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Cavite PPO Muling Ipinatupad ang Zero Tolerance laban sa Indiscriminate Firing sa ilalim ng One-Strike Policy

Camp BGen Pantaleon Garcia, Imus City, Cavite — Naninindigan ang Philippine National Police (PNP) sa kanilang matibay na pangako na pangalagaan ang buhay at tiyakin ang kaligtasan ng publiko sa pamamagitan ng mahigpit na pagpapatupad ng One-Strike Policy laban sa indiscriminate firing. Binibigyang-diin ng patakaran ito ang zero-tolerance na tindig ng PNP laban sa irresponsable paggamit ng baril, lalo na tuwing may mga pagdiriwang at espesyal na okasyon kung kailan mas mataas ang panganib sa kaligtasan ng publiko.

Sa ilalim ng direktibang ito, ang sinumang kawani ng pulis na mapatunayang sangkot sa indiscriminate firing ay agad at walang pag-aalinlangang pananagutin. Walang ikalawang pagkakataon—ang mga lalabag ay haharap sa kaukulang kasong kriminal, administribo, at panloob na disciplinaryong aksyon alinsunod sa umiiral na mga batas at regulasyon ng PNP. Ipinapakita ng matatag na hakbanging



Acting Provincial
Dir. PCOL ARIEL R. RED

ito ang dedikasyon ng PNP sa disiplina, pananagutan, at propesyonalismo sa hanay nito.

Bilang suporta sa patakaran ito, muling pinagtibay ng Cavite Police Provincial Office (PPO) ang buong pangako nito sa mahigpit at tuloy-tuloy na pagpapatupad. Binibigyang-diin ni Acting Provincial Director PCOL ARIEL R. RED na ang pagpapanatili ng kapayapaan at kaayusan ay nangangailangan ng

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Kamakailan ay naglaan ang LGU Gen. Trias City sa pamumuno ni Mayor Jon-Jon Ferrer ng dalawang service vehicle sa City Treasurer's office, bilang bahagi ng one-stop services. Ayon sa Mayor, mas mapapadali na ang pag-aasikaso ng amilyar ngayong darating na tax season. Magagamit din ang mga sasakyang ito sa pagpapadala ng notices para sa mas epektibong tax collection at iba pang operasyon gaya ng calibration sa mga gasolinahan.

DHSUD eyes stronger 2026 rollout of Expanded 4PH, housing reforms

MANILA — The Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development (DHSUD) said it is entering 2026 with a strengthened housing roadmap, banking on reforms and expanded programs rolled out in the second half of 2025 to accelerate the delivery of safe, decent, and affordable homes.

DHSUD Secretary Jose Ramon Aliling said the gains recorded toward the end of 2025 have laid a solid foundation for a more responsive housing and real estate sector in 2026, particularly with streamlined processes, stronger inter-agency collaboration, and an ex-

panded flagship housing program.

“Sa pagpasok ng Bagong Taon, asahan po ninyo ang mas mabilis, malinis at maasahang serbisyo mula sa DHSUD (As we welcome the New Year, you can expect faster, cleaner, and more reliable services from the DHSUD),” Aliling said, adding that the department is now focused on sustaining and intensifying implementation.

“Tumatakbo na po ng maayos ang ating mga programa, kailangan na lamang i-sustain at paigtingin pa ang implementasyon (Our programs are already running smoothly, what is

needed now is to sustain and further intensify their implementation).”

Aliling assumed office in May 2025 and laid down an eight-point agenda anchored on transformative, proactive, and collaborative leadership, which began yielding results in the latter part of the year.

Among the key developments was the issuance of Revenue Memorandum Order 048-2025 by the Department of Finance and the Bureau of Internal Revenue, which established a more uniform process for tax exemptions for socialized housing projects.

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Philippines to host ASEAN-Korea ROUND Festival in 2026

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inamalas na pagmamahal sa bayan sa pamamagitan ng pagkilos ng may integridad, malasakit sa kapwa, at pagmamahal sa Inang Bayan.

Bilang simbolo ng pakikisa at pag-alala sa bayani ay nag-alay ng bulaklak sa dambana ni Rizal ang tanggapang ni Pangulong Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr., mga kinatawan mula sa national government agencies, pamahalaang panlalawigan ng Laguna, lokal na pamahalaan, mga miyembro ng civil organizations, at ilang mga kaanak ni Rizal.

Dumalo rin sa programa si Laguna Governor Sol Aragones at binigyang halaga ang kontribusyon ng mga itinuturing na modern-day heroes tulad ng mga guro, health workers, government employees at marami pang iba.

Samantala, hinikayat ng pamahalaang lungsod ang bawat Pilipino na patuloy na gawing inspirasyon si Rizal upang ating makamit ang isang makatarungan, makabayan at mas maunlad na Pilipinas. | via CO/PIA4A, CH/PIA Laguna



2026. The hosting marks a milestone for Philippine cultural diplomacy, positioning music as a bridge that connects ASEAN communities and South Korea.

Launched in 2020 by Korean public broadcaster KBS, the ROUND Festival has grown into a platform that celebrates contemporary music while encouraging mutual understanding among nations. With the Philippines serving as host, organizers expect the 2026 edition to be the most expansive yet, reflecting the country's active role in promoting people-to-people ties across the region.

The Araneta Coliseum, long regarded as a landmark of Filipino popular culture, will serve as the venue for the two-day festival. Korean singer-songwriter



er 10CM, recognized for his contributions to popular Korean drama soundtracks, has been confirmed as festival host and is also set to perform for audiences in Manila.

To formally launch the festival, a production press conference will be held on Jan. 28, 2026, at the

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and Marcos Jr.'s push to amplify the implementation of Republic Act No 9262, or the Anti-VAWC Act, to safeguard women and children from any form of violence.

According to the DILG, from September to November 2025, the National Call Center received almost 600 VAWC emergency calls. The DILG added that through efficient coordination with first responders and law enforcers, domestic assault incidents were intercepted, and due process was upheld through pursuing legal remedies.

In Makati City, a concerned neighbor reported to 911 an ongoing violent altercation between a married couple. With the wife being threatened by her husband using a dead-

ly weapon, every second matters to prevent further assault. In no time, the Bantay Bayan personnel arrived at the scene and brought the involved parties to the nearest police station to process their VAWC case.

In Masbate City, an alleged rape incident was reported, wherein a minor's sensitive video was circulated online. As the case covers both VAWC and the Anti-Photo and Video Voyeurism Act, the victim was immediately referred to the Women and Children Protection Desk (WCPD) and the Cyber-crime Division for prompt intervention.

Meanwhile, the immediate arrest of the suspect in the alleged battered wife and child abuse incident at Negros

Occidental was facilitated through the 911 hotline.

The caller sought police assistance to save the GBV victims while the case was filed at the WCPD for proper disposition.

A joint agreement

between the DILG, Department of Justice (DOJ), and the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) institutionalized the inclusion of GBV emergency and distress calls in the 911 hotline to streamline referral and response pathways.

With the government's inclusive emergency response, the culture of silence surrounding VAWC victims can be resolved, as 911 provides a safe space to report domestic abuse while giving assurance of an immediate response within minutes.



ATI CALABARZON Trains Over 7,000 Farmers, Agri Stakeholders in 2025

In 2025, the Department of Agriculture (DA) capacity builder, the Agricultural Training Institute (ATI) in CALABARZON, equipped a total of 7,084 individuals with the knowledge and skills necessary to help steer a competitive and prosperous agriculture and fisheries sectors towards a vibrant economy.

As the catalyst and knowledge bank of the Philippine agriculture and fishery extension (AFE) system, the DA-ATI CALABARZON trained 4,783 farmers; 1,209 agricultural extension workers (AEWs) from various local government units; 555 DA staff; and 537 students, agri-enthusiasts, and individuals from the general public.

Training and other extension initiatives by the DA-ATI CALABARZON primarily focused on good agricultural practices, farm mechanization, climate-resilient agriculture, smart farming, and integrated nutrient and pest management.

These programs were not limited to the production aspect, as the agency also equipped the aforementioned individuals with technologies along the agricultural value chain, including post-harvest technologies, processing, and marketing—across different banner programs like rice, corn, livestock, Coconut Farmers and Industry Development Plan (CFIDP), High Value Crops Development Program (HVCDP), organic agriculture, and National Urban and Peri-urban Agriculture Program (NUPAP), and additional extension services.

"Sobra po ang pasasalamat ko sa ATI CALABARZON dahil ine-ensure po nila na may bago silang kaalaman naihahati at nakakarating po ito sa aming mga farmers. Sa training na ito, privilege po para sa akin na matuto at ma-experience 'yung mga hands-on kung paano ba bumuo ng cacao-coconut fusion products, na totoo pong helpful para mas ma-maximize pa 'yung gamit ng raw materials and ma-improve 'yung pwedeng pagkakitaan ng mga farmers," said Carla Pante, one of the farmer participants who shared her impression of the Training on Coconut and Cacao Fusion: Value Chain-based Product Development and Market Integration last July.

John Mark Sto. Domingo, an agricultural and biosystems engineer from Teresita, Rizal, also shared how the DA-ATI CALABARZON helps extension workers like him in performing their duties at the grassroots level.

In his impression of the Training on Testing and Evaluation of Agricultural and Fisheries Machinery held last June, he said: "This training is a great help for me to understand how procurement and acceptance testing work in acquiring farm machinery. That's why every one of us ay sobrang eager ding pumas - 'cause it will give us a chance to evaluate the machinery that we're acquiring more thoroughly. Because in the end, we want our farmers to receive those interventions na up-to-standards and fit talaga sa kung ano ang needs nila."

Moreover, social technologies, including training facilitation and management, and extension communication, were also imparted to participants, especially AEWs, farmer-leaders, and farm cooperators

These accomplishments reflect the unwavering dedication of the DA-ATI CALABARZON in empowering its stakeholders through a resilient and responsive agriculture and fisheries extension system in the region.

Meanwhile, Dr. Rolando Maningas, Center Director of the DA-ATI CALABARZON, shared a glimpse of the agency's plans as it gears towards 2026.

"For 2026, we will solidify our efforts to modernize and mechanize the agri-fishery sector by reinforcing technologies, innovations, quality extension services, inclusivity, and skills-based trainings that respond to the evolving needs of our farmers and fishers," said Dr. Maningas.

He added, "At the same time, we will strengthen our role as a nexus in empowering and catalyzing our extension workers as key change agents in the region, ensuring that our services and their impacts are met on the ground and will truly lead to 'masaganang agrikultura at maunlad na ekonomiya.'"

DSWD IV-A builds stronger pathways for 4Ps families through multi-sector partnerships

CALAMBAA CITY, Laguna — The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Field Office IV-A continues to reinforce its commitment to empowering Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) households by widening access to education, employment, and healthcare services through strategic partnerships across the CALABARZON region.

On December 15, 2025, the regional office entered into new partnership agreements with five institutions from the education, training, and health sectors—National University (NU) Dasmariñas, University of Batangas, Dualtech Training Center Foundation, Inc., Technoative Training Center, Inc., and San Antonio Medical Center of Lipa, Inc.

Assistant Regional Director Mylah Gatchalian said the partnerships are aligned with the Department's thrust

Through the partnership, NU Dasmariñas and the University of Batangas will extend scholarship opportunities, competency-building initiatives, and community-based programs that aim to enhance the academic performance and employability of 4Ps college students.

Meanwhile, Dualtech Training Center Foundation, Inc. and

Technoative Training Center President Engr. Jerry Web Muhi emphasized the broader impact of the collaboration, stating that the initiative seeks to develop learners who can contribute meaningfully to their communities and to national development.

To further support the well-being of 4Ps families, San Antonio Medical Center of Lipa, Inc. will deliver medical assistance and preventive healthcare services, helping reduce health-related expenses that often hinder economic progress.

Currently, DSWD Field Office IV-A

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MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR 2026

Bam Aquino: 2026 nat'l budget a huge win for education, Filipino youth

With P1.35 trillion earmarked for education – the largest education fund in Philippine history – the 2026 national budget marks a major victory for education and the Filipino youth, Senator Bam Aquino stressed.

According to Aquino, who voted in favor of the ratification of the 2026 national budget, the historic allocation will translate into concrete support for students nationwide.

"Mas maraming estudyanteng makikinabang sa dagdag na siliid-aralan at libreng pagkain, pati na sa pinataas na pondo para sa libreng kolehiyo, at pinansiyal na tulong sa RLE ng nursing at health science students," said Aquino, chairperson of the Senate Committee on Basic Education.

The P1.35-trillion education budget – higher than the about P1 trillion in 2025 – includes P67 billion for the imple-

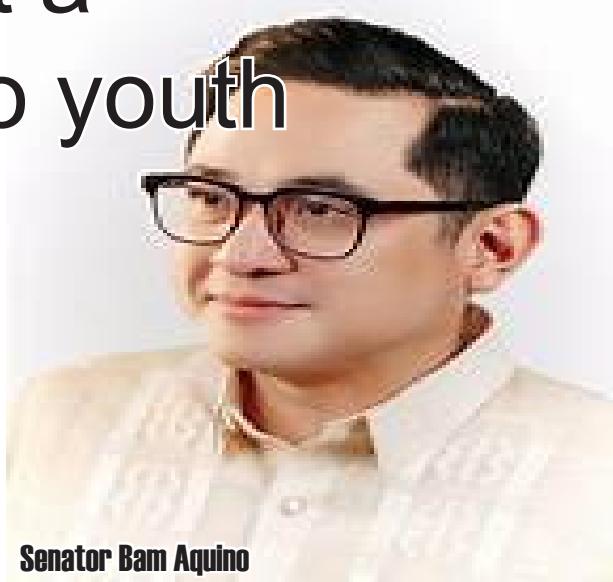
mentation of Republic Act No. 10931, or the Free College Law which he authored. The amount includes additional funding for Tertiary Education Subsidy (TES) or allowance for underprivileged students.

However, Aquino emphasized that the responsibility does not end with the passage of the budget, saying the public must remain vigilant to ensure that the fund will be implemented properly.

"Subalit hindi rito nagtatapos ang ating

tungkulin. Patuloy tayong maging mapagbantay upang matiyak na ang pondo ay magagamit nang tama at hindi mapupunta sa bulsa ng mga tawili sa pamahalaan," he said.

"Sama-sama nating siguruhin na ang pondo ay mapupunta sa edukasyon—hindi sa korpasyon," he added.



Senator Bam Aquino

Cavite PPO Muling Ipinatupad ang Zero Tolerance...mula pahina 1

matatag na pamumuno at personal na pananagutan ng bawat kawani ng pulis.

"Hindi kukunsintihin ng Cavite PNP ang anumang uri ng indiscriminate firing. Inaasahan ang aming mga pulis na maging huwaran ng disiplina at responsibilidad sa lahat ng oras.

The senator also expressed his gratitude to the various groups and individuals who helped

Ang anumang paglabag sa patakaran ito ay walang-ingat na putok ng bari ay naglalagay sa panganib sa buhay ng mga inosente at sumisira sa tiwala ng publiko. Sa

panganib. Ang bawat walang-ingat na putok ng bari ay naglalagay sa panganib sa buhay ng mga inosente at sumisira sa tiwala ng publiko. Sa pamamagitan ng maghigpit na pagpapatupad ng One-Strike Policy at patuloy na pakikipag-ugnayan sa komunidad, layunin ng Cavite PNP na matiyak ang isang ligtas, mapayapa, at

maayos na lalawigan.

Sa ganap na pagpapatupad ng patakaran ito, nananawagan ang Philippine National Police at ang Cavite PPO sa lahat na isulong ang kultura ng kaligtasan at pananagutan, at patibayin ang sama-samang tungkulin na pangalagaan ang buhay at itaguyod ang paghahari ng batas.

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2026 ROUND Festival will be free. Audience members may attend through an advance registration process, with mechanics and schedules to be released on official ROUND Festival platforms in February 2026.

The NCCA emphasized that hosting the ROUND Festival aligns with its mandate to support cultural exchange and highlight Filipino creativity on an international stage. More performers and program details are expected to be announced in the coming months.

For updates,

the public is encouraged to follow the official ROUND Festival social media accounts on Instagram, Facebook, and YouTube. (AVS / PIA-NCR)

DSWD IV-A builds...page3

maintains active partnerships with 49 external stakeholders from civil society organizations, private institutions, and higher education sectors in the region.

The Department underscored that sustained collaboration with various sectors remains essential in advancing inclusive development, ensuring that 4Ps families are not only assisted but are fully equipped to build healthier, more productive, and self-sustaining lives. (CCM/PIA4A)

Over 4.5M workers benefit from wage hikes in 14 regions

The NWPC has issued Advisory No. 01, Series of 2023 which provides guidance to correct possible wage distortions.

Productivity initiatives

RTWPBs were also instructed to roll out productivity improvement programs and gainsharing schemes designed to foster sustainable and long-term wage growth.

According to

MANILA – More than 4.5 million minimum wage earners in the private sector benefited from wage hikes in 14 regions in 2025.

Meanwhile, the department noted that RTWPBs 11 (Davao Region) and 5 (Bicol) are set to commence their minimum wage determination processes in January and February 2026, respectively.

Pay hike for kasambahays

It also reported that 11 wage orders granting monthly minimum wage increases for domestic workers were also issued by RTWPBs in CAR and Regions 1, 2, 3 Mimaropa, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11 and 13.

The increases range from PHP300 to PHP2,000 per month, benefitting 755,000 domestic workers in 2025.

The DOLE added that wage orders were issued in consultation with workers and employers to ensure balance between protection and needs, reasonable returns on investments and employment generation.

At the same time, it said about 8 million full-time wage and salary workers earning above the minimum wage are also expected to indirectly benefit from wage adjustments at the enterprise level, arising from the correction of wage distortions.

The DOLE said all wage orders were issued motu proprio, majority of which were issued unanimously by the concerned RTWPBs.

The wage increases were made to take effect after anniversary date of the previous wage orders to reinforce policy stability that helps create an environment attractive to investments, which are needed to generate more decent, remunerative and productive employment.

The NCR is the region with the highest daily minimum wage rate

DHSUD eyes... from page1

This followed the release of Joint Memorandum Circular 2025-001 by the DHSUD and the Department of Economy, Planning and Development adjusting the price ceiling for socialized housing under the Expanded 4PH Program.

"Even 1 percent of corruption should not be tolerated," he added.

A major focus for 2026 is the scaled-up implementation of the Expanded 4PH Program, which has been recalibrated to cover not only vertical housing but also horizontal developments, rental housing, the enhanced community mortgage program (ECMP), incremental housing, temporary shelters, and high-density housing for highly urbanized areas.

Aliling cited that low-income families, informal settlers, and those living in danger zones as priority beneficiaries of the government.

Under the ECMP, 34 project sites nationwide have been revived, projected to benefit about 35,000 individuals through collective land acquisition.

Rental housing projects are also being expanded, with at least 10 more set to be launched in the first quarter of 2026 following pilot initiatives in Quezon City, Negros Occidental, and state university campuses.

Internally, the department addressed more than 3,800 backlogged regulatory concerns and adopted a zero-tolerance policy against corruption, while pushing forward a digitalization roadmap aimed at



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The DHSUD likewise fast-tracked the disposition of lands covered by long-standing presidential proclamations, distributing certificates of entitlement and lot awards to around 5,000 families, while strengthening in-city, high-density housing solutions for informal settler families.

The agency expressed optimism that the reforms and partnerships forged in 2025 will translate into faster project rollouts and wider access to housing. source:PNA



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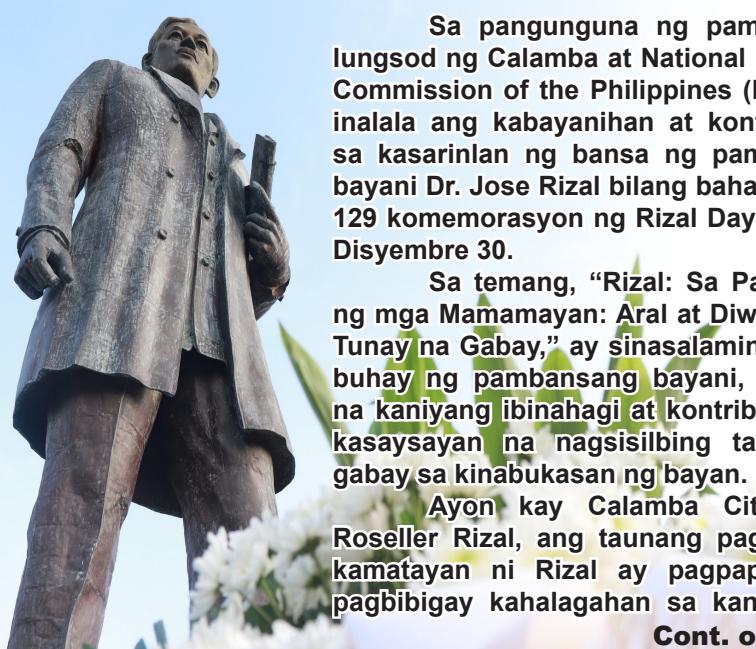
With numerous reports resolved and victims saved, the Unified 911 Hotline proves to be an ally of Violence Against Women and Children (VAWC) or gender-based violence (GBV) victims, according to the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG).

The Unified 911 hotline forms an integral part of the government's toll-free national emergency communications service for victim-survivors of VAWC. Upon receipt of a call, incidents are immediately assessed, verified, and relayed to the appropriate responders, law enforcement units, and partner agencies.

From timely dispatch, coordinated response, and proper handling of these sensitive incidents, the central emergency hotline fulfills President Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr.'s promise to prioritize the safety and well-being of all Filipinos.

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Ika-129 Anibersaryo ng Kabayanihan ni Dr. Jose Rizal, ginunita sa Lungsod ng Calamba



Sa pangunguna ng pamahalaang lungsod ng Calamba at National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) ay inalala ang kabayanihan at kontribusyon sa kasarinlan ng bansa ng pambansang bayani Dr. Jose Rizal bilang bahagi ng ika-129 komemorasyon ng Rizal Day ngayong Disyembre 30.

Sa temang, "Rizal: Sa Pagbangon ng mga Mamamayan: Aral at Diwa Mo ang Tunay na Gabay," ay sinasalamin nito ang buhay ng pambansang bayani, mga aral na kaniyang ibinahagi at kontribusyon sa kasaysayan na nagsisilbing tanglaw at gabay sa kinabukasan ng bayan.

Ayon kay Calamba City Mayor Roseller Rizal, ang taunang pag-alala sa kamatayan ni Rizal ay pagpapakita ng pagbibigay kahalagahan sa kaniyang ip-

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CITY GOVERNMENT OF IMUS



ADDITIONAL JOB ASSISTANCE AND ALLOWANCE FOR TRICYCLE DRIVERS

Ayon kay Imus City Mayor AA Advincula na ago po matapos ang taong ito, tayo po ay nakapaghahid ng pasasalamat at pagkilala sa ating mga TODA. Kabuuang 2,598 tricycle drivers po ang ating nahandugan bilang simpleng pasasalamat sa kanilang araw-araw na serbisyo at mahalagang papel sa paghatid ng kabuhayan at maayos na transportasyon sa ating lungsod. Sa darating na bagong taon, asahan n'yo pong patuloy ang Pamahalaang Lungsod ng Imus sa pagbibigay-suporta sa ating mga tricycle drivers bilang tunay na katuwang sa kaunlaran at kaayusan ng Imus, ani Mayor.



D.A.H.L.I.A. Year-End Zumba Activity sa City of Carmona

End the Year right with D.A.H.L.I.A. Year-End Zumba!

Maraming salamat sa lahat ng nakiindak at nakisaya sa ating Zumba activity! Ipinakita ninyo na ang kasiyahan at kalusugan ay puwedeng pagsabay-in, lalo na ngayong holiday season. Sa pamamagitan ng Direct Access to Healthy Lifestyle, Intervention, and Advocacy o D.A.H.L.I.A., patuloy nating isusulong ang isang aktibo at malusog na pamumuhay para sa bawat isa. Sama-sama nating ipagdiwang ang holidays sa City of Carmona nang masigla, masaya, at malusog!