

March 21, 2025 – President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. led an inspection of the ongoing construction of the Cavite-Laguna Expressway (CALAX) Governor's Drive Interchange, reaffirming the administration's commitment to enhancing the country's road infrastructure.



**President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr**

# PBBM Inspects CALAX Governor's Drive Construction Progress



The President assessed the progress of this vital expressway project alongside Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) Secretary Manuel M. Bonoan, Department of Transportation (DOTr) Secretary Vivencio B. Dizon, Department of

Interior and Local Government (DILG) Secretary Jonvic C. Remulla, Cavite Governor Hon. Athena D. Tolentino, General Trias Mayor Hon. Luis "Jonjon" A. Ferrer, Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation (MPTC) Chairman Manuel V. Pangilinan, MPTC

President and CEO Jose Ma. K. Lim, and MPT South Officer-in-Charge Ms. Elnora D. Rumawak. CALAX, a 44.6-kilometer four-lane expressway, aims to improve connectivity between Cavite and Laguna, home to the country's

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## TOL offers 'smart' solutions to traffic

General Mariano Alvarez, Cavite - Take advantage of advanced technology to explore 'smart' solutions to traffic.

This was the message of Caviteño Reelectionist at the inauguration of the brand new traffic signalization system in General Mariano Alvarez (GMA), Cavite province, on Friday morning.

"Traffic is the consequence of population boom and rapid urbanization. It is a reality that often comes with progress. But there are

solutions we can explore, and among these is the use of advanced technology," Tolentino said at the unveiling of the new traffic signal lights at the corner of Governor's Drive and Congressional Road.

Powered by smart technology from Korea, the traffic signalization system is equipped with sensor cameras that are capable of adjusting the length of green phases based on real-time traffic conditions.

"As your community marches for-



**Senator 'TOL' Tolentino**

ward, may this project contribute to ensuring order at this busy intersection, and the safety and welfare of pedestrians and motorists alike."

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## Cavite joins CALABARZON in Celebrating Regional Women's Month

The Province of Cavite participated in the Regional Women's Month Celebration held on March 20, 2025, at the Ynares Event Center, Antipolo City. This year's theme, "WE for Gender Equality and Inclusive Society," with the sub-theme "Babae sa Lahat ng Sektor, Aangat ang Bukas sa Bagong Pilipinas," underscored the collective commitment to advancing gender equality and women's empowerment.

The event gathered hundreds of Gender and Development Focal Point System (GGFPS) representatives from various local government units across CALABARZON, united in their advocacy for gender inclusivity.

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# PH, JAPAN FORGE STRONGER TIES TO ADDRESS INFRA GAPS – NEDA

By NEDA

MANILA—The Philippine government reaffirmed its commitment to a stronger and more enduring bilateral economic cooperation with Japan as it continues to advance infrastructure development in the country.

The pledge was made during the 15th Meeting of the Philippines-Japan High-Level Joint Committee on Infrastructure Development and Economic Cooperation held at the Bureau of the Treasury office on Monday (March 24).

Co-chaired by the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) and the Department of Finance for the Philippine Government, and Special Advisor to the Prime Minister for the Japa-

nese Government, the meeting focused on opportunities to strengthen multi-sectoral cooperation in areas such as disaster risk reduction, maritime safety, regional development, information and communications technology, and energy and environment. Projects supporting the Mindanao Peace Process were also discussed during the meeting[DA1]

NEDA Secretary Arsenio M. Balisacan emphasized the pivotal role of infrastructure development in strengthening the Philippine economy and improving the quality of life of Filipinos, citing the partnership with Japan as a factor in the country's sustained and transformative growth.

“Today’s discussions reaffirmed our shared commitment to-

ward ensuring the successful implementation of key infrastructure projects and tackling challenges in project execution. We have taken stock of our accomplishments, exchanged updates on critical initiatives, and explored new avenues for cooperation,” he said.

The meeting also reviewed the progress of several infrastructure projects supported by the Japanese government that are currently in the pipeline. These projects include the Parañaque Spillway Construction Project, the Philippine Coast Guard Support Facility, the National Digital Terrestrial Television Broadcasting Network Project, and the Second San Juanico Bridge Construction Project.

Balisacan em-

phasized the need to sustain these investments, implement policy reforms, strengthen institutions, and recognize the importance of innovative financing solutions as the Philippines progresses toward achieving upper middle-income country status.

“Our discussions also underscored the importance of innovative financing solutions. With concessional loans becoming less accessible, we recognize that Public-Private Partnerships will play a greater role in infrastructure development. We look forward to expanding our cooperation in this area and leveraging Japan’s expertise to enhance private sector engagement for priority projects,” said the country’s chief economic planner.

## ATI Calabarzon

Agricultural Training Institute/DA

# Patuloy ang pagyabong ng kape at niyog sa Magallanes Cavite

Sa layuning mas mapalakas ang industriya ng kape sa munisipalidad, isinagawa ang Farmer-Level Training on Coconut-Coffee Farming System, kasama ang 30 na kalahok mula sa Barangay Tua Agriculture Cooperative (BATUFA) at Samahang Magsasaka ng Barangay Medina (SA-MAME) sa bayan ng Magallanes, Cavite. Sa ginagana na pagsasanay nitong March 24-26, 2025, matutunan ng mga kalahok ang mga pamantayan sa pag-

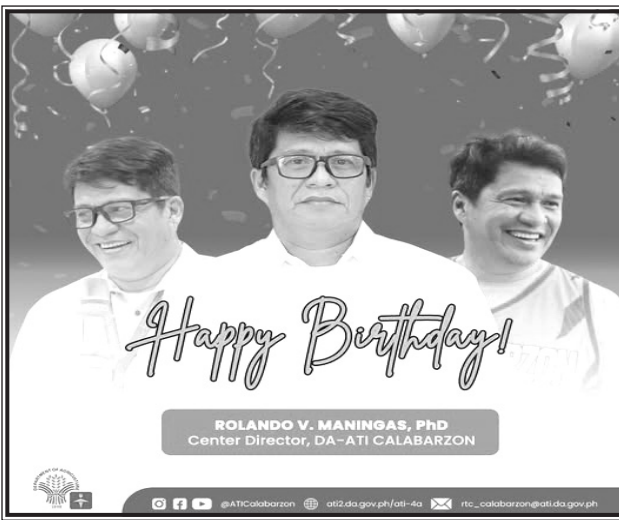
tatanim ng niyog kasama ang kape upang mapataas ang ani, mas mapakinabangan ang kanilang lupa at madagdagan ang kita.

Personal na nagpaabot ng pagbati at mensahe si Dr. Rolando V. Maningas, Center Director ng DA-ATI CALABARZON sa pagbubukas ng pagsasanay, kasama si Engr. Freddie Sisante, Municipal Agriculturist.

Sa ganitong mga inisyatibo sa ilalim ng CFIDP, hindi lamang napa-



palakas ang lokal na produksyon ng niyog at kape, kundi nasisiuro rin na may masaganang ani at kabuhayan para sa susunod pang henerasyon ng mga magsasaka sa rehiyon.



The meeting also saw the ceremonial signing of the loan agreements for the following projects:

1. **The Davao City Bypass Construction Project;**
2. **Phase IV of the Pasig-Marikina River Channel Improvement Project;**
3. **The Cavite Industrial Area Flood Risk Management Project;**
4. **The Climate Change Action Program, Subprogram 2, and**
5. **The Build Universal Healthcare Program, Subprogram 2.**

The Joint Committee on Infrastructure Development and Economic Cooperation was established in January 2017 after the state visit of then-Prime Minister Shinzo Abe to the Philippines. It aims to facil-

itate the monitoring of ongoing infrastructure and economic cooperation projects in the Philippines, as well as to address issues and challenges encountered during project implementation.

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IN RE: PETITION FOR CANCELLATION AND/OR CORRECTION OF ENTRIES IN THE CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH OF RENZ LESTER A. LAUDATO

SPEC. PROC NO. BSP-2025-03

ROSELLE A. ABRUHENA a.k.a  
ROSELL A. ABRUGENA and  
LUDIVINIO H. LAUDATO,  
Petitioners,

-versus-

THE CIVIL REGISTRAR OF CITY OF BACOR, CAVITE, And all persons who have a claim or whose interest may be affected thereby.  
Respondents.

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### ORDER

A verified petition filed by the petitioner, assisted by

counsel, prays that after due notice and hearing, an Order be issued directing the Office of the Civil Registrar of City of Bacor, Cavite to cause the following correction and/or cancellation of entries in the Certificate of Live Birth of Renz Lester A. Laudato:

- a. Entry No. 12 (Date and Place of Marriage of Parents) — from "September 14, 1992-Kawit, Cavite" to "Cancelled;"
- b. Entry No. 21 (Age of Mother at the Time of this Birth) — from "23" to "18;" and,
- c. Entry No. 24 (Age of Father at the Time of this Birth) — from "36" to "41."

Finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, let the instant case be set for hearing on **MAY 06, 2025** at 1:30 in the afternoon at RTC Branch 119, 2nd Floor, Main Square Mall, Bacor Boulevard, Barangay Bayanan, Bacor City, Cavite, of which date, time and place interested party may appear and interpose objection on why this petition should not be granted.

Likewise, the petitioner is hereby DIRECTED to cause the publication of this Order once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation selected by raffle, pursuant to Section 4, Rule 108 of the Rules of Court, and to furnish the Office of the Solicitor General a copy of the Petition dated 05 February 2025 and its annexes.

The Civil Registrar General and City Civil Registrar of Bacor City, Cavite or any person having or claiming interest under the entry whose change or correction is sought, may within fifteen (15) days from notice of petition, or from the last date of publication, file his/her opposition thereto.

Let a copy of this Order be furnished the Office of the Solicitor General, the Civil Registrar General — Philippine Statistics Authority, the Civil Registrar General and City Civil Registrar of Bacor City, Cavite, the Office of the Prosecutor, Office of the

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
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OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT  
TRECE MARTIRES CITY

METROPOLITAN BANK & TRUST COMPANY,  
Mortgagee,

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-023-25

-versus-

ERIKA B. ESTRADA represented by her  
attorney-in-fact TERESITA G. BARRIENTOS,  
Mortgagor/Debtor.

X-----X

### NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed by Mortgagee, **METROPOLITAN BANK & TRUST COMPANY**, with business address at GT Tower International, 6813 Ayala Avenue corner H.V. Dela Costa Street, Barangay Bel-Air, Makati City, Metro Manila, against the Borrower/Mortgagor, **ERIKA B. ESTRADA represented by her attorney-in-fact TERESITA G. BARRIENTOS**, with residence and postal address at No. 21 Mariposa St., Gulod Novaliches Proper, Quezon City to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness as of 31 January 2025 amounts to **TWO MILLION EIGHTY NINE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY NINE AND 06/100 (Php2,089,389.06)** inclusive of interest and penalties except actual expenses of foreclosure, the undersigned Sheriff will set at public auction on **APRIL 11, 2025** at 10:00 o'clock in the morning until 12:00 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. 057-2020027150**

LOT NO: 50, BLOCK NO: 12, PLAN NO: PCS-04-031781  
PORTION OF: BLOCK 17, PCS-04-030363 & LOT 1832 SFDM ESTATE (FRS-04-005426), LRC RECORD NO. 5964  
LOCATION: BARANGAY OF PASONG CAMACHILE, CITY OF GEN. TRIAS, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON

BOUNDARIES:		ADJOINING LOTS
LINE	DIRECTION	
1-2	SW	LOT 65, BLOCK 12, PCS-04-031781
2-3	NW	LOT 51, BLOCK 12, PCS-04-031781
3-4	NE	ROAD LOT 23 PCS-04-031781
4-1	SE	LOT 49, BLOCK 12, PCS-04-031781

AREA: EIGHTY (80) SQUARE METERS, 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 **APRIL 25, 2025** 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, MARCH 14, 2025.

**JOSELITO L. ARANDA**  
Sheriff IV

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(2) Lot 50, Block 12, Road Lot 23, Brighton 3, Brgy. Pasong Camachile, Gen. Trias, Cavite

WARNING: IT IS ABSOLUTELY PROHIBITED TO REMOVE, DEFACE OR DESTROY THIS NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SALE ON OR BEFORE THE DATE OF SALE

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Clerk of Court Regional Trial Court of Bacor, Cavite, the petitioner and her counsel.

**SO ORDERED**  
Given this 05th day of March 2025 at Bacor City, Province of Cavite, Philippines.

**FROILAN B. PITPIT**  
Presiding Judge

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Respondent  
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## Cavite joins CALABARZON..p1

Regional Gender and Development Committee (RGADC) Chairperson RD Carmel P. Matabang warmly welcomed the participants, emphasizing the need for a society where women can thrive. Hon. Nina Ricci A. Ynares, Governor of Rizal Province, highlighted the struggles and triumphs of women, while Dr. Nancy T. Pascual, President of the University of Rizal System, inspired attendees by affirming that every woman holds the power to shape a better future.

A keynote address by Dr. Amaryllis T. Torres, Professor Emeritus of UP-CSWCD, reinforced the call for sustained gender advocacy. The program also featured insightful discussions on gender equality and women's empowerment, including: "Advancing Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment" by Ms. Nharleen Santos-Millar, OIC Executive Director of the Philippine Commission on Women; and, "Empowering Women through Social Security and Solidarity Economy in Achieving ASEAN Sustainable Development Goals" by Dr. Benjamin R. Quinones, Chairperson of the Asian Solidarity Economy Council.

A major highlight of the event was the launch of the CALABARZON Gender and Development Agenda 2024-2030, reinforcing the region's dedication to gender-responsive policies and programs.

During the turnover ceremony, the Province of Cavite officially accepted the hosting duties for the 2026 Regional Women's Month Celebration. Representing Cavite were Board Member Romel R. Enriquez, Chairperson of the Committee on Social Services, Family, Women, Children, and Elderly, and Ms. Precyl T. Ramos, OIC of the Office of the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Officer.

The celebration concluded with "Serbisyo Para Kay Juana," featuring market fairs, welfare services, and commercial booths aimed at supporting women's economic empowerment. With great enthusiasm, Cavite looks forward to leading the 2026 Regional Women's Month Celebration, further strengthening its commitment to advancing gender equality in the region.--- A. Cabrera



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RIZAL COMMERCIAL BANKING CORPORATION, represented by  
Atty. Leonardo A. Yepes Jr.,  
Petitioner-Mortgagee

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-013-25

-versus-

JOSHUA ALFRED G. UMLAS,  
Respondent-Mortgagor.  
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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

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TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 057-2023053225

LOT NO: 31, BLOCK NO: 7 PLAN NO: PCS-04-032313  
PORTION OF: CONSOLIDATION AND SUBDIVISION OF LOTS 1026-A & 1026-B, BOTH OF (LRA) PSD-E2016007004, 1027-DD-2, (LRA) PSD-E2016003356, 1029-A & 1029-B, BOTH OF (LRA) PSD-E2016004559, 1031, FRS-04-006030 & 1032-A & 1032-B, BOTH OF PSD-04-247824 LRC RECORD NO. 6832

LOCATION: BARANGAY OF MULAWIN & SANJA MAYOR, MUNICIPALITY OF TANZA, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON

BOUNDARIES:		
LINE	DIRECTION	ADJOINING LOT(S)
1-2	SE	LOT 32, BLOCK 7, PCS-04-032313
2-3	SW	ROAD LOT 15 (8.00 M. WIDE), PCS-04-032313
3-4	NW	LOT 30, BLOCK 7, PCS-04-032313
4-5	NE	LOT 2, BLOCK 7, PCS-04-032313
5-1	NE	LOT 1, BLOCK 7, PCS-04-032313

AREA: ONE HUNDRED ONE (101) SQUARE METERS, 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 **APRIL 25, 2025** 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, March 14, 2025.

RICARDO A. TOLEDO  
Sheriff IV

Republic of the Philippines  
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IN RE: PETITION FOR REISSUANCE OF OWNER'S DUPLICATE COPY OF TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE (TCT) NO. T-68300 ISSUED BY THE REGISTER OF DEEDS OF TRECE MARTIRES CITY

LRC CASE NO. 6832-077-23

JOJO P. DARDO  
Petitioner,

-versus -

REGISTER OF DEEDS OF TRECE MARTIRES CITY  
Respondent.  
x----- x

ORDER

Considering that the undersigned will be attending the 2025 Manila Forum on Competition in Developing Countries on February 5 to 6, 2025, reset the Initial Hearing to **APRIL 23, 2025 WITH ADDITIONAL SETTING ON JUNE 11, 2025**, both at 8:30 o'clock in the morning, at which date, hour, and place, any and all interested persons are required to appear and show cause why the Petition should not be granted.

Let a copy of this Notice of Hearing be published for three (3) consecutive weeks, at the expense of the petitioner, in a newspaper of general circulation and posted at the Trece Martires City Public Market, the City and the Barangay Halls where the property is situated, as well as on the land itself located at Ba-

rangay Inocencio, Trece Martires City, Cavite, and other copies be furnished to the Registry of Deeds for the City of Trece Martires, Office of the Solicitor General, petitioner, and his counsel. The Sheriff of this Court is hereby directed to post copies of this Notice accordingly. The petitioner is likewise directed to submit a copy of the Petition with its annexes to the Registry of Deeds for the City of Trece Martires and the Office of the Solicitor General.

Send a copy of this Order to the Office of the Clerk of Court (OCC) for raffile of the publication.

SO ORDERED.  
DONE IN CHAMBER on January 21, 2025 in Trece Martires City, Cavite, Philippines.

GAYSOL C. LUNA  
Presiding Judge

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CWC: March 12, 19 & 26, 2025

Bayanihan para sa Kalikasan...mula pahina 6

UBC mula sa basurang nakokolekta nito.

Kaya naman simula ngayong araw ay hinihikayat po natin ang lahat ng ating mga kababayan na ihiwalay at ipunin ang mga Used Beverage Cartons o

UBC mula sa ating mga bahay-bahay at ibigay ito sa barangay na nakakasakop sa inyong lugar. Ano nga ba ang UBC? Ito ay ang mga karton na ginagamit bilang lalagyan ng mga gatas o juice at iba pa.

Ang lahat na makokolektang UBC ay dadalhin sa ating ECO Center para ipunin kung saan dadalhin naman ito ng awtorisadong junkshop sa CARPEL Environment Corporation – Dasmariñas, Cavite na siya

namang nagre-recycle ng mga UBC upang gawing mga upuan, lamesa mga board at marami pang iba. Maraming salamat po sa inyong pakikiisa, mga kamamilyang Men-dezeño!

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expressed the senator, whose niece Athena Tolentino is the incumbent Governor of Cavite.

The ceremony was graced by GMA Mayor Maricel Torres, together with municipal and transportation officials.

The project is part of the Traffic Management Mentorship Assistance Program, a collaboration between the senator and the Department of Transportation

(DOTr) and Land Transportation Office (LTO).

A similar project was unveiled by Tolentino earlier this month in Naga City, Camarines Sur, and in Dumaguete City, Negros Island Region last February.

Offering innovative solutions to traffic has been one of the long-time advocacies of Tolentino, the former Chairman of the Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA).

Gov't launches anti-scam hotline, digital reporting initiative

MANILA, (PIA) — The Philippine government has launched a new initiative to combat scams and deceptive content, introducing Hotline 1326 as the official anti-scam reporting channel.

The move is part of a broader strategy to enhance media literacy and protect citizens from fraudulent activities as the country prepares for the upcoming elections.

The Presidential Communications Office (PCO) and the Cybercrime Investigation and Coordinating Center (CICC) announced their collab-

oration with Scam Watch Pilipinas to bolster public awareness and education around scams.

Victims of scams can report incidents using the eGov app, which provides a platform for users to submit suspicious links for investigation.

CICC Undersecretary Alex Ramos reported that the agency has already received at least 200 reports of deepfake scams.

Ramos noted the urgency of swift detection, as many flagged links often disappear rapidly from social media platforms,

making timely intervention crucial.

"This initiative demonstrates the government's commitment to addressing the rising incidents of false information," Ramos said. "By empowering the public with resources to report suspicious activities, we aim to safeguard the integrity of the electoral process."

As election season nears, the government is focused on enhancing public vigilance against misinformation and promoting a more informed electorate. (JCO/PIA-NCR)

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were also on standby.

Health document processing stalls, such as Phil-Health ID cards, have been installed.

In addition to

job fairs and medical services, the Department of Agriculture (DA) has created a Kadiwa outlet for the event, providing the public with affordable

basic goods.

The President said he directed the DA to increase the supply of cheap rice to benefit more consumers. | PND

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took the initiative to be a 'deaf-friendly' court to contribute to the SC's goal of attaining equal and inclusive justice under the Strategic Plan for Judicial Innovations 2022-2027," it said.

"Its court staff studied basic sign language and can now communicate with deaf litigants."

In his remarks, Zalameda said the inauguration reflects a shared vision for a fair and efficient

justice system, reinforcing the judiciary's commitment to accessibility and excellence.

"Accessibility ensures that justice is truly available. Having the proper facility for our trial court improves court efficiency and prevents delayed proceedings... Greater efficiency means better service to our people," he said.

According to the United Nations report, the

hearing-impaired lacks access to justice, citing the shortage of sign language interpreters despite legislation for equity in judicial settings.

They are also more likely to experience sexual assault than any other type of disparity, and some studies suggest that hearing-impaired Filipinos are also less likely to be able to report any assault. source: (PNA)

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key economic zones.

During the inspection, particular focus was given to the Governor's Drive Interchange, which is currently 44% complete and targeted for full operation by the third quarter of 2025. Once operational, this segment will decongest Governor's Drive and provide seamless access to major economic hubs in the region.

Upon full completion, CALAX will ease traffic

on major thoroughfares such as Governor's Drive, Aguinardo Highway, and Santa Rosa-Tagaytay Road, further boosting trade, tourism, and economic activity in the region.

It is also expected to significantly reduce travel time between CAVITEX and SLEX by about 45 minutes, benefiting up to 95,000 motorists daily. Additionally, it will connect to the Manila-Cavite Expressway (CAVITEX), providing a seamless link between Metro Manila

and Region IV-A (CALABARZON).

Currently, operational segments of CALAX include entry at Mamplasan and interchanges at Laguna Boulevard, Laguna Technopark, Santa Rosa-Tagaytay Road, Silang East, and Silang Aguinardo.

Aside from CALAX, Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation (MPTC) holds concession rights for the North Luzon Expressway (NLEX), Subic-Clark-Tarlac Expressway (SCTEX), NLEX Connector Road, and Cebu-Cordova Link Expressway (CCLEX).

DENR targets 5M trees by 2028 via ‘Forests For Life’ program

MANILA – For a more resilient and climate-proof Philippines in the future, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) has launched the "Forests For Life: 5M Trees by 2028" initiative, which aims to plant and grow 5 million trees across critical areas in the country in the next four years.

During the project launch on Friday in Makati City, Environment Secretary Maria Antonia Yulo Loyzaga cited the indispensable role of forests in maintaining ecological balance, mitigating climate change, and sustaining the livelihoods of millions of Filipinos.

However, she said the country's forest ecosystems are threatened by deforestation, land degradation, and the growing impact of climate change.

"This is why the Forests for Life program is both timely and critical. The Philippines has 15 million hectares of classified forest land, of which a little more than 7 million are covered with forests," Loyzaga said.

"Our goal of 5 million is modest, modestly ambitious, yet necessary, and we hope to surpass it today with all our contributions. To grow 5 million indigenous trees nationwide by 2028, we are covering six priority areas – Ilocos Norte, Rizal, Leyte, Bataan, Bukidnon, and Lanao del Norte – all of which have been identified to have critical landscapes that require immediate reforestation efforts."

Loyzaga said restoring the forest cover in these areas would also regenerate the ecosystems, effectively combating climate change. By combining carbon sequestration and flood management, the country's biodiversity would be protected, reviving natural habitats.

Water security

DENR Undersecretary Carlos Primo David said the "Forests For Life" initiative is shifting focus from traditional tree-planting drives to sustained forest growth, as the program ensures that trees survive long enough to provide crucial environmental benefits, particularly in flood prevention and water regulation.

He said forests play a vital role in replenishing groundwater sources by capturing rainwater and feeding deep wells and watersheds.

"Trees contribute to flood mitigation. It also provides regulation of our water supply, and therefore, the deep wells that we draw water from, actually were captured by the trees in the watersheds of these areas, so, it's very critical," he added.

Meanwhile, David also urged groups and organizations that plan to conduct tree-planting activities to coordinate with the DENR for monitoring purposes and to ensure that the seeds planted survive and grow into trees.

Loyzaga said data shows that survivability of planted seedlings, if not sustained, was at best decreased to 80 percent.

"So, one change that we have in this program is a sustained program wherein you plant the trees, but our goal is really to grow them. There's a three-year period for the seedlings that need to be nurtured and cared for and maintained, and it's only after the three years that it will actually grow on its own," David said.

To further ensure the planted trees grow, the DENR would employ geospatial monitoring, a satellite-based system that will track tree growth, identify issues, and prevent duplication of efforts.

David said while trees take time to grow, the benefits will be felt within six years, significantly improving water supply stability and flood mitigation.

Investment for the environment

The DENR is urging individuals and businesses to invest PHP100 per tree under the "Forests For Life: 5M Trees by 2028" initiative, ensuring tree survival and long-term impact.

"The PHP100 per tree that we were talking about earlier, that would be the amount that we need to put into one tree for it to be maintained and protected for three years. So kung gusto natin pahabain pa yung (if we want to extend the) protection and rehabilitation program, dadagdag pa sa PHP100 yun (that would increase to 100 pesos)," DENR Assistant Director of the Forest Management Bureau Ray Thomas Cabigting said.

He said the investment covers seedlings, water, fertilizers, and three years of maintenance, addressing past failures where many trees did not survive.

Cabigting said an online registry will allow contributors to track where their trees are planted, species used, and growth progress, ensuring transparency.

The DENR encourages companies, schools, and other stakeholders to integrate the model into sustainability programs, emphasizing that PHP100 can help restore forests, secure water supply, and combat climate change. (PNA)



# PBBM launches 'Trabaho at Serbisyon Pangkalusugan' in Cavite

The government has been implementing a whole-of-government approach to extend services and assistance to the people, especially those who need them most.

President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. made the statement on Friday when he led the Trabaho at Serbisyon Pangkalusugan sa Bagong Pilipinas in Dasmariñas, Cavite.

"Asahan po ninyo na inyong pamahalaan ay lagi pong nandito, lagi pong nag-aalalay po sa inyong lahat. Asahan ninyo hindi po kami aalis hangga't kayo ay nangangailangan ng tulong galing sa pamahalaan," President Marcos said during the event at the Dasmariñas Complex.

"Ako'y nadaan upang tingnan at tiyakin na maganda ang takbo (ng serbisyo), at ang in-

yong pangangailangan ay aming nabibigyan ng pansin. Aming natutugunan ang mga problemang hinaharap ninyo," the President said.

The President said the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) has organized a job fair to allow job-seekers to find employment.

He said DOLE extends livelihood project assistance through the Tulong Panghanapbuhay sa Ating Disadvantaged/Displaced Workers (TUPAD) program.

"Ito po ay upang tumulong sa mga nawalan ng trabaho o gustong magsimula ng kahit na mga kung

ano-anong negosyo ay tinutugunan natin," he said, noting DOLE also extended assistance to different cooperatives.

Twenty-five employers offered 2,700

jobs during Friday's job fair.

Regarding medical assistance, the President said doctors and nurses were ready to provide care to Caviteños. A mobile laboratory, X-ray, and other diagnostic equipment

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## '3M On Wheels' ginanap sa SM Bacoor

Ginanap ang '3M (Mentorship, Money, Market) On Wheels' sa pagtutugunan ng Go Negosyo at Pamahalaang Lungsod ng Bacoor, through the Local Economic Development and Investment Promotions Office (LEDIPO) nitong March 22, 2025.

Nasa humigit-kumulang 1,000 participants na binubuo ng entrepreneurs, budding business owners mula sa micro, small and medium enterprises, establishments, and partner agencies ang dumalo at nakatanggap ng iba't ibang serbisyo: free mentoring, exhibit area with money and market partners and government agencies.

**BAYANIHAN KALIKASAN**

**STEP 1** Ipinunin ang USED BEVERAGE CARTONS (UBC). Mga lagayan ng Gatas, Juice at iba pa.

**STEP 2** Dalhin ito sa BRGY HALL. Bago dalhin, siguraduhin ito ay malinis at naka-flatten upang mas matimbang ng maayos.

**STEP 3** Collection. Kokolektahin ito ng MENRO upang madala ito sa CARPEL Environment Corporation (para gawing mga upuan, lamesa mga board at iba pa.)

FAMILIA TAYONG MENDEZ-NUÑEZ

## Bayanihan para sa Kalikasan

Kamakailan lamang ay lumagda sa isang Memorandum of Agreement ang Lokal na Pamahalaan ng Mendez-Nuñez at ang CARPEL Environment Corporation kung saan iipunin ng Municipal Environment & Natural Resources Office (Menro Mendez) ang mga

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## SC inaugurates 6 new RTCs in Cavite, including deaf-friendly court

By Benjamin Pulta

The Supreme Court (SC) has inaugurated six new courtrooms in Bacoor, Cavite, including a deaf-friendly court to ensure persons with disabilities have access to the court.

In a news release on Friday, the SC said Associate Justices Rodil Zalameda and Jose Midas Marquez led the inauguration of the Bacoor City Regional Trial Court (RTC) Branches 114 – 119 at the Main Square Mall in Barangay Bayanan on March 13.

"Branch 115 of the RTC, City of Bacoor, presided by Judge Charisma Nolasco,

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