

## **ANCILLARY SERVICES DRIVE JULY** 2025 TRANSMISSION RATES UP

Power consumers can expect higher transmission rates this July 2025, with the bulk of the increase driven by Ancillary Services (AS) rates, NGCP announced.

For the June 2025 billing period, both AS and NGCP's transmission wheeling rates increased, but the surge in AS costs accounts for most of the ad-

Overall equivalent average trans-

mission rates for the June 2025 billing period increased by 5.49% to PhP1.2113/ kWh, from May's PhP1.1482/kWh.

The increase was driven by a 9.32% increase in ancillary service rates in the June 2025 billing period. From PhP0.5655/kWh in May, AS rates increased to PhP0.6182/kWh.

AS rates pertain to the passthrough costs for power supplied by  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{AS}}$ TURN TO P. 4





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# Calabarzon's big-ticket road projects in full swing



## MEKENI FOOD CORP WARNS PUBLIC AGAINST **FAKE SALES AGENTS**

has issued an urgent warning with verified Mekeni represento the public and its valued customers about fraudulent individuals posing as official sales agents in various areas of Lu-

These impostors have been approaching retailers and sari-sari store owners, deceiving them into purchasing unauthorized or counterfeit prod-

'We take this matter seriously as it affects not only our business but also the trust of our loval customers and partners. We urge everyone to re-

Mekeni Food Corporation main vigilant and only transact tatives," said Paulo Orfinada Head of Sales at Mekeni Food

> To ensure the safety of consumers and retailers. Mekeni advises the public to verify the authenticity of sales agents by contacting the company's hotline at +639 45 458 0000 local 3707 or visiting Mekeni's official website. The company also clarified that their sales personnel will never ask for any payment in advance before the delivery of products.

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BY CHRISTOPHER HEDREYDA

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna--The government's big-ticket road projects in Calabarzon are in full swing to decongest key cities and densely populated communities, the Department of **Public Works and High**ways said.

In Quezon province, the rehabilitation of key sections of the Maharlika Highway -a critical route connecting Metro Manila to Southern Luzon -is on track, said DPWH Region IV-A Director Jovel Mendoza in an interview with the Philippine Information Agency Calabarzon.

"The improvement of certain Turn to p. 3



## CALABARZON RESIDENTS ASSURED OF FASTER **EMERGENCY RESPONSE WITH UPGRADED 911 HOTLINE**



CAMP BGEN VICENTE LIM, Calamba City — Residents across the region can now expect quicker emergency assistance with the enhanced 911 Emergency Hotline of the Philippine National Police which promises to respond to calls within five minutes.

Brigadier General Wanky, Regional Regional Director of the Police Regional Office IV-A, emphasized the significance of the unified hotline in bridging the gap between the police and the public.

"The 911 hotline serves as

a bridge to bring the police closer to any part of the community. Just dial 911 and we will respond immediately — within just five minutes. We don't just respond to traditional emergencies but also to incidents like bullying," Wanky

Under the system, when a caller presses "1" for police assistance, the call is immediately routed to the PNP Command Center, which activates emergency response protocols.

For fire-related emergencies, pressing "2" connects the caller to Turn to p. 3



## CONG. MATIBAG, NAGHAIN NG PANUKALANG BATAS LABAN SA PANG-AABUSO SA NAKATATANDA

nina Kevin Pamatmat <u>at Shekinah Esteban</u>

SAN PEDRO CITY, Laguna — Isang bagong panukalang batas na naglalayong tiyaking ligtas at may dignidad ang pamumuhay ng mga nakatatanda ang inihain kamakailan sa Mababang Kapulungan ng Kongreso ni Laguna 1st District Representative Ann

Ang House Bill No. 2012 o "Anti-Elder Abuse Law of 2025" ay hango sa nakapanlulumong karanasan ng isang kilalang negosyante sa Pampanga na naging biktima ng pang-aabuso sa katan-

Sa kasalukuyan, ang mga kaso ng pang-aabuso sa matatanda ay isinasampa sa ilalim ng mga

pangkalahatang batas tulad ng Revised Penal Code, o kung minsan, sa ilalim ng Anti-Violence Against Women and Children Act (RA 9262), kung ang biktima ay

Ayon kay Matibag, hindi sapat ang mga batas na ito upang tugunan ang natatanging kahinaan ng mga tumatandang Pilipino.

"Sa ngayon, ang mga kaso ng

it na isinisingit sa umiiral na mga batas—kadalasang isinasampa sa ilalim ng Revised Penal Code o minsan sa RA 9262. Ngunit ang mga batas na ito, bagamat mahalaga, ay hindi isinasaalang-alang ang mga natatanging pangangailangan at kahinaan ng mga

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## IMPULSES

-- HERMAN M. LAGON --

## Why WPS matters?

There is a strange silence that surrounds the West Philippine Sea issue, especially among many Filipinos who live far from its shores. Some say, "Wala man kami dya sa Palawan," or "Di naman kami mangingisda." But if there is anything our recent history—and hard-earned victories—have taught us, it is this: the West Philippine Sea is not just a fisherfolk issue, a Navy issue, or even a President's issue. It is everyone's issue. And it is not just about territory—it is about dignity, food security, education, national identity, and the kind of future we want to leave behind for our children.

ut victory on paper means nothing if we do not defend it with policy, with diplomacy, and most crucially—with public vigilance. That is where ordinary Filipinos come in.

When my friends ask me why they should care about the West Philippine Sea (WPS), I flip the question back: "Do you care about what you eat? Your internet bill? Your school fees? Your family's health?" Because the fish we eat, the energy we import, the data we transmit. and the livelihoods we protect are all tied to those contested

waters. The WPS covers nearly a third of our country's Exclusive Economic Zone, holding a treasure trove of marine resources, oil, natural gas, and rare biodiversity. According to the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, nearly 324,312 metric tons of fish were sourced from it in 2020 alone. When foreign ships scare off our fisherfolk or block our access, that affects our food supply—and the prices we pay in markets, wherever we live.

But beyond economics, the WPS is a test of our collective backbone. In 2016, we won a monumental legal victory against China at the Hague-based Permanent Court of Arbitration. The ruling was clear: China's expansive "nine-dash line" claim has no legal basis. Just this April 2025, Google Maps began labeling the area as the "West Philippine Sea"—a move welcomed by the National Maritime Council as a small but powerful win. For them, it is more than a name—it is a global nod to our legal and moral claim. It strengthens our identity, affirms our rights, and tells the world—and our own people—that this sea is ours, and it matters.

On its ninth anniversary this July 12, the DFA and AFP stood together to honor the ruling that brought justice to our shores. It's not just history—it's our present guide in defending what's rightfully ours. As DFA puts it, it is a "rules-based anchor" in protecting our sovereignty and a beacon for other nations facing similar disputes. General Romeo Brawner, AFP Chief of Staff, echoed this sentiment, calling the ruling not just a legal win but a truth the world acknowledged—that these waters feed our people, protect our coasts, and carry our legacy. "There is no compromise when it comes to our sovereignty," he said. It is not just a military mission; it is a national one, shared by every Filipino.

But victory on paper means nothing if we do not defend it with policy, with diplomacy, and most crucially—with public vigilance. That is where ordinary Filipinos come in. Because every apathetic shrug chips away at our moral claim. Every repost of misinformation from foreign propaganda machines muddies the waters of truth. And every child who grows up thinking this issue does not concern them is one less voice in our national defense.

National Security Adviser Eduardo Año recently thanked the public for supporting government actions, noting that over 58% of Filipinos back the Marcos administration's stance on the WPS. This is good news, but we can do better. More awareness leads to stronger unity. And genuine unity, especially in a democracy like ours, is not built on silence. It thrives on informed conversations, difficult questions, and principled actions. That is why it matters when local communities hold town hall meetings, when students stage creative protests, when teachers include maritime law in their discussions, and when artists, influencers, and even TikTokers bring this issue into the mainstream.

China's strategy has been subtle but aggressive: slowly eroding our access, pushing the limits of intimidation, and betting that most Filipinos are either too scared or too distracted to care. But we have seen through history that our kind of resilience has never been about firepower. It is about people standing up even  $% \left\{ 1,2,...,n\right\}$ when they are outnumbered. As former Vice President Leni Robredo once said. the consequences of this issue stretch beyond our lifetimes. This is not just about territory. It is about the principle of standing up to a bully. And in this case, the classroom, the barangay hall, the sari-sari store, the group chat—these are also fronts of that quiet, necessary resistance.

There is, too, an ecological dimension. Coral reefs in the West Philippine Sea sustain ecosystems that connect waters as far as the Sulu Sea and beyond. If we lose those reefs, we do not just lose fish. We lose protection from storms, livelihoods for generations, and a living classroom for marine science and environmental education. Marine biologist Hazel Arceo noted that the restricted access to Scarborough Shoal has already shifted fisheries dynamics, reducing harvests and reshaping entire coastal economies. As climate change intensifies, preserving our marine territories becomes not only a matter of pride but of survival.

But let us not get carried away by abstraction. Real lives are at stake. A fisherman from Zambales recently told Pambansang Lakas ng Kilusang Mamamalakaya ng Pilipinas (PAMALAKAYA) that his income per fishing trip has dropped by 70%ince 2020 because of the harassment by Chinese vessels. Imagine going to work every day knowing you might be blocked, rammed, or harassed. Then imagine people in cities dismissing your plight as a "military issue." It is not. It is a human issue. It is a teacher issue. It is a youth issue.

That is why House Bill 8583, seeking to declare July 12 as West Philippine Sea Victory Day, matters. Not just as a legislative move, but as a national reminder. As Senator Risa Hontiveros puts it, celebrating the victory chips away at China's propaganda and reinforces our truths. It turns memory into muscle. And we, as educators, must help build that muscle. Not through fear, but through knowledge. Not by preaching hate, but by cultivating hope. Let us turn classrooms into conversations and our conversations into action.

In the end, the West Philippine Sea is not just a body of water. It is a mirror. It reflects how we see our country, our values, and our future. If we allow it to be taken inch by inch without protest, what does that say about what we truly believe  $% \left\{ \left( 1\right) \right\} =\left\{ \left( 1\right) \right\}$ is worth defending? If we stand for it now, loudly and wisely, then our children may never have to ask what was lost, only what was preserved.

Doc H fondly describes himself as a "student of and for life" who, like many others, aspires to a life-giving and why-driven world grounded in social justice and the pursuit of happiness. His views do not necessarily reflect those of the institutions he is employed or connected with.

PINALAWIG NA BENEPISYO PARA SA MGA MIYEMBRO

#### Bagong benepisyo sa atake sa puso, kinilala at pinasalamatan!



"Dahil ang procedure para sa atake ng puso na angioplasty ay hindi mura, karaniwan ay kailangang mag-shell out-of-pocket. Kawawa naman ang mga mahihirap na pasyente na hindi kayang i-afford ang procedure na Ito. Dahil sa bagong polisiya ng PhilHeatith na nailabas ang mga mahihirap na pasyente ay nabibigyan namin ng serbisyong ito. Mayroon akong pasyente na nagkaroon ng malubhang atake sa puso ngunit wala siyang panggastos. Dahil nalaman ko na ang The Medical City - Clark ay kahit private hospital ay naka-implement ang PhilHealth package para sa mga atake sa puso at sa gabing iyon ay ginawa po namin agad-agad ang angioplasty na salamat naman ay naging successiful at nakarecover at nakauwi nng maayos."

Dr. Edgar Wilson Timbol

**Dr. Edgar Wilson Timbol** Interventional Cardiologist, The Medical City – Clark

PINAGAAN AT PINABUTING PAG-PROSESO NG CLAIMS

#### Pagproseso sa denied claims, pinuri at sinuportahan ng malalaking hospital groups sa bansa

Ayala Healthcare Holdings, Inc.
"This is a significant step in rebuilding trust and paves the way for more meaningful collaboration between Phill-lealth and healthcare providers. We remain committed to do our part in improving efficiency of claims process as these ultimately benefit our Filipino patients."

Unihealth-Parañaque Hospital and

whedical center
"We appreciate your commitment and support to the private hospital institutions. Together, we shall work harder to enhance access, ensure efficiency, and provide quality healthcare services across the country. We are honored to be part of this journey and look forward to a fruitful partnership."



Global Care Medical Center Group of Hospitals
"We trust your vision and strategic initiatives for the
Corporation shall move towards a sense of purpose and
commitment among all your accredited hospitals. We look
forward to taking part in contributing to the success of Philhealth."

"This policy change is especially beneficial for indigent and financially struggling patients. [They] can now receive extended care without fear of additional out-of-pocket expenses. This is a victory for [UHC] where every Filipino can receive the medical care they need, for as long as necessary, without financial hardship."

"The Medical City
"[This] is a crucial step towards enhancing efficiency and rebuilding trust within the national healthcare system. We are committed to collaborating with your office to ensure the efficient resolution of these claims and to contribute to the strengthening of our national healthcare system."

"We greatly appreciate the quick action taken by Phill-lealth to process denied claims. We look forward to collaborating more closely in improving healthcare access and affordability in the country." Metro Pacific Health



St. Luke's Medical Center

"This represents a significant step towards ensuring that patients receive uninterrupted access to healthcare services. We look forward to ongoing collaboration in the healthcare landscape for all Filipinos."

97%

ng kabuuang bill ang binayaran ng PhilHealth o **P523,583** total na benepisyo

"Si Dr. Timbol ang nakapagsabi na may bara na ang puso ko at kailangang ma-opera. Dahil sa laki ng hinihinging pera, wala po kaming kakayahang magbayad, maghanap ng ganoong kalaking pera at doon nabanggit ni Dr. Timbol na sakap ng Phillrelatith ang pagpara sa puso. Siya po ang nagsabi na kaya pong ma-operahan na wala kaming babayaran. Sobra pong pagpapasalamat namin lalo na po kay Dr. Timbol at sa Phillrelatith. Maniwala kayo o hindi, totoo po ang Phillrelatith, wala po kaming binayaran. Ang bili po namin ay Php600,000 pero sinakop po ng Phillrelatith kaya malaki ang pasasalamat namin talaga."

Effen Lopez (patient) and Arlene Lopez

Efren Lopez (patient) and Arlene Lopez PhilHealth members

PINALAKAS NA PARTNERSHIPS PARA SA MAS ABOT-KAMAY NA SERBISYONG PANGKALUSUGAN

Institute nakipagkontrata para magbigay ng serbisyong Coronary Artery Bypass Graft (CABG) sa mga miyembro sa BARMM.





MARSO 7, 2025
Pakikipag-ugnayan sa mga pharmaceutical groups para pababain ang gastos ng mga miyembro sa mga gamot.

MARSO 10, 2025 Ang Ciudad Medical Zamboanga (CMZ) na ang unang pasilidad na nag-alok ng Z-Benefit para sa kidney Transplantation sa Zamboanga Peninsula.





MARSO 17, 2025
Pagpupulong kasama ang mga HMOs para mapadali ang paggamit ng PhilHealth, patibaylin ang komunikasyon at bigyang prayoridad ang pagpaparehistro ng mga plan holders na hindi pa naka-enroli sa konsulta

MARSO 18, 2025
Pagkilala ng Sangguniang Panlalawigan
ng Sorsogon sa mabilis na pagbayad para
sa mga ospital sa ilalim nito na umabot
hanggang Php407.5M.





MARSO 25, 2025
Ang Chinese General Hospital and Medical
Center (CGHMC) ay naging accredited
Konsulta Package Provider (KPP) para mas
mabuting access ng mga miyembro ng

MARSO 27, 2025

Pakikipagtulungan sa Commission on Higher
Education (CHED) para palawigin ang
abot-kayang serbisyong pangkalusugan sa
pamamagitan ng Konsulta Program para sa
mga mahihirap na estudyante at kanilang
pamilya sa mga State Universities and
Colleges (SUCs).









SAMA-SAMANG PAG-ANGAT SA BAGONG PILIPINAS

## Pag-inom ng alak sa tama lang na dami, may benepisyo

Kasabihang masama ang epekto sa kalusugan ng paglalasing o labis na pag inom ng alak. Ngunit kung ito ay ginagawa sa tamang pamamaraan, ay may mga hatid ring kabutihan. Nagmula ito sa Toxicology Department ng Bataan General Hospital and Medical Center (BGHMC).

Napag alaman rin na may ilang mga karamdaman na nagagamot ang alak na sa totoo lang sa tamang dami ng inom ay mga "anti-oxidants" na lumalaban sa mga free radicals na sumisira ng mahahalagang bahagi ng ating katawan. Sa inyong ganap na kabatiran, narito ang mga mga kabutihang hatid ng tamang

dami ng alak: 1. Pinoprotektahan nito ang iyong puso. Ang alak ay may anti-inflammatory at anti-clotting properties na nakatutulong sa pag-iwas sa atherosclerosis o ang pagbara ng mga arteries dahil sa cholesterol at iba pang mga dumi. Ang red wine ay lalo pang nakabubuti dahil sa resveratrol, isang uri ng polyphenol na nakukuha mula sa balat ng ubas, na nagpapababa ng bad cholesterol at nagpapataas ng good cholesterol. Ang red wine ay

maaari ring makatulong sa pagpapaluwag ng mga blood vessels at pagpapababa ng blood 2. Pinapabuti nito ang iyong utak. Ang alak ay may neuroprotective effects na nang sa pagpapanatili disease. Ang red wine ay may flavonoids na nakakaapekto sa memory at learning abilities. Ang alak ay maaari ring makatulong sa pagpapagaan ng mood at pagpapababa ng stress.

3. Pinatitibay nito ang iyong immune system. Ang alak ay may antioxidants na nakalalaban sa mga free radicals na sumisira sa mga cells at nagdudulot ng mga sakit. Ang red wine ay may quercetin, isang uri ng flavonoid na nakakaapekto sa immune response at inflammation. Ang alak ay maaari ring makatulong sa pagpapababa ng risk of infection.

4. Nakatutulong ito sa pagpapababa ng risko ng diabetes. Ang alak ay nakaka-impluwensya din sa insulin sensitivity o ang kakayahan ng katawan na gumamit ng insulin, ang hormone na nagre-regulate ng blood sugar levels. Ang mataas na insulin sensitivity ay nangangahulugang mas mababa ang risko na magkaroon ng diabetes type 2, isang kondisyon kung saan ang katawan ay hindi makagawa o makagamit nang maayos ng in-

5. Nakatutulong ito sa pagpapabuti ng mood at mental health. Ang alak ay may epekto din sa neurotransmitters o ang mga kemikal na nag-uugnay-ugnay sa mga selula sa utak. Ang alak ay nakaka-apekto lalo na sa serotonin o ang happy hormone na nakaka-impluwensya sa mood, emotions, appetite, sleep, at social behavior. Ang alak ay nakaka-relax din at nakaka-alis ng stress at anxiety na maaaring magdulot ng depression o iba

6. Nakakatulong sa microbiota ng sikmura. Ang microbiota ay ang pangkat ng mga bacteria at microorganisms na naninirahan sa ating sikmura. Sila ang nagpapanatili ng balanse at kalusugan ng ating digestive system. Ayon sa isang pag-aaral, ang mga umiinom



ng red wine ay may mas magkakaibang microbiota kaysa sa mga umiinom ng ibang uri ng alak o hindi umiinom ng alak. Ito ay dahil sa mga polyphenols na makikita sa red wine, na nagbibigay ng lakas sa mga mabubuting microbes sa sikmura. Ang mga polyphenols ay mga antioxidant na nakukuha mula sa balat ng ubas, na pangunahing sangkap ng red win.

7. Nakapagpapataas ng HDL cholesterol. Ang HDL cholesterol o ang tinatawag na good cholesterol ay tumutulong na linisin ang ating mga ugat mula sa LDL cholesterol o ang bad cholesterol na nagdudulot ng pagbara at pamamaga. Ang pag-inom ng alak ay maaaring makatulong na mapataas ang HDL cholesterol, lalo na kung iinumin ito kasama ng masustansyang pagkain tulad ng prutas, gulay, isda at mani.

8. Nakapagpapababa ng risk ng diabetes. Ang diabetes ay isang kondisyon kung saan hindi makapag-produce o makapag-utilize nang maayos ang katawan ng insulin, ang hormone na nagre-regulate ng blood sugar levels. Ang mataas na blood sugar levels ay maaaring magdulot ng iba't ibang komplikasyon tulad ng kidney damage, nerve damage, eye problems at heart problems. Ang pag-inom ng alak ay maaaring makatulong na mapababa ang risk ng diabetes, lalo na kung iinumin ito kasama ng high-fiber foods tulad ng oatmeal, beans at whole grains.

9. Nakapagpapababa ng risk ng dementia. Ang dementia ay isang kondisyon kung saan nagkakaroon ng pag-urong o pagkasira ng cognitive functions tulad ng memory, reasoning, language at judgment. Ito ay karaniwang nakakaapekto sa mga matatanda at maaaring magdulot ng pagkalito, pagkalimot, pagkawala ng orientation at personality changes. Ang pag-inom ng alak ay maaaring makatulong na mapababa ang risk ng dementia, lalo na kung iinumin ito nang moderate lamang. Ayon sa isang meta-analysis, ang moderate drinking o ang pag-inom ng isa hanggang dalawang standard drink kada araw ay nakapagpapababa ng 23% ang risk ng dementia kumpara

10. Nakapagpapabuti ng bone health. Ang red wine ay may resveratrol at silicon, na parehong nakakaapekto sa bone density. Ito ay makatutulong sa pag-iwas sa osteoporosis

11. Nakapagpapabuti ng skin health. Ang red wine ay may resveratrol at flavonoids na parehong nakakaapekto sa skin health. Ito ay makatutulong sa paglaban sa aging signs, 12. Pinapabagal nito ang aging process sa pamamagitan ng pagpapababa ng oxidative

stress at inflammation, ang mga salik na nagdudulot ng cellular damage at degeneration. Kailangan lang ang ganap na kaalaman sa wastong pag inom ng alak upang mata-

masa ang mga benepisyong hatid nito.

Huwag lang kalilimutan na kada inom ng alak sa isang araw dapat ay di hihigit sa 3/4 na laman ng isang baso.

Marami pa kayong malalaman sa pitak na ito mula sa mga pananaliksik ng aming

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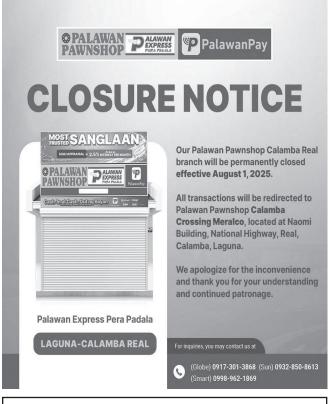
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# Calabarzon's big-ticket road projects in full swing ...from p. 1

and locals.

PIA-Laguna)

road convenience for both tourists

the Nation Address of President

Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr., Mendoza

said the DPWH Calabarzon will

continue to uphold best practices in

pre-construction coordination

with local governments and stake-

holders are conducted to ensure

that projects are tailored to the

actual needs of communities and

the population they serve. (CH/

road infrastructure development.

Ahead of the fourth State of

He said planning and

sections of the Maharlika Highway makes a significant contribution to the region's economic growth. As a major transportation route, this highway connects provinces, neighboring regions, and trade centers," he said.

"Upgrading and rehabilitating it will speed up the flow of goods and services, reduce travel costs and time, and boost tourism." he added.

According to DPWH Calabarzon, rehabilitation of the Maharlika Highway covers sections from Calamba City in Laguna to

Tagkawayan in Quezon and requires a total budget of P14.39 billion. Mendoza indicated no project completion even as he was optimistic that it will be sustained in the succeeding general appropriations.

He said of the estimated P14.39 billion for Maharlika's improvement, P1.827 billion from the 2023 budget has been completed; P3.833 billion from the 2024 budget is currently under implementation, while P1.758 billion from the 2025 budget is presently in the bidding process.

In Batangas, the DPWH reported that the recently inaugurated Balagtas flyover has helped ease road congestion in the province.

The flyover serves as an alternative route from the STAR Tollway to the diversion road and city proper and improved access to Batangas Port, one of the country's busiest seaports.

"The flyover (resulted in) smoother flow of traffic. The number of accidents in Brgy. Balagtas has decreased from 56 incidents to just 38. Travel going to the port and the city proper has also become faster," Mendoza said.

The DPWH director is hopeful that construction of a flyover in Tagaytay City in Cavite will be completed by August 2025 while opening to motorists is expected by September 2025 providing

## Si Mang Tayaw at ang Bundok Banahaw

NI JOYCE BROSAS PEREZ
TEACHER 3, CALUMPANG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Sa malayong dako ng probinsya ng Laguna ay may maliit na bayan na kung tawagin ay Liliw. Dito rin matatagpuan ang isa sa kilalang bundok, ang Bundok Banahaw. Sagana sa likas na yaman ang naturang bundok kung saan pinaniniwalaang may mga nagaalagang mga diwata upang mapanatili na masagana ang kalikasan o kabundukan sa naturang bayan.

Maraming mga nagtatanim ng halaman na mga magsasaka sa mismong paanan ng bundok, maging mga pasyalan ay unti-unti nang nakikita sa naturang bayan dahil sa mga produkto rin nilang tsinelas.

Isa sa mga magsasaka sa bayan ng Liliw ay si Mang Tayaw. Kilala siya sa pagiging masipag at matiyaga sa larangan ng paghahanapbuhay. Wala siyang tigil sa pagtatanim ng iba't- ibang mga halaman. Bawat pagtatanim nya ay kumukita sya para sa pangangailangan ng kanyang sambayanan.

Sa kabila ng kanyang kinikita, nagkaroon siya ng damdamin na mas magkaroon pa ng malaking kita.

Kaya isang araw na pauwi na sya sa kanilang tahanan ay may nadaanan siyang mga kakilala na nagpuputol ng puno at kanyang sinabi agad sa kanyang sari-li."Maaari kong madagdagan ang aking pera kapag sumali na ako sa pagtotroso", wika ni Mang Tayaw. Lumipas ang ilang araw, linggo at buwan na naging mas malaki pa ang kinikitang pera ni Mang Tayaw sa pagtotroso o pagpuputol ng puno kaysa sa kanyang pagtatanim. "Mas marami na tayong mabibili na gamit para sa itinatayo nating bagong bahay sa bayan", wika ni Mang Tayaw kay Caring na kanyang maybahay at kay Cristobal nakanilang anak habang sila ay naghahapunan.

"Tatay, Sabi po ni Ma'am, masama po ang nagpuputol ng mga puno sa kagubatan/kabundukan dahil matagal pa iyon bago mapalitan. Maaari tayong bahain kapag Wala nang mga puno sa kabundukan, wika ni Cristobal

"Anak,magtatanim naman ng mga bagong puno sila tatay kapag nagputol kami ng mga puno sa bundok", wika ni Mang Tayaw sa anak. Naging mas ganid sa pera si Mang Tayaw dahil sa walang habas niyang pagpapaputol ng puno sa kabundukan kaya maging mga batang puno ay isinasama na nila sa pagputol para maibenta sa bayan at gagawing kagamitan sa bahay gaya ng pinto, mesa at upuan maging pader o haligi ng bahay.

Isang araw, habang inaaantay na matapos ang mga kasama ni Mang Tayaw sa pagpuputol nang puno ay napasandal siya sa isang malaking puno ng Narra at siya ay nakatulog.

Sa kanyang pagtulog, napanaginipan niyang siya ay namamasyal sa isang malawak na taniman ng mga bulaklak at iba't-ibang kulay ang kanyang nakita...sa kanyang pag-iikot ay may Nakita siyang isang napakagandang babae na nakaputi at may koronang bulaklak na wari ay parang isang diwata sa kagandahang taglay.

Nang lumapit siya sa babae ay biglang nag-iba ang awra nito at galit at sinabi sa kanya,"Kapag Hindi ka pa tumigil sa labis na pagpuputol mo ng mga puno sa kabundukan, dahil ang iyong anak ang magiging kabayaran.

Biglang nagising si Mang Tayaw na wari ay takot na takot. "Mang Tayaw, tapos na po tayo sa ating trabaho ngayong araw", sigaw ng isa sa tauhan niya. Tumayo na siya mula sa kanyang pagkakaupo at pinagpagan ang damit. "Sige, tayo ay umuwi na mga kasama at mukhang bubuhos na ang ulan", sabi ni Mang Tayaw sa mga kasama niya.

Binaliwala ni Mang Tayaw ang kanyang panaginip at babala sa kanya ng diwata. "Ang samang panaginip naman noon",ang sabi ni Mang Tayaw sa sarili at nagsimula na silang bumaba mula sa bundok

Sa kaparehong oras naman, ay masayang naliligo sa Kilangin Falls Ang anak ni Mang Tayaw na si Cristobal kasama Ang kanyang mga kaklase sa ikaanim na baitang. Masaya silang lumalangoy sa malamig at malinaw na tubig hanggang sa magsimula ng bumuhos ang ulan. "Cristobal, bumalik kana dito sa ating cottage",

Habang lumalangoy pabalik sa cottage si Cristobal, ay biglang lumaki ang bagsak ng tubig mula sa talon." Bilisan mong lumangoy Cristobal", sigawan ng kanyang mga kaklase. Dali-dali naman ang paglangoy ni Cristobal at maagap na nahila ang kanyang kamay ng kasama nilang tourguide nang makarating siya sa tabi ng kanilang cottage at nagpunta sa medyo mataas na bahagi ng kanilang kinalalagyan habang pinapanuod ang malakas na pagbagsak ng tubig mula sa talon kasama ang mga torso.

Nang makauwi sa kanilang tahanan ay takot na takot niyang niyakap at nagkwento kay Mang Tayaw at Aling Caring sa mga nangyari sa kanila sa may Kilangin Falls.

"Tatay, Nanay, takot na takot po ako kanina nung nasa Kilangin Falls kami. Akala ko po ay hindi na ko makakauwi sa inyo," wika ni Cristobal sa kanyang mga magulang. Doon naalala ni Mang Tayaw ang babala sa kanya ng diwata sa kanyang panaginip. Muntik nang mawala ang kanyang anak dahil sa sobra niyang pagkaganid sa pera.

"Patawarin mo ako anak, nangyari iyan sa iyo dahil sa sobra kong paghahangad ng maraming pera. Simula ngayon, titigil na ako sa pagpapaputol ng mga puno sa kabundukan. Magtatanim na lang ako ng mga gulay at prutas upang pagkakitaan at hindi na kailanman sasali sa pagtotroso.",wika ni Mang Tayaw sa kanyang pamilya.

Simula noon ay hindi na naging ganid sa pera si Mang Tayaw at sumasali na din siya sa mga grupo na nangangalaga sa kabundukan at nagtatanim ng mga puno Ang Save Mount Banahaw.

# Cong. Matibag, naghain ng panukalang batas laban sa pang-aabuso sa nakatatanda...mula sa p. 1

Ibinahagi ni Matibag ang kaso ni Cita N. Rodriguez, isang 89-anyos na accountant at pilantropo mula Pampanga, na naging viral kamakailan sa social media at mga ulat ng balita.

Ayon sa ulat, ang mismong pamangkin ni Rodriguez umano ang nanamantala sa humihinang pag-iisip ng matanda upang kuhanin ang kanyang mga ari-arian at ipagkait ang kanyang pinansyal na yaman bago siya tuluyang ihiwalay at gawing halos pulubi sa sariling tahanan.

"Hindi natatangi ang kaso ni Tita Cita," pahayag ni Matibag. "Ito ay bahagi ng mas malawak at mas nakababahalang padron ng pang-aabuso sa matatanda — isang isyung hindi sapat na natutugunan ng ating umiiral na sistema ng batas."

Ayon pa sa kanya, ang kawalan ng mga nakalaan at tiyak na mga patakaran ay nagdulot ng "kakulangan sa doktrina, hindi pantay na pag-uusig, at kakulangan sa mga serbisyong pang-prebensyon at suporta."

Ang panukala ay nakabatay sa mga probisyon ng 1987 Konstitusyon na kumikilala sa dangal ng bawat tao, nagsisiguro ng ganap na paggalang sa karapatang pantao, at nag-uutos ng natatanging proteksyon para sa mga bulnerableng sektor gaya ng matatan-

Kinilala rin nito ang tungkulin ng estado na umalalay sa obligasyon ng pamilya sa pag-aalaga ng kanilang matatandang miyembro—lalo na kung ang mismong pamilya ang nagiging sanhi ng pang-aabuso.

Nanawagan si Matibag ng suporta mula sa lahat ng panig sa Kongreso upang mapabilis ang pagpasa ng panukala, gayundin ng suporta mula sa Commission on Human Rights (CHR), mga pederasyon ng senior citizens, at iba't ibang tagapagtaguyod ng karapatan ng matatanda.

"Ngunit hinihiling ko rin ang bawat isa sa inyo na tumindig kasama ko. Huwag nating hayaang maging panukala ko lamang ito, kundi maging kolektibong paninindigan nating lahat," aniya.

Hinimok din ni Matibag ang mga kapwa mambabatas na lampasan ang pawang pamana ng kulturang "paggalang" at isalin ito sa tunay na proteksyon.

"Ipakita natin sa buong bayan na ang ating pagmamahal sa mga na-katatanda ay hindi nagtatapos sa mano po. Ipagkaloob natin sa kanila hindi lamang ang karangalang nararapat sa kanila, kundi pati ang proteksyong tunay nilang kailangan."

Inaasahang isusumite ang panukala sa nararapat na komite sa Kamara sa mga darating na Linggo.

## CALABARZON residents assured of faster Emergency Response with upgraded 911 Hotline

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the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), while pressing "3" connects them to medical responders.

To promote awareness and proper use of the 911 service, the PNP has launched a public information cam-

paign across CALABARZON.
Stickers and posters have been

installed in schools and public transportation hubs, while bookmarks, hand fans, and other materials were distributed to students and drivers of tricycles and e-bikes, particularly in Calamba City's Camp Vicente Lim Integrated School.

The enhanced Emergency 911 system is a priority program under President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr., aimed at building a safer and more responsive nation. The platform serves as the government's central emergency hotline for crimes, fires, medical situations, and rescue operations. It is a whole-of-government initiative that integrates local and national agencies for coordinated emergency action.





	1st Draw	2nd Draw	3rd Draw	
07/14/2025	02/24	05/20	09/07	
07/15/2025	20/14	06/29	10/20	
07/16/2025	27/14	18/37	09/32	
07/17/2025	02/14	03/04	07/26	
07/18/2025	34/05	31/10	01/18	
07/19/2025	30/27	18/16	11/33	
07/20/2025	10/17	07/26	31/23	



#### CARD BANK, INC. (A Microfinance-Oriented Rural Bank)

Name of Bank

#### **PUBLISHED BALANCE SHEET**

(Head Office and Branches) As of June 30, 2025

#### ASSETS

ASSETS	Assessed Code	Amount		
ASSETS	Account Code	Current Quarter	Previous Quarter	
		C0010	C0020	
Cash and Cash Items	108000000000000000	270,939,005.01	374,582,225.88	
Due from Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas	1051500000000000000	126,627,902.08	109,798,798.61	
Due from Other Central Banks and Banks - Net	105220000000000000	5,812,549,814.07	6,201,932,808.03	
Financial Assets at Fair Value Through Other	195210000000000000	2 256 277 412 26	3 00F 746 103 60	
Comprehensive Income (FVOCI) - Net	19521000000000000	3,356,277,412.26	3,005,746,102.69	
Debt Securities at Amortized Cost - Net	195241000000000000	3,585,871,427.02	3,253,410,510.04	
Loans and Receivables - Others	140150300000000000	16,422,010,169.39	16,070,973,894.76	
Total Loan Portfolio (TLP) - Gross	499020000000000000	16,422,010,169.39	16,070,973,894.76	
Allowance for Credit Losses 2/	499350000000000000	633,941,593.32	580,877,884.31	
Total Loan Portfolio - Net	195400000000000000	15,788,068,576.07	15,490,096,010.45	
Equity Investment in Subsidiaries, Associates and Joint	195452500000000000	1,034,371,359.73	988,693,796.26	
Ventures - Net	19343230000000000	1,034,371,333.73	366,033,730.20	
Bank Premises, Furniture, Fixture and Equipment - Net	195500500000000000	1,416,030,143.49	943,970,783.31	
Other Assets - Net	152500000000000000	709,756,835.12	1,038,093,110.59	
TOTAL ASSETS	100000000000000000	32,100,492,474.85	31,406,324,145.86	

#### Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity

	Account Code	Amount		
		Current Quarter	Previous Quarter	
		C0010	C0020	
Liabilities				
Deposit Liabilities	215000000000000000	19,701,627,596.69	18,932,489,162.93	
Bills Payable	220100000000000000	-	-	
Other Borrowings, including Deposit Substitutes	220100003500000000		*	
Other Liabilities	240200000000000000	2,239,553,474.97	2,152,740,604.53	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	200000000000000000	21,941,181,071.66	21,085,229,767.46	
Stockholders' Equity				
Capital Stock	305000000000000000	5,376,993,900.00	5,373,917,200.00	
Undivided Profits	315150000000000000	1,374,104,015.63	641,547,079.01	
Retained Earnings	315000000000000000	3,441,734,292.74	4,325,739,460.99	
Other Capital Accounts	335200000000000000 -	33,520,805.18 -	20,109,361.60	
TOTAL STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	30000000000000000	10,159,311,403.19	10,321,094,378.40	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	905000000000000000	32,100,492,474.85	31,406,324,145.86	

#### FINANCIAL INDICATORS (in %)

FINIANCIAL INDICATORS (:= 0/)	Assessmt Code	Amount	
FINANCIAL INDICATORS (in %)	Account Code	Current Quarter	Previous Quarter
		C0010	C0020
ASSET QUALITY			
Gross Non-Performing Loans (NPL) Ratio	499150500000000000	3.67	3.47
Net NPL Ratio	499151000000000000	1.13	1.12
Gross NPL Coverage Ratio	499152500000000000	105.25	104.08
Net NPL Coverage Ratio	499153000000000000	69.30	67.70
RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS			
LIQUIDITY			
Minimum Liquidity Ratio 5/	499551500000000000	92.77	95.02
PROFITABILITY			
Return on Equity (ROE)	499350000000000000	24.54	23.66
Return on Assets	499351000000000000	8.07	7.92
Net Interest Margin	499351500000000000	28.45	28.97
CAPITAL ADEQUACY			
Common Equity Tier 1 Ratio	499650501500000000	25.55	26.09
Tier 1 Capital Ratio	499650501000000000	25.55	26.09
CAR	499650500500000000	27.21	27.85

I hereby certify that all matters set forth in this Published Balance Sheet are true and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

MA an MAY S. DAWAT MARIVIC M. AUSTRIA **Authorized Signatory Authorized Signatory** 

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH PARTITION

on Jan. 19, 2022 at San Pablo City, left certain properties described as follows: 1) a parcel of land under

Transfer Certificate of Title No. 075-2016000666 situated in San Pablo City, Laguna; 2) a residential

bungalow house under Tax Declaration No. 01-0027-00008 covered by TCT No. 28605 located at Brgy.

VI-E, San Pablo City; 3) a parcel of land under Tax Declaration No. 05-0046-06152 situated at Brgy. Del

Remedio, San Pablo City; 4) a residential building under Tax Declaration No. 05-0046-07512 situated at

Brgy. Del Remedio, San Pablo City; 5) a parcel of land under Tax Declaration No. 05-0046-06153 situated

at Brgy. Del Remedio, San Pablo City; 6) a residential building under Tax Declaration No. 05-0046-07513

situated at Brgy. Del Remedio, San Pablo City; 7) a parcel of land under Tax Declaration No. 05-0046-

06154 situated at Brgy. Del Remedio, San Pablo City; 8) a residential building under Tax Declaration

No. 05-0046-07514 situated at Brgy. Del Remedio, San Pablo City; 9) a parcel of land under Transfer

Certificate of Title No. 075-2016000667 situated in San Pablo City, Laguna; 10) a parcel of land under Tax

Declaration No. 05-0046-06148 situated at Brgy. Del Remedio, San Pablo City; 11) a residential building

under Tax Declaration No. 05-0046-07509 situated at Brgy. Del Remedio, San Pablo City; 12) a parcel

of land under Transfer Certificate of Title No. 075-2016000668 situated in San Pablo City, Laguna; 13)

a parcel of land under Tax Declaration No. 05-0046-06151 situated at Brgy. Del Remedio, San Pablo

City; 14) a residential building under Tax Declaration No. 05-0046-07511 situated at Brgy. Del Remedio,

San Pablo City; 15) a parcel of land under Transfer Certificate of Title No. 075-2017000371 situated

in the Brgy. Sta. Isabel, San Pablo City, Laguna; 16) a parcel of land under Transfer Certificate of Title

No. 075-2017000372 situated in the Brgy. Sta. Isabel, San Pablo City, Laguna; 17) a parcel of land

under Transfer Certificate of Title No. 075-2017000373 situated in the Brgy. Sta. Isabel, San Pablo City,

Laguna; 18) a parcel of land under Transfer Certificate of Title No. 075-2017000368 situated in the Brgy.

Sta. Isabel, San Pablo City, Laguna; 19) a parcel of land under Transfer Certificate of Title No. 075-

2017000369 situated in the Brgy. Sta. Isabel, San Pablo City, Laguna; 20) a parcel of land under Transfer

Certificate of Title No. 075-2017000370 situated in the Brgy. Sta. Isabel, San Pablo City; 21) a parcel of

land under Tax Declaration No. 05-0046-06150 situated at Brgy. Del Remedio, San Pablo City, Laguna; 22) a residential building under Tax Declaration No. 05-0046-07510 situated at Brgy. Del Remedio, San

Pablo City; 23) a parcel of land under Tax Declaration No. 05-0046-06149 situated at Brgy. Del Remedio,

San Pablo City; 24) a residential building under Tax Declaration No. 05-0046-07508 situated at Brgy. Del Remedio, San Pablo City; 25) a parcel of land under Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-76348 situated in the Poblacion, San Pablo City, Laguna, which had been the subject of an "Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate With Partition" among his legitimate heirs before Notary Public Atty. Ledor E. Macalalag as per

NOTICE is hereby given that the late DANTE BELARMINO BIENVENIDA, who died intestate

## **Proyektong BATA: Bawat Kinder** Alpabetong Filipino/ Alpabasa ay Tangan Ama't-Ina, Guro Aagapay

BY JOYCE BROSAS PEREZ TEACHER 3, CALUMPANG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Proyektong BATA: ito ay isang programa sa pagbasa kung saan ang Proyektong BATA ay isang inobasyon na makakatulong sa mga mag-aaral kindergarten upang mas maunawan ang tamang tunog at pangalan ng bawat letra. Ginamit sa programang ito ang Alpabasa at Alpabetong Filipino na sadyang napatunayan na magaling at epektibong pamamaraan upang tulungan ang mga bata na mas maunawaan ang pagbigkas ng tunog at pangalan ng letra. Nagsimula ang proyekto sapamamagitan ng pag-assess sa mga mag-aaral mula unang assessment gamit ang materyal na Early Childhood Development Checklist upang matasa ang kakayahan ng bata kung sila ang nangangailangan ng remediation sa pagpapatunog o pagkilala sa pangalan ng letra.

Ang mga mag-aaral na napili sa programang ito ay ang mga bata na nasa Kindergraten. Sila ang mga mag-aaral na lumabas na may mababang score sa assessment na ginawa sa kanila. Mula sa kabuuang bilang ng mga bata sa bawat Kindergarten kinuha ang dalawampu sa mga bata na may mababang score sa assessment na kanilang ginawa. Kung kaya't ang respondent ay binubuo ng dalawampu (29) na mga mag-

Ang programang ito ay may kaugnayan sa mga gawain ng paaralan na naglalayong paunlarin ang bawat mag-aaral sa kakayahan nila na makapagpatunog at makilala ang pangalan ng letra sa tulong ng guro sa paaralan at mga magulang sa tahanan.

Napasimulan ang inobasyong ito na makabuo ng proyekto na siyang magiging daan upang maisakatuparan ang layunin ng paaralan na maitaas ang antas ng perpormans ng mga mag-aaral sa kakayahang makapagpatunog, makapantig at makabasa ang mga mag-aaral sa Kindergraten.

Dito nagsimula ang "Proyektong BATA: Bawat Kinder Alpabetong Filipino/ Alpabasa ay Tangan Ama't- Ina Aagapay, isa itong stratehiya kung saan ang mga mag-aaral ay magsisimulang magpatunog ng mga letra sa tulong ng kanilang guro sa paaralan at magulang o guardian sa tahanan na kung saan ito ay pasisimulan na pagaaralang bigkasin ang mga tunog ng bawat letra sa Alpabasa Ang Alpabetong Filipino ay sa huling bahagi kapag natiyak na ng mga magulang at guro na kayang bigkasin ng mga mag-aaral ang tunog ng bawat letra.

May mga itinakdang schedule ang guro bilang katuwang awtor ng inobasyong ito. Ang pamamaraan ng pagtuturo ng mga guro ay maaring gumamit ng mag interaktibong gawain, makukulay na larawan, laro, gadget o makabagong teknolohiya at iba pa batay sa kaisapan ng mga guro kung paano nila mapapanatili ang interest ng mga bata.

Ang guro na siyang pinaka proponent , katuwang ang kaniyang kapwa guro at mga magulang o tagapanglaga ang magsasagawa ng inobasyong ito . Maglalaan ng 10 minuto ang guro bago magsimula ang klase, magulang o tagpangalaga sa oras ng pag-aaral ng mga bata sa tahanan.

Maaaring sabayan ng kantang Alpabasa Song ang mga bata sa bawat gawain sa silid-aralan o kaya naman ay sa tahanan.

Ang programa ay sisimulan mula unang pangatlong Linggo ng Agosto 2024 at magtatapos sa ikalawang  $\,$  Linggo ng Mayo 2025. Buong isang taon isasagawa ang programa upang masiguro ang pagbabago sa kakayahan ng mga mag-aaral kung kaya't inihanda rin ang mga magulang at tinipon sa pagpupulong upang malaman ang isinasagawang program na higit na makatulong sapag-unlad ng kanilang mga anak. Hiningi rin ang kanilang suporta upang higit na maging epektibo ang ginagawang program.

Ang pondo na panggagalingan ay maaring magmula mismo sa personal na paglalaan ng awtor ng inobasyong ito o maaring humingi ng mga donor sa mga tao o samahan na tumutulong sa paaralan sa mga programa nito

## **Ancillary services drive July 2025** transmission rates up ...from p. 1

providers to stabilize the grid during power supply-demand imbalance. AS charges are re mitted directly to generating companies with bilateral contracts with NGCP, and to the In-dependent Electricity Market Operator of the Philippines (IEMOP) for the AS sourced from

the Reserve Market. The AS cost for Visayas for the June 2025 billing period includes the 6th and last tranche of the settlement of the remaining 70% AS from the Reserve Market during the March 2024 billing

NGCP does not earn from AS and does

not benefit from the movement in prices.

Meanwhile, NGCP's transmi wheeling rates slightly increased by 0.39%, from PhP0.4593/kWh in the May 2025 billing period to PhP0.4611/kWh in the June 2025 billing period. Transmission wheeling rates are what NGCP charges for its primary service of delivering power.

"For the July 2025 electric bill of the end consumers, NGCP charges only PhP0.46/ kWh for the delivery of its services," NGCP exbulk of transmission charges.

#### Mekeni Food Corp warns public...from p. 1

Retailers and customers who encounter suspicious individuals claiming to be affiliated with Mekeni are strongly encouraged to report these activities immediately. Reports should be directed to their respective local government units (LGUs) or other authorities to prevent further fraudulent transactions.

Mekeni reiterates its commitment to protecting consumers and ensuring the authenticity of its products. The company urges everyone to stay alert and only purchase from legitimate and verified Mekeni representatives.

#### NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH PARTITION

NOTICE is hereby given that the late **DANTE BELARMINO** BIENVENIDA, who died intestate on Jan. 19, 2022 at San Pablo City, left certain shares of stock with the Community Hospital of San Pablo City, Inc. consisting of five hundred twenty five (525) shares and covered by Stock Certificate Nos. 205, 239, 361, 497, 727, 940, 1175, 1516, 2223 and 2738 which had been the subject of an "Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate With Partition" among his legitimate heirs before Notary Public Atty. Ledor E. Macalalag as per Doc. No. 80; Page No. 16; Book No. 245; Series of 2024.

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#### NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH PARTITION

NOTICE is hereby given that the late JUAN BIENVENIDA and AURELIA BELARMINO, who died on July 20, 1973 and Oct. 8, 1998 at Paete, Laguna, respectively, left a parcel of land under Tax Declaration No. 02-0054-02113 situated at Brgy. Sta. Isabel, San Pablo City which had been the subject of an "Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate With Partition" among his legitimate heirs before Notary Public Atty. Ledor E. Macalalag as per Doc. No. 78; Page No. 16; Book No. 245; Series of 2024.

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#### **NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF REAL** PROPERTY WITH WAIVER AND RENUNCIATION **OF RIGHTS**

NOTICE is hereby given that the late VIRGIL DC. LIM, who died intestate on July 4, 2013 in Quezon City, left a certain real property situated in Maahas, Los Baños, Laguna covered by T.C.T. No. T-790800 which had been the subject of a "Deed of Extrajudicial Settlement of Real Property With Waiver and Renunciation of Rights" among his legal heirs before Notary Public Atty. Jason G. de Belen as per Doc. No. 458; Page No. 92; Book No. 456; Series of 2025.

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Doc. No. 79; Page No. 16; Book No. 245; Series of 2024.

#### NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

NOTICE is hereby given that the late **ROMEO AGUSTIN GARDON** who died intestate on Nov. 14, 2022 left the following motor vehicles:

Model/Make : HYUNDAI
Serial/Chassis No. : KMFZBX7KAKU623804
Motor/Engine No. : D4CBJ687474
Color : CREAMY WHITE
Plate No. : NED8404

Model/Make : TOYOTA
Serial/Chassis No. : PA2JA8EM7M0092337
Motor/Engine No. : 1GD0978078
Color : BLACKISH RED MICA

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which had been extrajudicially settled among his legal compulsory heirs before Notary Public Atty. Venus C. Velasco as per Doc. No. 28; Page No. 57; Book No. XXXV; Series of 2025.

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Plate No

## NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

NOTICE is hereby given that the late **EMILY S. MALABANAN**, who died intestate on Aug. 4, 2021 at San Pablo City left one (1) unit of motor vehicle described as follows:

 Make
 :
 HONDA

 Engine No.
 :
 KYA00E020216

 Chassis No.
 :
 KYA00020202

 MV File No.
 :
 0472-00000180490

 Year Model
 :
 2013

Year Model : 2013
Body Type : MOTORCYCLE with SIDECAR

Plate No. : 4716WW Series : TMXS2

which had been the subject of an "Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate With Waiver of Rights" among her legitimate heirs before Notary Public Agripino G. Morga as per Doc. No. 30; Page No. 7; Book No. XXXVII; Series of 2024.

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## NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

NOTICE is hereby given that the late **NORMA J. MARTINEZ**, who died intestate on June 2, 2021 in Caloocan City, Metro Manila, left a parcel of land situated in Brgy. Manggahan, Pasig City covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 011-2019002130 and Tax Declaration Nos. E-012-39539 & E-012-40463 which had been the subject of an "Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate With Waiver of Rights" among her legal heirs before Notary Public Atty. Jose Francis R. Marasigan as per Doc. No. 379; Page No. 77; Book No. VI; Series of 2025.

TWH – July 9, 16 & 23, 2025

#### PAGBABAHAGING LABAS SA HUKUMAN NA MAY BILIHANG GANAP O LUBUSAN

IPINAGBIBIGAY-ALAM sa lahat na ang yumaong sina NONILON A. RAMOS (kapatid ng namatay na MARIA VICTORIA A. RAMOS) na namatay noong Abril 15, 2015 sa Lunsod ng San Pablo City na walang naiwang huling habilin ay nakaiwan ng isang (1) parselang lupa na natatayo sa Brgy. San Gregorio, San Pablo City sakop ng Transfer Certificate of Title No. (T-51204) 075-2023009243 na binahagi sa labas ng hukuman ng kanilang mga tagapagmana at ipinagbili kay JEAN LINATOC BALDOVINO sa harap ni Notaryo Publiko Atty. Roderick I. Urrea ayon sa Doc. No. 461; Page No. 94; Book No. CVII; Series of 2024.

TWH – July 9, 16 & 23, 2025

## NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF ROMEO ANDAYA SUNICO

NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late **ROMEO ANDAYA SUNICO**, who died on May 3, 2025 in San Pedro City, Laguna, which estate consists of one (1) real property located in San Pedro City, Laguna, covered by TCT No. T-362809, which have been the subject of an "Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate of the Late Romeo Andaya Sunico with Waiver of Rights" dated July 9, 2025, executed by his surviving heirs, under Doc. No. 43; Page No. 10; Book No. XLV; Series of 2025, under Notary Public ATTY. PAUL GIDEON G. ILAGAN, Notary Public of San Pedro, Laguna.

TWH – July 16, 23 & 30, 2025

## NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF ROMEO ANDAYA SUNICO

NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late **ROMEO ANDAYA SUNICO**, who died on May 3, 2025 in San Pedro City, Laguna, which estate consists of one (1) Time Deposit with Bank of Commerce-Pacita Complex Branch, San Pedro City, Laguna, covered under Acct. No. 012-36-001272-5, which have been the subject of an "Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate with Waiver and Renunciation of Rights to Claim Bank Deposits of the Late Romeo Andaya Sunico" dated July 9, 2025, executed by his surviving heirs, under Doc. No. 45; Page No. 10; Book No. XLV; Series of 2025, under Notary Public ATTY. PAUL GIDEON G. ILAGAN, Notary Public of San Pedro, Laguna.

TWH – July 16, 23 & 30, 2025

## NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

NOTICE is hereby given that the late **ERNESTO CARACA MALIGAYA** and **LOLITA EVANGELISTA MALIGAYA**, who both died intestate on May 6, 2016 and Nov. 29, 2021 respectively, left a parcel of land situated in Masiit, Calauan, Laguna covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-249767 which had been the subject of an "Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate With Waiver of Rights" among their heirs before Notary Public Atty. Romelen A. Carreon as per Doc. No. 464; Page No. 94; Book No. 27; Series of 2025.

TWH – July 23, 30 & Aug. 6, 2025

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF JAPAN-ASIA DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, INC.

Notice is hereby given that an annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of Japan-Asia Development Foundation, Inc., a Philippines corporation, will be held via ZOOM, on 15 August, 2025 at 2:00 PM (14:00) (PST). The details of the ZOOM meeting and a proxy form (if needed) were forwarded to your respective email address as of 11 July 2025.

The meeting will consider and act on the following agenda items:

- Agenda Item #1 Petition for the Re-Activation of PNB Dormant Account of the Corporation
- Agenda Item #2 Petition for Dissolution of Japan-Asia Development Foundation Inc.
- Agenda Item #3 Article of Incorporation provision ("Twelve") on the distribution of assets to another corporation, organization or association with similar purpose(s).
- Agenda Item #4 Nomination of Representative of the Corporation for the Petition of Dissolution and Reactivation of PNB Account
- Any other business as may properly be brought before the meeting.

Kindly email to the undersign the completed proxy form, if required, a week before the meeting.

Dated: 11 July 2025

(Sgd.) MA. THERESA M. PINEDA Corporate Secretary

TWH - July 16, 23 & 30, 2025

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT OF CALAMBA CITY,
LAGUNA

FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION
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G/F New Hall of Justice,
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## NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE (FORECLOSURE NO. F-8286-2025-C)

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 filed by ARMINDA C. MUYA, of legal age, with residence and postal address in BRGY. LOOC, CALAMBA CITY, mortgagee, against RESSIE S. DEMATERA, of legal age, Filipino citizen, single and with residence and postal address in Amihan Subd., Tagapo, Sta. Rosa City, Laguna, mortgagor, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of April 30, 2025 amounts to SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY FOUR THOUSAND PESOS (Php 784,000.00), inclusive of interest and other charges. The undersigned Deputy Sheriff will SELL at PUBLIC AUCTION on AUGUST 8, 2025 at 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. at the Hall of Justice, Regional Trial Court, Calamba City, Laguna to the highest bidder for CASH or Manager's check and in Philippine Currency the following property with all its improvements existing thereon to wit:

## TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-060-2023027186

"A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 6, BLOCK 6 OF THE CONS.-SUBD. PLAN, PCS-04-025822, BEING A PORTION OF THE CONS. OF LOTS 1, 2, 3 & 4 (LRC) PCS-23693, LRC RECORD NO. 8418), SITUATED IN THE BARANGAY OF MAKILING, CITY OF CALAMBA, PROVINCE OF LAGUNA, ISLAND OF LUZON. BOUNDED ON THE SW., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY ROAD LOT 5; ON THE NW., ALONG LINE 2-3 BY LOT 7, BLOCK 6; ON THE NE., ALONG LINES 3-4-5 BY PHILIPPINE NATIONAL RAILWAYS; ON THE SE., ALONG LINE 5-1 BY LOT 5, BLOCK 6; ALL OF THE CONS.-SUBD. PLAN. BEGINNING AT A POINT MARKED "1" ON THE PLAN, xxx.

XXX CONTAINING AN AREA OF ONE HUNDRED FIFTY (150) SQUARE METERS, XXX."

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 SEP. 08, 2025, without further notice.

Calamba City, Laguna, June 10, 2005.

(Sgd.) ANDRIE JANN V. AKILITH, MS, RPsy, CHRA Sheriff IV 0968-853-3186

Duly Raffled:

Refer to certification of Executive Judge on minutes of raffle for publication dated July 10, 2025.

Copy furnished: ARMINDA C. MUYA BRGY. LOOC, CALAMBA CITY

RESSIE S. DEMATERA AMIHAN SUBD., TAGAPO, STA. ROSA CITY, LAGUNA

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#### NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE EJF NO. 205-C-2024-EJ

Upon Petition for Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of Real Estate Mortgage Under Act 3135, as amended, filed by BDO UNIBANK. INC., mortgagee, against SPS. KRISTINE T. REYES AND VIGNETTE MARINER E. REYES, as represented by their Attorney-In-Fact, RACHELLE T. TAROL, mortgagor/s, both of legal age, Filipino citizens, with postal address at (1.) LOT 10, BLK. 3, LAS VEGAS STREET, ROSEWOOD 2, STA. ROSA, LAGUNA; AND (2) LOT 18, BLK. 7, CAMELLA LA VECINA, BRGY.DIEZMO, CABUYAO, LAGUNA to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of October 30, 2024 amounted to TWO MILLION FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY SIX THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY EIGHT PESOS & 34/100 (Php 2,466,678.34) interest, penalty and other charges, the undersigned Deputy Sheriff will sell at public auction on August 14, 2025 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. 060-2017017222

A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 18 BLOCK7 OF THE CONS-SUBDIVISION PLAN, PCS-04-026067, BEING A PORTION OF BLOCK 1; BLOCK 3; LOTS 1 TO 23, BLOCK 4; LOTS 1 TO 5, BLOCK 5; LOTS 1 TO 6, BLOCK 6; LOTS 1 TO 24, BLOCK 7; LOTS 1 TO 21; x x x x ALL OF PCS-04-016235, L.R.C. REC. NO.), SITUATED IN BARANGAY OF DIEZMO, MUNICIPALITY OF CABUYAO, PROVINCE OF LAGUNA, ISLAND OF LUZON. BOUNDED ON THE x x x x CONTAINING AN AREA OF ONE HUNDRED TEN (110) SQUARE METERS, 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 above-mentioned date by reason of fortuitous events/ special holidays, it shall be held on August 21, 2025 at 2:00 o clock pm without further notice.

City of Cabuyao, Laguna, June 20, 2025.

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

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REMEDIAL MANAGEMENT UNIT
33rd Floor BDO Corporate Center Ortigas
No. 12 ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City

SPS. KRISTINE T. REYES AND VIGNETTE MARINER E. REYES 1.) Lot 10, Blk. 3, Las Vegas Street, Rosewood 2, Sta. Rosa, Laguna 2.) Lot 18, Blk. 7, Camella La Vecina, Brgy. Diezmo, Cabuyao, Laguna

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# **Aboitiz Renewables upgrades** barangay health centers

newable energy arm of Aboitiz Power Corporation, recently donated healthcare equipment and medicines to barangay health centers in its host communities in Albay, Batangas, Davao del Sur, and Bukidnon.

Under its Adopt-a-Health Center program, Aboitiz Renewables upgraded four barangay health centers: Joroan, Libtong, and Belen in Albay and San Felix in Sto. Tomas City, Batangas. With nearly ₱3 million in funding, the upgrades included new medical tools, furnishings, essential medicines, and protective equipment.

"Maswerte ang Joroan dahil may Aboitiz Renewables na tumutulong. Mahalaga ang private-public partnership para matugunan ang kakulangan na di kayang sagutin ng LGU. Sa tulong ng Aboitiz Renewables, napunan ang kulang sa gamit, gamot, at equipment ng Barangay Health Station, kaya mas accessible na ang serbisyong pangkalusugan," said Sheena Marie De Leon, a public health nurse.

(Joroan is fortunate to have Aboitiz Renewables providing support. Private-public partnerships are important in addressing gaps that the  $LGU\,$ alone cannot fill. With Aboitiz Renewables' help, the shortages in supplies, medicine, and equipment at the Barangay Health Station were addressed, making healthcare services more accessible to residents).

"Lahat ng assistance na nanggagaling sa Aboitiz Renewables ay aming pinangangalagaan. Ang lahat ng pan-



in partnership with the Aboitiz Foundation and local governments.

The program provided essential maintenance and emergency-use medicines in areas where access remains limited, particularly in Santa Cruz, Davao del Sur and Impasugong and Manolo Fortich in Bukidnon, all of which house some of Aboitiz Renewables' run-of-river hydro plants.

At the Santa Cruz Municipal Health Center in Davao del Sur, the Botika ng Bayan is now better stocked to serve residents, including indigenous peoples, with essential medicines for hypertension, diabetes, infections, and

in the well-being of our stakeholders, whether our employees, our families, or our communities," said Aboitiz Renewables President Jimmy Villaroman. About AboitizPower

nities through long term improvements

Corporation Aboitiz Power (AboitizPower) is the holding company for the Aboitiz Group's investments in power generation, distribution, and retail electricity services. Guided by its vision and higher purpose, the company actively contributes toward uplifting the lives of the Filipino people and achieving a better world.

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 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.

AboitizPower also owns distribution utilities that operate in high-growth areas in Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao, including the country's second and  $third\hbox{-largest private utilities}.$ 

In step with the country's ambitions for its energy mix, AboitizPower aims to grow its portfolio of generation assets with renewables and selected baseload builds. The Company seeks to increase its renewables group's assets (collectively called Cleanergy) significantly by 2030 from indigenous energy sources such as solar, hydro, geothermal, and wind. To date, AboitizPower, together with its partners, offers the largest renewable energy portfolio in the Philippines based on installed capacity under its operational control.

#### **About Aboitiz Renewables**

Aboitiz Renewables, Inc. (ARI) is the holding company for Aboitiz Power Corporation's (AboitizPower) renewable energy portfolio. We are at the forefront of driving the Philippines' clean energy transition, tasked with developing and managing various renewable energy projects. Our mission is to significantly expand AboitizPower's renewable energy capacity, contributing to a more sustainable and

maternal care



sa Health Center ay papakinabangan ng bawat mamamayan ng Barangay San Felix," added San Felix Barangay Captain

(We value all the assistance coming from Aboitiz Renewables, Everything you've provided for our Health Center will benefit every resident of Barangay San Felix).

Since its launch, the Adopt-a-Health Center program of Aboitiz Renewables has improved 14 barangay health centers across Albay, Batangas, and Laguna - host communities of Aboitiz Renewables' geothermal facilities — reaching over 84.000 residents.

Meanwhile, in Mindanao, Aboitiz Renewables is also helping address the gap in access to medicines through the Botika ng Bayan initiative, implemented

In Bukidnon, indigenous communities in Manolo Fortich and Impasugong also benefit from regular medicine allocations tailored to their specific health needs.

To date, the program has distributed nearly ₱500,000 worth of medicines across the three municipalities.

"Programs like Botika ng Bayan make a real, lasting difference. With this support, we're better equipped to serve those who need it most," said Dr. Raygene Manuel, the Municipal Health Officer of Santa Cruz.

"Personal health in all its aspectswhether spiritual, mental, physical, intellectual, educational, and economic-is the most important foundation of strong, resilient communities. We do our best to energize progress and uplift commu-

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## 'Superman' is a vibrant, timely, and metaphorical take on the iconic superhero

As a movie lover, I enjoy superhero films whether it's from Nolan or Schumacher, Burton or Snyder, Watts or Raimi. Superhero movies are fastpaced, has lots of action sequences, and inspirational. The amount of inspiration they bring as "superheroes" is I think the biggest mark of what a superhero movie should be. We watched the 2025 Superman directed by James Gunn at IMAX in MOA. This reboot is going to be an instant clas-

Superman 1978 by director Richard Donner provided artistic respectability and commercial dominance in putting the iconic superhero on the big screen in the 70's. It earned stardom for Christopher Reeve and the movie received 4 Oscar nominations for Film Editing, Sound, Original Score, and winning Best Visual Ef-

In 2006, Brian Singer's Superman Returns graced the screens. The movie reveals Superman has been missing for five years after astronomers discovered the remains of Krypton. He returns as Clark Kent at the Daily Planet. The movie received Best Visual Effects nominations at the

In 2013, Zack Snyder's Man of Steel brought a new take on the iconic superhero. It presents a nonlinear narrative which involves flashbacks of Superman's childhood and teenage years. The film received mixed reviews from fans and critics alike.

In Superman 2025, Superman was brought to life more of a human being, a superhero with the heart of a human being. As Superman/Clark Kent said in the movie. "I'm as human as anyone. I love, I get scared. I wake





up every morning and despite not knowing what to do, I put one foot in front of the other and I try to make the best choices I can. I screw up all the time, but that is being human and

that's my greatest strength." This Superman movie review will not be complete of course without our "Super Dog' Krypto who steals the show every now and then. For over 70 years after he appeared in the Superman comics, this is Krypto's first appearance in a live-action movie of Superman. This movie has brought back the superhero genre in a more colorful and vibrant approach. It's a 10/10 for me as a fan of Superman and as a lover of films.

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## ABEDNEGO GREEN TREADS THE WORLD OF **ACTING WITH NEW MOVIE PROJECTS AHEAD**

BY: PAOLO MANUEL C. FULE

Rising actor-model Abed Green is one of the casts in the upcoming drama movie "Piring". Abed is also set to star in the soon to be released comedy film "Jackstone 5". Abed Green co-starred in last year's movie "Slay Zone". The film is directed by Mr. Louie Ignacio and produced by Wide International Film Productions. Introducing Queenay Mercado and Richard Armstrong with Maui Taylor, Rico Barrera, Abed Green, Lou Veloso, Hero Bautista, Paolo Rivero, Raul Morit, Yian Gabriel, Tabs Sumulong, Panteen Palanca, and with special participation of Kuva Kim Atienza. Abed Green also costarred in the Joel Lamangan drama "Fatherland" that was shown last Holy Week in theatres nationwide.

Cornerstone Artist Abed Green was also one of the cast members of the GMA 7 comedy sitcom Open 24/7 which is top billed by Kapuso stars Vic Sotto, Maja Salvador, and Jose Manalo directed by JR Reyes. Abed Green was one of the cast members of the GMA 7 primetime action drama 'Mga Batang Riles' which was top billed by Kapuso stars Miguel Tanfelix, Anton Vinzon, Bruce Roeland, Kokov De Santos, and Raheel Bhyria



with Ronnie Rickets, Jay Manalo, Jeric Raval, Desire Del Valle Roderick Paulate, and Ms. Eva Darren, Abednego Martinez Green is a student-athlete, basketball player, image model, and actor. For his acting career, he already starred in a Viva Films movie and an online series. In 2021, he also landed a lead role in GMA 7's Magpakailanman Christmas episode.

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## P970M PROYEKTONG PATUBIG SA DANAO, BOHOL SINIMULAN NA

Matapos ang mahigit tatlong dekada ng paghihintay at pangarap, opisyal nang sinimulan ang konstruksiyon ng Hibale Small Reservoir Irrigation Project sa bayan ng Danao, Bohol noong Hulyo 4. Ang makasaysayang groundbreaking ceremony ay ginanap sa mismong lugar kung saan itatayo ang dam, na magsisilbing pangunahing patubig sa daan-daang ektaryang sakahan sa lalawigan.

Ang proyekto, na tinatayang nagkakahalaga ng ₱970 milyon, ay bunga ng isang matagal nang bisyon na unang inilatag ni yumaong Gobernador at dating Kongresista Erico B. Aumentado noong dekada 1990. Sa kabila ng maraming balakid, panibagong pag-asa ang dala ng kasalukuyang administrasvon ni Gobernador Erico

Aristotle Aumentado, anak ng yumaong lider, na muling isinulong ang proyekto bilang bahagi ng mga programang pangkaunlaran para sa sektor ng agrikultura.

Sa pangunguna nina Gobernador Aumentado at Kinatawan ng Ikalawang Distrito Maria Vanessa Aumentado, kasama ang mga opisyal mula sa National Irrigation Administration (NIA) at lokal na pamahalaan ng Danao, isinagawa ang seremonya ng pagsisimula ng proyekto. Buo ang suporta ng mga ahensyang nasyonal at lokal, na itinuturing ang proyektong ito bilang susi sa pag-angat ng kabuhayan ng mga mag-

Ang Hibale Dam ay itatayo bilang isang water impounding structure na may layuning patubigan ang humigit-kumulang 405 ektarya ng lupang sakahan. Inaasahang makikinabang dito ang mahigit 800 magsasaka mula sa Da-



nao at mga karatig-barangay, kabilang ang mga lugar na matagal nang hirap sa suplay ng tubig para sa pagsasaka. Ang provekto av inaasahang magpapataas ng ani, magpapababa ng gastos sa irigasyon, at magdadala ng mas matatag na kita para sa mga lokal na magsasaka.

Hindi lamang ito proyekto ng patubig, ito rin ay isang estratehikong hakbang para sa seguridad sa pagkain sa buong lalawigan. Sa panahon ng patuloy na epekto ng climate change, mahalaga ang ganitong mga imprastruktura upang masiguro ang tuloy-tulov na produksvon sa agrikultura sa kabila ng pabago-bagong klima.

Bukod dito, inaasahan ding makatutulong ang dam pangmatagalang pamamahala ng tubig, lalo na sa

panahon ng tagtuyot. Maaari rin itong magsilbing proteksyon laban sa pagbaha sa mga mababang lugar sa panahon ng malalakas na ulan.

Nagpahayag ng pasasalamat ang mga lokal na lider at magsasaka sa pag-usad ng proyekto. Ayon sa ilan sa kanila, matagal na nilang inaasam ang ganitong uri ng suporta mula sa pamahalaan upang maiahon sa kahirapan ang kanilang ka-

Sa inaasahang agarang pagsisimula ng konstruksyon, positibo ang pananaw ng pamahalaang panlalawigan na ang Hibale Small Reservoir Irrigation Project ay magiging modelo ng tagumpay sa pagpapatupad ng mga makataong proyekto sa Bohol, proyektong hindi lamang para sa kasalukuyan kundi para rin sa kinabukasan ng susunod na henerasyon ng mga

## 13 PERSONS DEPRIVED OF LIBERTY, TUMAPOS NG PAG-AARAL SA ILALIM NG ALS



Binigyang-pansin at pagpapahalaga ni Councilor Francis A. Calatraba, Chairman ng Committee on Basic Education ng Sangguniang Panlungsod, ang pangasiwaan ng San Pablo City District ng Bureau of Jail Management Penology (BJMP) at ng School Division of San Pablo City sa maayos na pagtataguyod nito ng pag-aaral ng mga person deprived of liberty (PDL) o taong nawalan ng kalayaan sa ilalim ng Alternate Learning System (ALS) na ipinagkakaloob ng Department of Education. Noong nakaraang Lunes ay magkatuwang na itinaguyod ang Ika-19 ng Palatuntunan ng Pagtatapos at Ika-8 Paglilipat Antas kung saar 13 PDL ang tumapos ng pag-aaral. Sa larawan, samantalang iniaabot ni Bb. Anna Liza D. Banayo, OIC ng Office of the Assistant Schools Division Superintendent, ang katibayan ng pagtatapos sa isa sa mga ALS graduate, samantalang nakamasid sina J/Supt. Jack Lord B. Cariño, warden ng Male Dormitory, at J/Insp.Joan T. Cabaldo, warden ng Female Dormitory. (Ruben E.TANINGCO)