



REMULLA ANNOUNCES MOVE TO INTEGRATE BJMP AND BUCOR

Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Secretary Jonvic Remulla on Wednesday announced plans to integrate the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) and the Bureau of Corrections (BuCor), following President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.'s directive to streamline resources and address jail congestion.

"It is a proposal, a work in progress, and one that will be done in consultation with you. You must know what we are doing, how we are doing it, and be part of the integration," Remulla said at BJMP's 34th Anniversary Celebration in Quezon City.

Remulla commended BJMP's role in transforming the lives of Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDLs), noting that while the work is rarely in the spotlight, it is essential to public safety and rehabilitation

"Ang trabaho ng BJMP is to keep the country safer, to rehabilitate, and to ensure PDLs can return as contributing members of society. What you do matters," he said.

He cited the drop in national jail congestion from 314 percent in 2024 to 296 percent this year,



DILG Secretary Juanito Victor C. Remulla

along with paralegal aid to 85,183 PDLs. BJMP has also declared 230 facilities drug-free and 77 drug-cleared through surprise inspections.

Education and livelihood remain central to BJMP's

programs. Over 10,700 PDLs finished basic education, 107 earned college degrees through the College Education Behind Bars (CEBB), and more than 66,000 benefited from livelihood programs that earned P116.7 million in gross income.

Former PDL Marissa Basa, now working at city hall, shared her journey: "Ito na ako ngayon, hindi na katulad noon. Masaya ako kasi first time ko magtrabaho."

Remulla affirmed that DILG will continue to support the BJMP's mandate to protect, reform, and empower.

HON. DAVEY REVES CHUA PUBLIC SERVANT

Mayor Chua issues another EO to combat flooding in Noveleta

In a decisive move to fight the ongoing flooding problem in Noveleta, Mayor Davey Reyes-Chua issued Executive Order No. 2, which requires increased municipal efforts to clean canals and streets in all barangays.

The executive order is part of the local gov-

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DOST's RxBox helpful in far-flung areas in Calabarzon

LOS BAÑOS, Laguna (PIA) – In a significant boost to public health in geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas (GIDAs), the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) in Calabarzon region deploys RxBox telehealth device that is transforming rural healthcare delivery. DOST Calabarzon Regional Director Emelita Bagsit said that the RxBox project is a vital step in bringing equitable healthcare services to far-flung communities that often struggle with a lack of access to diagnostic tools and medical professionals.

"Many of Calabarzon's remote baran-

gays do not have resident doctors or access to health equipment. With RxBox, we are empowering our barangay health stations to provide basic yet critical diagnostic services and even connect patients with specialists through telemedicine," Bagsit explained.

The RxBox is a

portable diagnostic tool that allows remote monitoring of vital signs and other health parameters. It is designed to help healthcare professionals provide quality care even in rural areas where doctors and health equipment are limited.

Each RxBox unit includes sensors that

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Strengthening the commitment to quality service and good governance



to delivering quality service and good governance, the DA-ATI CALABARZON conducted its 1st Semester Management Review for 2025 and the 3rd General Staff Meeting, held at the Center's Training Hall on July 8, 2025.

These activities aimed to assess the performance of various sections and units focusing on the status of Quality Objectives and Risk Assessment Plans; and to align priorities, address opera-

tional challenges, and recognize the valuable contributions of each staff member, respectively. The review was spearheaded by the Center's Internal Quality Audit Team, with the guidance of Center Director Dr. Rolando Maningas and Asst. Center Dir. Sherylou Alfaro. Meanwhile, Dr. Maningas also presided over

DOH, private hospitals collaborate to boost medical aid program

Department of Health-Metro Manila Center for Health Developlaunched a consultative meeting with 68 private hospitals to reinforce the implementation of the Medical Assistance for Indigent and Financially Incapacitated Patients (MAIFIP) program.

In a news release on Thursday, the and opportunities for imagency said the event was initiated by its Malasakit Program and Compensation Unit (MPCU) and runs from July 2 to 4.

DOH-MMCHD Regional Director Lester Tan described the threeday meeting as a crucial platform to enhance collaboration between the government and private healthcare providers in ensuring efficient, equitable, and compassionate access to medical ate, inclusive, and truly

The program meaningful, he said.

sions on MAIFIP program guidelines, fund disbursement and utilization, documentation and reporting processes, proving service delivery were participated in by hospital representatives.

The goal of are better served.

Tan urged all

has a transformative im- 2024. pact on the lives of the most vulnerable Filipinos more accessible and

In-depth discus-

the discussions was to streamline support sys- Bishops' Conference of tems and to ensure that those in greatest need

stakeholders to go beyond institutional man- took place on the first dates and work together day of the bishops' 130th in building a health sys- plenary assembly in tem that is compassion- Anda, Bohol.

December DOH Secretary Teodoro Herbosa reported that the MAIFIP by making healthcare has served 3.8 million Health System Resil-

ippines received grants and contributions for patients. In the previous ience Project Phase I,

Health4Life Fund, and World Health Organization (WHO) Round to ensure accessible quality

and partnership, Tan said the consultative meeting highlights the shared commitment of the DOH and private hospitals to-Citing the impor- wards Universal Health

Philippine bishops elect Archbishop Garcera of Lipa as next president

the Philippines on Saturday elected Archbishop Gilbert Garcera of Lipa as its next president.

election

Garcera. assistance for vulnerable responsive to the needs currently serves on the

sentative for Southeast Luzon. He will succeed Cardinal Pablo Virgilio David of Kalookan, who was elected to the post

pleting his second and home to more than 3.3 final term as president in million Catholics, since

Garcera will lead

Catholic CBCP Permanent Count the bishops' collegial cil as regional repre- body for the next two serve two-year terms and may be reelected once, for a maximum of

archbishop of Lipa, 2017.

Garcera previ-

ously chaired the CBCP Commission on Mission

and Commission on

retary of the Episcopal

Commission on Mission,

Family and Life. Before becoming a bishop, he also served as assistant secretary general of the CBCP, executive sec-

and national director of Cont. on PAGE5

Kickoff Ceremony ng NutritionMonth2025sa LGU Mendez-Nuñez



Sa lingguhang pagtataas ng Watawat ng Pilipinas nitong ika-7 ng Hulyo 2025, pormal na inilunsad ang Kickoff Ceremony ng Nutrition Month 2025 na may temang: "Sa PPAN: Sama-sama sa Nutrisyong Sapat Para sa Lahat! Food at Nutrition Security, Maging Priority! Sapat na Pagkain, Karapatan Natin!"



Layunin ng selebrasyong ito na palakasin ang partisipasyon ng bawat sektor sa pagpapatupad ng Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition (PPAN)—isang pambansang hakbang upang matiyak ang sapat at sustenableng nutrisyon para sa bawat Pilipino, lalo na sa mga higit na nangangailangan sa ating komunidad.

Kasunod nito ay binigyang-pagkilala ang bumubuo sa Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office sa pagkamit ng ating bayan ng Seal of Child-Friendly Local Governance, batay sa 2023 audit ng Child-Friendly Local Governance Audit (CFLGA). Isa itong patunay ng patuloy na pagtutok ng ating lokal na pamahalaan sa kapakanan at karapatan ng mga bata.

Sa kanyang mensahe, nagbigay-inspirasyon si Mayor Cocoy Mendoza at kanyang giniit na, ang tapat at may malasakit na serbisyo ang susi sa pagabot ng maunlad at masaganang Pamilyang Mendezeño

Cayetano seeks to ease full cost of schooling from kinder to grad school

Peter Cayetano is pushing a landmark bill to tear down all financial barriers that keep millions of a constitutional right: the opportunity to finish their (ALS).

Filed on July 3, 2025, the "Makakapagtapos Ako Act of 2025" is among Cayetano's top priority measures for the 20th Congress.

The bill is designed to "complement and supplement" the Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act by covering not just tuition but also other education-related ex-

gins in public kindergarten and extends all the way to graduate school. It also includes learners in technical-vocational Filipinos from exercising programs and the Alternative Learning System

> growth through education and lifelong learning is a fundamental right, not a mere privilege," Cayetano said in his explanato-

"Yet for many Filipinos, access to quality education remains elusive, often determined more by socio-economic status than by ability and determination," he con-

The support be- has improved with the in-



Senator Alan Peter Cayetano

stitutionalization of free tuition in public elementary, secondary, and tertiary schools, Cayetano said the "hidden costs" of studying continue to drive students out of school, especially those

Second Congressional Commission on Education (EDCOM II), which he co-chairs, the national dropout rate in tertiary education stands at 39 percent as of 2025. Meanwhile. education subsidies for the poorest students have dropped from 74.24 percent in 2018 to just 30.74 percent in 2022.

From school supplies to board exam fees

Under the proposed measure, all students in public basic education will receive free school supplies, uniforms, and learning materials at the start of each school vear. For college stu-

every city and municipality to set up a Local Government Educational Assistance Program that will provide financial aid to residents enrolled in public or private colleges

Priority shall be given to college students who belong to marginalized and disadvantaged sectors, are enrolled in priority courses, and excel academically

The bill proposes financial support for students taking licensure exams, those pursuing master's or doctorate degrees, and enrollees in technical-vocational programs.

Targeted According to the dents, the bill mandates port will also be extend-

ed to learners with dis abilities, members of indigenous communities, solo-parent households. and other disadvantaged

"This bill is anchored on the Christian principle that every single life is valuable. An inclusive society leaves no one behind," he said. Funding for better school facilities

But Cayetano said financial aid alone is insufficient if the learning environment is not conducive to learning.

He proposes allocate P25 billion yearly for infrastructure upgrading, and construction of student dormito ries in all state universities and colleges (SUCs) over the course of ten

"By investing in the physical capacity of our public institutions. we complete the support system," he said.

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RE: PETITION FOR DECLARATION OF PRE-SUMPTIVE/ACTUAL DEATH OF HIRO MACA-PAGAL (A.K.A., EMILIANO **ACANTILADO ADRINADE JR.),**

SPEC. PROC. NO. TMSP-002-25

RICATHRINE FAUSTINO MACAPAGAL

ORDER

Before this Court is a verified Petition for Declaration of Presumptive/Actual Death of Hiro Macapagal a.k.a. Emiliano Acantilado Adrineda Jr. filed by Petitioner Ricathrine Faustino Macapagal, through counsel, Attv. 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 netitioner'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

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 publi

SO ORDERED

Trece Martires City, Cavite, May 5, 2025.

GAYSOL C. LUNA Presiding Judge

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PRAYER IS POWER

City Government of Carmona VOLUNTARY BLOOD DONATION ACTIVITY SA JULY 25, 2025

Health Office at pakikipagtulungan ng DOH CALABARZON, Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital, Philippine General Hospital, Alpha Phi Omega Carmona Alumni Association at TV5 Alagang Kapatid Foundation ay magsasagawa ng Voluntary Blood Donation Activity sa Hulyo 25, 2025, BIYERNES, 7:00 AM - 12:00 NN, sa Carmona Community Center, Barangay Cabilang Baybay.

Suportahan po natin ang pagtataguyod ng voluntary blood donation para sa ligtas at napapanatiling sapat na dami ng supply na dugo.

Magbigay ng pag-asa, sama-sama tayong magligtas ng buhay.



Las Piñas City streamlines application process for medical aid

(PIA)—Las Pinas City Mayor April Aguilar has to qualified residents. streamlined the application process for the city's Green Card medical assistance program, making it more accessible to

Launched during the term of former Mayor Nene Aquilar, the program provides free hos- sure that our city pro- munity," the lady mayor PIA-NCR)

QUEZON CITY, pitalization and other essential medical services

> Mayor Aquilar personally supervised the application process, verifying documents, explaining procedures and answering questions about the program's ben-

> > "I want to make



Mayor April Aquilar grams are easy to access and responsive to the needs of our com-

Her hands-on approach is part of the city government's efforts

to deliver accessible and compassionate public service. She added that

the Green Card program remains a key healthcare initiative under her administration

BAGONG CCTV CAMERAS

Na-install na kamakailan ng lokal na pamahalaan ng Bailen ang 40 karagdagang CCTV camera upang masiguro ang kaligtasan ng kanilang mga kababayan.

Avon sa lokal na pamahalaan, makakatulong ang mga bagong CCTV upang mapaigting ang pagbabantay sa kaligtasan at seguridad ng kanilang bayan.

Ang proyekto po ay nagmula sa 2023 Seal of Good Local Governance Incentive Fund (SGLGIF) mula sa Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) bilang bahagi ng Seal of Good Local Governance (SGLG). | via Dennis



DOST's RxBox helpful...from page 1

"I personally wit-

She added: "This

nessed this when I visited

Polillo, where they actually

in emergency cases like

initiative is aligned with

science-based, and tech-

nology-driven health sys-

tems, especially in rural ar-

eas. It reflects the DOST's

commitment to supporting

the national government's

Universal Health Care pro-

DOST Calabarzon is work-

ing to expand the distribu-

municipalities, with special

focus on island barangays

in Cavite and coastal com-

continues to champion

innovation in healthcare

towards Bagong Pilipinas,

ingenuity and government

commitment to inclusive,

vice. (AM/PIA 4A)

munities in Quezon.

Looking ahead,

As the region

childbirth", Bagsit said.

measure blood pressure, heart rate, respiratory rate. oxygen saturation, temperature, and even per- use this RxBox on their ruforms electrocardiograms ral health units, especially (ECG). The device also allows remote consultation between rural health workers and specialists in hospitals using a telemedicine our goal to build resilient,

In Quezon Provupland municipalities including General Nakar, Real, and Infanta have already benefited from the RxBox deplovment

The project has not only enhanced diagnostics and consultations tion of RxBox units to more in rural areas but also fostered stronger collaboration between health professionals in the provinces and specialists in urban

Bagsit then emphasized that the project not only delivers equip- the RxBox stands as a ment but also ensures prime example of Filipino the sustainability of the program through continuous training of local health science-driven public ser-

Cayetano seeks to ease...from p3

Modeled after Taguig

Cavetano said the bill draws inspiration system already in place senator said. in the City of Taguig under Mayor Lani Cayeta-

In Taguig, all college students receive annual grants ranging from P15,000 to P50.000. Public school students eniov free uniforms, school supplies. and zero miscellaneous fees. Public elementary graduates who enroll in private high schools also receive tuition subsidies and allowances.

"We recognize that education is a vital key to social progress and human develop-

ment. and we are committed to sharing and rea special focus on floodalizing this vision for the prone areas. The order the Pechayan area, and from the student support rest of the country," the

> As chair of the Senate Committee on Higher, Technical, and Vocational Education. Cayetano has pushed for education policies that focus not just on access but on quality and on comple-"We need

come up with a good law na hindi lang scholarship kundi from birth pa lang, how to get to college, at paano makapagtapos," he said during a committee hearing on June 9,

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but a concrete step togoing challenge of rising prices of basic goods and commodities, particularly food and ensuring that no workers are not left behind when it comes to food security and decent living conditions.

He added: "In line with the directive of President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr. under the Bagong Pilinas governance agenda, the DOLE Region IV-A is wholeheartedly responding to this call by implementing the

Bigas Meron Na program for minimum wage earners in the Calabarzon region."

According DOLE, nearly 120,000 minimum wage earners from more than 500 establishments nationwide

Mayor Chua issues

Under EO No.

Leading the ini-

2, the town will regular-

ly de-clog drainage sys-

sweep public roads, with

tiative, Mayor Chua also

announced the creation

of a new task group—the

Mayor's Auxiliary Force

(MAF). The MAF will

work in coordination with

barangay personnel to

oversee and enforce the

clean-up operations in

their respective commu-

areas have been iden-

tified as high-risk zones

for perennial flooding

during sudden down-

pours: Barangay San

The following

munity-wide effort.

another...from page1

ernment's ongoing "Ac- Rafael I, Barangay San

tion Against Floods!" Rafael II, particularly

highlights that flood pre- in the vicinity around

vention requires a com- Noveleta National High

Rafael II)

initially benefited from ward addressing the on- the DA-DOLE partnership aiming to provide affordable rice. This number is expected to grow as more companies are expected to tap the agencies to join the program. This initiative is

proof that the government under President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr. is making progress in reaching various sectors, addressing hunger and promoting food security that will improve the quality of life of all Filipinos. Meanwhile

President Marcos made it clear as he directed the agriculture department to expand the rice program to benefit the most number of Filipinos and to sustain the P20 BBM Rice Program initiative until the end of his term in

Molave Street and the

Countryside Subdivi-

sion, Barangay San Ra-

7-Eleven area, Barangay

Salcedo II, especially

School (Salud Subdivi-

sion, also in Brgy. San

Local authorities are urg-

ing residents in these

areas to remain vigilant

and proactive, and to re-

port any blocked canals

or waste accumulation to

With the monsoon sea-

heavy rains, this exec-

minimizing flood-related

disruptions. | via Ruel

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their barangay offices.

ture and ingenuity. For more information about the event, visit the DTI website or follow their social media channels.

BARZON craftsmanship."

quality, design, and packaging.

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DTI 4-A to Host...p6

otal platform for promoting local businesses, enabling them to

reach broader markets. This year, 38 carefully selected MSMEs

will showcase a diverse array of premium, locally made prod-

ucts, highlighting the creativity and craftsmanship that CAL-

ABARZON is known for. The trade fair will feature everything

from organic produce and eco-friendly goods to Halal-certified

items, housewares, fashion accessories, wellness products,

fair: it's a celebration of our region's resilience, creativity, and

entrepreneurial spirit," said DTI 4-A Regional Director Marissa

C. Argente. "Through this event, we aim to connect our local

MSMEs with wider markets and opportunities while fostering

pride in homegrown products that reflect the best of CALA-

DTI initiatives, including One Town, One Product (OTOP)

Next Gen, Shared Service Facilities (SSF), Kapatid Mentor ME

(KMME), and the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program

(CARP), which have empowered them to enhance product

CALABARZON trade fair and support local enterprises by

exploring high-quality, proudly Filipino-made products that

blend tradition with innovation. This event not only promises

to be a marketplace but also a vibrant celebration of local cul-

"Kalakal CALABARZON is more than just a trade

Participating MSMEs have benefitted from various

The DTI 4-A invites the public to visit the Kalakal

and an assortment of processed food and beverages.

Inaasahan na ang mga food cart ay magiging malaking tulong sa mga relocated families upang magkaroon sila ng dagdag na pagkakakitaan at mas mapaunlad ang kanilang buhay. Patuloy and City Government of Bacoor sa pagsuporta at pagbibigay ng mga programang magbibigay ng oportunidad sa mga mamamayan nito.

Philippine bishops...page 2

fael III, Barangay San tems, clear canals, and Juan, especially near the

Garcera was ordained priest for the in 1983. In 2007, he was appointed bishop of Daet, a role he served until he was transferred to the Lipa archdiocese.

Within the Federation of Asian Bishops' Conferences (FABC), he served as chairman of the Office on Laity and Family and as director of its yearly Synodal Leadership for Asian Bishops Seminar

son already bringing utive order is expected to play a key role in protecting communities and

the Pontifical Mission So-serve as vice president. The 68-year-old will replace Bishop Mylo

Hubert Vergara of Pasig Archdiocese of Caceres whose second and final term also ends in Novem Tonel was or-

> dained a priest for the Archdiocese of Dayao in 1980 and was appointed bishop of Ipil in 2007. In 2023, he became archbishop of Zamboanga.

> > He previously served as chairman of the CBCP Commission on Liturgy and currently heads the CBCP Committee on Bishops' Con-

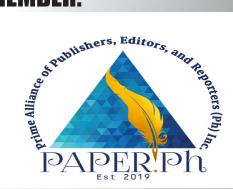
Garcera, Tonel and other members of the Permanent Council will officially assume their

In 2014, he was one of three Philippine bishops who served as delegates to the Synod on the Family at the Vat-

Also elected was Archbishop Julius Tonel of Zamboanga, who will



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PAGKAKALOOBNG FOOD CART PARA SA MGA RESIDENTE NG CIUDAD KAUNLARAN, PINANGUNAHAN NI



City Mayor Strike B.

Pinangunahan ni Bacoor City Mayor Strike B. Revilla ang awarding ceremony ng mga food cart sa Strike Gymnasium bilang bahagi ng Programang Pangkabuhayan ng City Government of Bacoor noong Hulyo 7, 2025.

Sa tulong ng Housing Urban Development & Resettlement Department (HUDRD) na pinamumunuan ni Atty. Aimee Torrefrangca-Neri, namahagi ang lungsod ng 10 food cart, tig-isa para sa bawat building mula sa 10 gusali ng Ciudad Kaunlaran sa Barangay Molino 2. Ang mga food cart ay pangkalahatang gagamitin ng mga relocated families na naninirahan sa lugar.

BBM rice brings relief to minimum wage earners in Calabarzon

The government San Pedro City, Laguna. has taken another collaborative step toward fulfilling the administration's goal of providing quality, affordable rice not only to vulnerable sectors but also to minimum wage earners across the coun-

In the Calabarzon region, the Department of Agriculture (DA) and the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) recently led the turnover of 300 sacks of rice, equivalent to 15,000 kilos, which were availed by minimum wage earners from Universal Robina Corporation (URC) in

According DOLE Calabarzon Regional Director Erwin N. Aquino, the provision of

P20 per kilo of rice for minimum wage earners is part of the government's commitment to ease their financial bur-

"We recognized the burden of daily expenses on a worker's overall income. That's why through the 'Benteng Bigas Meron Na' program, we aim to ease their immediate need and, more importantly, show that the government cares and



President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.

responds promptly to the real situation of our workers," lawyer Aquino stated.

He also reiterated that the program is not merely a call to action

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Dumalo rin sa programa ang mga miyembro ng Sangguniang Panglungsod na pinamumunuan ni Vice Mayor Rowena Bautista Mendiola, kasama Layunin ng programa

ang mga benepisyaryo na miyembro ng Ciudad Kaunlaran Homeowners Association sa pangunguna ni HOA President Kiel Nieves Mercado. na makatulong sa mga pamilya na magkaroon ng sariling pagkakakitaan at mapabuti ang kanilang kabuhayan sa pamamagitan ng mga

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DTI 4-A to Host 12th Kalakal CALABARZON Trade Fair Showcasing Local Excellence

Mandaluyong City, Philippines – The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Region 4-A is gearing up for the highly anticipated 12th Kalakal CALABAR-ZON trade fair, set to take place from July 23 to 27, 2025, at the Shangri-La Plaza Atrium in Ortigas Center. This year's theme, "Produktong CALABARZON: Likha ng Sipag, Bunga ng Husay," underscores the dedication and skill of the region's micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs).

Since its inception in 2014, Kalakal CALABARZON has served as a piv-

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