



# Financial Assistance para sa 1,383 solo parents sa City of carmona

Namahagi ang Pamahalaang Lung-sod ng Carmona ng tulong pinansyal para sa 1,383 solo parents bilang tulong at lingap sa kanilang mag-isang pagtataguyod ng kanil- ang mga anak. Ito ay sa pangunguna ng Office of the City Social Welfare and Development Office.

Atin pang pag- titibayin ang ating mga programa para sa mga solo parents dahil kayo po ang isa sa aming in- spirasyon para tuparin ang adhikaing Dapat Angat Lahat sa City of Carmona. Kasama niyo po kami at walang kahit sinoman ang maiwan.



## MPT South Strengthens Sustainability Commitment in the International Coastal Cleanup Day 2025

Metro Pacific Tollways South (MPT South), a subsidiary of the Metro Pacific Tollways Corp. (MPTC), reaffirms its commitment to environmental sustainability by actively participating in the International Coastal Cleanup Day 2025. This global movement, held annually to protect and preserve our oceans and

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# DSWD Quick Response Teams assist disaster response operations in Opong- affected LGU's in CALABARZON

The City / Municipal Quick Response Teams (QRT) of the DSWD Field Office IV-A continuously assist CALABARZON local government units (LGUs) in their respective disaster response operations due to the effects of #OpongPH in their localities.

The said teams, composed of staff of the DSWD Field Office IV-A, have been activated since September 22 to support various activities such as monitoring and assessment of affected families, management of evacuation centers, re-



packed relief goods, and distribution of assistance among others. Based on the reports received by the Field Office as of September 26 from the LGUs, more than 7,000 families are displaced and are currently staying in 422 LGU-man-

aged evacuation centers.

Despite improved weather conditions in the region, the DSWD Field Office IV-A continuously coordinates with and assists the LGUs to ensure that the needs of affected families are







## Partnerships, Perseverance, and Passion: Best nutrition program...from page 2

Lourdes Bulante-Orongan underscored the importance of shared responsibility in public health.

"When government resources are invested wisely in health and nutrition, they yield healthier, stronger, and more progressive communities," she said.

She also expressed her aspiration for all 147 LGUs in CALABARZON to one day be recognized with the Green Banner Seal of Compliance, with the ultimate vision of a malnutrition-free region.

The ceremony also highlighted inspiring individuals whose work reflects the heart of nutrition advocacy. Joan Maricel Zeta-Decena, recognized as Regional Outstanding Provincial Nutrition Action Officer from Quezon, said: "Ang nutrisyon ay hindi pribilehiyo – ito ay karapatan. The success of a PNAO is not measured by medals or plaques, but by the lives we have changed, the children saved from malnutrition, and the communities that now have access to services. The nutrition movement is not just a program, it is a revolution — a revolution against hunger, inequality, and indifference", she added.

Meanwhile, Hazel V. Torres of Barangay Dita, Santa Rosa City, was named Regional

Outstanding Barangay Nutrition Scholar of the Year. Since 2018, Torres has dedicated herself to implementing innovative initiatives such as Nutrition e-trike, Hapag Kaalaman sa Nutrisyon, Sagip-Buhay Kontra Malnutrisyon, Kabuhayan at Nutrisyon, and Alagang Kalusugan for Senior Citizens and PWDs.

She offered her recognition to the community of Santa Rosa, saying it reflects their shared determination to build a healthier society. The Province of Quezon stood out as the recipient of the Highest Ranking Green Banner Seal of Compliance Award.

Governor Helen Tan proudly highlighted the province's milestones: "Indeed our efforts toward achieving 'Tamang Aksyon sa Nutrisyon' have made significant results. We reduced stunting prevalence from 15.97% in 2022 to 9.88% and cut poverty incidence from 21.6% to 10.2% — big milestones. Lower poverty means lower malnutrition. Importante na itinataas ang antas ng pamumuhay."

She added: "Winning an award is not the hardest part; it is maintaining and perpetually adhering to the standards that makes the journey most rewarding. Above the figures and awards, we aim to see a

Quezon Province where every citizen, from infant to adult, has access to proper nutrition and medical services." Several LGUs received Special Awards for 2024, showcasing diverse strategies in addressing nutrition challenges:

Highest OPT Plus Coverage – Municipality of Lalajala, Rizal  
Lowest Malnutrition Prevalence for Children Under Five – Municipality of Lalajala (Rizal), Municipality of Taal (Batangas), City of Tagaytay (Cavite)

Lowest Malnutrition Prevalence among School-Age Children – City of Santa Rosa, Laguna

Best Tutok Kain-an Dietary Supplementation Program Implementer – City of San Pedro, Laguna

Most Improved MELLPI Pro Score – City of Bacoor, Cavite

Most Promising Local Nutrition Committee Award – Municipality of Baras, Rizal

Most Promising Local Nutrition Focal Point – MNAO Dr. Allen M. Malabanan (Baras, Rizal)

The greatest triumph of RNAC 2025 is not in trophies, but in the lives transformed—families nourished, children thriving, and communities empowered. (CM/PIA-4A)

## MPT South Strengthens Sustainability...from p1

coastlines, sees contributing organizations and hundreds of volunteers come to collectively combat marine pollution.

In partnership with the City Environment and Natural Resources office of Bacoor,

Cavite, and Santa Rosa, Laguna, MPT South volunteer employees came together to champion sustainability and environmental stewardship by actively cleaning up the coastlines of Brgy. Caingin in Santa Rosa,

and Brgy. Maliksi 1 in Bacoor. Aside from the efforts exerted in the said coastal barangays, MPT South also donated cleaning materials such as safety boots, sacks, brooms, gloves, and garbage pickers



for the cleaning of the Las Piñas - Parañaque Wetland Park (LPPWP). LPPWP is a critical protected area managed by DENR to preserve its rich biodiversity and ecological value, a Ramsar site situated in the Gulf of Manila.

MPT South volunteer employees assisted in collecting 65 kg of residual waste and 48 kg of other debris in the coastline of Santa Rosa, accumulating to 12,039 kilograms of waste removed from its coast; on the other hand, a total of 43.5 kg of wood debris and 60.5 kg of plastic and foam materials were collected by MPT South volunteers in the coast of Bacoor, resulting in a total of 7,275 kilograms of waste collected from the coastal area. Efforts like these continue to pave the way in raising awareness about marine conservation, proper waste segregation, and

promoting sustainable practices among its volunteers.

"Protecting our coastlines is vital for the health of our community and future generations, and our duty doesn't end after the International Coastal Cleanup Day," said Arlette V. Capistrano, Vice President for Communication and Stakeholder Management of MPT South. "Through MPT South's consistent programs like clean-up drives, various tree planting activities, and its active participation in the annual International Coastal Cleanup, we aim to reduce marine litter, foster environmental awareness, and reinforce our commitment to sustainable development in the communities we serve."

In August 2025, MPT South was awarded two Green Awards from the Santa Rosa City Government, a Plaque of Appreciation

as a Sustainable Development Partner, and an Earth Hour Advocate Award, marking its third consecutive year of recognition in the esteemed program of the city.

MPT South's efforts align with its broader sustainability goals, which include preserving our natural waterways, reducing environmental impact, promoting eco-friendly infrastructure, and engaging with communities to nurture environmental responsibility and a more sustainable environment for future generations.

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## Relief distribution sa mga evacuation centers sa Trece Martires City



**Nagsagawa ng relief distribution ang Pamahalaang Lungsod ng Trece Martires City sa pangunguna ng buhihing Mayor Gemma Lubigan sa mga evacuation centers ng Brgy. Hugo Perez, Conchu, De Ocampo, at Cabuco. Kasama ko rito sina Vice Mayor Bobby Montehermoso at ang ilan sa ating mga City Councilors upang personal na maihatid ang tulong sa ating mga kababayang naapektuhan ng nagdaang Severe Tropical Storm Opong.**

**Lubos din ang ating pasasalamat sa mga aktibong kapitan na kumilos at nagmonitor noong kasagsagan ng bagyo. Pati na rin sa mga kawani at ahensyang nakasama natin upang mapabilis at maging maayos ang**



**pagbisita at pagbibigay natin ng tulong sa mga evacuees. Patuloy po kami, ang inyong Pamahalaang**

**Lungsod ng Trece Martires, sa pagbibigay ng kalinga at suporta, lalo na sa mga naapektuhan ng kalamidad.**



## Consultation on River Rehabilitation sa LGU Silang

Isinagawa nitong nakaraang September 24, 2025, ang Consultation on River Rehabilitation kasama ang DPWH, lokal na pamahalaan ng Silang sa pangunguna ni Mayor Ted Carranza, at iba pang kinatawan upang talakayan ang mga konkretong solusyon sa kasalukuyang problema ng ating mga ilog.

Sa naging day-alogo, napagkasunduan na kinakailangang i-repair at alisin ang mga iron sheet katuwang ang ating Municipal Engineer. Bukod dito, sisiguraduhin natin na wala nang proyektong ipatutupad nang walang kaukulang permit mula sa munisipyo. Mahigpit nating ipapatupad ang pataka-

rang ito upang masiguro na masusuri nang maigi ang bawat proyektong gagawin sa ating bayan. Muli, ang lokal na pamahalaan ay mananatiling bukas sa inyong mga opinyon, dahil naniniwala kami na ito'y makakatulong upang makabuo ng mas maayos na solusyon at mapanatili ang transpar-

## Bam Aquino to gov't: Prioritize Libreng Kolehiyo for underprivileged students

Senator Bam Aquino has urged the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) to ramp up the government's scholarship programs under the Tertiary Education Subsidy (TES) for underprivileged students through educational institutions.

During the budget hearing of state universities and colleges (SUCs), Aquino raised concern over the declining allocation for the TES program in the past years.

From P23.4 billion in 2024, the TES budget dropped to P21.7 billion in 2025, down by P1.7 billion. The TES budget further decreased to P20.7 billion under the 2026 National Expenditure Program.

"I will not stand for it na pababa ang scholarships ng gobyerno, especially kung nagbibigay tayo ng ayuda na scholarship rin naman ang purpose," said Aquino, chairperson of the Committee on Basic Education and the principal sponsor of the Free College Law.

"Iyong libreng kolehiyo na ito ay idaan sa mga eskuwelahan. I would

prefer to give scholarships through institutions," he added.

An important component of the Free College Law, or Republic Act 10931, the TES program provides assistance to financially disadvantaged students for other costs of education, such as food, books, and living expenses. It also covers expenses of poor but deserving students who choose to study in private colleges and universities.

"Bakit ang trending natin ay pababa. Ito ang subsidy sa mga estudyante natin, both public and private universities. Our poor but deserving students need to have this," he added.

Calling the decrease unacceptable, Aquino said he will move for the restoration of the TES budget to the 2024 level in the 2026 appropriations.

The Senator also questioned the DBM's justification for citing the CHED's low utilization rate as the reason for the reduction, saying many students are looking for scholarships.

"Alam niyo po ba na napakaraming estudyanteng naghahanap ng scholarship. Alam niyo po



na iyong No. 1 reason for dropping out is because of costs unrelated to tuition. I don't think utilization is a proper excuse para dito," Aquino pointed out.

CHED Chairperson Shirley Agrupis, for her part, committed to backing Aquino's drive to provide more scholarships through educational institutions.

As vice chairperson of the Committee on Finance, Aquino also reiterated his plan to redirect portions of the 2026 flood control budget to education.

Aquino earlier underscored the importance of matching the budget with the attention and support needed to sustain the Free College Law, allowing it to benefit more students.

"Ang maganda ngayon, i-match natin iyong budget, at iyong tulong, at iyong antensiyon dito po sa pagpupugay na iyong free college law ay ang pinakamagandang programa," Aquino said.

"Kada lugar na mapuntahan ko po, napakarami pong—hindi lang estudyante, pati magulang—ang nagsasabi, ang laki ng tulong ng mga SUC sa buhay po nila. Marami pong lumalapit—anak ng mangingisda, anak ng sari-sari store owner, anak ng magsasaka -- 'Senator, magtatapos na po iyong anak ko, nakapagtapos na po iyong anak ko, engineer na po siya, police na po siya, guro na po siya,'" he added.

## Serbisyong BAYANIHAN Caravan para sa kapulisan...mula pahina p6

PNP family. This is the true spirit of Bayanihan—unity, compassion, and service."

This meaningful undertaking underscores the dedication of Cavite PPO not only to community service but also to the well-being of the men and women in uniform and their loved ones./source: CPPO facebook



Silang Mayor Ted Carranza



# Serbisyong BAYANIHAN Caravan para sa Kapulisan at Kapamilya ng Cavite PPO

The Cavite Police Provincial Office successfully held the "Serbisong BAYANIHAN Caravan para sa Kapulisan at Kapamilya ng Cavite PPO" on September 30, 2025, at 8:00 AM at Camp BGen Pantaleon P. Garcia. The program commenced with a prayer led by PEMS Erlyn Baraquia, PESPO, Cavite PPO, followed by welcome remarks from PLTCOL Basman A Macarangel, Deputy Provincial Directory for Operation. PCOL ARIEL R RED, Acting Provincial Director, duly represented by PLTCOL Willy B Salazar, Deputy Provincial Director for Administration, introduced the guest of honor, while Dr. Maria Christina Ignacio-Alberto, PAGPTD Advisory Council Member and Founder of Hope in Me Club, delivered an inspiring message.

## 90 Civil Society Organizations, binigyang akreditasyon ng Imus LGU



Ipinasa ng Sangguniang Panlungsod ng Imus ang limang resolusyong inihain sa kanila sa ika-13 regular na sesyon ngayong Lunes, Setyembre 29, 2025.

Kabilang na ang pagpapatibay sa resolusyong nagbibigay ng akreditasyon sa 90 Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) sa Imus.

Aprubado rin

ang resolusyong nagbibigay-pahintulot kay City Mayor Alex "AA" L. Advincula, bilang Chairperson ng Board of Trustees ng Ospital ng Imus, na lumagda sa isang kasunduan sa pagitan ng ONI at ng TAB Health Solutions Corporation kaugnay ng operasyon ng Dialysis Center.

Pasado rin ang tatlong resolusyong naglalaan ng karagdagang

pondo para sa Sangguniang Kabataan ng walong barangay at ng iba't ibang tanggapan ng Pamahalaang Lungsod ng Imus.

Sa isinagawang special session noong Setyembre 25, inaprubahan ang resolusyong nagbibigay ng pahintulot kay Mayor AA na irepresenta ang Pamahalaang Lungsod ng Imus sa Deed of Sale kasa-

As part of the caravan, various essential services were offered exclusively to PNP personnel and their dependents, including Application for National ID, PSA Copies of Registry Documents, Renewal of Criminology Licenses, Live-

ma ang Daanghari Vermosa West Corporation para sa daanan ng isang paaralan.

Nakatakda ring lumagda ang alkalde sa Deed of Absolute Sale kasama ang EJD Metal Trading kaugnay ng pagbebenta ng siyam na sirang sasakyan ng lokal na pamahalaan.



hood Training on Candle Making, Legal Services, and Medical Services.

In his message, PCOL ARIEL R. RED, Acting Provincial Director of Cavite PPO, highlighted: "The Serbisong BAYANIHAN Caravan

is our way of showing care and support to our personnel and their families. While we serve the community, it is equally important to provide accessible services that address the needs of our

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