

# DOH heightens efforts to curb HIV cases in Calabarzon



**CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA)** – The Department of Health (DOH) continues to strengthen its efforts to curb the rise of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) infections.

Dr. Felices Emerita P. Perez, DOH Calabarzon's medical officer, said that the DOH has started implementing the 85-85-85 target under the National HIV/

AIDS (acquired immunodeficiency syndrome) and STI Prevention and Control Program (NASPCP) to combat the rising HIV infections.

"We're slowly achieving this target... where 85 percent of all people living with HIV (PLHIV) should be screened, 85 percent of those diagnosed should be on treatment, and 85 percent of those on treatment should have their

viral load suppressed or controlled because if they're just screened and diagnosed, without treatment, the virus continues to spread," Perez said.

The DOH-Center for Health Development IV-A has recorded a total of 22,142 PLHIV in the Calabarzon region as of September 2024 while up to 38,400 individuals are projected to

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## MAYOR STRIKE B. REVILLA CONGRATULATES 10 PROMOTED BACOOR CITY TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

Bacoor City-Ten dedicated personnel from the Bacoor City Traffic Management Department (BTMD) received a well-deserved promotion today, moving from job order to casual positions. The ceremony, held at the Bacoor City Hall, was organized jointly by the Office of the Mayor and the BTMD, headed by Chief Leslie

Morales on January 21, 2025.

Mayor Strike B. Revilla, along with Councilor Karen S. Evaristo, personally congratulated the promoted personnel, recognizing their long and dedicated service to the city. These individuals have served the BTMD for a minimum

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**City Mayor Strike B. Revilla**



The Villar Foundation Farm School and Tourist Farm in Bacoor City, Cavite, is now a certified Learning Site for Agriculture (LSA) of DA-ATI CALABARZON.

Center Director Dr. Rolando V. Maningas handed over the certificate. Additionally, a meeting was held between the key personnel of DA-ATI CALABARZON and Atty. Rheagee Tamaña to discuss upcoming collaborative activities with the Villar Foundation Farm School.

## CBCP head calls for more Church transparency, accountability

The head of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines opened a seminar on transparency and accountability Tuesday, January 21, 2025 urging a shift toward mutual

trust and shared responsibility within the Church. Addressing bishops and priests who are financial administrators of different dioceses, CBCP president Cardinal Pablo Virgilio David



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of Kalookan stressed the importance of aligning with the goals outlined in the Synod on Synodality's final document.

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Ono emphasized the benefits of Minecraft's three-dimensional features in helping students and the younger generation better understand disaster management and identify flood-prone areas, compared to traditional two-dimensional maps.

"Minecraft is good for kids to study which areas are endangered during floods and which places are safe under flood conditions," Ono said.

"This is very important for providing collective information about natural disasters because the young generation of the Philippines is vital not just for this country but also for the world in building a better future," he added.

According to CIA-FRIMP, the interactive lecture aimed to instill disaster resilience among the youth by immersing them in a hands-on, visual learning experience. Through the 3D city model, students were able to simulate real-life flood scenarios, identify flood-prone areas, and explore evacuation routes and risk reduction strategies.

Using the gamified approach, Ono guided students through discussions on the causes of flooding, structural and non-structural mitigation measures, and community-based strategies for disaster risk reduction.

For the teachers of Emiliano Tria Tirona Memorial National Integrated High School, the Minecraft online video game enabled students to better appreciate disaster management lessons.

"The interactive application captured the students' attention, making the learning experience both enjoyable and informative. By incorporating engaging elements, the app facilitated a deeper comprehension, allowing the students to connect with the material in an exciting way," the school stated.

The Provincial Government of Cavite supported the initiative, recognizing it as a step toward building a disaster-resilient community.

"This activity underscores the commitment of CIA-FRIMP, the Provincial Government of Cavite, and the local government of Kawit. By empowering the younger generation with knowledge and practical tools, this initiative will enable them to create safer communities ready to face the challenges of natural disasters," the provincial government said.

CIA-FRIMP is a collaborative initiative between the DPWH and JICA aimed at addressing flood risks and enhancing disaster preparedness in the Cavite Industrial Area. (FSC, PIA4A)



**ATI Calabarzon**  
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## Dir.Sherylou C. Alfaro newly elected President of PAA Sierra Madre



Ms. Sherylou C. Alfaro, Assistant Center Director of DA-ATI CALABARZON, took her oath as the newly elected President of PAA Sierra Madre, with Dr. Tessa Mar L. Espino, PhD, as Vice President. The oath-taking ceremony was officiated by National President, Dr. Fernando C. Sanchez, Jr., during the PAA Strategic Planning Workshop held at the SEARCA Auditorium, University of the Philippines Los Baños.

The workshop, which runs from January 17-18, 2025, brings together elected officers and executives from PAA regional and national chapters, as well as leaders from Accredited National Professional Organizations (ANPOs), highlighting the association's dedication to fostering growth and organizational development.

## PH, Thailand ink 5-year tourism deal

MANILA – The Philippines and Thailand have signed a five-year tourism agreement aimed at driving mutual growth in both nations' tourism sectors.

Tourism Secretary Christina Frasco and Thailand Minister of Tourism and Sports Sorawong Thienthong signed the Implementation Program of the Agreement on Cooperation on Tourism in Malaysia, according to the Department of Tourism in news release Monday.

The deal follows the longstanding partnership established by the original Agreement on Cooperation on Tourism signed on March 24, 1993 in Manila.

Frasco said the country could tap into

Thailand's success in attracting visitors for cultural tourism and medical tourism.

"In return, Thailand stands to gain from the Philippine expertise in hospitality, where we have earned a reputation for excellence," she said.

"Additionally, the Philippines is a premier destination for dive tourism—home to some of the world's biodiverse marine ecosystems—and for English language tourism, where our world-class language schools attract students from all over the globe."

Thienthong said he is looking forward to working with the Philippines in exchanging knowledge and technology.

The program,

which will be effective from 2025 to 2030, focuses on tourism cooperation, exchange of best practices, human resource development and joint tourism promotions and marketing.

### Proposed deal with Malaysia

Meanwhile, Frasco proposed a similar cooperation with Malaysia during her bilateral meeting with Malaysian Minister of Tourism, Arts, and Culture Dato Sri Tiong King Sing on the sidelines of the ASEAN Tourism Forum 2025.

"We are proximate in our locations, therefore providing enormous opportunities for increased tourism flows. We seek to exchange information and best practices

with Malaysia, especially on the aspects of product and market development and tourism promotions," she said.

Frasco told Sing that the proposed agreement would focus on the promotion of sustainable tourism and commitment to practices that ensure environmental and social sustainability.

She touted the development of Muslim-friendly and Halal tourism in the Philippines by developing infrastructure, facilities, products, and services that align with these concepts.

"Our President [Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.] has accelerated public-private partnerships in the country, invested heavily in airport tourism infrastructure, and passed legislation to make tourism investments more attractive as far as corporate income recovery is concerned," she said. (PNA)

## Disaster Education for students using 3D City Model with Minecraft



The Cavite Industrial Area-Flood Risk Management Project (CIA-FRIMP) and the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), in coordination with the Municipal Government of Kawit through its Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office, spearheaded an Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) activity on disaster management for flood preparedness using an innovative 3D city model on January 15 to 16, 2025, at Emilia-no Tria Tirona Memorial National Integrated High School in Kawit, Cavite.

A lecture on Flood Education using a 3D city Model with Minecraft was led by Mr. Keisuke Ono, Lecturer at

Tohoku Institute of Technology in Japan, engaging 400 Grade 7 student attendees as part of the mission to instill disaster resilience among the youth.

The two-day initiative aimed to educate students about flood risks, preparedness measures, and the significance of community involvement in mitigating disaster impacts. The interactive 3D city model and Minecraft served as a powerful visual tool, allowing students to better understand flood scenarios and how these can affect their locality. By simulating real-life situations, students were able to visualize flood-prone areas, learn evacuation routes, and explore strategies to minimize risks.

Facilitators from CIA-FRIMP and Tohoku Institute of Technology guided the students through discussions on the causes of flooding, its structural and non-structural measures, and disaster education for flood management using 3D City Model with the popular video game Minecraft. The engaging nature of the activity encouraged active participation and fostered a deeper understanding of disaster risk reduction.

The IEC activity underscores the commitment of CIA-FRIMP, Provincial Government of Cavite and the local government of Kawit to building a safer and more resilient community by educating the younger generation on disaster preparedness. ---OPIO

## PGC extends Free Medical and Dental Services in General Emilio Aguinaldo



**CAVITE GOVERNOR ATHENA BRYANATOLENTINO**

The Provincial Government of Cavite, in its unwavering commitment to providing accessible healthcare, conducted a Medical and Dental Mission at Barangay Kabulusan, General Emilio Aguinaldo, on January 18, 2025. The event brought together healthcare professionals and local volunteers to cater to the medical and dental needs of residents.

The mission, spearheaded by the Office of the Provincial Governor in collaboration with the Office of the Provincial Health Officer and Tagaytay City Health Office, offered a range of services, including

general medical consultations, dental check-ups, tooth extractions, and the provision of free prescription medicines. Residents also availed free haircut.

The initiative highlighted the Provincial Government's dedication to ensuring the

well-being of Caviteños, especially those in underserved areas.

The local officials of Brgy. Kabulusan and volunteers expressed their gratitude to Governor Athena Bryana D. Tolentino and the entire medical team for their tireless efforts in making the mission a success.

The event was met with overwhelming appreciation from the community. Beneficiaries shared their heartfelt thanks for the accessible healthcare services brought to their doorstep, recognizing the initiative's significant impact on improving their quality of life.—OPIO

## DOT eyes more tourists from India

MANILA – The Department of Tourism (DOT) on Monday said a "promising" growth in the number of Indian visitors to the country was observed in 2024, indicating potential tourism relations between the Philippines and India.

During the 12th ASEAN-India Tourism Ministers Meeting, DOT Secretary Christina Frasco said the Philippines welcomed nearly 80,000 Indian visitors in 2024, an over 12 percent growth compared to the previous year.

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of 15 years, demonstrating their commitment to ensuring the safety and order of Bacoor's streets.

In his address, Mayor Revilla reminded the promoted personnel of the importance of their role in maintaining public order and ensuring the smooth flow of traffic. He emphasized the need to continue serving with integrity and professionalism, while also stressing a strict "no tolerance" policy for corruption.

The promotion ceremony highlighted the City Government's commitment



ment to recognizing and rewarding the hard work and dedication of its employees. It also served as a reminder to all city

personnel of the importance of upholding ethical standards and serving the community with integrity.



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HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND  
(otherwise known as PAG-IBIG Fund),  
Mortgagee,

- versus -  
EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF  
REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT  
3135 AS AMENDED BY ACT 4118  
FC Case No. 19257-24

JOANNE MARY GRACE CRISTOBAL married to  
JEFFREY KIRBY H. CRISTOBAL,  
Mortgagors.  
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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 as amended by Act 4118 filed by HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (otherwise known as PAG-IBIG Fund), mortgagee, with principal place of business at The Petron Mega Plaza Building,

No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City, against JOANNE MARY GRACE CRISTOBAL married to JEFFREY KIRBY H. CRISTOBAL, mortgagors, with residence and postal address at Lot 22 Block 6 California Drive Barcelona 3, Imus City, Cavite and/ or Lot 22 Block 6 California Drive Barcelona 3, Tanzang Luma, Imus City, Cavite, and/or Lot 22 Block 6 California Drive Barcelona 3, Buhay na Tubig, Imus City, Cavite, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of September 23, 2024 amounts to NINE HUNDRED THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTEEN PESOS and 69/100 (Php 900,417.69), Philippine Currency, including interest and penalty charges but excluding attorney's fees, sheriff's fees, and all other charges incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff IV will sell at public auction on FEBRUARY 18, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. or soon thereafter at the main entrance of the Office of the Clerk of Court, RTC-Imus, Bulwagan ng Katarungan, Aguinaldo Highway, Imus City, Cavite, to the highest bidder, for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following properties with all improvements therein, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE No. 057-2019008693

“A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 22, BLK. 6 OF THE CONS.-SUBD. PLAN, PCS-042109-009098, BEING A PORTION OF THE CONS. OF LOTS 5470-D, 5470-F TO 5470-O, ALL OF PSD-04-03 6874, L.R.C. REC. NO. ), SITUATED IN THE BRGY. OF TANZANG LUMA, MUN. OF IMUS, PROV. OF CAVITE. BOUNDED ON THE SW., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 23; ON THE NW., ALONG LINE 2-3 BY LOT 24, BOTH OF BLK. 6; ON THE NE., ALONG LINE

the NE., along line 1-2 by Lot 34; on the SE., along line 2-3 by Lot 35, both of the cons.-subd. plan; on the SW., along line 3-4 by Road Lot 7 (8.00 m. wide); Pcs-04-005337; on the NW., along line 4-1 by Lot 31, of the cons.-subd. plan. Beginning at a pt. marked "1" on plan, being S. 42 deg. 13'W., 430.44 m. from Mon. 146, Imus Estate; thence S. 23 deg. 50'E., 3.50 m. to pt. 2; thence S. 66 Deg. 10'W., 11.00 m. to pt. 3; thence N. 23 deg. 50'W., 3.50 m. to pt. 4; thence N. 66 deg. 10'E., 11.00 m. to pt. of beginning, containing an area of THIRTY EIGHT SQ. METERS and FIFTY SQ. DECIMETERS (38.50). All pts. referred to are indicated on the plan and are marked on the ground by PS cyl. conc. mons 15x60 cm.; bearings true: date of orig. survey July 27, 1905-June 11, 1908, and that of the subd. survey, Oct. 17, 1991 and Feb. 1-3, 1992 and was approved Feb. 28, 1992. is registered in accordance with the provisions of the Property Registration Decree in the name of\* EDWARD E. ECHAVEZ, married to Yolanda L. Echavez, both of legal age, Filipinos.

Prospective buyers and/or bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title of the said real property and the encumbrance thereon, if there be any.  
All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above-stated time and date.

In the event the publication auction should not take place on the said date and time, it shall be held on **MARCH 4, 2025** at the same time and place without further notice.

Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite, January 6, 2025.

ARLYN P. BARCELON  
Sheriff IV

ATTY. MARCELA L. BAYBAY  
Clerk of Court VI & Ex-Officio Sheriff

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EDWARD E. ECHAVEZ MARRIED TO YOLANDA L. ECHAVEZ  
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3-4 BY RD. LOT 1; ON THE SE., ALONG LINE 4-1 BY LOT 20, BLK. 6; ALL OF THE CONS./SUBD. PLAN x x x CONTAINING AN AREA OF SEVENTY (77) SQUARE METERS. x x x"

All sealed bid 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, it shall be held on **FEBRUARY 25, 2025** at 10:00 a.m. without further notice.

Prospective bidders/buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title to the said properties and encumbrances thereon if any there be.

City of Imus, Cavite, Philippines, January 7, 2025.

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be affected by HIV in the region.

Perez said HIV cases continue to rise among individuals aged 15 to 24. But she added that it could not be that high as some individuals could have been living with the virus for a long time but were only recently tested.

Meanwhile, 38 HIV treatment hubs and primary HIV care facilities are found across the region. The facilities offer HIV treatment initiation, counseling, and support programs designed to improve health outcomes for PLHIV. Perez added, "We also advocate and encourage people to use PrEP or Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis that can help prevent HIV infection. Before you are exposed to someone with HIV, if you are at risk, you should get screened and start using the proper medication."

She added that some HIV treatment hubs in the region use the rapid HIV diagnostic algorithm (rHIVda), where patients undergo a series of rapid tests designed to shorten time in getting HIV test results so that HIV patients could get immediate treatment.

These developments highlight the region's commitment to achieving the global 95-95-95 HIV targets by 2030, while reinforcing efforts to expand access to life-saving services, the DOH said.

Meanwhile, the DOH also assured it is actively working to combat HIV stigma through initiatives, treatment sites, and implementing educational campaigns to raise awareness about HIV. (CO/PIA4A)

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network that will benefit generations of Filipinos," Sadaín said.

The DPWH Unified Project Management Office - Roads Management Cluster II will lead the implementation of the project, with support from Korean experts who will oversee construction supervision during Stage 1. source: (PNA)

Completed infra projects, nearly 70% in Calabarzon — DPWH

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna – The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) IV-A has completed close to 70% of infrastructure projects that include

big-ticket road projects across Calabarzon.

During the Sunong Calabarzon program on Thursday, January 16, DPWH Director for Region IV-A Jovel G. Men-

doza said of the 2,556 projects last year, almost 70% are completed while the rest are on-going and nearing completion.

"There are also projects that have not yet started due to some difficulties, including right-of-way challenges that we are still negotiating," Mendoza said.

Among the flagship projects that are completed or are near completion include the Alaminos-San Pablo City Bypass Road, Balagtas Flyover in Batangas City,

Petitioner is likewise DIRECTED to furnish with copies of the petition and its annexes the Office of the Solicitor General, the Office of the City Prosecutor of Bacoor, the Local Civil Registrar of Bacoor City, the Local Civil Registrar of Makati City and the Philippine Statistics Office.

Let copies of this Order be posted in three (3) conspicuous places in the City of Bacoor where the petitioner resides at least thirty (30) days prior to the aforesaid date of hearing.

SO ORDERED.  
IN CHAMBER, this 6th day of January 2025 in the City of Bacoor, Cavite.

ROMANO M. DIAZ  
Presiding Judge

SECOND ORDER

On October 21, 2024, petitioner through counsel filed the instant petition alleging among others that (a) he was born on 08 December 1998 at Makati Medical Center to his mother Jesusa Victoria Garcia Hernandez and to his father Jose Marie Mortel Bautista; (b) his father who was then named Jose Marie Mortel Bautista had changed his name to (Senator) Ramon Bong Revilla Jr. and his mother who was then named Jesusa Victoria Garcia Hernandez had changed her name to (Congresswoman) Lani Mercado Revilla pursuant to court decisions; (c) his brothers Jose Lorenzo Hernandez Bautista and Leonard Bryan Hernandez Bautista had likewise changed their names to Ramon Jolo Bautista Revilla III and Bryan Bautista Revilla, respectively, also pursuant to court decisions; (d) he is commonly known by the public as "RAM BAUTISTA REVILLA" or shortened "RAM REVILLA", and (e) to avoid confusion as to his ancestry and pedigree, it is proper for him to adopt the middle name "Bautista", the surname "Revilla" and the first name "Ram". Hence, Petitioner seeks an Order from the Court to change his first name from "Ramon Vicente" to "RAM", his middle name from "Hernandez" to "BAUTISTA" and his last name from "Bautista" to "REVILLA".

Finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the same is set for initial hearing on **JULY 1, 2025 AT 8:30 IN THE MORNING** at which date, place and hour, any interested person may appear and show cause why said petition should not be granted.

Petitioner is DIRECTED to cause the publication of the copy of this Order at his expense once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the Province of Cavite at least fourth (4) months prior to the scheduled date of hearing.

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STAR Tollway Pinamucan Bypass Road in Batangas, Tagkawayan-Labo Diversion Road in Quezon Province, Guinayan-gan-Tagkawayan Diversion Road in Quezon Province, Sangley Airport Access Road in Cavite.

The DPWH said school building projects under the Basic Education Facilities Fund (BEFF) are also set to be completed. "Under the BEFF of the Department of Education, we have recorded a completion rate of 47% which covers the 46 out of 86 projects. Some of these have not yet started due to issues on where the schools should be established," Mendoza added.

Mendoza said the buildings were designed to be more disaster-resilient and equipped to accommodate the increasing number of students. In line with the region's disaster resilience and preparedness, Mendoza said that the DPWH has constructed 1,155 flood control projects with total allotment of P69.9 billion.

Under the 2025 national budget, the DPWH is among the agencies with the largest allocations for the year. (CO/PIA-4A)

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"While this number is smaller relative to our ASEAN neighbors, it represents significant growth. We see tremendous potential in India's outbound tourism market, and we are committed to making the Philippines a top destination for Indian tourists," she said.

Frasco said Indian travelers would enjoy the country's world-class and award-winning beaches, dive sites, and wedding destinations, such as Cebu, which has been awarded as Asia's Leading Wedding Destination by the World Travel Awards.

"We have already initially instituted the introduction of electronic visas for Indian nationals by the Department of Foreign Affairs. This digital initiative streamlines visa processes, and we look to make the efficiency of the operations of the e-Visa system even better under our President's instructions," she said.

"We are hopeful that Air India will soon connect Indian cities directly to destinations in the Philippines that include Manila, Boracay, Clark, and Cebu." (PNA)



# PH secures \$905-M loan from Korea for Laguna Lakeshore Road Project

MANILA – The Philippine government has secured an official development assistance (ODA) loan from the Republic of Korea, through the Export-Import Bank of Korea (KEXIM), for the Laguna Lakeshore Road Network (LLRN) Project Phase 1 Stage 1, the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) reported on Saturday.

The loan, valued at USD905.26 million, will support civil works implementation by the DPWH of the flagship project under the Build Better More program of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.

Civil works for

the LLRN Project are set to begin this year, with completion anticipated by 2029.

The project is expected to significantly enhance economic productivity and foster positive change in the Calabarzon Region and the broader National Capital Region.

The ceremonial exchange of the loan agreement took place Friday at the Department of Finance (DOF) press briefing room in Manila. It was attended by KEXIM executive director Um Sung-Yong, DPWH Secretary Manuel Bonoan, Korea's Ministry of Economy and Finance

First Vice Minister Kim Beom-Seok, and DOF Undersecretary Joven Balbosa.

In a statement, Bonoan expressed gratitude to KEXIM for its ongoing partnership in supporting the Philippines' infrastructure development goals.

He also high-

lighted the importance of the LLRN Project in enhancing connectivity and economic opportunities, particularly in the Luzon economic corridor, a vital region for national growth and regional integration.

Meanwhile, DPWH Senior Undersecretary Emil Sadain, who oversees the agency's flagship infrastructure projects, emphasized that the road project in the shorelines of the Laguna Lake will address severe traffic congestion in the area, including a portion of the South Luzon Expressway.

# Cavite students learn disaster preparedness via video game

KAWIT, Cavite (PIA) — Over 800 students from Emiliano Tria Tirona Memorial National Integrated High School in Kawit, Cavite get immersed in an innovative disaster management lecture, learning about flood preparedness through the interactive online video game Minecraft.

This initiative is part of the ongoing efforts of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) to strengthen disaster and flood preparedness among the youth under the Cavite Industrial Area-Flood Risk Management Project (CIA-FRIMP).

Mr. Keisuke Ono, a lecturer at the Tohoku Institute of Technology in Japan, led the session on flood education using a 3D city model within Minecraft.

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The Women's Welfare Program returned to the City of Dasmariñas on January 21, 2025, providing Php 2,000 in financial assistance to 2,000 women. Governor Athena Tolentino was joined by Mayor Jenny Barzaga, 4th District Board Member Fulgencio "Jun" Dela Cuesta Jr., BM Nickol Austria, and the Sangguniang Panlungsod members of Dasmariñas in the impactful program which underscores a strong commitment to empowering women, strengthening their role in society, and fostering opportunities for growth and community development.



## AT THE MOMENT! WOMEN'S WELFARE PROGRAM

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The Women's Welfare Program revisited the City of Dasmariñas providing Php 2,000 in financial assistance to 2,000 women. This impactful initiative is committed to empowering women, strengthening their role in society, and fostering greater opportunities for growth and community development.

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The multimillion-dollar project aims to provide safer, faster, and more convenient travel, boosting tourism development and economic growth in the surrounding areas of Metro Manila, Laguna, Rizal, Cavite, and Batangas.

The Phase I Stage 1 includes a 7.94-kilometer road, consisting of 6.81 kilometers of viaduct/bridge and 1.13 kilometers of embankment, along with three interchanges, along with 1.92 kilometers of slip roads.

"This transformative project marks a major milestone in our long-term vision to create a sustainable, resilient, and efficient road

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