive. We will not be complacent, and we will not compromise public safety," Abrahano said. (PNA)

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lalawigan ng Cavite upang mabawasan ang food wastage at masiguro na ang mga pagkaing maaari pang mapakinabangan ay maipamamahagi sa mga higit na nangangailangan."

Moreover, Maligaya-Bautista expressed her optimism that their collective efforts will bring more programs pushing for environmental protection, responsible consumerism, and malasakit.

"Naniniwala po tayo na sa pamamagitan ng pagtutulungan, mas mapapalawak natin ang mga programang nagtataguyod ng wastong pangangalaga sa kapaligiran, responsableng pagkonsumo, at malasakit sa kapwa."

By diverting produce from becoming food waste, food donation drives help the environment by conserving water, energy and agricultural labor. It also helps address malnutrition among children and the elderly who struggle with food insecurity.

Findings by the Department of Science and Technology-Food and Nutrition Research Institute (DOST-FNRI) show that average daily plate waste rose by 69 percent in 2023 to 130 grams, from 77 grams in 2018 to 2019. Data also showed that Rice remained the most wasted food item, accounting for 64.9 percent of total plate waste, followed by vegetables at 12.9 percent and fish at 9.3 percent.

Plate waste refers to edible food left uneaten after meals, whether discarded or given to animals, reflecting the gap between food prepared and food consumed. (PB-PIA CALABARZON, with reports from Jasmin Maligaya-Bautista)

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"Kapag binibigyan natin ng mas abot-kayang pagpipilian ang mga pamilya, nababawasan din natin ang siksikan sa public schools at nabibigyan natin ang bawat bata ng mas maayos na pagkakataon para matuto (When we provide families with affordable options, congestion in public schools is also eased and we are granting everyone the chance to have proper learning)," he said.

Under the approved rate adjustment, incoming Grade 7 ESC grantees will be covered beginning in the school year (SY) 2027 to 2028.

The new rates entail a PHP4,500 increase in the National Capital Region, PHP3,500 in highly urbanized cities (HUCs), and PHP3,000 in other areas.

In Metro Manila, the new structure will increase the annual ESC grants to PHP17,500 from the current PHP13,000.

Grantees in HUCs outside Metro Manila will receive PHP14,500 from PHP11,000, while those in all other regions will receive PHP12,000, up from PHP9,000.

Overall, the government subsidy can now cover about 34 percent to 50 percent of mandatory tuition and miscellaneous fees. (PNA/ Stephanie Sevillano)

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conditions.

Veloso said households previously paying PHP7,000 monthly could potentially save PHP80,400 annually on electricity, excluding loan repayments and installation expenses.

"GSEL is more than a loan program. It gives our members and pensioners access to a practical way to manage their household energy costs while supporting cleaner energy," he said.

The GSIS Board of Trustees earlier allocated PHP12.5 billion for the initiative, including PHP60 million for insurance coverage, while expanding eligibility to qualified pensioners. (PNA)

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

Proverbs 17: 1

A joyful heart is good
medicine, But a crushed spirit
saps one's strength
Proverbs 17:22

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Cavite Career Caravan brings employment opportunities to General Emilio Aguinaldo

The Provincial Government of Cavite, through the Office of the Provincial Public Employment Service Manager (OPPESM), brought employment opportunities closer to job seekers in General Emilio Aguinaldo through the Cavite Career Caravan held recently, at the Municipal Covered Court.

The activity gathered 63 job applicants, who took the opportunity to apply for available job vacancies and explore possible employment opportunities.

Based on the results, 41 applicants qualified for the positions they applied for, while four were considered near-hired and three were hired on the spot (HOTS).

Aside from the job application process, the caravan also served clients through participating national government agencies, providing them access to various government services in one venue.

Through the Cavite Career Caravan, the Provincial Government of Cavite continues to bring employment opportunities and government services closer to Caviteños, making it easier for them to access assistance and find opportunities for a better future.--- OPIO



PGC brings medical and dental services to residents of Dasmariñas City

A total of 670 patients benefited from the Medical and Dental Mission conducted by the Provincial Government of Cavite on November 3, 2026, at Barangay Langkaan II, Dasmariñas City.

The mission provided medical consultations to 519 patients and dental services to 56 patients. Other services were also made available, including fasting blood sugar (FBS) testing for 58 patients, electrocardiogram (ECG) for 31 patients, and X-ray services for six patients.

The activity was carried out through the OPG medical mission team, with support from the General Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital (GEAMH). City Council members, barangay officials, and Barangay Health Workers (BHWs) also took part in the activity and helped facilitate the delivery of services to residents.

Through its medical and dental missions, the Provincial Government of Cavite continues to bring basic health services closer to communities and provide residents with easier access to medical care.--- OPIO



Bringing care closer: PGC serves Malainen Bago

Strengthening its commitment to accessible and community-based healthcare, the Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC), through the collaborative efforts of the Office of the Provincial Governor (OPG) and the Office of the Provincial Health Officer (OPHO), conducted a medical and dental mission in Barangay Malainen Bago, Municipality of Naic, on October 23, 2026.

The initiative benefited a total of 542 residents, who availed themselves of various free healthcare services, including 425 medical consultations and 63 dental services. Additionally, four residents underwent electrocardiogram (ECG) examinations, while 50 availed themselves of fasting blood sugar (FBS) testing.

Through the continued partnership of the OPG and OPHO, the provincial government reinforces its commitment to bringing essential health services directly to communities, ensuring that more Caviteños have access to timely and responsive medical and dental care.--- OPIO



PGC Continues Healthcare Outreach at BJMP

The Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC), through the collaborative efforts of the Office of the Provincial Governor (OPG) and the Office of the Provincial Health Officer (OPHO), conducted a medical and dental mission at the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) in Tagaytay City on November 4, 2026, extending essential healthcare services to persons deprived of liberty (PDLs).

The mission recorded a total of 421 service availments, comprising 313 medical consultations, 51 dental services, 10 electrocardiogram (ECG) procedures, 47 fasting blood sugar (FBS) tests, and two X-ray examinations.

Through this initiative, the provincial government continues to strengthen its commitment to inclusive healthcare by bringing essential medical services to various sectors of society, ensuring that access to proper healthcare remains a priority regardless of one's circumstances.--- OPIO

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

Psalm 37:10-11

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SHIELA E. TEJERESAS,
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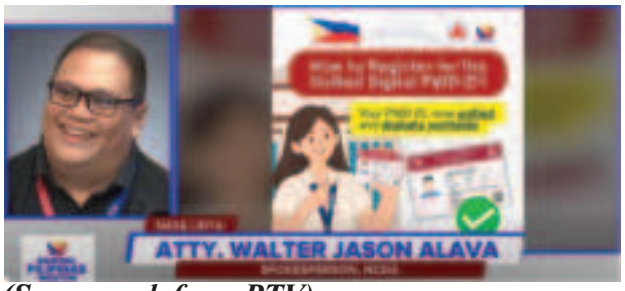
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NCDA trains 1.3K LGUs for unified digital PWD ID rollout



(Screengrab from PTV)

MANILA – The National Council on Disability Affairs (NCDA) has trained personnel from about 1,350 of the country's 1,642 local government units (LGUs) for the unified digital ID system for persons with disabilities (PWDs), surpassing 80 percent of its rollout target.

"Patuloy din ang pakikipag-ugnayan natin sa NCDA at sa mga natitirang LGUs para po masiguro natin na maayos ang pagpapatupad ng ating unified system (The NCDA continues to coordinate with the remaining LGUs to ensure the unified system is implemented smoothly)," NCDA spokesperson Walter Jason Alava said in a Bagong Pilipinas Ngayon interview on Wednesday.

Registration is currently done in person while the NCDA works on online registration.

The council will offer mobile and assisted registration in remote areas and is providing LGUs with SIM cards, laptops and signature pads to support offline registration.

First-time applicants with non-apparent disabilities need a certificate of disability from a licensed physician or specialist.

Those with apparent disabilities may present a government-issued ID or birth certificate without a disability certificate.

Holders of valid physical PWD IDs who register generally need a government-issued ID, with a new certificate required only if local officers need to review their medical documentation.

Unexpired PWD IDs issued by LGUs can still be used during the three-year transition under NCDA Administrative Order No. 1, series of 2026, Alava said.

Verification and privacy

"So, iyong QR code po ii-scan lang ng ating mga merchants and then pag-scan didiretso po iyan sa government portal ng DSWD (Department of Social Welfare and Development), and then makikita po na verified iyong ating persons with disability (Merchants can scan the QR code, which takes them directly to the DSWD portal to verify the ID)," Alava said.

Citing a Department of Justice legal opinion, he said establishments should presume PWD IDs are valid, grant the corresponding discounts and verify IDs only if they doubt their authenticity.

Alava added that authorized local officers can access only their own LGU's records. A verifier checks entries and can coordinate with the encoder to correct errors.

The NCDA can monitor the process under safeguards aligned with the Data Privacy Act.

Alava urged LGUs that have yet to roll out the system to email council@ncda.gov.ph to obtain their accounts and begin issuing digital IDs. (Ma. Teresa Montemayor/PNA)

GSIS releases P10.12-B solar loans to ease power costs


(Photo courtesy of GSIS)

MANILA – The Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) has released PHP10.12 billion in solar energy loans to government employees and pensioners, helping households reduce electricity expenses while strengthening energy resilience amid concerns over El Niño.

In a news release on Wednesday, GSIS said its Ginhawa Solar Energy Loan (GSEL) program has attracted 66,233 applications worth PHP19.81 billion as of Nov. 11, with some beneficiaries reporting electricity bills dropping from PHP7,000 to as low as PHP300 monthly.

"Imagine reducing your monthly electricity bill from PHP7,000 to just PHP300. For an ordinary government employee or a pensioner, that represents substantial savings that can instead be spent on food, education, healthcare, and other family needs," GSIS President and General Manager Jose Arnulfo "Wick" Veloso said.

GSIS reported that PHP10.12 billion has been credited to borrowers, while another PHP57.17 million has been approved, bringing total credited and granted loans to PHP10.18 billion.

An additional PHP87.37 million worth of loan applications are undergoing processing.

Launched in March 2026, GSEL provides qualified government workers and pensioners with financing of up to PHP500,000 at a five-percent annual interest rate, payable over five years without service fees.

The program also offers three years of free insurance coverage for installed solar panels against fire, lightning, typhoons and earthquakes, alongside loan redemption insurance, subject to applicable

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Safe water, sanitation key to student learning –DepEd

MANILA – The Department of Education (DepEd) on Wednesday underscored the importance of access to safe drinking water and clean sanitation facilities in schools to ensure learners' nutrition.

In a statement, DepEd Secretary Sonny Angara said healthy school learning environments are "foundational" in addressing learning gaps among children.

"You cannot separate a child's physical health from their ability to learn," he said, noting that these facilities are deemed "critical" to help enhance learners' performance in classrooms.

"Feeding programs work best when paired with clean water to drink, safe toilets to use, and daily handwashing habits that keep kids healthy and in school."

The DepEd chief made the remark as the agency participated in the Global Child Nutrition Forum 2026 in Lusaka, Zambia, from Nov. 2 to 5.

The Philippine presentation gained strong interest from international counterparts, particularly delegates from Burundi, Ethiopia, Lesotho, and the host nation, Zambia.

"Our work is far from over, and we still have many schools to reach. But seeing other nations look closely at the Philippine experience affirms that our push for safer, cleaner, and healthier schools is on the right track," Angara said.



CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION. A clean sanitation facility in a public school in this undated photo. Department of Education Secretary Sonny Angara on Wednesday (Nov. 11, 2026) stressed the importance of sustained access to these facilities to ensure learners' nutrition and improve their classroom performance, following the country's participation in the Global Child Nutrition Forum 2026 in Zambia. (Photo courtesy of DepEd)

During the event, DepEd Assistant Secretary for Governance and Operations Roger Masapol particularly discussed the government's efforts to institutionalize the Water, Sanitation and Hygiene in Schools (WinS) Program since its launch in 2016.

"What we shared in Zambia is a decade of hard-earned progress, proving that when we invest in basic hygiene and sanitation, we are directly investing in our learners' nutrition and future," Angara added.

Under the WinS program, a practical Three-Star Approach is being utilized to assess and guide public schools to meet quality standards on essential water, sanitation, and hygiene.

These include key benchmarks like safe water, clean toilets, daily group handwashing and toothbrushing, menstrual hygiene management, deworming, and health promotion.

Under the system, a one-star rating means basic sanitation and hygiene practices are in place; two stars demonstrate improved facilities and active management systems; while the highest three-star distinction recognizes schools for their sustained full compliance across all health and hygiene standards.

From School Year 2025 to 2026, the DepEd recorded a staggering surge of 62 percent in schools securing at least a one-star rating, much higher than the 9 percent baseline over the past decade.

About 14 schools, meanwhile, attained the highest three-star distinction for the said school year.

Besides the WinsS program, another major component of the DepEd's School-Based Feeding Program (SBFP) is the Gulayan sa Paaralan (School Gardens) Program.

Through this integrated approach, the agency ensures that hot meals sourced from school and community gardens are supported by clean water and proper sanitation to maximize the nutritional value for learners. (Stephanie Sevillano/PNA)

Laguna expands access to free medicines, healthcare services through mobile pharmacy

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) — Residents across Laguna are gaining access to free maintenance medicines and essential healthcare services through the provincial government's Akay ni Gob Botika program, which aims to bring medical assistance closer to communities, particularly those who have difficulty visiting hospitals and health facilities.



Among the beneficiaries of the free medicine program is Delia Salva of Cabuyao City, who availed herself of the program's influenza vaccination service.

"Nagpapasalamat ako kay Gov [Sol Aragones] para sa programang ito dahil napakaganda talaga, lahat ng kailangan ng tao, mahirap man o mayaman wala syang pinipili, binibigyan nya lahat," she said in a post published in the Laguna Provincial Information Office.

The Akay ni Gob Botika program launched in July 2025 as part of Governor Sol Aragones and the provincial government's initiative to improve essential healthcare services and reduce the expenses of residents who need long-term medication.

It began with four mobile pharmacies before expanding into a network of 30 community pharmacy sites covering tall24 municipalities and six cities in Laguna.

Through the program, qualified residents can receive free maintenance medicines for common chronic conditions, including hypertension, diabetes, and high cholesterol. The provincial government has also expanded the list of available medicines to address additional healthcare needs.

Aragones said the program is intended to make essential medicines accessible to all Laguna residents, emphasizing that public funds should benefit everyone regardless of financial capacity.

"We do not select who may receive these free maintenance medicines. These are for everyone—whether you are less fortunate or well-off—because these come from the people's taxes and should benefit all," Aragones said.

In an assessment made by the provincial government, beneficiaries of the Akay ni Gob Botika program can save an estimated P2,715 monthly or P32,580 annually on commonly prescribed maintenance medicines. These medicines are intended to help patients manage chronic illnesses that require continuous medication and often entail recurring household expenses.

Commonly prescribed maintenance medicine like amlodiphine, each beneficiary can save P292 monthly and P3,510 annually. Meanwhile, patients with high blood pressure can save P517 monthly and P6,210 annually.

By bringing pharmacies and mobile medical services closer to communities, the initiative seeks to ensure that residents, particularly senior citizens and patients with chronic illnesses, can continue their treatment without the added burden of regularly purchasing maintenance medicines.

The program forms part of the provincial government's efforts to expand access to healthcare and reduce the financial burden of medical expenses among Lagunenses, particularly those requiring long-term treatment. (AM, CH/PIA-Laguna; with reports from Provincial Government of Laguna)

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Golden Tigresses roll to 11th win in UAAP basketball

MANILA – Defending champion University of Santo Tomas (UST)stayed perfect in UAAP Season 89 women's basketball after demolishing the University of the East (UE), 106-48, at the SMART Araneta Coliseum on Wednesday.

Karylle Sierba delivered 21 points, leading the Growling Tigresses to their 11th consecutive win.

"Kahit sino man makalaban namin, focus pa rin kami sa game plan namin. Wala rin kaming iniisip na wala pa kaming talo, basta't may kalaban kami, focus lang kami and mag-team effort kami every game (Regardless of who we face, we remain focused on our game plan. We don't dwell on the fact that we're still undefeated; as long as there's an opponent, we just stay focused and play as a team in every game)," said Sierba, who also had six assists and three steals.

Oma Onianwa contributed 13 points and 13 rebounds, while CJ Maglupay also scored 13 points along with eight rebounds, four assists, two steals, and two blocks in 12 minutes of action. Brig Santos chipped in 11 points, six assists, four rebounds, and three steals.



STANDOUT. University of Santo Tomas point guard Karylle Sierba (right) delivers 21 points, six assists, and three steals against the University of the East in the UAAP Season 89 women's basketball at the Smart Araneta Coliseum on Wednesday (Nov. 11, 2026). The Golden Tigresses won, 106-48. (UAAP photo)

"It's a team effort pa rin. Ang defense namin (It's still a team effort. Our defense), we take pride in it every time we play. Getting ready for another game on Sunday, so one game at a time pa rin (It's still a team effort. Our defense, we take pride in it every time we play. Getting ready for another game on Sunday so it's still one game at a time)," UST head coach Haydee Ong, who just returned from a one-game suspension, said.

UST will next face Ateneo de Manila University at the same venue at 12 p.m. on Sunday.

Meanwhile, Rachel Lacayanga finished with 21 points, seven rebounds and four steals for the Lady Warriors, who took their third straight loss for a 1-10 card.

UE will meet National University also at the Araneta Coliseum at 10 a.m. on Saturday. (PNA)

Wangkay adds bronze to PH medal haul at Dakar Youth Olympics

MANILA – Pi Durden Forward Wangkay secured the men's 200m bronze for the Philippines' second medal at the Youth Olympic Games (YOG) in Senegal on Wednesday.

The 17-year-old runner from Biñan, Laguna clocked a personal best 21.36 seconds, behind Zimbabwe's Ropafadzo Mzondo (21.04) and Guyana's Deuquan Farrell (21.36) at the Complexe Iba Mar Diop Stadium in Dakar.

Wangkay and Farrel both clocked 21.36 seconds, but Farrell's photo-finish time of .355 edged Wangkay's .359 by just 0.004 seconds.

"I never expected to win a medal because the times were very close, so I'm okay to get the third," said Wangkay, who registered 21.96s in the semifinals.

Wangkay's teammate, Naomi Marjorie Cesar, won a silver medal in the women's 800m final last Tuesday.

The Philippines now has three medals in the YOG, including the silver won by Christian Tio (men's IKA twin tip racing in kiteboarding) in the 2018 edition held in Buenos Aires, Argentina. (PNA)



PROUD PINOY. Runner Pi Durden Forward Wangkay holds the Philippine flag during the awarding ceremony of the Youth Olympic Games at the Complexe Iba Mar Diop Stadium in Dakar, Senegal on Wednesday (Nov. 11, 2026). He won the bronze medal in the men's 200m event. (POC Media Pool)

BI '101% ready' for holiday exodus

MANILA – The Bureau of Immigration (BI) is ready for the influx of passengers during the holiday season.

BI spokesperson Anisha Hassan said they are fully ready for inbound and outbound passengers come December.

"(For the) 2026 holiday season the Bureau is 101 percent ready for the rush of passengers this year," she said in a radio interview Wednesday.

The BI official added that their preparations for the holidays started since Undas (All Saints' and All Souls' Days).

"Since (the commemoration of) Undas, we are already preparing for the travelers' rush," she said.

At the same time, Hassan reported that over 70 electronic gates (e-gates) have been installed at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) Terminals 1 and 3 for seamless immigration transactions.

"Already deployed Phase I in international gateways (e-gates) in preparation of the Holiday rush. Around 76 e-gates in the arrival and departure areas of NAIA 1 and 3," she said.

The next stage of implementation will be in Clark, Davao and Cebu and in other provincial airports.

"The next phase will be at Clark, Davao and Cebu (airports), the next stage will be provincial airports," the BI official added. (Ferdinand Patinio/PNA)



"Happy are those conscious of their spiritual need, since the Kingdom of the heavens belongs to them.
"Happy are those who mourn, since they will be comforted.
"Happy are the mild-tempered, since they will inherit the earth.
"Happy are those hungering and thirsting for righteousness, since they will be filled.
"Happy are the merciful, since they will be shown mercy.

Matthew 5: 3-7