

# GM AGUILAR OF CMD MAKES CONSCIOUS DECISIONS TOWARDS SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE

By: PIO N. PLATON

**CALAMBA CITY, Laguna**  
--Former Calamba Water District (CWD) director (2015) and General Manager Exequiel A. Aguilar, Jr. since 2019 told us in an interview, "If you want a creative explosion to take place, if you want the kind of performance that leads to truly exceptional results, you have to be willing to embark on a journey that leads to values and the aspirations of CWD."

A conscious high performance leader, GM Jun Aguilar will do everything to create a better work environment where all individual needs are met towards better performance.

During his incumbency, GM Aguilar highly implements innovations and sets up new processes

and systems to be able to satisfy employees and create an environment where they can learn, grow, and thrive. Special mention is his focus on the foundation for effective performance in spearheading strategy formulation, allocating resources and backing-up CWDs strategic focus and in organizing around people to serve 54 barangays in this city.

Through a resolution which created Calamba Water District on August 17, 1974, upon assumption GM Aguilar sets high standard - approves budget, manages department heads, and oversees daily operations without fail.

Noteworthy were his accomplishments viz. additional pumping stations and steel bolted

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# P500 monthly pension ng mga senior citizen ng Pakil, aprubado na!



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# Z Benefits for Breast and Cervical Cancers now available in Laguna



Most Outstanding and Trusted Local Legislator of the Year

Kabilang si Vice Gov. Karen Agapay ng Lalawigan ng Laguna sa ginawaran ng Most Influential Filipino and Asian Awards bilang Most Outstanding and Trusted Local Legislator of the Year 2023 bilang pagkilala sa kanyang kasipagan at pagpupunyagi bilang isang public servant Ayon kay VG Agapay, inihahandog niya ang parangal na ito sa lahat ng mga Lagunense. (ALDRIN CACAYAN)

PhilHealth has recently signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Calamba Medical Center (CMC) as a contracted facility for the said Z Benefit Packages, the first in Laguna and in Region 4A. This was made possible after grueling months of negotiation by the Local Health Insurance Office (LHIO) Calamba Team headed by LHIO Head Maria Teresa Alba with support from the Accreditation and Quality Assurance Section.



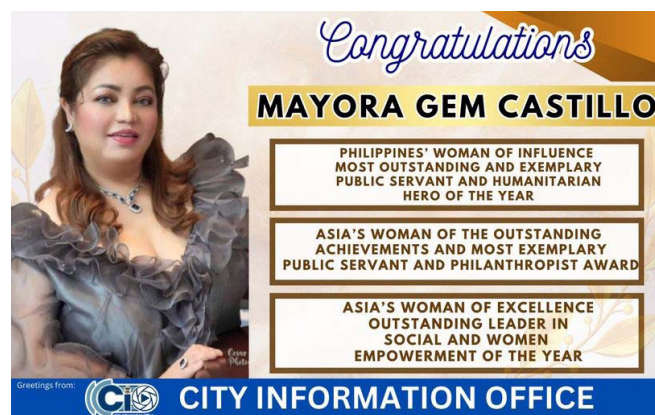
The Z Benefit package came up not only to cover hospital expenses, but also to ensure totality of care and attainment of better

health outcomes. Now, cancer treatment is made accessible to Calamba and its neighboring towns through this partnership.

Dr. Jose Juliano, Calamba Medical Center President expressed his delight to have finally

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# MAYORA GEM CASTILLO: PATULOY ANG BUHOS NG MGA PARANGAL



Patuloy ang pagbuhos ng parangal para kay Mayora Gem Castillo kung saan sa darating na October 21, 2023 ay tatanggap siya ng award bilang Asia's Women of Excellence Outstanding Leader in Social and Women Empowerment of the Year ng DMSP International Golden Award of Excellence na gaganapin sa Winford Hotel, Grand Ball Room, Manila.

Sa Ika-Anim Dangal ng Lahi Awards 2023 naman ay gaganapin siya bilang Philippine's Woman of Influence, Most Out-

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# Online registration ng mga senior citizen, pinapaayos ni Mayor Amante

NIL RUBEN E. TANINGCO

**SAN PABLO CITY, Laguna**--Sa tagubilin ni Alkalde Vicente B. Amante, ang Tanggapan ng Punonglungsod ay magtatalaga ng isang tauhan na maglalagay ng lamesa at computer sa One Stop Processing Center upang tumulong sa mga nakatatandang mamamayan na magsagawa ng "on-line registration" sa National Commission of Senior Citizens (NCSC) bilang pag-alinsunod sa tadhana

ng Republic Act No. 11350, na lalong kilala bilang National Commission of Senior Citizens Act.

Ito ay tugon sa kahilingan ni OSCA Head Efren Azusano, sang-ayon kay Executive Assistant Kristin Ann A. Picazo.

Ayon pa kay Picazo, ang National Commission of Senior Citizen ay kasalukuyang nagbuuo ng isang "national database" ng lahat ng Senior Citizen sa bansa, upang ang pamahalaan ay magabayan sa pagbalangkas ng mga angkop

na palatuntunan at gawain para sa ika-sisigla ng mga nakatatandang mamamayan.

Ang mga lalapit para patulong sa pagpapatala ay mangyari lamang dalahin ang kanilang Senior Citizen's Identification Card, at sa dahilang sila ay kukunan ng litrato na hawak ang kanilang ID, ay makabubuting sila ay magtungo sa One Stop Processing Center na may maayos na kasuotan, paalalapa na ni Picazo.

# APRI SCHOLARS' BEST CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR THEIR PARENTS: ACHIEVING LATIN HONORS AND LET CERTIFICATION

The Spirit of Christmas is fast approaching and many Filipinos are already creating their wish list of the things that they would like to receive. But for families, especially for the parents, nothing would top their list but to see their children finish their education. (Continued on page 3)



JOURNEY TO GREATER HEIGHTS (L-R), Jessa Tarim, Khym Satur, Junah Mae Clave, Patricia Mae Fontejon, Jerry Mae Cuevas, Almira Bragais and Judy Ann Camano graduated with flying colors in Bicol University.

Blezette Colot, graduated last 2022 and recently passed the Licensure Examination for Professional Teachers - Secondary.





## TANING KO

-- Ni Ruben E. Taningco --

### Global warming, dapat pinaghahandaan

Dapat paghandaan ang pinangangambahan ng mga siyentista na pagtaas ng temperatura sa kapaligiran ng daigdig, sapagka't kung ang likas na ito ay hindi mapababagal, sa loob lamang ng 20 hanggang 30 taon ay magkakaroon ng pagsasalat sa tubig sa bansa, kaya pananagutan ng lahat, lalo na ng mga lider sa pamayanan, na makiisa upang ang mga bagay na nakatutulong sa pagtaas ng temperatura ay mabawasan.

Dahil dito, nagtatagubilin ang Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) sa lahat ng mga sangguniang barangay na bumalangkas ng mga pansariling palatuntunan sa pagtatanim ng puno sa sakop ng kanilang pananagutan, kasama na ang pagsasakit na ang mga nabubuhay at matatanda ng puno, ano mang uri ng kahoy ito, ay mapangalagaan sapagka't malaki ang maitutulong nito para mapanatiling kaya ng tao at ng hayop ang umiiral na temperatura sa kapaligiran.

Ang pagtitipid sa paggamit ng kuryente at tubig ay dapat ding ituro sa mga anak upang sa kanilang paglaki ay maging bahagi ito ng kanilang pagpapahalaga o value.

Kaugnay ng itinatagubilin pagtatanim ng mga puno, ipinaaalaala na maging sa Bibliya ay binabanggit na kung mawawala ang mga punong kahoy ay guguhang ang mga lupa, at ito nga ay nangyayari sa maraming dako ng bansa sa kasalukuyan, kaya makabubuti ring sundin ang payo sa Bibliya na kung magpuputol ng puno ay magtitira ng tuod upang ito ay muling supangan ng mga bagong sanga sa paraang natural regeneration na magiging tahanan ng mga ibon at ang lilim ay kanlungan ng mga hayop na gumagala sa lupa.

### Literacy and numeracy amidst advancement in technology



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In today's modern world where social media, online games, and other online applications in smart phones get the attention of the learners in general, the skills in literacy and numeracy has taken the back burner.

Fundamental literacy refers to the skills and strategies involved in reading, speaking, writing, and interpreting thoughts while numeracy is the ability to reason and apply simple numerical concepts.

Literacy and numeracy skills are the foundations of lifelong learning and full participation in society. These skills empower students to make meaning, think critically and creatively, and reach their full potential as learners. Throughout the grades, literacy and numeracy are applied across all learning areas.

Students that can't read effectively fail to grasp important concepts, score poorly on tests and ultimately, fail to meet educational highlights. Literacy skills allow students to seek out information, explore subjects in-depth and gain a deeper understanding of the world around them.

Good numeracy, on the other hand, is essential to us as educators in helping our children learn, as patients understanding health information, as citizens making sense of statistics and economic news. Decisions in life are so often based on numerical information and thus, to make the best choices, we need to be numerate.

We must make the most out of the technology within our midst in order for us to teach literacy and numeracy skills to this generation of learners. There are varied innovative ways on how we can make use of the social media and mobile phone apps to increase vocabulary, to further understand contextual clues in reading texts, to solve numerical problems used in daily living. The way to education is to go with the tide of change.

### Mayora Gem Castillo: Patuloy ang buhos ng mga parangal

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standing and Exemplary Public Servant and Humanitarian Hero of the Year sa darating na November 28, 2023 sa Waterfront, Cebu City.

Pararangalan rin si Mayora Gem para sa Vietnam International Achiever's Awards 2023 bilang Asia's Woman of Outstanding Achievements and Most Exemplary Public Servant and Philanthropist Award.

Gaganapin ang awarding sa

December 2, 2023 sa Royal Saigon Hotel, Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam.

Tunay na hindi mapagkakaila ang galing ng isang San Pablana sa larangan ng pagseserbisyo sa mga mamayan na nangangailangan.

Ipinagmamalaki ng lungsod ang mga karangalan na natatanggap ni Mayora Gem Castillo at nagsisilbing inspirasyon ito sa kanya upang ipagpatuloy pa niya ang kanyang mga humanitarian services. (CIO/Tin/Nanz)

## From Classroom to Celebration: Teachers' Day Celebration at SGES

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Teachers play an essential role in education specially in the lives of the students they teach in the classroom. At San Gregorio Elementary School, teacher's day is not just an ordinary occasion, but a celebration of the life of the individuals whose role is to shape the future and mold the minds of their learners.

Every year, on the 5th of October, SGES participates in recognizing and honoring the contributions of teachers in education by throwing a party for them. With the collaboration between SGPTA and SELG, these celebrations are made possible. To show gratitude, teachers are being entertained by students' song and dance performances.

SGES is committed to making each teacher feel valued. During celebration, teachers receive treats and heartfelt notes from the

students, parents and coworkers. These acts uplift their spirits and reinforces their commitment to education.

The teachers also come together and enjoy the feast specially prepared in their honor. It's a chance for them to unwind, share stories, and strengthen their bonds with each other thus creating a sense of unity.

At SGES, Teachers' Day is more than just an annual event. It's about honoring the tireless work of teachers and strengthening the bond between them and their students. As the day of the celebration ends, it leaves a trail of gratitude, harmony, and the knowledge that education is a trip best taken together.

At SGES, Teachers' Day is more than just a celebration. It's an acknowledgement of the significant influence educators have on the lives of their students. This serves as a reminder that education extends outside the four walls of the classroom and the teachers are the guide in this educational journey.

### Action research and its impact on education



By: **MARICEL D. ESTURAS**, TEACHER III  
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Action research is focused on solving a problem or informing individual and community-based knowledge in a way that impacts teaching, learning, and other related processes. It is less focused on contributing theoretical input, instead producing actionable input.

Action research generates knowledge around inquiry in practical educational contexts. Action research allows educators to learn through their actions with the purpose of developing personally or professionally. Due to its participatory nature, the process of action research is also distinct in educational research.

There are steps in conducting action research. We must identify a prob-

lem area. The first step is to identify a unique problem. Next is to gather relevant data. Data collection is a crucial step in action research because it helps you determine your actions towards the direction of making the research.

Next is interpreting data followed by acting on evidence and finally evaluating results.

The main purpose of any educational action research is to generate knowledge on topics that are vitally important to students, teachers, schools, administrators and other educational stakeholders. Additionally, the approaches to conducting educational research are as many as the issues and topics in education in general.

The hallmark of a good research is its usefulness in the field it is intended to. Not only does it help solve problems, but it engages people to find solutions themselves that will be beneficial to all. Using research in our field makes us reach our goals one step at a time and believing in such process and sharing them to others is a success in itself.

### Task Beyond Instructions: Ancillary Functions and Works Hours of Public School Elementary Teachers

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HEAD TEACHER III

Teachers are responsible for shaping human minds holistically. That's why it is a greater responsibility for the school heads to give them the fair and equitable teaching loads and ancillary functions so that teachers will not be overburdened. In DepEd Order No. 31, s. 2012 entitled "Policy Guidelines on the Implementation of Grades 1 to 10 of the K to 12 Basic Education Curriculum (BEC) Effective SY 2012-2013", it was stipulated that the time allotment for each subject is the minimum period for class interaction. Look at the table below:

Nomenclature/ Learning Area	Time Allotment (No. of Minutes Daily)						
	Grade 1		Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6
	1 <sup>st</sup> Sem	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sem					
Language Arts							
Mother Tongue	50	50	50	50			
Filipino	30	30	50	50	50	50	50
English		30	50	50	50	50	50
Science				50	50	50	50
Mathematics	50	50	50	50	50	50	50
Araling Panlipunan	40	40	40	40	40	40	40
EPP/TLE					50	50	50
MAPEH	40	40	40	40	40	40	40
Esp	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Total in minutes	240	270	310	360	360	360	360
Total in hours	4	4.5	4.17	4	4	4	4

The above table is also stipulated in DO No. 21, s.2019.

A one-hour period for Homeroom/Guidance Program is provided for the weekly meeting between the teacher-adviser and the class.

DepEd Memorandum No. 291, s.2008 entitled "Guidelines for the Implementation of CSC Resolution No. 080096 on Working Hours for Public School Teachers", states that the following guidelines shall be observed in all public and secondary schools:

a. Public school teachers shall render at most six (6) hours of actual classroom teaching a day, except when undertaking academic activities that require presence outside the school premises, i.e., educational trips;

b. School heads shall assign teaching loads to public school teachers to fully utilize the six (6) hour actual classroom teaching, i.e., six teaching loads at one hour per teaching load, with due regard for possible teaching intervals;

All advisement and/or special assignments for the entire school year combined shall be considered as one teaching load;

c. A teacher with less than six (6) hours of actual classroom teaching shall render additional hours of appropriate teaching-related activities and duties enumerated in 2 (d) within the school premises to complete six (6) hours;

d. A teacher with six (6) hours of actual classroom teaching and/or equivalent teaching-related activities shall render the remaining two(2) hours of work within or outside the school premises to comply with the eight-hour workday by engaging in the following teaching-related activities and duties:

1. preparation of lesson plans, action/work plans, instructional materials, evaluation/assessment tools/rubrics;
2. preparation and checking of exercises; recording of academic performance results and classroom accomplishments;
3. conduct of research;
4. attendance to seminars, workshops and similar programs;
5. counseling, mentoring, coaching of students including home visits;
6. consultations and conferences with parents;
7. performance of coordination activities and duly recognized community

social services;

8. participation in the maintenance and improvement of school facilities and equipment; and

9. other activities identified in the specific guidelines formulated at the school level taking into account the unique conditions in schools such as shifting of classes, if applicable, the availability of faculty rooms, classrooms and teachers, and the nature of the teaching-related duties to be given priority.

In exigencies of service, a public school teacher may be required to render more than six (6) hours of actual classroom teaching or more than eight (8) hours of work in a day; Provided that additional compensation computed at the same hourly rate of the regular compensation, plus a premium of twenty-five percent (25) of the hourly rate shall be paid for actual classroom teaching in excess of six (6) hours and for work performed in excess of eight (8) hours.

Overtime pay can only be claimed for actual teaching and/or work performed within the school premises. In the event of non-availability of funds, service credits shall be granted and one hour overtime work shall be 1.25 hours for purposes of determining the service credits.

In Regional Memorandum No. 550, s. 2018(Region IV-A CALABARZON) emphasized that to comply with the above policy, services rendered outside the school campus shall be considered as done on official time provided that a mechanism for the additional two(2) hours work done by teachers outside the school premises shall be agreed upon through a written agreement between the principal and the teachers. Teachers shall not utilize the (2) hours for private school part time teaching, consistent with civil service rules.

Public school heads need not require teachers to submit means of verification (MOVs) or evidence such as pictures, reports and documents to prove that they have served their two-hour outside the school campus. It is enough that the teachers are able to submit their mandatory reports on time and render very satisfactory teaching services.

Based on DM No. 328, s. 2009, as a general rule, teachers should be assigned teaching duties. However, for schools with student of 2 000 and more, teachers may be designated as Property Custodian if all teacher needs have been met and there is no need for additional teachers in the near future. Since designated Property Custodians perform solely non-teaching functions and are required to render services during the Christmas and summer vacations, they are considered on the vacation -sick leave basis and are no longer entitled of the Proportional Vacation Pay(PVP). Teachers designated as Property Custodians but who continue to have regular teaching loads (of at least 2 but not beyond 4) shall render services on part-time basis and shall remain in the teachers' leave basis.

Based on Memorandum from the Office of the Asst. Secretary, all school heads are directed to designate two(2) School ICT coordinators. They shall be unloaded of the usual teaching load to four(4) hours daily to focus and concentrate on ICT function and duties.

While based on DO no. 8 s. 2007, the Home Economics teacher shall be the Canteen Teacher. He/she tasked to supervise canteen operations for a period not exceeding three(3) hours per day. DM No. 47, s. 2014, states that the advisement in the SSG/SPG shall be equivalent to one(1) teaching load as per RA 4670.

In support to lighten the workloads of teachers, DepEd continuously improve & implements programs and policies with respect to this concern. Let us remember that assigning teachers with multiple ancillary functions or overload have a broader implication for all the educators in the country. Though on the other hand, performing ancillary functions can be used as a guide in improving teachers skills and strengthening their organizational commitment to public service.

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## Mga senador, nagpalitrato sa inimestigahang lider ng "kulto"



### KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

-- Atty. Batas Mauricio --

**INSPIRASYON SA BUHAY:** "Ano ang mapapala ng tao makamtan man niya ang buong mundo, kung mapapariwara naman ang kaniyang kaluluwa sa uod at apoy ng impiyerno sa buhay na walang hanggan?" (si Jesus, sa Mateo 16:26, Ang Tanging Daan Bibliya).

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**MGA SENADOR, NAGPALITRATO SA INIIMBESTIGAHANG LIDER NG "KULTO":** Inuulan ng batikos mula sa social media ang mga senador na sina Bato Dela Rosa, Bong Go, Robin Padilla, Bong Revilla, at Imee Marcos, matapos lumabas ang mga litrato ng mga ito na kasama nila, at tila ka-tsika pa, si Jey Rence Quilario.

Si Quilario ay sinasabing lider ng Socorro Bayanihan Services Inc. sa Socorro, Surigao del Norte, na diumano ay isang kulto na kumikilala sa kaniya na siya ang bagong Sto. Nino, o ang batang si Jesus.

Ipinakulong ng Senado si Quilario matapos mapatunayan ng mga senador na nagsisinungaling siya diumano sa isyu ng pagpapakasal ng kaniyang mga babaeng miyembro na 12 taong gulang pa lamang.

Sa mga litratong inilalabas ng mga netizens sa Twitter.com, makikitang naka-akbay pa ang ilan sa mga senador kay Quilario, na tinatawag na Senior Aguila.

Ayon sa netizens, nakakahiya ang itsura ng mga senador na ito, dahil parang celebrity pa ang turing nila kay Quilario samantalang mabibigat ang mga akusasyon sa kaniya, partikular yung sa paglabag sa batas ng kasal.

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**PELIKULANG "MGA HALANG", NAPAPANAHON:** Ang pelikulang "Mga Halang" na gawa ni Ferdinand Galang, isang Filipino-American film maker, ay napapanahon at makabuluhan, dahil makikita dito ang katayuang tiwali at masama ng maraming mga tao sa mundo, at sa Pilipinas.

Tungkol ito sa mga kalalakihan na nangholdap ng bangko, dahil sa kanilang matinding pangangailangan sa buhay. Wala kasi silang ibang mahusay na hanapbuhay.

Tumungo sila sa isang barrio sa isang lalawigan malapit sa Metro Manila upang maghintay ng utos kung papaano hahatiin ang perang ninakaw nila.

Sa barrio, may mag-asawang nakatuklas ng ginawa nilang holdap. hinimok sila ng mag-asawa na magbago, at iwanan na ang krimen, katiwalian, at kasalanan.

Pero, isa lang sa mga lalaki ang nagbago. ang lahat ng kaniyang mga kasama ay tumanggap ng matinding parusa, mula mismo sa mga naninirahan sa barrio.

Ang mensahe dito ay simple: hindi tama ang paggawa ng krimen at kasalanan, kahit na may pangangailangan. hangga't maaga, tigilan ang kasamaan, kundi'y sumpa ng Diyos ang dadating sa mga tiwali.

Inilabas sa UP Film center ang "Mga Halang". Dumalo ang Mahal Na LD, Mahal na Pangkalahatang Mangangaral, Mahal na Taga-usig, Mahal na Kalihim, Mahal na ingat-yaman, at si Judge Angelina Mauricio, ng Simbahang Anak Ng Diyos Kadugo Ni Kristo.

Sa paanyaya ito ni Pastor Jojo Gonzales ng Capitol Christian Leadership (CCL), ang pinaka-matandang Christian organization sa National Capital Region.

Dumalo din ang iba pang mga lider-Simbahang Kristiyano, partikular si Bishop Butch Belgica, na matalik na kaibigan ng dating actor Fred Galang, ang ama ni director Ferdinand Galang. Nandodoon din si Bishop Juan Pring ng Pampanga, iba pang pinuno ng CCL.

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## Being the Focal Figure of Education



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Teaching is often referred to as a job, sometimes as a career, or even a profession, but it is far more than that. It is the choice to be a way of life or even a way of being. The teacher's journey represents a lifelong commitment to learning, not only about content area, grade level, and technological innovations, but about the true passion for new knowledge and skills that make more effective as a professional and a human being.

As a focal figure in education, teachers must be competent and knowledgeable to impart the knowledge they can give to their students. A teacher is not a profession; it is a mission that requires additional patience, love, and care for their students.

Being a teacher is a journey that has much to do with learning about self and being aware that what happens in the classroom reflects on him.

The first characteristics of a good teacher is that he or she is always willing to analyze his or her teaching performance. Second, the teacher is humble enough to receive input about the development and application of techniques, learn from it, and improve. The third is not being shy about asking peers for advice about something dealing with and trying it in the classroom.

Being a teacher is a noble profession and that needs to exert extra effort to sustain and provide quality education for every learner.

# Agreement signed on climate, biodiversity initiative

BY CHRISTOPHER HEDREYDA

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations Centre for Biodiversity (ACB) and the Manila Observatory entered into an agreement on Monday to address the climate crisis and biodiversity loss in a ceremony at the Ateneo de Manila University in Quezon City.

This partnership between ACB and MO, the first of its kind in ASEAN, will establish the ASEAN Climate and Biodiversity Initiative (ACBI), which seeks to collaborate on research, knowledge exchange, and cooperation to model the impacts of climate change scenarios on biodiversity. The initiative will provide valuable information to public and private institutions, as well as communities directly affected by climate change.

The ACBI will also serve as a platform for scientists, climate and biodiversity experts, researchers, communicators, and the media to actively engage and share scientific information, helping to interpret the connection between biodiversity and climate change.

Dr. Theresa Munda Lim, Executive Director of ACB, hopes that the data gathered through this partnership will aid local governments in the Philippines in better planning and preserving their natural resources.

"We hope that once this information is communicated to them and their appreciation increases, they will incorporate it into their Land Use Plan or Comprehensive Development Plan. So they know that investing in nature and biodiversity will also help enhance the resilience of their economy," she said.

The ACBI will initially be piloted in selected areas in the



DENR Secretary Maria Antonia Yulo-Loyzaga, ASEAN Center for Biodiversity Executive Director Dr. Theresa Munda Lim and Manila Observatory Executive Director Fr. Jose Ramon T. Villarín, S.J., together with members of the media during a roundtable discussion on how to better equip and capacitate the media on reporting about climate change and disaster resilience, among others. (CHARMAINE ODONG/PIA-4A)

Philippines and later expanded to cover other critical regions in ASEAN member states. Collaboration with other agencies working on similar initiatives in each country will also be established.

Lim emphasized the media's important role in disseminating technical information and making it more accessible to the public.

"We have initiated capacity-building programs for the media to better appreciate reporting of biodiversity-relevant issues and concerns. With this, we tend to have more of these fora so the science can be better shared," Lim added.

Aside from roundtable discussions and other similar fora with the media, ACB plans to launch its own network of biodiversity communicators in 2024. These communicators will participate in regional biodiversity events in the Philippines and other ASEAN member countries.

Fr. Jose Ramon T. Villarín, Executive Director of the Manila Observatory, highlights the dis-

inction between weather and climate, emphasizing the importance of understanding both and their impacts on communities affected by climate change.

"This partnership aims to bridge climate change and biodiversity. The connection between our climate and biology is crucial. We hope that this partnership will help uncover and highlight these connections. Climate change has an impact on our biodiversity, and vice versa," says Fr. Villarín.

He further explained: "Weather is not climate. Weather pertains to day-to-day conditions, while climate refers to long-term patterns. We need to look beyond the next day or week and understand how our climate or weather will change in the next 10-20 years."

Secretary Maria Antonia Yulo-Loyzaga of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), who previously served as MO's Executive Director, recognized the significance of the partnership. With the Philippines consistently ranking high in glob-

al disaster-risk rankings, she emphasized the need for science to influence policy, decision-making, planning, and governance.

"We need to address climate change decisively by ensuring resilience, sustainable development, poverty reduction, low-carbon economic growth will happen for our country. Very importantly, in order to do this, we need to protect, enhance, and value our biodiversity as a source of nature-based solutions to our crisis," Sec. Yulo-Loyzaga said.

She hoped for a whole-of-society approach where all sectors work together, especially in planning and implementing environmental initiatives. She urged the Philippine media, as witnesses to this approach, to deliver evidence-based messages that will drive policy and action.

"This approach is possible if we can find effective solutions to the most pressing and complex issues of the world and if we work together," Secretary Yulo-Loyzaga said. (PIA-Laguna)

## APRI Scholars' best Christmas gift for their parents: Achieving Latin honors and LET Certification ...from p. 1

This wish came true when eight AP Renewables Inc. (APRI) college scholars graduated with flying colors this year. Top of the list are the five Magna Cum Laudes - Junah Mae Clave (BS Business Administration), Khym Satur (BS Business Administration), Jessa Tarim (BS Business Administration), Jerry Mae Cuevas (BS Electrical Technology), and Patricia Mae Fontejon (BS Accountancy); followed by two Cum Laudes - Almira Bragais (BA Political Science) and Judy Ann Camano (BS Electrical Engineer). To complete the list, Blezette Colot, BS Education graduate last year, graced this season's batch as she passed the LET (Licensure Examination for Teachers) for Secondary Education.

### The Gift of Perseverance of the 5 Magna Cum Laudes

Junah Mae Clave started early her responsibility as a breadwinner of their family when her father became paralyzed. She maximized her talent in arts and engaged in several sidelines such as commissioning personalized items like tote bags, key chains and posters. Luckily, upon the start of the "Ber season", orders have become higher. Her sacrifices paid off when she made it to the top.

"Noong nakita kong 'Magna Cum Laude' ako doon sa opisyal na listahan, hindi ako nakapagsalita. Pinuntahan ko agad ang mga magulang ko para ibalita. Laking gulat nila lalo na si Papa," said Clave.

"Parang lahat ng pagod, biglang napawi," she added.

Likewise, Khym Satur, social media enthusiast, found a way to maximize her skills in marketing. She accepted offers from the local brands in Bicol where she became a brand ambassador.

"Malaking bahagi ng buhay-kolehiyo ko ang APRI dahil sa naging tulong nito sa akin. Hindi naging mabigat ang aking buhay sa pag-aaral dahil natutugunan nito ang mga pangangailangan sa paaralan," she said.

On the other hand, Jessa Tarim's mother whose work is a nail technician, could not help her emotions upon learning this early Christmas gift from

her daughter. Filled with joy, her mother shared the news with her customers and neighbors.

"Mas lalo akong na-motivate na magpursige sa buhay. Dadalhin ko habang-buhay ang tulong ng scholarship grant dahil nabawasan ang mga alalahanin ko para sa school at sa aking pamilya," said Tarim.

Meanwhile, Jerry Mae Cuevas is also no stranger to hardships in life. She remembered, her father told her right after high school that she might need to stop from pursuing a college degree due to financial constraints. Upon hearing this, she suffered from mental stress, making her anxious about her future.

"Kung walang scholarship, baka wala akong napatunguhan. Hindi ko alam kung saan ako pupunta para humingi ng suporta. Salamat dahil binigyan ako ng APRI ng tyansang matupad ang mga pangarap ko," she said.

In spite of these struggles, APRI scholars need to uphold their academic standards. Patricia Mae Fontejon's most challenging experience was the retention policy of her course in Accountancy. She could not afford to fail and to start all over. Therefore, this fueled her motivation to surpass the program.

She shared, "I have to strive harder to maintain a passing grade in all of my major subjects. I use this pressure to always remind myself that no one will work for me in achieving my dreams except myself."

### A Gift of Service to the Country: The Story of the 2 Cum Laudes and LET Passer

Almira Bragais' main motivation now is to promote good governance for her country. Her goal is to have a systematic and deeper understanding of the politics and governance, hence, making her want to become a lawyer. In fact, she recently passed the Bicol University College of Law entrance test and its panel interview.

"I want to be part of serving justice and truth in our country. Salamat sa APRI at naitaguyod ko ang kolehiyo," she shared.

Judy Ann Camano, on the other

hand, has been a scholar of APRI since high school, and is currently preparing for her Master Electrician examination.

"Hindi hadlang ang pinansiyal na problema. Dapat iyong pagtitiyaga at determinasyon ang maging motibasyon ng isang mag-aaral para makapagtapos at magawa ang kanyang mga pangarap," she shared.

As a role model of dedication and perseverance, Blezette Colot recently passed the LET examination as a gift to her parents. She remembered during her college days, laptop became an essential tool for her learning especially during the pandemic in 2020. It was one of her Christmas wish lists back then. But with the help of the APRI scholarship stipend, she was able to own one.

"Aside from the financial assistance, APRI has been helpful in developing my confidence," Colot said.

These scholars have been wishing for this important milestone of their lives - to graduate and give tribute to their parents who tirelessly dedicated their sacrifices just for their education. Despite the many Christmas seasons where struggles and hardships were present, these scholars did not lose hope and fought for their future.

### About APRI's Scholarship Program

APRI provides a stipend of PHP15,000 allowance per semester to qualified scholars and provides an additional allowance for board review. A special incentive is also provided to those students with academic excellence.

APRI's scholarship grants consist of P15,000 allowance per semester. The program also provides board review allowance for graduating students and/or academic excellence or Latin honor incentives for those who have showcased exemplary academic performance.

Since 2011, APRI has been able to support scholars in their studies in college. This is one of the organization's initiatives in helping those qualified students who are taking up a four or five-year degree and are residing within the host communities of the or-

ganization.

It also aims to provide opportunities for those selected students to finish their tertiary education - which will create a better future for them and for the communities.

### About AP Renewables Inc.

APRI, a wholly-owned subsidiary of AboitizPower, is one of the leading geothermal energy producers in the country. It delivers clean and renewable baseload power with two facilities that operate in Tiwi, Albay; Bay and Calauan, Laguna; and Sto. Tomas, Batangas.

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AboitizPower is the holding company for the Aboitiz Group's investments in power generation, distribution, and retail electricity services. It advances businesses and communities by providing reliable and ample power supply at a reasonable and competitive price, and with the least adverse effects on the environment and host communities.

The company is one of the largest power producers in the Philippines with a balanced portfolio of assets located across the country. It is a major producer of Cleanergy, the company's brand for clean and renewable energy with several hydroelectric, geothermal, and solar power generation facilities. It also has thermal power plants in its generation portfolio to support the country's baseload and peak energy demands.

The company also owns distribution utilities that operate in high-growth areas in Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao, including the country's second and third-largest private utilities.

AboitizPower, together with its partners, is the Philippines' largest owner and operator of renewable energy based on installed capacity. In the next 10 years, the company will significantly expand its Cleanergy portfolio, in support of the government's efforts to promote renewable energy in the country. AboitizPower will build an additional 3,700 MW of renewable energy, growing its existing Cleanergy capacity threefold by 2030.



### NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Notice is hereby given that **DARRELL FERNANDEZ BALALA**, Filipino, married and resident of Brgy. San Antonio, Biñan City, Laguna, died at the age of 59 years old on Aug. 8, 2023 at 1609 Romana Subd., Brgy. San Antonio, Biñan City, Laguna as per Certificate of Death with Registry No. 2023-1198 duly registered at the Office of the City Civil Registrar of Biñan City, Laguna on Aug. 9, 2023.



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### NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SUCCESSION WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that the late **MILENCIO E. LORENZO**, who died intestate on Aug. 20, 2022 in San Pedro, Laguna, left a parcel of land situated at Brgy. San Vicente, San Pedro, Laguna covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 060-2011023134, which had been the subject of a "Deed of Extra-Judicial Succession With Absolute Sale" among his legal heirs before notary public Godofredo M. Sabado, Jr. as per Doc. No. 137; Page No. 28; Book No. CCXXVII; Series of 2023.

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### NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF DECEASED ANTONIO A. MAGISTRADO

NOTICE is hereby given that the late **ANTONIO A. MAGISTRADO**, who died intestate on April 3, 2020 at Biñan City, Manila, left two (2) parcels of land described as follows: a) a parcel of land situated in Brgy. San Agustin, Dasmariñas, Cavite covered by TCT No. T-827987; and b) a parcel of land situated in Brgy. San Vicente, San Pedro, Laguna covered by TCT No. T-198245, which had been extrajudicially settled by his surviving heirs before notary public Jose Orriccio Odon S. Tamayo as per Doc. No. 333; Page No. 67; Book No. VI; Series of 2023.

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### EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that the late **RODRIGO S. MAGTIBAY** who died intestate on November 26, 2018 has left a parcel of land containing an area of 94.5 square meters covered by TCT No. T-32509 which has been the subject of an EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE as per Document No. 456; Page No. 93; Book No. 15; Series of 2023 as per Notary Public Atty. Mary Jane T. Cosep.

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### NOTICE OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

NOTICE is hereby given that the late **LINA VALENCIA CASTRO**, who died intestate on Oct. 2, 2021 in Sta. Rosa City, Laguna, left a personal property consisting of a 2015 Toyota Innova 2.5 G DSL AT with Plate No. AAC 3685, Motor No. 2KDU681546, Serial No./Chassis No. KUN40-5118365, which had been the subject of an "Affidavit of Self-Adjudication" by her sole heir, Karen Isabelle Castro Aquitana, before notary public Atty. Concepcion P. Villarena as per Doc. No. 119; Page No. 24; Book No. LXXXIII-B; Series of 2023.

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### NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

NOTICE is hereby given that the late **PETER PINEDA SOBERANO**, who died intestate on March 16, 2023 at Santa Rosa City, Laguna, left the following properties: 1) a parcel of land situated in the Brgy. of Malilit, Mun. of Santa Rosa, Prov. of Laguna known as Lot 21, Blk. 46 covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 060-2016019755; 2) one (1) unit of utility vehicle, Ford Ranger with Plate No. DAE5880, Chassis No. MNCUMFF80HW721606, Engine No. P4AT2435579, MV File No. 0401-00000427953, CR No. 273488106; and 3) a parcel of land situated in the Brgy. of Malilit, Mun. of Santa Rosa, Prov. of Laguna known as Lot 20, Blk. 46 covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 060-2016019754, which had been the subject of an "Extra-Judicial Settlement of Estate With Waiver of Rights" among his sole legal heirs before notary public Atty. Blessie Rose Carpena as per Doc. No. 130; Page No. 27; Book No. XXIII; Series of 2023.

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# Z Benefits for Breast and Cervical Cancers now available in Laguna

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been recognized by PhilHealth as a Cancer Center. "When it approved our Z Ben Package, we were so proud of it because it is a sign of becoming of age, of getting close to what we want. This is just a beginning for us. A beginning for Calamba Cancer Center. We can continue improving our center so we can do more for the people of Calamba and nearby cities. We reiterate our thanks to PhilHealth for approving our Z Benefits Package so that we can serve our countrymen better."

Dr. Ronnie C. Lanzas of the Calamba City Health Office stressed that the MOA is an affirmation of the commitment of all involved stakeholders to improving the lives of individuals battling these critical illnesses. "This col-

laboration represents a union of our shared vision and dedication to enhancing health care services for those facing these challenging conditions. Together, we aim to ensure that every patient receives the highest quality of care, support, and resources they need on their journey for recovery."

Understanding the plight of both the patients and their caregivers, CMC- Cancer Center Medical Director Dr. Salvador Villanueva emphasized the significance of this collaboration between PhilHealth and CMC-Cancer Center "in their journey in dealing with cancer". He further stressed that the Z Benefit Package will provide "accessible, specialized, cost-effective, and modern cancer care

available for patients".

Case Type Z conditions are catastrophic illnesses that usually require prolonged hospitalization and poor outcome if early intervention is not done. The package is called Z benefit since if ranking all illnesses from A to Z those illnesses that push patients into prolonged hospitalization and very expensive treatments would be the Z illnesses. These illnesses are what the Z Benefits package will be addressing.

The Z Benefit package rate for breast cancer stage 0 to III-A is P100,000. Meanwhile, there are two Z Benefits packages that cover complete course of treatment for cervical cancer for stages IA1, IA2-IIA1 where it pays P120,000

for Chemoradiation with Cobalt and Brachytherapy (low dose), and P175,000 for Chemoradiation with Linear Accelerator and Brachytherapy (high dose).

These benefits may be availed at any PhilHealth contracted facility. Contracted facilities for the Z Benefits are any level 3 and 4 hospitals that have signed the performance commitment and contract to provide total quality care for the Type Z conditions.

With the Z Benefit Package, PhilHealth is committed towards the realization of the UHC law that all Filipinos will have access to the full range of quality health services they need, when and where they need them, without financial hardship. (SMOC)

## P500 MONTHLY PENSION NG MGA SENIOR CITIZEN NG PAKIL, APRUBADO NA!

**PAKIL, Laguna**--Aprubado na ang Municipal Ordinance No. 2023-017 ng lokal na pamahalaan ng Pakil na layong pagkalooban kada buwan ng P500 halaga ng local pension ang mga senior citizen sa bayan na hindi kasali sa National Social Pension Program.

Paglilinanaw ni Mayor Vince Soriano, ang Local Social Pension Program ay suportang lokal na pamahalaan para sa mga senior citizen na hindi nakakatanggap ng pension mula sa Government Service Insurance System (GSIS), Social Security Services (SSS), mga retiradong uniformed personnel at iba pang kahalintulad nito.

Itong ay alinsunod sa kanilang adhikain na siguraduhing makakatanggap ng P500 pension ang bawat senior citizen sa kanilang bayan.

Plano rin aniya na ilipat sa susunod na taon sa Local Social Pension Program ang mga senior citizen na tumatanggap ng pensiyon mula sa Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) subalit GSIS, SSS at MUP pensioners rin bilang pagtugon naman sa itinatakdang RA 9994 o Benefits and Privileges of Senior Citizens.

Ang mababakante nilang slots ay ibibigay naman sa iba pang mga senior citizen na hindi pa nakakatanggap ng Social Pension. (PIA Laguna)

## GM Aguilar of CMD makes conscious decisions towards superior performance

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tanks; acquisition of high technology equipment; rehabilitation of water distribution lines, replacement of old water meters (free of charge), online payment facility/Gcash; and most importantly is the construction of Septage Treatment Plant (SpTP) at Brgy. Palo-Alto and will be operational this March.

This SpTP is concrete evidence to CWD's mission and commitment to environmental pro-

tection. This will treat wastewater from septic tanks and will prevent untreated water discharge to the streams and rivers in this city with 54 barangays.

GM Jun Aguilar ensures supply of potable water and environmental sanitation. He firmly believes that the only purpose of his managerial position is his will to serve for the welfare of the CWD customers.

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### NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SALE EJF NO. 2023-336

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 as amended filed by **HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (otherwise known as Pag-IBIG Fund)**, mortgagee, against **EDWIN CALUZA married to LOTIS CALUZA**, with postal address at #44-A Electrical Road Ext., Pasay City, and property address at Lot 37 Blk 9 Famille International Village, Brgy. dela Paz, Biñan, Laguna, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of AUGUST 24, 2023 amounts to **TWO HUNDRED FORTY SIX THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SEVENTEEN AND 17/100 (Php 246,217.17)** Philippine Currency, inclusive of interest and other charges, the undersigned Deputy Sheriff will SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION on **NOVEMBER 29, 2023, WEDNESDAY AT 2:00 PM** or soon thereafter at the Hall of Justice, Barangay Canlalay, City of Biñan, Laguna, to the highest bidder for CASH or MANAGER'S CHECK and in Philippine Currency the following described properties with all its improvement to wit:

### TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-464818

A parcel of land (Lot 37, Blk. 9 of the subd. plan Psd-04-080131, being a portion of Lot 1, Pcs-04-005940, LRC Rec. No. 8374) situated in the Brgy. of Dela Paz, Mun. of Binan, Prov. of Laguna, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the xxxx containing an area

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### NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Notice is hereby given that **NICOMEDES DELA CRUZ BRIONES**, Filipino, married and resident of 5547 Maharlika Vill., Brgy. Maahas, Los Baños, Laguna, died at the age of 72 years old on Sep. 21, 2023 at 5547 Maharlika Vill., Brgy. Maahas, Los Baños, Laguna as per Certificate of Death with Registry No. 2023-572 duly registered at the Office of the City Civil Registrar of Los Baños, Laguna on Sep. 25, 2023.

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of Fifty-Eight (58) Square Meters.

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 above-mentioned date by reason of fortuitous events/special holidays, it shall be held on DECEMBER 13, 2023, WEDNESDAY AT 2:00 P.M. without prior further notice.

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## Developing, Enhancing Foundation of Basic Science Concepts in Elementary Students

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Science is everywhere. From the food we eat to the technology we use; science plays a crucial role in our daily lives. At the elementary level, it is essential to lay a strong foundation of basic science concepts in students as this foundation will shape their appreciation of the world around them.

Science is an essential subject in the curriculum of elementary students, as it lays the foundation for future understanding and its application of scientific principles. Elementary school is the formative years of a child's education, and it is during this time that substantial exposure to mathematical and scientific concepts and processes is critical to their later achievement.

With this, our science teachers must ensure that our young learners have a solid understanding and grasp of basic science concepts. This is because these concepts serve as building blocks for more complex scientific ideas and theories that students will encounter as they progress through their education. Thus, developing and enhancing students' understanding of basic science concepts at the elementary level is of utmost importance.

One way to achieve this is by designing a teacher's lesson plan that focuses on active learning and hands-on experiences. By engaging students in hands-on activities, such as experiments and investigations, they can actively participate in the learning process and make connections between the concepts. For instance, when teaching the concept of electricity, students can be allowed to build simple circuits and observe how electricity flows through different materials. This is of course, with proper supervision to ensure safety.

Another is to utilize real-life examples and applications of science concepts in daily life. For example, when teaching about the chemical reactions that occur during cooking, the teacher can use cooking recipes and demonstrate how different ingredients interact with each other to create sumptuous meals. By incorporating real-life examples, these young learners can see how science is applicable and relevant in their everyday lives, making it more engaging and relatable.

In addition, incorporating technology and multimedia resources in science education can make the learning experience more interactive and engaging for elementary students. By utilizing interactive educational software, online simulations, and multimedia presentations, students can have a more immersive and dynamic learning experience.

As an educator who values the importance of modeling hands-on, interactive strategies in education, I believe that it is crucial to provide opportunities for students to actively engage in the learning process. By creating a classroom environment that promotes inquiry-based learning, where students are encouraged to ask questions, explore, and problem-solve, educators can foster a deeper conceptual understanding of science concepts among elementary students.

Learning basic science concepts at the elementary level is a fundamental aspect of science education. It provides a strong foundation for future learning and promotes scientific literacy among students. If we want these elementary students to develop a genuine interest in science and continue to pursue it in the later years, we must ensure that we can develop and enhance their understanding of basic science concepts and provide them with opportunities to apply these concepts in meaningful ways. It is our task as educators to lay the groundwork for their scientific journey and guide them in acquiring the necessary knowledge and skills to become scientifically literate individuals.

## Enhancement of ELLN Via Developmentally Appropriate Practices

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ELLN or Early Language Literacy and Numeracy is a vital component of early childhood education. Literacy and numeracy skills -- when developed properly -- lay a strong foundation for children's future academic success and overall development. Therefore, it is essential to continually enhance the implementation of ELLN along with developmentally appropriate practices that would support and promote the growth of these skills in our young learners.

ELLN is a program of the Department of Education in the Philippines that aims to improve the early literacy and numeracy skills of Kindergarten to Grade III students. It seeks to guarantee that K-3 teachers actively participate in the program for professional development and apply what they have learned to their students.

This program prepares Kindergarten to Grade 3 teachers and instructional leaders with basic literacy and numeracy knowledge and pedagogical skills, as well as establishing and managing a school-based mentoring/learning partnership program as a mechanism for continuous professional development of teachers/mentors, teachers/mentees, school managers, and instructional leaders, and as an avenue for teachers to participate in storytelling and read aloud activities.

Teaching literacy and numeracy in a developmentally appropriate manner is vital for fostering young children's learning and engagement. Developmentally appropriate practices in teaching literacy and numeracy focus on tailoring instruction to meet the individual needs, abilities, and interests of young learners. This approach recognizes that children develop at different rates and have different learning styles and aims to create a supportive and responsive learning environment. There are a few things that must be considered to enhance ELLN via developmentally appropriate practices.

Firstly, it is crucial to consider the developmental characteristics of learners in different stages of reading and writing. This includes recognizing that emergent learners are in the beginning stages of literacy development and require a strong foundation in phonemic awareness, letter recognition, and print concepts. For instance, kindergarten students may still be learning letter names and sounds, while Grade three students might be working on fluency and comprehension.

Secondly, as teachers, we must consider the characteristics of our learners as English -- for most of them -- is an additional language. This means that language support and strategies for English language learners should be incorporated into the teaching of literacy and numeracy. These learners may require additional support and accommodations to access and comprehend the literacy and numeracy curriculum. Giving them opportunities for language development and scaffolding their learning through visuals, gestures, and real-life examples can facilitate their understanding and engagement.

Lastly, it is important to utilize a variety of instructional approaches when teaching literacy and numeracy. A mix of teaching approaches is necessary to cater to the diverse needs and learning styles of young learners. Some learners may benefit from explicit instruction and direct teaching methods,

Nevertheless, it is equally important to provide opportunities for self-directed learning and play-based activities. We must remember that teaching literacy and numeracy is not solely about acquiring skills, but also about fostering socio-emotional development and creating engaging environments for learning. By considering these key factors and implementing developmentally appropriate practices, we can enhance ELLN and promote the overall growth and development of our young learners.

## School Head's Vital Role in Building Connections Toward Improvement of the School Community

BY: JOWANI D. FLORES, PRINCIPAL I  
SAN BENITO ES  
VICTORIA SUB OFFICE, SDO LAGUNA

Educating young minds and molding future generations requires more than just competent teachers and a well-designed curriculum. One crucial factor in achieving high-quality educational outcomes is the role of the head of the school in building connections and improving the school community through effective leadership and building strong relationships.

As per Philippine Professional Standards for School Heads (PPSH) domains and strands, the role of the school head extends beyond administrative tasks and encompasses the critical areas of pedagogical leadership and community engagement. Domain number five or building connections demonstrates the school leader's ability to engage stakeholders in projects aimed at improving school communities. This domain demonstrates the school leaders' commitment to advocating for education as a shared responsibility.

In this domain, school leaders are required to be responsible and accountable for instilling a greater awareness of the school's vision, mission, and core values, as well as its directions, in relevant entities. A school head must possess excellent abilities in speaking and writing to effectively engage with parents, teachers, students, and the wider community. By fostering open and transparent communication, the school head can build trust and collaboration among stakeholders, creating a supportive and inclusive school atmosphere. This also encourages information exchange, collaboration, and support, and ensures constructive use of communication platforms within and outside of the school.

In addition, school heads must be capable of relating to, interacting with,

and forming connections with others. This includes building relationships with staff, students, parents, and the wider community. The ability to build connections allows the school head to understand the needs and concerns of each group, effectively address those needs, and create a sense of belonging and ownership within the school community.

They should be able to establish connections with individuals and organizations based on mutual trust, honesty, openness, respect, and a shared commitment to achieving institutional goals. This includes actively collaborating with parents and the community to promote innovations and initiatives in the school.

Furthermore, the school head should actively lead the community, including parents and alumni, authorities, industries, and other stakeholders in creating collaborative actions to solve complex issues on learner development, as well as school and community improvement. By engaging stakeholders in various projects, the school head can harness the collective knowledge and resources of the community to drive positive change and improvements in education.

These things are crucial for the school head to foster a positive and supportive school climate, enhance student and teacher engagement, and ultimately support the academic success of all students. However, it is important to note that effective communication and collaboration alone are not sufficient for successful school leadership. Leaders must also possess strong decision-making and problem-solving skills, as well as the ability to motivate and inspire others.

Being a school head requires one to wear many hats and effectively balance multiple responsibilities. Just like being a teacher, being a school head requires a unique set of abilities and competencies that go beyond instructional leadership. Through building strong connections with the school community, school heads can successfully manage their responsibilities and lead their schools toward excellence and success.

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Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 filed by HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (PAG-IBIG FUND) with principal office at The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City against RODOLFO ORTIZ GENOTA, JR. and MADILYN PASATIEMPO GENOTA, both of legal age, Filipino, with postal address at 1161 Brgy. Bucal, Calamba City, Laguna and Lot 41 Catanauan St. Vanessa Homes, Brgy. Bucal, Calamba City, mortgagor, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of June 9, 2023 amounts to Php 2,221,639.93 inclusive of interest and other charges, the undersigned Deputy Sheriff will sell at public auction on Nov. 6, 2023 at 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at the lobby of Regional Trial Court, New Halls of Justice, Bacnotan Drive, Brgy. Real, City of Calamba, Laguna to the highest bidder, for cash or manager's check and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all its improvements, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 060-2014023747

A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 41 OF THE SUBD. PLAN PSD-043405-067887 BEING A PORTION OF LOT 1390-X-NEW-2-A PSD-043405-063202 LRC REC NO. 1 SITUATED IN THE BRGY. OF BUCAL, MUN. OF CALAMBA, PROV. OF LAGUNA. BOUNDED ON THE NE., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 1390-X-NEW-2-B PSD-043405-061202; ON THE SE., ALONG LINE 2-3 BY LOT 40 OF THE SUBD. PLAN; ON THE SW., & NW., ALONG LINE 3-4-5 BY LOT

42 (RD.) & ON THE NW., ALONG LINE 5-1 BY LOT 1390-X-NEW-2-G PSD-043405-066202. BEGINNING AT A POINT MARKED "1" ON PLAN BEING XXX CONTAINING AN AREA OF ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY (170) SQ. METERS.

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, it shall be held on Dec. 6, 2023 without further notice.

City of Calamba, Laguna, Sep. 28, 2023.

(Sgd.) VINCENT PATRICK R. MATABAN  
Sheriff IV

DULY RAFFLED: REFER TO CERTIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE JUDGE ON MINUTES DATED SEP. 28, 2023.

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HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (PAG-IBIG FUND)  
The Petron Mega Plaza Building  
No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City

Atty. CAESAR S. EUROPA  
Unit 6 2-Fir. CM Bldg. Paseo de Comercio, Villa Remedios Subd.  
Brgy. Halang, Calamba City, Laguna (0998-5799628)

RODOLFO ORTIZ GENOTA JR. and MADILYN PASATIEMPO GENOTA  
1161 Brgy. Bucal, Calamba City, Laguna and Lot 41 Catanauan St. Vanessa Homes, Brgy. Bucal, Calamba City

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE  
FORECLOSURE NO. 7803-2023-C

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135/1508 as amended filed by HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (Pag-IBIG FUND) against GERSON P. MENDEZ m/to NENITA P. MENDEZ, of 214 Paso St., Bagumbayan, Taguig City to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of August 5, 2023 amounts to Php 624,778.57 inclusive of interests and other charges, the undersigned or his duly authorized deputy will sell at public auction on Nov. 6, 2023 at 09:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. at the Lobby, Regional Trial Court, Calamba City to the highest bidder for cash or manager's check and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all its improvements, to wit:

T. C. T. NO. 060-2012004253

"A parcel of land (Lot 11, Blk. 11, of the subd. plan, Psd-04-179680, being a portion of Lot 1-A, Psd-04-094387, LRC Rec. No. 8418 ), situated in the Brgy. of Santol Laguerta, City of Calamba, Prov. of Laguna, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the SE., along line 1-2 by Lot 6; on the SW., along line 2-3 by Lot 10, both of Blk.11; on the NW., along line 3-4 by Rd. Lot 7 (6.50m. wide) and on the NE., along line 4-1 by Lot 12, Blk.11, all of the subd. plan. Beginning at a point

marked xxx containing an area of EIGHTY (80) SQUARE METERS, more or less. x x x x x.

"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, it shall be held on Dec. 6, 2023 without further notice."

Calamba City, Sep. 28, 2023.

Duly Raffled: REFER TO CERTIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE JUDGE ON MINUTES OF RAFFLE FOR PUBLICATION DATED SEP. 28, 2023.

(Sgd.) CRISENCIANO M. RIMAS  
Sheriff IV

Cc:  
-HDMF (Pag-IBIG FUND)  
c/o ATTY. SIMEON P. MADRID  
Unit 2010, 20/F, Herrera Tower,  
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 CITY OF CABUYAO, LAGUNA

NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE  
 EJF NO. 234-C-2023-EJ

Upon Petition for Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of Real Estate Mortgage Under Act 3135, as amended, filed by **HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND**, mortgagee, against **ELMER MAGNAYE DOTE MARRIED TO MARY GRACE LOGO DOTE**, mortgagor/s, both of legal age, Filipino citizens, with postal address at **BLK 14 LOT 6 LAKESIDE NEST PH 2 BANAY-BANAY, CABUYAO, LAGUNA** to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of March 28, 2023 amounted to **SIX HUNDRED TWENTY SIX THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY SEVEN PESOS & 15/100 (Ph 626,277.15)** inclusive of interest and other charges, the undersigned Deputy Sheriff will sell at public auction on **December 7, 2023 at 2:00 o'clock pm** in the afternoon or soon thereafter at the office of the clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff, RTC Branch 108, 2/F Unit 7, New Annijo Commercial Bldg. along National Highway, Brgy. Sala Cabuyao City, Laguna (Besides Royal Cable Office) across Cabuyao Public Cemetery, to the highest bidder, for Cash or Manager's Check and in the Philippine Currency, the following described properties with all its improvement to wit:

**TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 060-2018007182**

A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 6, BLK 14, OF THE CONSOLIDATION SUBD. PLAN PCS-04-017657, BEING A PORTION OF CONSOLIDATION OF LOT 2-A, PSD-04-043052 (AR) LOT 9-A & LOT 9-C, PSU-17166 AMD., LOT 5-A, PSD-043404-064363 x x x L.R.C. REC NO. ), SITUATED IN THE BO. OF BANAY-BANAY, MUN. OF CABUYAO, PROV. OF LAGUNA, ISLAND OF LUZON, BOUNDED ON THE x x x CONTAINING AN AREA OF FORTY (40) SQUARE METERS.

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 above-mentioned date by reason of fortuitous events/special holidays, it shall be held on December 14, 2023 at 2:00 o'clock pm without further notice.

City of Cabuyao, Laguna, September 11, 2023.

(Sgd.) **ALEX A. MENDOZA**  
 Sheriff

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HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND  
 The Petron Mega Plaza Building  
 No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City

ELMER MAGNAYE DOTE MARRIED TO MARY GRACE LOGO DOTE  
 1.) Blk 14 Lot 6 Lakeside Nest Ph 2 Banay-Banay, Cabuyao, Laguna

MARIA VICTORIA D. CAPIRAL  
 C/O ATTY JOHN LINCOLN F. LAURON  
 Attorney-In-Fact, The Law Firm of Lauron Delos Reyes and Partners  
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 #145 15TH AVENUE, CUBAO, QUEZON CITY

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# SSS extends deadline of remittance of contributions in Habagat affected areas

The Social Security System (SSS) extended in selected areas the payment deadline for the June 2023 contribution of business employers and the second quarter contributions of household employers, coverage and collection partners (CCP), and individual members from July 31, 2023 to October 2, 2023.

According to SSS Circular No. 2023-005 (<https://bit.ly/Ci2023-005>) signed by SSS President and CEO Rolando Ledesma Macasaet, the said applicable month and quarter were extended until September 30, 2023, but since it falls on a Saturday, the deadline was further extended to the next working day, which is October 2, 2023.

"We understand that these calamities have affected the ability of some of our members, covered employers, and CCPs in selected areas to pay their contributions on or before their original schedule. For consideration, we are giving them more time to pay their SSS contributions so that payment gaps or late payments can be avoided," Macasaet said.

The extension applies to employers, CCPs, and members in areas declared under State of Calamity by various local govern-

ment offices due to the Southwest Monsoon enhanced by Tropical Cyclones Egay and Falcon, such as the provinces of: Ilocos Norte, Ilocos Sur, La Union, Pangasinan, Cagayan, Bataan, Bulacan, Nueva Ecija, Pampanga, Tarlac, Cavite, Rizal, Occidental Mindoro, Abra, Apayao, Benguet, Ifugao, and Mountain Province.


The said extension also covers other areas that may be declared under State of Calamity by local government units, local disaster risk reduction management offices, the National Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council, or the national government.

Likewise, employers with approved installment proposals must deposit their post-dated checks that fall due in June and July 2023 on or before October 2, 2023.

However, no contribution paid retroactively by individual members will be used in determining their eligibility to any benefit arising from a contingency wherein the date of payment is within or after the semester of contingency.

The original contribution payment deadlines and guidelines in the said areas will resume starting with the applicable month of July 2023.

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 FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION  
 REGIONAL TRIAL COURT, BRANCH 108  
 CITY OF CABUYAO, LAGUNA

NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE  
 EJF NO. 230-C-2023-EJ

Upon Petition for Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of Real Estate Mortgage Under Act 3135, as amended, filed by **CHINA BANKING CORPORATION**, mortgagee, against **LIZA M. BUTAL** for herself and as Attorney-In-Fact of her husband, **TEOFILO N. BUTAL**, mortgagor/s, both of legal age, Filipino citizens, with postal address at 1.) **PHASE 2, BLOCK 2, LOT 1, AVIDA RESIDENCES, STA. MONICA, ANTIPOLO DEL SUR, LIPA CITY, BATANGAS**; 2.) **LOT 28-32, BLOCK 2, WEST EMERALD COR. BRONZE COR. WEST AQUAMARINE STREETS, DON ONOFRE VILLAGE, BARANGAY BANAY-BANAY, CABUYAO, LAGUNA** to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of June 15, 2023 amounted to **FOURTEEN MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED NINETY ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED NINETY SIX PESOS & 10/100 (Php 14,791,996.10)** accrued interest and charges, the undersigned Deputy Sheriff will sell at public auction on **December 7, 2023 at 2:00 o'clock pm** in the afternoon or soon thereafter at the office of the clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff, RTC Branch 108, 2/F Unit 7, New Annijo Commercial Bldg. along National Highway, Brgy. Sala, Cabuyao City, Laguna (Besides Royal Cable Office) across Cabuyao Public Cemetery, to the highest bidder, for Cash or Manager's Check and in the Philippine Currency, the following described properties with all its improvement to wit:

**TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 060-2019003274**

A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 28, BLK 2, OF THE CONSOL. SUBD. PLAN PCS-04-004403, BEING A PORTION OF THE CONSOL. OF LOTS 2 & 3, PSU-111331 & LOTS 4 & 5, PSU-17166, LRC REC. NO. ) SITUATED IN THE BO. OF BANAY-BANAY, MUN. OF CABUYAO, PROV. OF LAGUNA, BOUNDED ON THE x x x x CONTAINING AN AREA OF ONE HUNDRED FIFTY (150) SQUARE METERS.

**TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 060-2019003275**

A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 29, BLK 2, OF THE CONSOL. SUBD. PLAN PCS-04-004403, BEING A PORTION OF THE CONSOL. OF LOTS 2 & 3, PSU-111331 & LOTS 4 & 5, PSU-17166, LRC REC. NO. ) SITUATED IN THE BO. OF BANAY-BANAY, MUN. OF CABUYAO, PROV. OF LAGUNA, BOUNDED ON THE x x x x CONTAINING AN AREA OF ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY FOUR (174) SQUARE METERS.

**TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 060-2019003276**

A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 30, BLK 2, OF THE CONSOL. SUBD. PLAN PCS-04-004403, BEING A PORTION OF THE CONSOL. OF LOTS 2 & 3, PSU-111331 & LOTS 4 & 5,

PSU-17166, LRC REC. NO. ) SITUATED IN THE BO. OF BANAY-BANAY, MUN. OF CABUYAO, PROV. OF LAGUNA, BOUNDED ON THE x x x x CONTAINING AN AREA OF ONE HUNDRED FORTY FOUR (144) SQUARE METERS.

**TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 060-2019003277**

A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 32, BLK 2, OF THE CONSOL. SUBD. PLAN PCS-04-004403, BEING A PORTION OF THE CONSOL. OF LOTS 2 & 3, PSU-111331 & LOTS 4 & 5, PSU-17166, LRC REC. NO. ) SITUATED IN THE BO. OF BANAY-BANAY, MUN. OF CABUYAO, PROV. OF LAGUNA, BOUNDED ON THE x x x x CONTAINING AN AREA OF ONE HUNDRED FIFTY (150) SQUARE METERS.

**TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 060-2019003278**

A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 31, BLK 2, OF THE CONSOL. SUBD. PLAN PCS-04-004403, BEING A PORTION OF THE CONSOL. OF LOTS 2 & 3, PSU-111331 & LOTS 4 & 5, PSU-17166, LRC REC. NO. ) SITUATED IN THE BO. OF BANAY-BANAY, MUN. OF CABUYAO, PROV. OF LAGUNA, BOUNDED ON THE x x x x CONTAINING AN AREA OF ONE HUNDRED FIFTY (150) SQUARE METERS.

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 above-mentioned date by reason of fortuitous events/special holidays, it shall be held on December 14, 2023 at 2:00 o'clock pm without further notice.

City of Cabuyao, Laguna, September 11, 2023.

(Sgd.) **ALEX A. MENDOZA**  
 Sheriff IV

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 4th Floor, Philcom Building  
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LIZA M. BUTAL for herself and as Attorney-In-Fact of her husband, TEOFILO N. BUTAL  
 1.) Phase 2, Block 2, Lot 1, Avida Residences, Sta Monica, Antipolo Del Sur, Lipa City, Batangas  
 2.) Lot 28-32, Block 2, West Emerald Corners Bronze Corner West Aquamarine Streets, Don Onofre Village, Banay-Banay, Cabuyao City, Laguna

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**AUGUST 28 TO NOVEMBER 29**

**ELECTION PERIOD,  
 GUN BAN**

**AUGUST 28 TO SEPTEMBER 2**

**FILING OF CERTIFICATE  
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**SEPTEMBER 3  
 TO OCTOBER 18**

**CAMPAIGNING  
 IS PROHIBITED**

**OCTOBER 19  
 TO OCTOBER 28**

**CAMPAIGN  
 PERIOD**

**OCTOBER 29 TO OCTOBER 30**

**CAMPAIGNING IS PROHIBITED,  
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**OCTOBER 30, 2023**

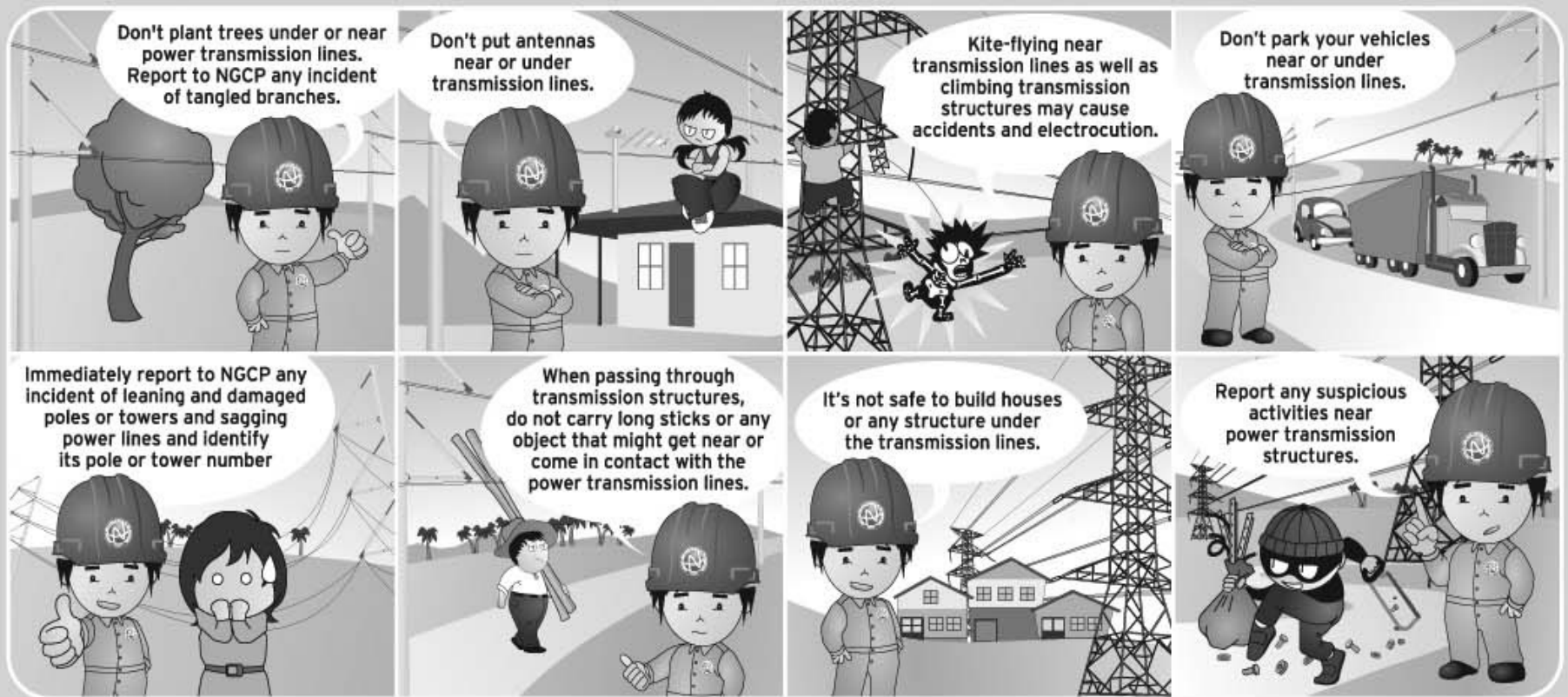
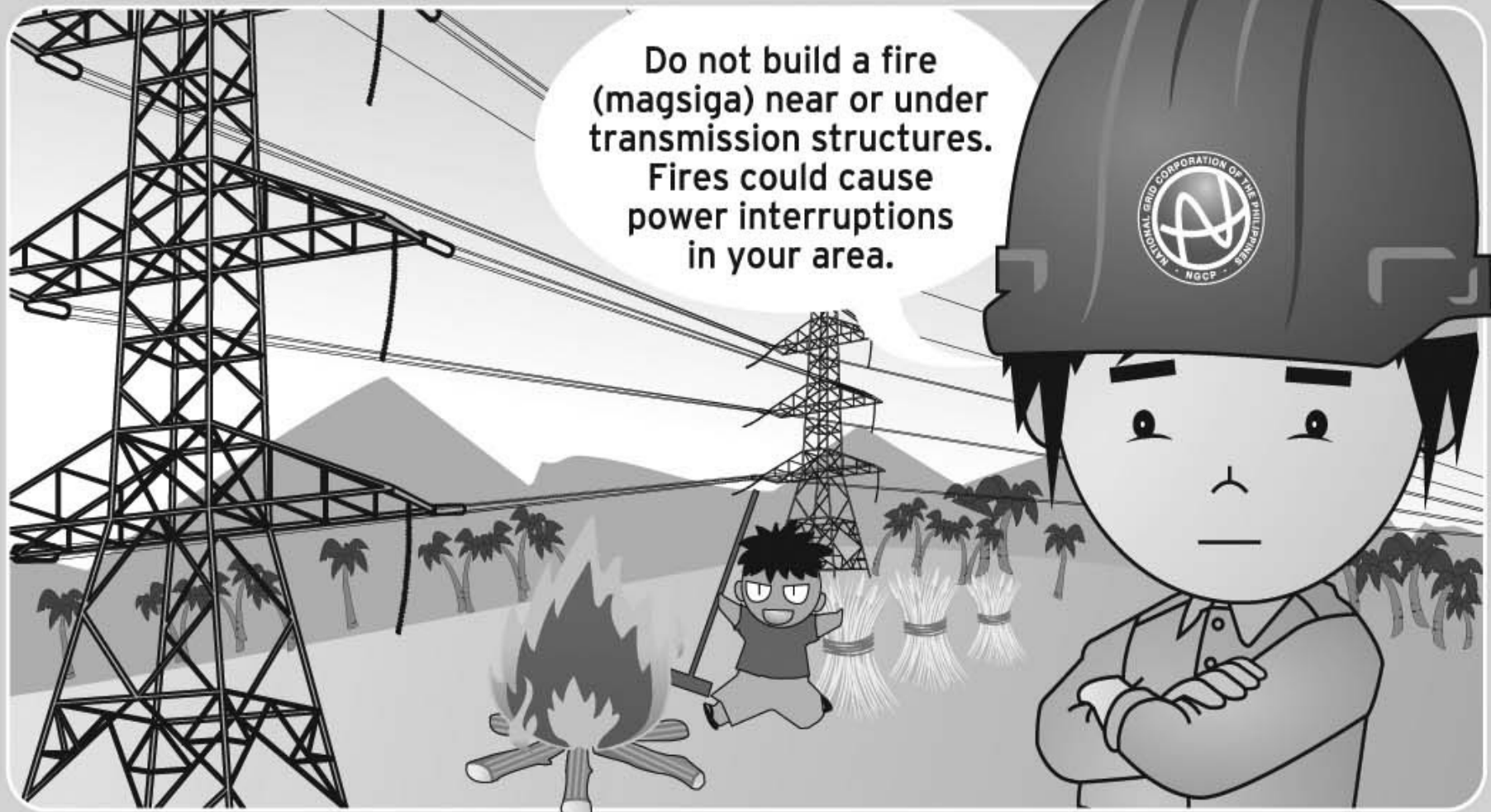
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# A SKY FULL OF DREAMS



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No unexpected wind condition can shake Royland Dela Cruz's kite as he carries on his dream of remaking good old memories.

By **MARY ROSE JAVIER**  
JUNIOR WRITER

Childhood memories stick with us throughout our lives. Before the advent of digital screens and electronic gadgets, childhood summers were painted with blue skies, gentle warm breezes, and the pure happiness of running wild in open fields. During those days, the simplest joys came from lying on the grass or engaging in a favorite pastime of many Filipino children - kite flying.

Royland Dela Cruz, from Tagaytay City, Cavite, recalls these memories. Driven by a desire to preserve this declining cultural activity, he embarked in a kite-making business to reintroduce the joy of kite-flying to the younger generation.

He was a high school graduate

and was then seeking a job when he found guidance in the Kite Association of the Philippines (KAP). They equipped him with knowledge and hands-on experiences, mentoring him until he was ready to manage his own kite shop. Every step of his journey was an experiential learning as he honed his craft and improved his skills in making souvenir items.

Yet, like many start-ups, acquiring initial capital is a challenge. Fortunately, his wife is a client of CARD SME Bank, a thrift bank that offers various financial products to micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises with favorable interest rates. "CARD SME Bank made the loan repayment process so seamless that it allowed clients like me to save concurrently," Royland shared.

Kite business is seasonal in na-

ture. Despite this, Royland remained undeterred. He expanded his product range to bracelets, coin purses, and shell crafts, making his store a unique treasure trove for visitors. "CARD SME Bank aids in the sustainability of our business. Souvenirs are quite expensive, but I was able to buy more stocks with the loans I have," he said.

Today, as the sole kite vendor in Picnic Grove in Tagaytay, Royland remains steadfast in his mission. He dreams of skies once again dotted with colorful kites just like back in the day.

"For me, kite flying transcends being a mere pastime," he said. "It is a tradition of bringing people together. It demonstrates our innate creativity, and a reminder that happiness often lies in life's simplest pleasures," he concluded.

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## Thanos our cat, you will always be remembered

This is a simple tribute to our beloved cat named Thanos who passed away on October 5, 2023. He was born on April 25, 2018 inside our home and we had been taking good care of him in the last 5 years or more. Due to several complications some months ago, he eventually died. We will never forget how we treated him as a family member and not just a domesticated pet.

There are a lot of memories and each memory that we had with him is always there to be cherished. We are thankful to God for having him as a pet and for giving him to us, even though in just a short time. I will miss the times I shared my bed with you, shared my food with you, taking you to the local veter-



### MOMENT OF TRUTH

-- Paolo Manuel C. Fule --



inary inside a cat bag, seeing movies together on our flat screen tv, or laying on my lap-

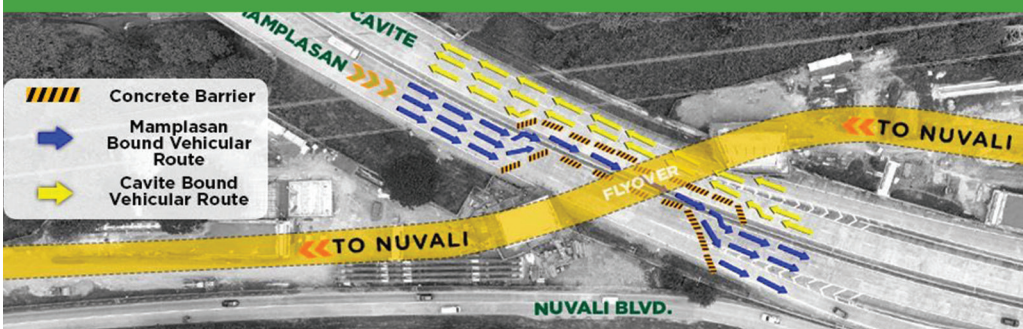
top. Thank you so much for all the memories. You will always be remembered Thanos.

## NUVALI FLYOVER WORKS AT CALAX

# TRAFFIC ADVISORY

**October 10 to 13, 2023**  
**10:00PM to 5:00AM**

A counterflow lane will be implemented in the portion of CALAX near Laguna Blvd. Interchange (Laguna bound) due to Nuvali Flyover works. One lane will remain passable for each bound during this time.



**October 17 to 20, 2023**  
**10:00PM to 5:00AM**

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## 34<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL STATISTICS MONTH

October 2023

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## 34th NSM celebration in Calabarzon

LIPA CITY, Batangas--The Regional Statistical System spearheads the celebration of the 34th National Statistics Month (NSM) this October 2023 in the region.

The theme for the month-long celebration is "Accelerating Progress: Promoting Data and Statistics for Healthy Philippines" which emphasizes the importance of data and statistics in enhancing health outcomes and accelerating the nation's socio-economic development with the use of quality health and health-related statistics.

In relation to the 34th NSM, various activities will be conducted to promote, enhance, and instill awareness and appreciation of the importance and value of statistics to the different sectors of society and elicit the cooperation and support

of the public in upgrading the quality and standards of statistics in the country.

Philippine Statistics Authority Regional Statistical Services Office IV-A encourages all the Regional/Provincial Line Agencies, local government units, academe, different organizations and the public to participate in the 34th NSM activities.

The annual celebration is pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 647 declaring the month of October of every year as the National Statistics Month signed by then President Corazon C. Aquino on September 20, 1990.

For more details, please visit the official Facebook page and website of PSA CALABARZON at <https://rso04a.psa.gov.ph>.

Activity	Date/Venue	Participants
1. Posting of Streamers/Statistics in RPLAs and LGUs, Academe and other organizations official social media pages	Starting October 1	Public
2. Statistical Exhibit and Pop Quiz at CRIS Lipa City	October 2/CRIS Lipa City	RSSO IV-A/CRIS Lipa City and ENISs, Registration Center clients
3. Lunda Para sa Estadistika	October 4/ official social media pages of participating agencies/offices/ individuals	Public
4. Slattank Contest	October 6, 13 and 20/official FB page of PSA IV-A	Public
5. 34 <sup>th</sup> NSM Opening Ceremony	October 10 / FB Live	Public
6. Career Talk to students	October 16 / Zoom	All Junior and Senior High Schools in CALABARZON
7. Training on Statistical Standards and Classification Systems	October 18 / Zoom	All RPLAs, LGUs, Academe
8. Information Caravan	October 24 / Zoom	Provincial/City/ Municipal Health Officers and other interested participants
9. Search for CALABARZON's Master PSC (coding game)	October 25 / TBA	RPLAs
10. 34 <sup>th</sup> NSM Closing Ceremony	October 26 / TBA	RPLAs

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