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but as part of their regular services. By doing so, barangays ensure sustainability, multi-sector participation, and alignment with national goals on food access and poverty alleviation.

This strategy is aligned with DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2023-001, titled "Implementation of the HAPAG sa Barangay Project."

According to DILG monitoring of the HAPAG sa Barangay program, to date, a total of 24,933 barangays have food gardens. These efforts account for a combined land area of over seven million square meters. Regions VIII, III, and CALABAR-

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A meaningful moment during the ceremonial turnover of the 2025 Local Government Transition Report, signaling a smooth and hopeful new chapter for the Province of Cavite, outgoing Cavite Gov. Athena Tolentino said. As Governor-Elect Abeng Remulla prepares to take the lead, we remain committed to pushing forward with progress that reaches every Caviteño. Tuloy-tuloy ang tapat at tunay na serbisyo para sa bawat Caviteño, she added.

Rediscover Cavite with MPTSouth's "Tara! Let's Explore Cavite"

June 27, 2025—Steeped in history, faith, and culinary flavor, Cavite remains one of the most culturally vibrant provinces in the South. As part of its commitment to promoting regional tourism and local pride, Biaheng South, Metro Pacific Tollways South (MPT South)'s tourism advocacy program, has

launched "Tara! Let's Explore Cavite," a full-day heritage tour that brought selected participants on a journey through some of the province's most iconic churches, landmarks, and local food

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25 magsasaka sa CALABARZON, sinanay sa makabagong makinarya para sa mas de-kalidad na ani ng palay

CALAUAN, Laguna — Upang mapataas ang kalidad ng palay tungo sa mas mataas na produksyon, sinanay ng DA-Agricultural Training Institute (ATI) CALABARZON ang 25 na mga magsasaka mula sa rehiyon sa paggamit at pagpapanatili ng kaay-

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DOH-run urgent care and ambulatory center to rise in Laguna

BAY, Laguna (PIA) – The establishment of additional urgent health service centers nationwide continues as the provincial government of Laguna formally breaks ground for the Bagong Urgent Care and Ambulatory Services (BUCAS) Center in Brgy. Puypuy, Bay, Laguna on June 20, Friday.

The proposed BUCAS Center in Laguna is integrated within the Laguna Regional Hospital Complex. Once completed, it is aimed to decongest the nine district hospitals of the province and to widen the coverage of state-provided healthcare throughout Laguna.

The groundbreaking ceremony was led by Governor Ramil Hernandez, Laguna 2nd District Rep. Ruth Mari-

ano-Hernandez, and Department of Health Undersecretary Dr. Mary Ann P. Maestral, and was witnessed by the members and officers of Laguna Medical Society, local chief executives, and other provincial government officials.

Usec. Maestral touts the BUCAS Centers as one of the answers in improving the accessibility of the public health services in the country. It serves as the first point of contact of the public in times of medical need and crucial in decongesting public hospitals, particularly for out-patient services.

"This reflects our shared vision under the Bagong Pilipinas health facility enhancement program to build more responsive, efficient, and compassionate health

facilities that can meet the evolving needs of our people,"

Maestral assures patients that healthcare service in BUCAS centers will continue to be accessible, following the directive of DOH Secretary Dr. Teodoro Herbosa who said 'healthcare must be proactive, pro-centered, and present'.

"For Laguna and its neighboring communities, this facility is more than just a building. It is a promise that when someone falls ill and needs care, help is not far. A promise that government will continue investing in the health and dignity of every Filipino," the Health undersecretary adds.

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authored the Republic Act 12071 or the establishment of the Level III DOH-run hospital in Laguna, said that the BUCAS center and the LRH will directly address the healthcare needs of more than 2 million Lagunenses.

She acknowledged that some pa-

tients still need to travel outside the province to have access to specialty centers or for bigger hospitals for additional health services.

"We have 9 district hospitals, categorized as level 1 and level 2. We know that their bed capacity is limited,

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EDITORIAL

KALAYAANG INAABUSO

May ilang taon na ang nakakalipas, kung ating natatandaan pa, may lumabas na balita ukol sa ilang media group na nagtungo sa Korte Suprema para iprotesta ang cybercrime Law o Republic Act (RA) 10175. Sa kasalukuyan, ito ay isa nang umiiral na batas at hindi kailanman ibinasura.

Partikular na tinutulan ng mga nagmamakto at nag-aalburuto noon laban sa Cybercrime Law ay ang probisyon sa online libel. BAKIT?

Sa print media nga, matagal nang may libel.

Sa China, blocked ang social networking sites- Facebook, Google, Twitter, Youtube, ay may 2,800 sites base na rin sa kanilang Internet Censorship Policy.

Ayon sa The Washington Post, August 2022 ay nag-block din ng may 250 websites sa India dahil sa inciting hate and panic o paghahasik ng galit at takot sa mamamayan.

Dito sa Pilipinas, ginagamit ang mga iyan sa paninira, pagbabanta, panloloko, pornograpiya, prostitusyon, pananakot at iba pang kalokohan. Ang tatapang ng mga tinatawag na netizen- mga galit na galit at nagbabanta pa sa mga nagsulong ng RA 10175.

PAANO NA RAW ANG KANILANG KALAYAAN? KALAYAANG INAABUSO? Freedom of Speech. Freedom of Press. Kalayaan sa pamamahayag. Kalayaang magpahayag at mag-salita. PURO KALAYAAN LANG ANG ALAM NILA. PAANO NAAMAN ANG KAAKIBAT NITONG RESPONSABILIDAD?

Ang mga iyan, yaang Internet, Twitter, Facebook, websites at iba pang mga social networks ay magsisilbing kapaki-pakinabang kung gagamitin nang WASTO sa TAMANG PARAAN ng mga EDUKADO at RESPONSABLENG TAO.

Ang ano mang bagay na sobra, hindi nakokontrol at walang limitasyon ay "LASON" at nagagamit sa kasamaan ng mga taong kampon ni Ka Taning.

Cayetano: Sports is nation-building

Senator Alan Peter Cayetano on Saturday called sports a powerful tool for nation-building as he joined Spike for a Cause, a fundraising dinner and fashion show in support of Alas Pilipinas and the country's hosting of the FIVB Men's World Championship 2025.

"Tonight is not only about giving thanks. It's also about nation-building," Cayetano said in his speech.

"Every single value that we want for our nation is found in sports - teamwork, discipline, sacrifice," he continued.

Cayetano, who serves as co-chairperson of the local organizing committee for the world champion-

ship, said these values are not only central to elite athletics but are equally vital for families, schools, communities, and national life.

"From the youngest age, we teach our children na dapat sa pamilya, sa business, may teamwork. Sa sports, it's a given," he said.

"When we talk about anti-drugs, one of the best ways to fight drugs is to let our young people go into sports," he added.

He also acknowledged the efforts of fellow organizers, including LOC Co-Chair Vincent Marcos, and shared that while organizing major international events often goes down to the wire, the Philippines has always risen

to the occasion.

"May it be the SEA Games, the world championship ng basketball, and then now world championship of volleyball - we will showcase the best of the Filipino," Cayetano said.

Speaking to the media on the sidelines of the event, Cayetano thanked those who supported the country's bid to host the tournament long before it gained public attention.

"Conception pa lang, going pa lang to the volleyball headquarters sa Switzerland, everyone involved who is here today plus additional sponsors, were there not only to cheer on to say we can do it," he said.

Maraming inosenteng taong nabibiktima sa Internet nang walang kalaban- laban. Marami ring mga "abnoy" na sa social media na iyan pa na-aaway, nagkakalat nagsisiraan at naglalabasan ng kani-kanilang baho.

Marahil naman, nang maisip ang mga ito ng kung sino mang naka-isip, nag-imbento o nagpasimula nito, ay HINDI IYAN Ang kaniya o kanilang layunin at intensyon.

Napapanahon ang Cybercrime Law. Dapat na magkaroon ng matibay na paninindigan ang pamahalaan na ipatupad ito at huwag mabahag ang buntot sa pag-iingay ng mga nagpoprotestang nagtatago lamang sa likod ng Kalayaan sa Pamamahayag.

Bakit matatakot sa batas kung wala kang gagawing masama?

Maging responsable sa paggamit ng mga social media upang maging tunay na epektibo kapaki-pakinabang ang mga ito bilang "Tools of Communication."

Maraming kumontra sa Cybercrime Law, pero mas marami ang pumapabor dito, kaya naman ngayon ay isa na itong batas.

Siguro, ang dapat gawin ng gobyerno, maglunsad ng isang malawakang information campaign upang ipaalam sa publiko ang lahat-lahat ng mga probisyong nakapaloob sa RA 10175.

Kadalasan kasi, yaang mga taong nag-iingay at kumontra sa isang bagay ay yaang mga taong walang alam at hindi lubos na maunawaan kung ano ang kanilang tinututulan.

In the same sense na ang kawalan ng kaalaman o "ignorance of the law" ay hindi dahilan para makaiwas sa kaparusahan ang sinumang lumabag dito.

At ipanalangin din ng sambayanan na sa kasalukuyan implementasyon ng batas na ito- Cybercrime Law o RA 10175, ay hindi rin ito maabuso ng mga tagapagpatupad nito.

Alalahanin natin, dahil nitong nakaraang Hunyo 12, 2025 ay ipinagdiriwang ng buong sambayang Pilipino ang ika-127 Independence Day o Araw ng Kalayaan, na ang "KALAYAAN AY HINDI PASES SA PAGGAWA NG KASAMAAN" at hindi ito dapat inaabuso.

GABAYAN NAWA TAYO NG DIYOS.

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as well as the medical cases they can handle. That's the reason why LRH and BUCAS were pushed forward — to strengthen the healthcare system of the province, decongest our district hospitals, and have an additional major hos-

pital," the lawmaker said. Cavite 2nd District Rep. Lani Mercado-Revilla also attended the program as the guest of honor and representative of Senator Ramon Bong Revilla, who backed the establishment of the LRH and BUCAS

The senator also emphasized that, more than a fundraising event, 'Spike for a Cause' was about bringing different sectors together for a shared national goal.

"It's all about nation-building. When you put business people together, when you put people in media - whether entertainment or journalism - when you put fashion icons together, it fits," he said.

He concluded by

Center and has secured the initial Php100 million funding for the center.

The Laguna solon estimates that the BUCAS Center will be operational by 2028, if the measure will continue to receive appropriations support from fellow lawmakers.

The BUCAS centers are being established and operated by the DOH to address the ambulatory medical and surgical care needs of Filipinos.

Apart from offering orthopedic and general surgery procedures, the BUCAS center will also offer out-patient services, reproductive health services, geriatric services, laboratory services with comprehensive diagnostic capabilities. (CH/PIA-Laguna)

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RE: PETITION FOR DECLARATION OF PRESUMPTIVE/ACTUAL DEATH OF HIRO MACAPAGAL (A.K.A., EMILIANO ACANTILADO ADRINADE JR.),

SPEC. PROC. NO. TMSP-002-25

RICATHRINE FAUSTINO MACAPAGAL,
Petitioner,
x-----x

ORDER

Before this Court is a verified Petition for Declaration of Presumptive/Actual Death of Hiro Macapagal a.k.a. Emiliano Acantilado Adrinada Jr. filed by Petitioner Ricathrine Faustino Macapagal, through counsel, Atty. Cesario G. Gonzales, Jr.

Finding the aforementioned Petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the same is hereby set for initial hearing on **OCTOBER 6, 2025 AND JANUARY 26, 2026**, both at 9:00 o'clock in the morning, where any and/or all parties interested may oppose the Petition.

Let a copy of this Notice of Hearing be furnished to the Local Civil Registry of General Trias City, Cavite, Philippine Statistics Authority, Office of the Solicitor General, and petitioner's counsel.

The petitioner is directed to cause the publication of the Petition for three (3) consecutive weeks, at the petitioner's expense, in a newspaper of general circulation, and to submit a copy of the Petition with its annexes to the Office of the Clerk of Court, Philippine Statistics Authority and Office of the Solicitor General.

Send a copy of this Notice and a copy of the Petition to the Office of the Clerk of Court (OCC) for raffle of the publication.

SO ORDERED.
Trece Martires City, Cavite, May 5, 2025.

GAYSOL C. LUNA
Presiding Judge

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PRAYER IS POWER

Fashion Accessories Making Training for solo parents and out-of-school youth in Cavite

In line with the Provincial Government of Cavite's commitment to empower vulnerable sectors through sustainable livelihood initiatives, a skills training on Fashion Accessories Making was conducted on June 23, 2025, at the Office of the Provincial Engineer (OPE) Conference Room, New Provincial Capitol in Trece Martires City.

A total of 26 Caviteños, composed of solo parents and out-of-school youth, participated in the hands-on training facilitated by Ms. Eleazara Asis, outsource trainer of the Office of the Provincial Cooperative Development Officer (OPCDO).

The activity provided participants with essential skills in crafting various types of fashion accessories such as beaded earrings, bracelets, and necklac-

es—enabling them to create marketable items and explore possible income-generating opportunities.

The livelihood initiative is part of the province's

continuing efforts to uplift the lives of marginalized sectors by equipping them with practical skills that promote self-sufficiency and entrepreneurship. — OPIO



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ing supplies, 87 refrigerated drinking fountains, and 260 packs of bottled water to public schools in the cities of Valenzuela, Malabon, Manila, Quezon City, Caloocan, Las Piñas, Muntinlupa, Makati, Imus, and Bacoor. This initiative is part of the company's ongoing partnership with government efforts to improve learning environments.

"We are pleased to support Brigada Eskwela once again, as it aligns with our sustainability agenda to promote health, education, and overall well-being in the communities we serve," said Maynilad Chief Sustainability Officer Roel S. Espiritu. "By helping to create safe and welcoming school environments, we hope to empower more Filipino children to grow and thrive."

In addition to its Brigada Eskwela efforts, Maynilad is refurbishing drink-and-wash stations in 20 public schools this year. It will also conduct W.A.S.H. (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) education sessions and reading caravans through its Daloy Dunong program, in partnership with its sister companies under the MVP group.

Maynilad is the largest private water concessionaire in the Philippines in terms of customer base. It is the concessionaire of the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS) for the West Zone of the Greater Manila Area, which consists of the following areas: The cities of Manila (all but portions of San Andres & Sta. Ana), Quezon City (west of San Juan River, West

Caloocan, Las Piñas, Malabon, Muntinlupa, Navotas, Parañaque, Pasay, and Valenzuela—all in Metro Manila; the cities of Cavite, Bacoor and Imus, and the municipalities of Kawit, Noveleta and Rosario, all in Cavite Province.

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ZON recorded the highest barangay participation, with thousands of reported garden sites linked to nutrition, DRRM, and livelihood initiatives.

In some provinces, barangay councils have begun coordinating with their local development councils and municipal agriculture offices to allocate regular funding for soil enrichment, seeds, fencing, and small irrigation tools. Barangay Nutrition Committees and Sangguniang Kabataan councils are also contributing manpower and monitoring support for these community gardens. The DILG commits to providing continuous guidance to ensure that local plans remain inclusive and nutrition-sensitive. Regional and provincial field offices have been tasked to support barangays in identifying available public lands, integrating garden development into their investment pipelines, and reporting outcomes through appropriate platforms.

The Department encourages all barangays to revisit their existing development plans and ensure that food and nutrition programs are formally embedded, not just as one-off interventions, but as governance priorities with community ownership. This policy shift reflects the government's whole-of-community approach to food security: ensuring that Filipinos not only have access to food today, but have systems in place that protect that access in the future.

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spots—now made easier than ever to explore, thanks to the Manila-Cavite Expressway (CAVITEX). The lucky participants were chosen through an online raffle held via the Biyaheng South Facebook page. They were accompanied by media partners, influencers, and a team of talented reenactors who recreated key moments in Cavite's storied past, which made the tour more meaningful and unique.

Exploring Cavite's Iconic Churches

The province's heritage tour started in Kawit at the Diocesan Shrine and Parish of St. Mary Magdalene, an 18th-century church that stands as one of the oldest stone churches in the Philippines. Known for housing the miraculous image of Santa Maria Magdalene, it has long served as the spiritual center of the town. This church is also historically significant as the baptismal site of General Emilio Aguinaldo, the first President of the Philippines. *How to get there: From Metro Manila, take CAVITEX and exit at Marulas Exit. The Diocesan Shrine and Parish of St. Mary Magdalene is just a short drive*

from there.

From there, the group visited the Diocesan Shrine of Saint Augustine and Parish of Holy Cross in Tanza. While Kawit pays homage to Santa Maria Magdalene, Tanza honors St. Augustine—the town's patron saint. They then went to Sta. Cruz Convent Museum, just right beside the church. This museum features a carefully curated collection of religious artifacts, vintage memorabilia, and traditional artworks that reflect the deep faith and rich cultural identity of Tanza. *How to get there: From Metro Manila, simply take CAVITEX via Roxas Boulevard, then head straight to Centennial going to Tanza.* After the meal, the tour continued with visits to historically significant landmarks in Cavite City. First on the list was the Ladislao Diwa Shrine, the preserved ancestral home of Don Ladislao Diwa, one of the founding members of the Katipunan. Recognized for his pivotal role in the Philippine revolution, the site has been declared a national shrine by the National Historical Institute (NHI)—a lasting tribute to his legacy and contribution to the country's fight for indepen-

dence. Then, they went to Plaza De Armas, 13 Martyrs Monument, a solemn landmark honoring the brave Caviteños who were executed by Spanish authorities on September 12, 1896 for their alleged involvement in the Philippine Revolution. The monument stands as a powerful symbol of sacrifice and patriotism. After, they went to Samonte Park, a popular public space for locals to unwind. The Ka-Biyaheros then enjoyed a rare chance to explore Fort San Felipe, a historical site located within the Philippine Navy's Naval Base in Cavite. Originally built by the Spanish in 1609, the fort served as a military stronghold designed to



the group headed to Café Antix in Cavite City for lunch, where local flavors met modern twists in a cozy, retro-inspired setting. After the meal, the tour continued with visits to historically significant landmarks in Cavite City. First on the list was the Ladislao Diwa Shrine, the preserved ancestral home of Don Ladislao Diwa, one of the founding members of the Katipunan. Recognized for his pivotal role in the Philippine revolution, the site has been declared a national shrine by the National Historical Institute (NHI)—a lasting tribute to his legacy and contribution to the country's fight for indepen-

participants took a relaxing pause to enjoy the sea breeze. Adjacent to the pier is the newly constructed amphitheater, a public performance space designed to host cultural shows, events, and community gatherings.

How to get to Cavite City: From Metro Manila, simply take CAVITEX via Roxas Boulevard, then head straight toward Marulas Exit going to Tirona Highway. After the Aguinaldo Shrine, turn left onto Magdiwang Highway, then to Tabon. Once you get to Jollibee Nov-

eleta, turn right. From there, it's just a few minutes to the city proper.

"We hold a deep conviction that heritage should be actively experienced rather than merely recalled. Cavite is a treasure trove of narratives that have significantly influenced our nation's history. With Biyaheng South's 'Tara! Let's Explore Cavite,' we are honored to illuminate these vital heritage sites and invite everyone to engage with the rich cultural tapestry they represent," stated Arlette V. Capistrano, Vice President for Communication and Stakeholder Management at MPT South.

"Tara! Let's Explore Cavite" leg of our Biyaheng South is more than just a road trip—it's a celebration of heritage, culture,

and identity. Through initiatives like this, MPT South continues to shine light on the stories that shaped our nation. With Cavite's cultural gems just a smooth drive away via CAVITEX, there's no better time to explore, learn, and rediscover the roots of our history, one destination at a time.

About MPT South - MPT South is a subsidiary of Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation (MPTC). Aside from CALAX and CAVITEX networks of toll roads, MPTC's domestic portfolio includes concessions for the North Luzon Expressway (NLEX), the NLEX Connector Road, the Subic-Baywalk-style destination that offers a stunning panoramic view of Manila Bay. Here, par-

protect the province's coastline from pirates and foreign invaders. During the tour, the participants were given an exclusive walkthrough of the fort's restricted interior, allowing them to walk through old corridors and stone courtyards that echoed centuries of history.

The day wrapped up with a guided tour of the newly renovated Cavite City Hall. Beyond its government function, the City Hall has become a cultural and civic hub with new developments that reflect the city's vision for inclusive growth. At the back of the building lies the Unlad Cavite Pier, a scenic baywalk-style destination that offers a stunning panoramic view of Manila Bay. Here, par-

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usan ng mga makinaryang pansakahan.

Pinangunahan ng DA-ATI CALABARZON ang Building Stronger Rice Communities: Advancing Knowledge in Farm Machinery Operations and Maintenance na ginanap sa FarmEx Corporation, Brgy. Bangyas, noong Hunyo 23-27, 2025.

Katuwang ang FarmEx Corporation, isang Learning Site for Agriculture (LSA), sinanay ang mga kalahok sa praktikal na paggamit ng transplanter, vacuum seeder, tractor, harvest-

er, at rice mill. Binisita rin ng mga kalahok ang Coalition Alliance of Farmers in Santa Cruz, Laguna (CAFSCSL) Rice Processing Center upang masaksihan ang pagpapatakbo sa ilang makinarya.

Nagsilbing tagapagtalakay sina Engr. Jenno Ambrocio mula sa local government unit (LGU) ng Sta. Maria, Engr. Jon Carlo Bandidillo ng LGU Pila, at G. Jayson Baldoz ng FarmEx Corporation.

"Bilang pangulo sa aming samahan, ito pong aking natutunan

ay maaari kong ibahagi sa aking mga member at hikayatin sila na mag-request kami ng mga machinery sa DA-PhilMech dahil natutunan ko kung paano ang operasyon at maintenance ng mga makinarya," pagbabahagi ni Bb. Necy Sta. Maria, magsasaka mula sa Gumaca, Quezon.

Pinaunlakan naman ni Dr. Rolando Maningas, Center Director ng DA-ATI CALABARZON, ang pagtatapos ng pagsasanay at nagbigay ng pangwakas na mensahe sa mga kalahok.

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DILG Secretary Jonvic Remulla officiating the Oath-taking ceremony of Trece Martires City Mayor Gemma Buendia Lubigan, Vice Mayor Romeo "Bobby" L. Montehermoso, and City Council Members at the People's Park Gymnasium, Trece Martires city, June 28, 2025.

Imus Pride Month, makahulugang ipinagdiwang sa Imus

Sa pagdiriwang ng Pride Month sa Imus noong June 28, iba't ibang aktibidad ang ini-handog ng Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) Federation ng Imus.

Tinatayang nasa 200 kabataan ang aktibong nakilahok sa seminar na "Rights that PRIDE-tect: Understanding the SOGIE Bill," kung saan naging parte ng seminar ang President ng AVES Civil Society na si Ivan



James A. Fermanejo at tinalakay ang mga karapatang tinataglay ng mga miyembro ng komunidad upang mapalakas pa ang adbokasiya tungo sa pagkakapantay-pantay. K a t u w a n g

naman ang City of Imus Sports Development Unit (CISDU), ginanap ang "Laro ng Ikatlong Lahi"—isang volleyball at basketball match na nilahukan ng mga miyembro at ally ng LGBTQIA+ community. Ang mga aktibidad ay dinaluhan nina SK Federation Provincial President Chelsea Sarno, SK Federation Imus Glian Ilagan, at CISDU Officer-in-Charge Jericho Reyes.

Maynilad supports Brigada Eskwela 2025; provides aid to around 50 public schools

By MAYNILAD

West Zone concessionaire Maynilad Water Services, Inc. (Maynilad) extended support to around 50 public schools in Metro Manila and Cavite for the Department of Education's (DepEd) Brigada Eskwela 2025 program, providing clean-

ing materials and hydration support to help prepare campuses for the new school year.

In coordination

with local government units and DepEd school divisions, Maynilad donated various disinfect-

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Bridging the digital divide: 2,655 free WiFi sites installed across Calabarzon

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) — The Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) in Calabarzon remains committed to improving digital connectivity by

installing free Wi-Fi sites across underserved and remote areas in the region.

According to DICT Calabarzon, it has installed a total of 2,655 free Wi-Fi sites in 965

locations in the region since the start of the Marcos Jr. administration in 2022 under its Free Wi-Fi for All program.

Regional Director Felix Tabanao Jr. said

around 254 persons or users can access each of the free, reliable, and secure Wi-Fi connections.

"With our 2,655 free Wi-Fi sites together

with the 965 locations and the speed we are capable of hosting, the technology can cater to around 254 users per access point simultaneously," Tabanao said.

The regional DICT chief added that with the use of technologies like fiber optics and copper lines, users can enjoy fast connec-

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