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DA expands hog repopulation program to restore swine industry

MANILA – The Department of Agriculture (DA) is rolling out an expanded swine repopulation program with the procurement of 32,000 gilts as part of recovery measures from African swine fever (ASF).

In a news release on Tuesday, the DA said the initiative led by the National Livestock Program, through the

Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI), aims to restore the national swine population to its pre-ASF level of about 13 million heads.

“We need to produce at least one million more head of pigs this year alone if we are to stabilize supply, reduce reliance on imports, and move closer to President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.’s vi-

sion of a food-secure Philippines driven by stronger local production,” Agriculture Secretary Francisco Tiu Laurel Jr. said, emphasizing that the program is crucial to strengthening local production and ensuring food security.

The DA said it is targeting to add six million hogs by 2028 to
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‘Bawat Barangay Makikinabang’ ensures no one is left behind in GenTri

GENERAL TRIAS CITY, Cavite (PIA) — Over 18,000 Gentriseño families received various government aid as the Bawat Barangay Makikinabang program launched here on May 4.

The rollout, led by President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. during his visit here, saw the distribution of various government programs ranging from rice assistance to financial assistance for students.



Mayor Luis Ferrer IV noted that the students in their city, especially those finishing their college education, will greatly benefit from the educational assistance. The local chief executive also empha-

sized the role of the city’s 30 barangays in ensuring that the P200,000 worth of education assistance they each received will be delivered to the young residents.

“Lahat ng ating 30

DOLE delivers employment aid, opportunities to transport workers, farmers in Calabarzon

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) – As part of the 124th Labor Day celebration, the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) rolled out job opportunities for thousands of Calabarzon residents, including emergency



employment for transport workers and farmers affected by the fuel crisis.

In an official Facebook post, DOLE Cal-

abarzon has shared that the department, in partnership with various employers in the region successfully
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(PNA file photo)

barangay captains ay tatanggap ng tulong. Bawat kapitan ay tumanggap ng P200,000 pang-educational assistance at iba pang klase ng assistance. Talagang tunay na ang bawat barangay ay mahalaga.”

Among the 165 scholars was college student Denise Alexandra Donea who received her benefits under the Bawat Barangay Makikinabang program. For Donea, the financial aid is cru-

cial in paying for her school fees.

“Hindi rin po biro ‘yung gastusin kasi may mga kailangan rin kaming iwan ng puwedeng gastusin kasi sobrang mahal ang mag-aral. Nakapalaking salamat po dahil target nila ay mga third-year student na alam nating kailangan ng malaking financial [resources].”

Aside from the educational assistance, around 18,000 families also received rice assistance under

the Bawat Barangay Makikinabang program—a timely gift, according to the city government.

In an interview with the Philippine Information Agency CALABARZON, Vice Mayor Jonas Labu-guen said the rice assistance is a big help as Gentriseño families continue to reel from the rising cost of basic food items.

“Malaking bagay po ito sa ating mga ka-
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address supply gaps caused by ASF since 2019.

Agriculture Undersecretary for Livestock Constante Palabrica said the program is allotted PHP1.6 billion funding, anchored on the Animal Industry Development and Competitiveness Act (AIDCA).

The law allocates PHP20 billion annually over the next decade, through the Animal Competitiveness Enhancement Fund (ANCEF), to boost the livestock sector.

Palabrica also noted that improved disease control has allowed authorities to ease emergency measures.

“We have not detected infected pigs for some time now, which allowed us to dismantle checkpoints in Metro Manila after two years. This reflects the effectiveness of our containment strategies,” he said.

Meanwhile, he emphasized that despite

the effective containment strategies, the BAI remains vigilant as it scales up repopulation efforts nationwide.

The DA said vaccination efforts against ASF and avian influenza are ongoing, while additional vaccine suppliers are being explored to ensure sustainable the health and resilience of livestock.

The department also acknowledged capacity gaps in the sector, with the BAI set to hire up to 4,000 regular personnel, including around 500 veterinarians, to support its expanded operations and strengthen biosecurity measures.

Despite the progress, the DA underscored that maintaining strict biosecurity standards while increasing production will be key to ensuring long-term industry stability and reducing dependence on pork imports. (PNA)

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monitoring with frequent visits to deter excessive markups and ensure that retail prices remain within reasonable levels.

The DA added that the government is accelerating the implementation of key food access programs, including the Benteng Bigas, Meron (BBM) Na! initiative of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.

The BBM Na program offers rice at PHP20 per kilo to vulnerable sectors, alongside the Rice-for-All program for the broader market.

The DA is also prepared to impose a price cap of PHP50

per kilo on imported rice if price pressures persist.

Data from the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) showed that food inflation more than doubled from 2.7 percent in March, with staple commodities driving the increase.

The data showed that rice emerged as the main contributor, with prices surging 13.7 percent from 3.5 percent in the previous month, while corn, fish, and vegetables also recorded faster increases.

Cereals also accounted for more than half of the rise in food inflation.

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hired on the spot some 660 jobseekers during the event that took place at the Jose Rizal Coliseum in Calamba City on May 1.

Aside from bringing job opportunities closer to communities, the event also highlighted the ceremonial launch and awarding of the Tu-

long Panghanapbuhay sa Ating Disadvantaged/Displaced Workers (TUPAD) Tuloy Pasada program, in coordination with the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LT-FRB).

According to DOLE Calabarzon, a total of 845 transport workers

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babayan lalo't higit ang ating mga ordinaryong mamamayang kung saan ang bigas na ito ay magagamit

ng kanilang pamilya sa kanilang pang-araw-araw na pangangailagan.” (PB-PIA CALABARZON)

Middle-class take-home pay gets boost under GINHAWA bill

MANILA – A Senate bill is seeking to raise the take-home pay of Filipino workers, particularly those in the middle-income bracket, is expected to provide tax relief and ease the impact of rising prices.

Sen. Sherwin Gatchalian, who filed Senate Bill 56, or the Granting Increase in Take-Home Pay for All Working Filipinos (GINHAWA) Act, on Tuesday said the measure shall increase workers' disposable income through tax adjustments.

The bill proposes raising the annual income tax exemption threshold from PHP250,000 to PHP400,000 and increasing the cap on tax-free bonuses from PHP90,000 to PHP150,000.

“Kailangan din ng middle class ng tulong para maibsan ang pasakit na dulot ng mataas na presyo ng langis at mga bilihin (The middle class also needs support to ease the burden caused

The DA said the impact has been particularly severe among low-income households, with inflation for the bottom 30 percent accelerating to 8.5 percent from 0.1 percent a year earlier.

Tiu Laurel said the coordinated measures

by high oil prices and the rising cost of goods). The middle class has been the lifeblood of the local economy, driving domestic consumption and contributing significantly to government revenue,” Gatchalian said.

The measure also seeks to exempt additional compensation such as overtime pay, holiday pay, night shift differential and hazard pay from taxes, along with service charges earned by workers in the service sector.

It further provides tax relief for small businesses and exempts the honoraria and allowances of poll workers from taxation.

Gatchalian, who also chairs the Senate Committee on Finance and the PROTECT ad hoc panel, said the proposed measure aims to give workers more financial breathing room while sustaining domestic consumption amid economic pressures. (PNA)

between government agencies reflect efforts to contain the ripple effects of fuel-driven inflation as the government moves to stabilize food prices while maintaining efficient supply chains. (PNA)

across the region will benefit from emergency employment assistance under the TUPAD Tuloy Pasada program, which provides immediate support to the sector most affected by the Middle East conflict.

“Under this initiative, 845 transport workers will benefit from emergency employment assistance amounting to ₱10,723,050.00 for a 20-day work period,” DOLE shared in an official post.

The agriculture sector is among those who were most affected and vulnerable to the crisis, and to complement the program, a ceremonial awarding of TUPAD under the Integrated Services for Livelihood Advancement and Sustainable Employment will also be implemented in convergence with partner agencies for the benefit of the agriculture and fisheries sector.

This move will benefit 1,400 farmers and fisherfolks in the region, they are set to be engaged in canal reha-

bilitation for 20 days, with a total allocation of Php18,298,000.00.

In Tiaong, Quezon, NIA Calabarzon conducted a TUPAD orientation for 100 farmers from Irrigators' Associations, who are set to benefit from DOLE's TUPAD program.

“Matapos ang orientation noong April 28, opisyal namang sinimulan noong May 1 ang 20-day clearing activity sa mga irrigation canals, kung saan aktibong nakibahagi ang mga miyembro ng samahan. Ang gawaing ito ay naglalayong alisin ang mga bara at dumi sa mga kanal upang mapanatili ang maayos na suplay ng tubig patungo sa mga sakahan,” NIA shared in a Facebook post.

These initiatives, carried out in coordination with other government agencies, ensure that no sector is left behind, especially amid crises that threaten food production and the steady supply of food to Filipino households. (COP/PIA CALABARZON)

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Provincial Government of Cavite Conducts Successful Disposal and Sale of Valueless Records

The Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC) successfully conducted the disposal and sale of valueless records recently, at the New Provincial Government Center, Trece Martires City, reaffirming its commitment to efficient records management and regulatory compliance.

The actual disposal was witnessed by representatives from the National Archives of the Philippines, the Commission on Audit, and the designated records officers of PGC offices, ensuring transparency and compliance at every stage of the process. Prior to the sale, a thorough verification of records was conducted to ensure that only authorized materials were disposed.

In her message, Ms. Luzviminda Amparo, Records Management Improvement Committee (RMIC) Chairperson, acknowledged the presence and active participation of records officers and partner agencies, emphasizing the critical role of responsible records disposal in maintaining transparency, accountability, and organizational efficiency.

Meanwhile, Mr. Ferdinand Belamide, Chief of Staff, expressed his support for the initiative, noting that the continued practice of systematic disposal at the PGC is a positive step toward sustaining effective records management processes.

Representing NAP, Mr. Marvin Ervin M. Supan, Records Management Analyst II, commended the Provincial Government Center for its strong support and coordination throughout the disposal process. He also expressed appreciation for the PGC's adherence to Republic Act No. 9470, which governs the management and preservation of public records in the Philippines.

The Commission on Audit was represented by Ms. Chelsea Vidallo, ensuring that the process complied with auditing and accountability standards.

The disposal activity involved a total of 9,800 kilograms of valueless records, equivalent to 27.44 cubic meters. These were sold to the official NAP-accredited buyer, D' Lacoste Enterprise, generating total proceeds of Php 17,140.00. The amount will be remitted to the PGC's general fund.

The activity concluded with the formal signing of the Certificate of Disposal by all concerned parties, marking the successful completion of the process.

This initiative highlights the PGC's continued dedication to proper records management, compliance with national regulations, and the promotion of transparency and accountability in public service.--- OPIO



PGC provides free Operation Tuli in Brgy. Halang, Naic

Reinforcing its commitment to community-based healthcare and youth wellness, the Provincial Government of Cavite successfully conducted an Operation Tuli Program on April 23, in Brgy. Halang, Naic, Cavite, benefiting 96 young boys through free and safe circumcision services.



PGC conducts TUPAD orientation for 10-day work program

The Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC), through the Office of the Provincial Public Employment Service Manager (OPPEM), successfully conducted the TUPAD Orientation recently, at the New Provincial Government Center, Trece Martires City, reinforcing its continuing commitment to provide immediate and inclusive employment assistance to qualified workers.

The activity was led by Ms. Rizalie Enero, PESO Manager, in coordination with Ms. Fatima Carvajal, TUPAD Coordinator, and in partnership with the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE).

During the orientation, beneficiaries were briefed on the program's guidelines, scope of work, and proper implementation procedures to ensure orderly and effective participation.

A total of ten (10) beneficiaries will be engaged under the program for ten (10) days of community-based emergency employment.



PGC Medical and Dental Mission, Serves Hundreds of Residents

The Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC) successfully conducted a Medical and Dental Mission on April 22 in Brgy. Litlit, Silang in collaboration with the local government unit (LGU), bringing free healthcare services closer to the community.

The outreach activity benefited a total of 505 individuals, with 337 availing of medical services, 63 receiving dental care, 20 undergoing X-ray procedures, and 85 availing of Fasting Blood Sugar (FBS) testing.

Healthcare services were delivered by the GEAMH Medical and Dental Team, who ensured efficient and quality care throughout the mission. The team provided consultations, basic treatments, and preventive health services aimed at promoting overall well-being among residents.

The event was graced and supported by 5th District Board Members Ivey Jayne Reyes and Aidel Paul Belamide, who underscored the importance of accessible healthcare programs at the grassroots level. Punong Barangay Nestor Anciro was also present, along with dedicated Barangay Health Workers, who played a vital role in assisting and facilitating the smooth conduct of the activity.

The program was spearheaded by the Office of the Provincial Governor (OPG) in coordination with local barangay officials. Medical procedures were professionally carried out by the GEAMH medical team alongside medical professionals from Salamaanca Memorial Hospital, ensuring quality healthcare services and proper post-operative care for all beneficiaries.

The initiative highlighted the provincial government's continued dedication to delivering essential medical programs directly to communities, particularly for young Caviteños who require accessible health services.--- OPIO

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FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-144-26

BDO UNIBANK, INC.,
Mortgagee,

-versus-

**SPS. ERICK T. YECYEC AND
JACQUELYN D. YECYEC**
Debtors/Mortgagors,

X-----X

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed by Mortgagee, **BDO UNIBANK, INC.**, with business address at 33rd Floor, BDO Corporate Center Ortigas, No. 12 ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City against the Debtors/Mortgagors, **SPS. ERICK T. YECYEC and JACQUELYN D. YECYEC**, with residence and postal addresses at (1) Block 6, Lot 9 Lemon St., Summerwind 3, Salitran 3, Dasmariñas City, Cavite (occupied by third party) and (2) Block 6, Lot 5, Phase 1, Westwood, Brgy. Pasong Camachile, Gen. Trias City, Cavite (currently occupied), to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of **February 6, 2026** amounts to **ONE MILLION SIX HUNDRED NINETY TWO THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SEVENTY NINE PESOS and 74/100 (PhP1,692,779.74)**, 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 **MAY 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. 057-2020027001

LOT NO:5 Block No. 6 Plan No. Pcs-04-029302
Portion of: the cons/subd of Lots 1928, 1929, 1932 & 1933, San Francisco de Malabon Estate, & Lots 1939-B & 1939-C (LRC) Psd-29632, Decreed No. 4270, LRC Rec. No. 5964
Location: Barangay of Pasong Camachile, Municipality of Gen. Trias, Province of Cavite, Island of Luzon

Boundaries:

LINE	DIRECTION	ADJOINING LOT (S)
1-2	SE	Lot 38, Block 6, Pcs-04-029302
2-3	SW	Lot 6, Block 6, Pcs-04-029302
3-4	NW	Road Lot 1, Pcs-04-029302
4-1	NE	Lot 4, Block 6, Pcs-04-029302

AREA: FIFTY SQUARE METERS (50), 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 **June 05, 2026** without further notice.
Prospective bidders/buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title to the said property and encumbrances thereon, if any there be.
Trece Martires City, **April 11, 2026**

RICARDO A. TOLEDO
Sheriff IV

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TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 057-2021068986

LOT NO:4 Block No. 2 Plan No. Pcs-04-029031
Portion of: Lots 1548 (RS-04-002232); 1553 (RS-04-003334), 1573 (RS-04-002132), 1556, 1558, 1559, all of San Francisco de Malabon Estate; 1572-A & 1572-D, both of Psd-042108-055969 1557-A, 1557 B, 1557-C, all of (LRC) Psd-117597, Blk. 120, Blk. 122, Blk. 123 & Road Lot 1, all of Pcs-04-017881, (LRC) Rec. No. 5964

Location: Barangay of Bacao I & II, Municipality of General Trias, Province of Cavite, Island of Luzon

Boundaries:

LINE	DIRECTION	ADJOINING LOT (S)
1-2	SW	Lot 3, Block 2, Pcs-04-02031
2-3-4-5	NW,SW	Lot 11, Block 2, Pcs-04-02031
5-6	SW	Lot 10, Block 2, Pcs-04-02031
6-7	NW	Lot 5,Block 2, Pcs-04-02031
7-8-9-10-11-1	SE	Road Lot 3 (15M wide), Pcs-04-029031

AREA: TWO HUNDRED TWO SQUARE METERS (202), 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 **June 05, 2026** without further notice.
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Gov't rolls out relief measures as April food inflation rises

MANILA – The government has rolled out a series of relief measures to cushion the impact of rising food prices on consumers following the oil price shocks triggered by the Middle East crisis.

In a news release on Tuesday, Department of Agriculture (DA) Secretary Francisco Tiu Laurel Jr. said the April food inflation climbed to 6.1 percent, as a result of the surge in petroleum prices, which drove up transport and distribution expenses, feeding directly into higher retail food prices despite stable supply.

“Clearly, this price shock is a knee-jerk reaction to the surge in prices of petroleum products. We have ample supply for rice, poultry, meats, vegetable, and other commodities, but the cost of logistics and trans-

port has propped up prices,” he said.

“We have moved to provide financial aid to agri-truckers to keep food prices affordable, and mobilized other offices to bring food from production hubs to markets,” he added.

To minimize the impact, he said, the DA, in coordination with concerned agencies, has reactivated dedicated food lanes and waived toll fees for agricultural trucks.

Port charges have also been reduced to accelerate deliveries and cut logistics costs.

Fuel subsidies and financial assistance have also been extended to agri-truckers to ease supply chain pressures.

The DA, through its Agribusiness and Marketing Assistance Division, has also intensified its market

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Parañaque Eyes Economic Boost with Full Connectivity of CAVITEX C5 Link

Parañaque City is poised for accelerated economic growth as Mayor Edwin Olivarez expressed strong optimism following the full connectivity of the 7.7-kilometer CAVITEX C5 Link, which now provides a high-speed gateway to key business hubs in Cavite and Taguig.

For Mayor Olivarez, the milestone marks the realization of a long-envisioned transformation for the city's competitiveness. "Pangarap lang ito dati, ngayon totoo na," the Mayor said. "The opening of the CAVITEX C5 Link Segment 3B will make travel from Parañaque to Cavite and Taguig, and back, in just a matter of minutes. More importantly, its impact on businesses, investors, and opportunities for our city will be immeasurable."

Segment 3B completes the alignment of the CAVITEX C5

Barangay Moonwalk Chairwoman Jemelene Qui also shared the Mayor's optimism, noting the immediate relief for local residents. "This development is expected to make daily commutes more convenient and contribute to a more productive environment for everyone," Qui said.

While the alignment is now fully connected, a portion of Segment 3B is currently operating under a modified scheme, with two lanes in each direction, as the remaining Right-of-Way (ROW) concerns are being ad-



Link. It connects Manila-Cavite Expressway (CAVITEX) to C5 Road in Taguig City, reducing travel time from the usual 1.5 hours to just 15 minutes.

The improved mobility is expected to serve as a vital economic enabler, particularly as rising fuel costs continue to affect logistics and daily travel.

CAVITEX C5 Link provides efficient access to NAIA and C5, via key interchanges at the R1 Expressway (Coastal Road), Sucat Road (Dr. A Santos Avenue), and C.P. Garcia Avenue (C5 Road), benefitting over 30,000 motorists daily.



dressed to achieve its full six-lane capacity with a 2x2 service road. Despite this, the local government remains confident that the new connectivity will immediately drive investments, stimulate business activity, and generate more employment opportunities for Parañaqueños.

The CAVITEX C5

The operational benefits of the project are echoed by the city's traffic management team. Reynaldo Murillo, Head of the Parañaque Traffic and Parking Management Office (TPMO), emphasized the project's role in improving urban traffic systems.

"Dahil kumpleto na ang koneksyon mula Cavite papuntang Metro Manila, inaasahang mababawasan ang traffic at mapadali ang access sa mga pangunahing lugar tulad ng Taguig at airport. Ginhawa sa biyahe at mas maayos na daloy ng trapiko ang pangunahing benepisyong nito," Murillo noted.

Link expressway is a joint venture between Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation's (MPTC) subsidiary, the Cavite Infrastructure Corporation (CIC), and the Philippine Reclamation Authority (PRA) and operated by the PEA Tollway Corporation (PEATC).

DOH: No Hantavirus cases in PH, 38 Filipino crew members safe abroad

MANILA – The Department of Health (DOH) on Tuesday assured the public that there are no recorded cases of Hantavirus in the Philippines and confirmed that the 38 Filipino crew members aboard a quarantined cruise ship near Africa remain healthy.

DOH Undersecretary Albert Domingo clarified the situation following reports of a cruise ship currently docked in Cabo Verde, in the Atlantic Ocean, which has been placed under quarantine due to the virus.

"Ang magandang balita, ayon po sa WHO, sa International Health Regulations, wala po silang sakit. Wala kaming nababalitaan so far. In close coordination po tayo (The good news is that, according to the World Health Organization and the International Health Regulations, no illnesses have been reported. We have not received any adverse reports so far, and we remain in close coordination with them)," Domingo said on Bagong Pilipinas Ngayon.

He said the risk to the general public in the Philippines remains extremely low.

"Ito pong Hantavirus, hindi po yan bago. Ito po ay isang rare, bihira po itong sakit, na nakukuha lamang kung tayo ay makalapit sa dumi, o ihi, ng mga... na may Hantavirus. Sa Pilipinas po, wala po tayong naitatalang kaso (Hantavirus is not a new condition. It is a rare disease con-



(File photo)

tracted only through close contact with the droppings or urine of rodents infected with the virus. Currently, there are no recorded cases of Hantavirus in the Philippines," he added.

Domingo said historical reports from as far back as 1992 are being reviewed, and there has been no recent confirmation of the virus on local shores.

Symptoms often mimic other common diseases such as leptospirosis and dengue, including fever and body aches.

The Bureau of Quarantine has been placed on high alert under the directive of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. to monitor the situation of the 38 Filipinos aboard the vessel.

While the responsibility for repatriation lies with the cruise ship operator, Domingo assured that the government is monitoring their status.

He said the vessel is currently stationary and strictly following international quarantine protocols.

"Naka-daong po yung bapor, hindi po siya gumagalaw. Naka-quarantine po siya. Sa utos ng ating Pangulo, binabantayan po natin ang sitwasyon (The vessel is currently docked and remains stationary. It has been placed under quarantine, and in accordance with the president's directive, we are closely monitoring the situation)," he said.

"Huwag po tayong mangamba. Ulitin namin, mas nababahala kami sa dami ng tuberculosis at sa bilis ng hawa ng HIV (There is no cause for alarm. We reiterate that our greater concern lies in the high prevalence of tuberculosis and the rapid transmission rate of human immunodeficiency virus)," he added. (PNA)

***The wicked flee when
no one pursues them,
But the righteous are
as confident as a lion.***

Proverbs 28:1

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PBBM Opens CALAX Subsection 3, Boosts South Luzon Connectivity

President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. led the opening of the 7.88-km Cavite-Laguna Expressway (CALAX) Subsection 3, extending the expressway from Silang (Aguinaldo) to Governor's Drive Interchange in General Trias, Cavite. The new segment is expected to further ease congestion and cut travel time between Biñan, Laguna, and Gen. Trias, Cavite, to just 26 minutes from one (1) hour, further strengthening South Luzon's transport network.

Designed to accommodate additional 6,000 motorists daily, Subsection 3 provides a faster alternative route for commuters and businesses by bypassing heavily congested local roads in Cavite's growing industrial and residential corridors.

With this milestone, the operational length of CALAX now spans 26 kilometers from the Mamplasan Entry in Biñan, Laguna.

The entire 44.6-kilometer CALAX project, will eventually link the Manila-Cavite Expressway (CAVITEX) in Kawit to the South Luzon Expressway (SLEX) in Mamplasan. The network features eight strategic



interchanges: Laguna Technopark, Laguna Boulevard, Santa Rosa-Tagaytay, Silang East, Silang (Aguinaldo), Governor's Drive, Open Canal, and Kawit.

Once fully integrated with CAVITEX, the

combined network is projected to serve up to 95,000 vehicles per day, acting as a regional backbone for trade and mobility.

CALAX Subsection 3 (Governor's Drive Interchange to Aguinaldo Interchange

Delos Santos rules men's 71kg at IWF World Junior Championships

MANILA – Filipino Albert delos Santos secured the men's 71kg gold medal Tuesday morning (Philippine time) at the IWF World Junior Championships in Ismailia, Egypt.

The 19-year-old delos Santos lifted 175kg in the clean and jerk to secure the title, then jumped 12kg to better his own junior world record to finish 17kg clear on 139-187-326.

At the end of the 71kg session, delos Santos ran off the platform to hug his mother, Diwa, who produced a photo of her late husband, Alvin, a former national player who died of liver cancer two months ago.

Delos Santos kissed the photo, saying, "I did it for him! I did it for him!"

"Last-minute clutch because a week before



FROM GRIEF TO GLORY. Filipino Albert delos Santos (center) holding his medal and the picture of his late father, Alvin, during the awarding ceremony at the IWF World Junior Championships in Ismailia, Egypt on Tuesday (May 5, 2026-Philippine time). He won the 71kg title and improved his own world record in clean and jerk. (IWF photo)

we left, I injured my lower back, so I had to stay focused in recovery and not lose hope," he said in an online interview.

"The world record is for my papa," added the second-year financial management student from Universidad de Zamboanga.

Yash Khandagale of

India pocketed the silver in snatch (140), bronze in clean and jerk (169), and silver on total (309).

Jimmy Lopez of Ecuador ranked third on total despite being eighth in snatch and fourth in clean and jerk. He made 134-167-301.

The 5-foot-8 Delos Santos was the Youth champion in 2023 at 61kg and a Junior winner last year at 67kg.

Delos Santos is setting his sights on the Asian Games and the senior World Championships in Japan and China. He is training under Julius Naranjo, husband of the Tokyo Olympics gold medalist Hidilyn Diaz. (PNA)

CALA Holdings Inc. project with the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) as project grantor.

MPCALA Holdings Inc., the developer and operator of CALAX, is a subsidiary of the Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation (MPTC), the toll road arm of the Metro Pacific Investments Corporation (MPIC).



stretch) will be free for all classes for one month. Motorists will only pay the existing toll fees for CALAX Subsections 4 to 8 (Mamplasan in Biñan, Laguna to Silang

(Aguinaldo) in Cavite. Any updates will be announced by the Toll Regulatory Board (TRB) in coordination with CALAX management.

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