

CONG. AMBEN, KINALINGA ANG MGA BIKTIMA NG KALAMIDAD



Personal at mabilis na responde ang aksyon ni Congressman Loreto "Amben" S. Amante sa mga naapektuhan ng masamang panahon dulot ng Habagat at Bagyong Emong noong July 24, 2025 kasama ang kanyang katuwang sa paglilingkuran at maybahay Kapitana Madette Janolino Amante. Kasama rin ni Cong. Amben na nag-abot ng tulong si San Pablo City Vice Mayor Justin Colago at Philippine Medical Association - San Pablo City Medical Society sa mga barangay sa lungsod na naapektuhan gaya ng San Jose, 2F Del Remedio, San Marcos at Sto. Cristo. Personal ding binisita ni Cong. Amben ang mga pamilyang nilikas mula sa Barangay Poblacion 4 at Barangay Sta. Rosa ng bayan ng Alaminos at Barangay Masiit ng bayan ng Calauan.

SSS to issue revised Calamity Loan Program (CLP) guidelines

The Social Security System (SSS) announced that it will be issuing the revised Calamity Loan Program (CLP) guidelines aimed at helping members in areas declared under State of Calamity (SOC) due to various natural disasters, including Tropical Storm Crising which struck various parts of the Philippines with strong winds and rain showers.

Enhanced financial assistance – lower interest rate and renewal allowed after 6 months

"Following through on the announcement of His Excellency President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr. last 1 May 2025 on the reduction of interest rates for salary and calamity loans, we proposed and obtained approval of the

TURN TO P. 3



The Wednesday
HERALD
ONE OF LAGUNA'S OLDEST AND MOST TRUSTED WEEKLY NEWSPAPER

website: thewednesdayherald.net
email: heraldgroup96@gmail.com

VOL. 44 NO. 37 / JULY 30-AUG. 5, 2025 / LAGUNA PROVINCE & CALABARZON / P12.00 • ISSN: 2599-3984

Lalawigan ng Laguna, isinailalim sa State of Calamity



Si Vice Mayor Justin G. Colago habang pinagmamatsdan ang paglilinis ng lawa.

PAGLILINIS SA MGA LAWA NG PALAKPAKIN AT PANDIN, PINAHAHALAGAHAN

Ni RUBEN E. TANINGCO

SAN PABLO CITY, Laguna -- Ang regular na paglilinis sa kapaligiran ng mga Lawa ng Palakpakin at Pandin na isinasagawa ng kanilang Sangguniang Barangay at ng mga bumubuo ng Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Management Council (FARMC) sa dalawang lawa ay ganap na pinaahalagahan ni Vice Mayor Justin G. Colago dahil sa ito ay gagawang malinis at ligtas ang tubig sa ikasisigla ng pagpapalisdan sa nabanggit na lawa, na kilalang pinangkukunan ng popular na Hipong Palakpakin, at bukid. Ang paglilinis ay isang tuwirang pagsasalang-alang sa mga palatuntunang ipinatutupad ng Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

Sapagkat ang Palakpakin Lake, kung saan ang umaagos na tubig mula sa mga lawa ng Calibato, Pandin, at Yambo ay sumasama, ay kinikilalang "tributary" o ang tubig ay umaagos patungong Laguna de Bay, idinugtong ni Vice Mayor Colago na ang ginagawa nilang regular na paglilinis ay maituturing na kaugnay sa ipinaaakong pananagutan sa pangasiwaang lokal sa bisa ng "Writ of Continuing Mandamus of the Supreme Court" sa ikapagtatamo ng mga layunin ng Manila Bay Rehabilitation Program (MBRP) na ganap na mapangalagaan ang kalinisan ng Manila Bay, at maibalik sa dating kalalagayang malinis at ligtas na mapaglalangyan ng tao, at mapanghuhulihan ng malulusog at malilinis na isda.

Inanunsyo ni Laguna Gov. Sol Aragon na opisyal nang isinailalim ang Lalawigan ng Laguna sa State of Calamity, batay sa kanyang pinakahuling update noong Biyernes, Hulyo 25.

Ayon kay Gov. Aragon, malaki ang naging pinsala ng nagdaang kalamidad sa sektor ng agrikultura, livestock at umabot rin aniya sa mahigit 30,000 ang naitalang bilang ng mga evacuees sa buong lalawigan.

Makakatulong ang pagsailalim sa lalawigan sa State of Calamity upang mas mapabilis ang pag-aksiyon at pagtugon sa pangangailangan ng mga mamamayan at pagbangon ng lalawigan.

Kaugnay nito, ang mga health workers at iba pang frontline services ay patuloy na magbibigay serbisyo upang tumugon sa pangangailangan ng mga mamamayan.



HANDS-ON GOVERNOR. Personal na pinanguhan ni Gob. Sol Aragon ang pamamahagi ng mga relief goods sa mga apektadong mamayan sa mga evacuation centers sa iba't ibang lugar sa Laguna. Kasabay nito ay nagbigay din ng libreng almusal at meryenda sa oakikiisa ng Pamahalaang Panlalawigan kasama si Vice-Gov. JM Carait at mga donors. Kasunod nito ay inanunsyo niya ang pagsasailalim ng buong lalawigan sa State of Calamity sanhi ng malawakang pinsala sa kabuhatan at mga ari-arian.

ABOITIZ RENEWABLES DONATES EMERGENCY FUEL FOR STORM-HIT BENGUET, MOUNTAIN PROVINCE



4,400 liters of fuel deployed to aid road clearing, power restoration in upland communities affected by Severe Tropical Storm Crising

Aboitiz Renewables Inc., the renewable energy arm of Aboitiz Power Corporation (AboitizPower), together with Aboitiz Foundation Inc., gave emergency fuel assistance to several host communities in Benguet and Mountain Province following the onslaught of Severe Tropical Storm Crising (international name Wipha).

The storm brought heavy rainfall of up to 200 mm in parts of Northern Luzon according to the Philippine Atmospheric Geophysical Astronomical Services Administration (DOST-PAGASA), causing landslides, rockfalls, and extended

power outages. Many barangay and provincial roads became impassable, isolating several upland areas, including those hosting nine run-of-river hydropower facilities of Aboitiz Renewables.

To support road clearing operations and essential services, Aboitiz Renewables and Aboitiz Foundation provided 4,400 liters of diesel fuel, which was used for heavy equipment during clearing operations, generators, and emergency vehicles delivering food, water, and medical supplies.

"We work closely with our
Turn to p. 3

MPT SOUTH EXTENDS AID TO HABAGAT, TYPHOON-HIT CAVITEX AND CALAX COMMUNITIES



Kawit, Cavite Mayor Armie Aguinaldo, and other municipal officials receive donations from MPT South at Kawit Municipal Hall.

In the wake of the recent typhoon and intensified southwest monsoon (Habagat) that battered parts of Metro Manila, Cavite, and Laguna, Metro Pacific Tollways South (MPT South), a unit of Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation (MPTC), has launched immediate relief operations to assist severely affected communities along the Manila-Cavite Expressway (CAVI-

TEX) and Cavite-Laguna Expressway (CALAX).

MPT South swiftly coordinated with local government units of its expressways' alignment communities to distribute a total of 3,000 relief packs to families temporarily displaced by the widespread flooding.

The company also announced
TURN TO P. 3



MPT South, LGU employees, and personnel of the Philippine National Police demonstrated "Bayanihan" for the displaced families in Kawit.



IMPULSES

-- HERMAN M. LAGON --

Classes suspended, again!?

It was barely 4:30 a.m. when a rush of messages flooded my phone: “May klase kita, Sir?” From my time as a principal in a basic education school, up until now in college, this question has never gone out of fashion. And why would it? It encapsulates the unique, rain-soaked uncertainty of education in the Philippines—a country where a morning drizzle can shutter schools faster than a fire drill. In a place so used to typhoons, one might expect a clear, firm protocol. But as with many things, the reality is more fluid than the floodwaters that often spark the question.

Let PAGASA provide scientific baselines. Let LGUs coordinate for city-wide disasters. But let principals, especially those in the public sector who know the vulnerabilities of their campuses, make micro-decisions.

There is something culturally endearing but administratively chaotic in the way we respond to rainfall. Some treat class suspension like a race: the first LGU to announce gets digital applause, while those who wait for actual weather reports are accused of being negligent. Worse, some announcements come late—after students have already crossed knee-deep floodwaters just to go back home. In 2018, then-DILG Secretary Eduardo Año expressed frustration over “tulog-tulog” mayors who delayed declarations, putting students at risk. But the problem is not just about who declares first—it is about who should be declaring at all.

On paper, PAGASA’s warning system should trigger automatic suspensions: Signal No. 1 means no preschool, Signal No. 2 for elementary and high school, and Signal No. 3 covers even colleges. But over time, many LGUs have normalized suspending all classes even at Signal No. 1—or no signal at all. While well-intentioned, this is also prone to excess. In a country battling a full-blown learning crisis—DepEd Secretary Sonny Angara warned just recently about “severe” learning loss from frequent class disruptions—every unnecessary class cancellation chips away at what little instructional time we have left.

It is not uncommon to hear students, even in private schools with air-conditioned rooms and elevated buildings, cheering online whenever “walang pasok” trends on social media. That, in itself, is telling. Our culture has somehow trained young minds to equate mild rain with automatic retreat. While weather safety is non-negotiable, so is building grit. If kids no longer know how to sit through a class when it is merely drizzling or the atmosphere is a little humid, we are not just losing academic hours—we are losing the habit of resilience. The lesson should not always be evacuation. Sometimes, the lesson is to stay.

This is where the proposal to allow school heads to call the shots makes sense. In 2024, DepEd allowed principals to suspend in-person classes and shift to other modes during extreme heat or local hazards. It was a smart move—practical and based on the idea that schools face different situations. A coastal barangay prone to flooding should decide differently from a ridge-top school barely touched by a downpour. Centralized orders—whether from a city hall or even the DILG—should not override the judgment of those literally inside the classrooms.

And yet, the debate continues. Recently, Interior Secretary Jonvic Remulla proposed centralizing all class suspension authority under the DILG, citing the need for prompt, coordinated decisions. President Marcos Jr. has reportedly remained open to the idea, pending further study. Remulla, a former governor, is not wrong in his concern. Coordination matters. But so does proximity, empowerment, decentralization, and context. Central command works best for nationwide emergencies, not for localized school decisions. It is one thing to suspend classes in flooded Mandaluyong; it is another to cancel a lecture in a dry and sunny Dumangas.

Even higher education institutions find themselves in a bind. A few years ago, University of the East resisted a class suspension order from then-Manila Mayor Isko Moreno, choosing to suspend only basic education levels. The mayor threatened to revoke the school’s permit. But CHED Memorandum Order No. 15 (s. 2012) clearly gives universities discretion to suspend classes depending on their own assessment. This also happened in Cebu and Iloilo. This tug-of-war between local executives and institutional autonomy reveals the tension between safety and sovereignty. When control becomes unclear, chaos—not rain—is what cancels learning.

What makes this worse is the illusion of make-up classes. In theory, every missed session should be recovered. In reality, these make-up days rarely match the value of lost instruction. Either students are absent, teachers are overstretched, or the makeup days fall on weekends, turning learning into a perfunctory exercise. The National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) has long flagged how disruptions—both planned and spontaneous—drag national productivity. For education, the cost is even harder to quantify. It is not just about finishing the syllabus; it is about protecting the rhythm of learning.

But perhaps the most difficult truth is this: class suspensions have become a form of populist performance. Local officials sometimes weaponize them to appear protective, even if the data does not demand it. After all, it is easier to be blamed for being too cautious than for taking risks. This explains why even mild weather often triggers sweeping announcements. But when precaution becomes habitual, it risks turning safety into stagnation. It tells our students that discomfort—no matter how slight—is a valid excuse to stop learning.

If there is a way forward, it lies in refining—not removing—the system. Keep the structure but devolve finer judgment. Let PAGASA provide scientific baselines. Let LGUs coordinate for city-wide disasters. But let principals, especially those in the public sector who know the vulnerabilities of their campuses, make micro-decisions. This layered approach respects both science and context. It builds a culture of trust and responsibility, not dependency. It also trains students to see adversity not as a full stop, but as something to navigate thoughtfully.

This issue may appear mundane to some—a mere weather announcement. But in truth, it reflects the wider crisis of how we manage systems in the country. We over-centralize power and then complain when things fall through the cracks. We ask for quick decisions, yet we refuse to empower those closest to the ground. We want resilient learners, yet we coddle them with premature cancellations. The question of “Who gets to say walang pasok?” is not just a matter of logistics. It is a matter of mindset.

In schools, where even lunch breaks need planning, decisions should not be left to guesswork or social media clicks. The principals, the ones inside—who know the people and the place—are in the best position to decide, not those watching from afar. That kind of steady leadership is what keeps learning going, even when it rains.

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.

VALEDICTORIANS WITH NO FILTER

EDITORIAL

Not all graduation speeches shout. Some speak in quiet truths. And this year, those truths echoed all over the country—of hardship, survival, and questions that do not end with a diploma. Valedictorians gave us a picture of success with cracks in it, asking, “What does winning mean if you barely survived the race?”

At UPLB, summa cum laude Helbert Paat took the stage with a steady but heavy voice. He was not there for applause. He was there to tell a story—one of growing up with little and seeing how poverty is not just about money. It is also about what we do not learn, what we ignore, and what we allow. His speech was a call: this cap and gown are not the prize—they are just tools. Now, what will you do with them? His speech was not sterile motivational fluff. It was a litany of questions we would rather not ask. Who gets left behind while we rise? Who gets crushed when systems reward a few and spit out the rest?

Then there was the understated grace of Tricia Ann Anda of University of St. La Salle (USLS)-Bacolod, who took her summa medal and tried to give it away—to classmates juggling part-time gigs, cracked devices, and silent battles. Her speech did not shout; it whispered courage. In her words, hardship was not a sob story but a slow transformation, likened to a chrysalis, a quiescent insect pupa like that of a butterfly, where no one watches, and no one claps. Her metaphor of growing wings in silence struck a chord with those who know that resilience is often built offstage. You could imagine the room hold its breath when she honored her overseas mom and said, “What you gave was not absence—it was love in its bravest, quietest form.” That line alone deserved a standing ovation.

Over in Baguio, PMA valedictorian Jessie Ticar Jr. marched past expectations and into the nation’s consciousness. His story was not only of drills and discipline but of a mother who sold pens in city hall to raise a future soldier. His father, once a taxi driver, had a stroke before he entered the Academy. But Jessie did not frame his story as a triumph of the self. He anchored it in community, family, and duty. “In a world trying to change us,” he said, “may we stand firm and change the world instead.” It was a line that earned him the nation’s applause, but also its challenge.

And while many speeches aimed for dignity, some aimed for disruption. At UP Diliman, Val Llamelo warned his listeners early on: if you want to be inspired, scroll elsewhere. Instead, he launched into a hard critique of structural inequity. He questioned why a poor working student graduating summa cum laude remains an anomaly, a “headline,” when it should be the norm. Rather than framing his achievement as proof of “making it,” he called it evidence that the system makes it hard for most. His rhetoric refused to be ornamental. It was a wake-up call disguised as a farewell. And the applause that followed? It was slow, hesitant—but real.

Over at Ateneo de Manila, another valedictorian, Robert Nelson Leung, stepped up with a speech that fused absurdity with depth. Having won a world championship in debate, he knew the weight of words—but he also knew their limits. “A thousand speeches make nothing happen,” he confessed. Then he spun magic, reminding everyone that Magis—the pursuit of more—is not about doing, but becoming. Not just about being right, but about being whole. And it was not just rhetoric. His examples were hilariously grounded: moldy benches in debate rooms, debates with imaginary enemies in the shower, random trips to Divisoria for medals. Sure, his punchlines made them laugh—but his real point was clear: greatness without heart is just noise, and all that discipline turns cruel if it forgets what it is for.

In Capiz, Khaz-JP Padilla did more than make history as the first

openly trans summa cum laude of her campus. She brought visibility to a community still boxed by stigma. Her speech refused to be sanitized. It named the quiet violence of forced conformity, the confusion of identity in teenage years, and the power of family support. She said it plainly: “This is not the end of my journey. It is the start of using my voice for those still silenced.” It was not just a call for inclusion—it was a claim to space, to dignity, to the fundamental right to belong.

At Central Philippine University, Nathalie Heart Herrera stood tall—but not for the medal around her neck. She chose instead to honor the quiet sacrifices that got her there. Her message overflowed with thanks, not the scripted kind, but the kind that sees both the bright lights and the long, silent nights. “Medals glint in the sun,” she said. “But character gleams in the dark.” Her words were for the students who did not always excel, but endured. The ones who just kept going.

Down south in Davao, French Bandon stepped up and made politics hit home. As a Political Science graduate from Ateneo de Davao, he said plainly what many fear to: silence is not safe—it is surrender. He talked about Gaza and elections, but also about the fights around family dinner tables, the online unfollowings, and the pain of growing apart. His speech was not easy to hear, but necessary. Sometimes, love sounds like discomfort.

From the UP High School in Iloilo, valedictorian John Emmanuel Ocasto reminded his peers that every choice shapes who we become. His speech was a gentle yet powerful reflection on regret and acceptance. “Regret,” he said, “is fleeting—if you choose to make it so.” He talked about choosing UPHSI, leaving home, finding his way in clubs and student government. The message was

simple: own your choices, but more importantly, surround yourself with people who choose you back. It was not an earth-shattering speech. It was, in its quiet way, something better: honest.

In a recent address from Sophia Beatriz Cruz of UP Diliman’s College of Social Sciences and Philosophy, the central question was piercing: “What makes us different from the batches who once dreamed of change but later upheld the status quo?” It was not condemnation—it was introspection. She turned to a lesson from her father: “Doing well for yourself and doing good unto others are not mutually exclusive.” This, she argued, was the path forward—no longer choosing between self and service but merging both into a life of conviction.

These speeches are not just archives of eloquence. They are diagnostic tools. They measure the heartbeat of a generation raised during a pandemic, taught through a screen, and graduating into an uncertain world. They prove that valedictory addresses today are not about poetic flourishes or sterile gratitude. They are not rehearsed exercises in perfection. They are testaments. Witnesses. Warnings. Prayers. Sometimes all in one.

Perhaps, in the past, we have all heard many speeches dressed in academic finery, padded with quotations, and smoothed by institutional politeness. But these ones? These 2025 valedictory speeches were jagged, raw, awkward at times—but real. And perhaps that is what our society needs most: not more polished pronouncements, but more brave truths said while trembling.

When the streamers are taken down and the medals tucked away, what remains? Hopefully, not just framed certificates, but an ember—an inconvenient, necessary ember—burning in each graduate’s chest. Something that aches not just to win, but to serve. Not just to be heard, but to listen. Not just to change their lives, but to help others do the same.

Revisiting the national emergency 911 system

It’s a good thing the Marcos administration is now trying to fix what has long been a broken yet vital public service: the National Emergency 911 System.

While former President Rodrigo Duterte made the first serious attempt to unify and modernize our emergency hotline, technical issues and institutional resistance held it back. That said, it now appears the Marcos administration is finally addressing many of those lingering problems—though some challenges remain.

Around the world, standard 911 protocol dictates that the first responder on the call also serves as the dispatcher, managing the case from beginning to end. That’s how you ensure continuity, accountability, and faster decision-making.

a human, but a robot. Yes, a voice prompt that instructs you to press: · 1 for police assistance, · 2 for the fire department, · 3 for medical emergencies. Only after pressing a number will a live operator come on the line and ask the familiar, “What is your emergency?”

In other countries, especially those with advanced emergency systems, the first to answer a call is always a human being—trained to be calm, to assess the situation, and to immediately act on the call. Robots may have their place of course, but in a life-or-death situation, human judgment must come first.

Interestingly, after speaking with a few 911 operators, I discovered that regardless of which number you press, the call eventually goes back to the same group of live operators. That’s because these people are not actual dispatchers, but merely telephone operators who relay your call to the nearest police, fire, or ambulance provider. This might sound like a small technicality, but it’s a critical flaw.

Around the world, standard 911 protocol dictates that the first responder on the call also serves as the dispatcher, managing the case from beginning to end. That’s how you ensure continuity, accountability, and faster decision-making.

Unfortunately, our current system breaks that chain. This isn’t my first time evaluating 911. I’ve seen first-hand how difficult it has been to integrate legacy numbers like 117 into the unified system. Despite Executive Order No. 56 signed by President Duterte in 2018—officially designating 911 as the national emergency number—some agencies simply refused to integrate. Why?

Turf wars, internal resistance, and a lack of political will. That’s why I was relieved to hear the newly appointed PNP Chief, General Nicolas Torre III, say that



KAIKING4U

-- IKE SENERES --

117 will remain as an internal system, while full support will be given to 911 as the national emergency number. This long-overdue alignment could finally pave the way for a truly unified system.

I also commend DILG Secretary Jonvic Remulla, who appears to be taking a hands-on approach to this project. One major improvement under his watch is that 911 can now be called from any mobile phone without entering a local area code—a basic but crucial functionality.

Even more impressive, all 911 calls are now free of charge, a rare policy considering that many countries bill callers through their telecom providers. This is a bold move, and I salute Remulla and Torre for making it happen. But even with all these gains, the biggest unresolved issue remains: ambulance dispatch.

Unfortunately, neither Secretary Remulla nor General Torre has jurisdiction over this. Most ambulances are controlled locally—by city mayors, local disaster risk offices, or public hospitals. And that creates a fragmented, inconsistent response system. To make matters worse, many ambulances lack trained Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) or licensed paramedics. They’re simply vehicles, not fully equipped mobile ERs. And even when private ambulances are called in, somebody must pay.

Government ambulances are free, but private units may charge ₱5,000 to ₱12,000 or even more depending on the distance. In an emergency, the last thing a family should worry about is money. That’s why I sincerely hope Secretary Remulla or General Torre could help craft a policy or subsidy that would make all ambulances—public or private—free at the point of need.

As the Unified 911 Emergency System rolls out across Metro Manila, BARM, Ilocos Region, and Central Visayas, there’s reason to be hopeful. The plan includes real-time video streaming, geolocation tracking, and even automatic dispatch of the nearest responders.

The goal? A five-minute response time—a true game-changer if implemented correctly. They are also tackling the plague of prank calls with smart filtering systems and legal consequences for offenders. Repeat prank callers will be tagged, tracked, and potentially prosecuted. These are bold, tech-forward solutions. But at the heart of it all, the system must be human-centric.

Robots and software can help, but they should never replace the first human contact that can save a life. The potential is all here. The tools are being built. The question now is: Will we follow through? Let’s not wait for another crisis to find out.

The Wednesday
HERALD-T*

Published every Wednesday with editorial office
at #68 Malakas St., Brgy. San Gregorio,
San Pablo City, 4000 Laguna
Tel. No. (049) 5031308
CP# 0948 1883430 / 0966 9230059
e-mail: heraldgroup96@gmail.com
website: https://thewednesdayherald.net

SECOND CLASS MAIL PERMIT RENEWAL
at SAN PABLO CITY POST OFFICE
UNDER PERMIT NO. 2024-22

NENA ESTRELLADO-MALLARI
--FOUNDER--
MARIA SHERYL IVY M.ASPREC
--PUBLISHER (ON LEAVE)--
VLADIMIR G.ASPREC
--ACTING PUBLISHER & EDITOR--
DANIEL IAN M.ASPREC
--ASSOCIATE EDITOR--
ROLANDO A. INCIONG
PAOLO MANUEL FULE
RUBEN E. TANINGCO
--Contributors--

ANABELE PAGON
--Business Manager--
ATTY. MARIE CHRISTINE
C.ANONUEVO
--Legal Consultant--

SUBSCRIPTION RATES
Six months P750.00
One Year P1,500.00
COMMERCIAL AD RATE
P200.00/col. cm.
EXTRA-JUDICIAL
FORECLOSURE AND
COURT NOTICES RATE
P160.00/col. cm.

MEMBER:
Philippine Press Institute
The National Association of Newspapers
SPL
PAPERPH
PRIME ALLIANCE OF PUBLISHERS, EDITORS & REPORTERS OF THE PHILS., (PAPER.PH) INC.
SEVEN LAKES PRESS CORP.

09/15

NGCP swiftly restores Emong-affected transmission lines

Power transmission services in Luzon have returned to normal after NGCP successfully and swiftly restored lines affected by Tropical Cyclone Emong.

Normalization of the Luzon grid came after the last affected line, the Bacnotan–Bulala 69kV line was restored early morning of 27 July.

The Bauang–San Fernando 115kV is partially energized by NGCP, with the remaining customer-owned and maintained portion still being repaired by LUECO.

NGCP assures the public that it is continuously monitoring weather disturbances and is ready to activate its OCMC should there be any threat to its transmission facilities.

Meanwhile, NGCP is set to activate the special operations of its Overall Command Center on 28 July 2025 as part of its preparations to secure power transmission operations and facilities during this year's State of the Nation Address.

NGCP's contingency plans are in place to monitor and immediately address any grid disturbance. Its critical units, particularly System Operations (SO) and Operations and



Maintenance (O&M), will be fully staffed and operational. Line crews, engineers, pilots, maintenance and testing, and other technical personnel are also strategically positioned in NGCP substations to respond to line trippings, if any.

The Overall Command Center will be operating from 7:00AM to 6:00PM on the 28th. Substation and transmission line status updates will be released to the public every four (4) hours.

“Our Integrated Disaster Action Plan (IDAP) prescribes relevant measures to ensure the readiness of all power transmission facilities to be affected by emergencies during important national events. NGCP assures the public of reliable power transmission services during this significant event,” stated NGCP

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH SALE OF MOTOR VEHICLE

NOTICE is hereby given that the late **FIDENCIO GATMAITAN TANI, JR.** who died on Sep. 24, 2021 left a motor vehicle described as follows:

| | | |
|-------------|---|------------------|
| MAKE | : | HONDA |
| MODEL | : | MOTORCYCLE |
| PLATE NO. | : | 7102VU |
| CHASSISNO. | : | XRM17037583 |
| C.R. NO. | : | 13968309-5 |
| MV FILE NO. | : | 0412-00000178958 |
| ENGINE NO. | : | XRM17E037586 |

which had been extrajudicially settled among his heirs and sold to Darwin Bello Oriendo before Notary Public Atty. Eleno O. Peralta as per Doc. No. 299; Page No. 61; Book No. 467; Series of 2025.

TWH – July 16, 23 & 30, 2025

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.

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) 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
Office of the Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff
G/F New Hall of Justice,
Chipeco Ave. Ext. Bacnotan Rd,
Brgy. Real, Calamba City, Laguna
(049) 536-3160 / rtc1cmboco@judiciary.gov.ph

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

The Wednesday Herald
San Pablo City
July 16, 23 & 30, 2025

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION
BRANCH 108, CABUYAO CITY, LAGUNA
Official Contact No.: 09514918839
Official Email Address: rtc2cby108@judiciary.gov.ph

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

Copy Furnished:
BDO UNIBANK, INC.
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

The Wednesday Herald
San Pablo City
July 16, 23 & 30, 2025



Liceo de San Pablo
MR & MS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL 2025



JULY 31 2025 | 1:00PM | SCHOOL GYNASIUM



PHOTO BY ROBERT DE LA ROSA

Mapúa MCL successfully concludes inaugural program showcase

Mapúa Malayan Colleges Laguna (Mapúa MCL) successfully concluded its first-ever two-day program showcase on July 10-11, 2025, held at the Activity Center of Alabang Town Center in Muntinlupa City.

The showcase featured engaging booths representing the colleges within the institution. Day 1 of the event included a comprehensive workshop focused on diverse career opportunities, alongside a specialized masterclass tailored for students of the Mapúa Institute of Technology at Laguna (MITL) and the E.T. Yuchengco College of Business in collaboration with ASU@ (ETY-CB). Day 2 continued with insightful masterclasses, this time highlighting the College of Health Sciences in collaboration with ASU@ and the College of Comput-



er and Information Science.

Beyond the college exhibits and masterclasses, the showcase also presented the "EduQuest Talks" series. The first day's talks featured esteemed Mapúa MCL

alumni, Ms. Patricia Ley Marquez and Mr. David Genesis Pedeglorio, who generously shared their invaluable knowledge and expertise from their respective fields.

On the second day, the EduQuest talk welcomed Dr. Noel San Antonio, MSCPD, DPT, Dean of the College of Health Sciences, who imparted his profound insights in the healthcare field.

The success of the program showcase underscores Mapúa MCL's commitment to providing an enriching academic experience and preparing students for future success. Attendees left with a deeper understanding of the diverse opportunities available, and the institution looks forward to building on this momentum for even more impactful events in the years to come.



Fil-German cager, entrepreneur James Andreus Pradella and his passion for the game

By PAOLO MANUEL C. FULE

The game of basketball has evolved a lot in this time and age, as reflected on how the game is played in the international scene particularly in the NBA. It is said that he who controls the rebound, controls the game. Today, this notion has been added to the fact that centers should also know how to create mid-range and long-range shots. Well, if you are gifted with a 6' 3" height and athletic abilities, that will not be a problem. Such is the case of this young and upcoming player Filipino-German James Andreus Pradella. He is also a young entrepreneur with his JP Sports Apparel business.

Born James Andreus Pradella on October 19, 2001, in Caloocan City, to Mr. Klaus Pradella and Ms. Amy Pradella, the 6-foot-3 Fil-German cager now plays for One4BF team in BallOut Founder's Cup. His idol in the PBA is his namesake James Yap while in the NBA, he likes Kobe Bryant of the Los Angeles Lakers. His career high is 42 points during the 2017 Got Skills 19 under tournament.

He likes James Yap because he is crafty and still plays at a high level and still competes while in the NBA, he liked Kobe Bryant and one of the reasons he played basketball was because of the Black Mamba. Asked how he manages



basketball and studies, "Time Management is the most important thing. You always have to find time for everything you do", quipped the handsome cager.

His favorite shot is hesitation move because "it always confuses your opponent and it always helps you give space because he will think twice of

what I will do when I hesitate", added James. His hobbies aside from basketball are watching movies and reading books. With determination and perseverance, this young athlete can achieve greater heights and carve a niche in the world of professional basketball in the near future.

BSP RECOGNIZES CARD SME BANK AS AN OUTSTANDING STAKEHOLDER

By JOSEPHINE RAMOS

CARD SME Bank, a thrift bank under CARD Mutually Reinforcing Institutions (CARD MRI), was recognized by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) as one of its 18 outstanding institutional partners during the 2025 Outstanding BSP Stakeholders Appreciation Ceremony (OBSAC) held on July 18, 2025. The award underscores the bank's ongoing commitment to financial inclusion and empowering MSMEs through responsive banking services.

Started in 2004, OBSAC is BSP's initiative to honor institutions that significantly contribute to its advocacies that include financial inclusion, price stability, and a secure financial system. CARD SME Bank's recognition shows its support for these advocacies through its effective and efficient banking programs for MSMEs.

"This award reflects our dedication to providing inclusive and responsible banking. Whether reaching MSMEs in far-flung areas or introducing digital financial tools, we remain steadfast in serving



Filipinos with integrity," said CARD SME Bank President Julius Adrian Alip.

Founded in 2011, CARD SME Bank provides savings, deposits, and loan services. In addition to offering financial products, the bank promotes financial literacy and discipline to empower individuals and

businesses toward achieving long-term success.

To learn more about CARD SME Bank's programs and how it supports communities through inclusive banking, visit www.cardsmri.com/cardsmebank or follow them on Facebook at @CARDSMEBankOfficialPage

website: thewednesdayherald.net
email: heraldgroup96@gmail.com

The Wednesday HERALD

ONE OF LAGUNA'S OLDEST AND MOST TRUSTED WEEKLY NEWSPAPER

VOL. 44 NO. 37 / JULY 30-AUG. 5, 2025 / LAGUNA PROVINCE & CALABARZON / P12.00 • ISSN: 2599-3984

FROM PLAYER TO COACH: Coach Wawie "Game Time" Barroga talks about coaching and beyond

Parting is such sweet sorrow indeed. In no time, an athlete will soon step to the next ladder of his career and the courtside memories will live on as he bids farewell to another chapter in life. But still, basketball is in his blood and will stay on forever. Meet Coach Wawie "Game Time" Barroga who swished the ball of playing the game into coaching young people and famous celebrities today.

After graduation and playing for pro leagues, Wawie wanted to leave a legacy of being a hardworking athlete and a caring teammate. "At times when we don't have practice, I invite my teammates to join me for an extra practice. I want also to be remembered as a brother to other players and friends", said coach Wawie.

Born Klein Aldrin Barroga on September 22, 1992 in San Juan City, the 5-foot-5 point guard played for the Trinity University of Asia White Stallions Seniors basketball team. He took up HRM. He became a part of the TMG Dwight Ramos basketball camp. He now trains and coaches upcoming young basketball players and pro athletes and celebrities.

"Work hard and discipline in this sport is what I am working on as a coach and sports trainer," said Klein. With perseverance and hard work, the road to success on the path he took may not be far-fetched for a determined guy like Klein or coach "Wawie" as he is fondly called. For more inquiries, you may contact him thru his facebook count Klein Barroga (Wawie) or his IG: @wawiebarroga.

Email the author at: paolo-manuelfule@yahoo.com



MOMENT OF TRUTH

-- Paolo Manuel C. Fule --



KYLE DOMINIC TOLENTINO SHINES AS BEST PLAYER OF THE GAME FOR 6TH TIME IN MPBL

By PAOLO MANUEL C. FULE

Kyle Dominic Tolentino of GenSan Warriors made waves anew as he scored his 6th Best Player of the Game in the Maharlika Pilipinas Basketball League against Marikina with 30pts, 7 rebounds and 2 steals. Kyle also scored 18 points, 3 rebounds and 3 assists as they pummeled Imus in MPBL 2025 while against Isabela, he scored 16pts, and 3 rebounds. Kyle Dominic P. Tolentino is the son of former basketball player from CSB Blazers and MPBL head coach Marikina Councilor Elvis Tolentino. He is also the grandson of PBA legend Loretto "Ato" Tolentino who earned his moniker Mr. Hotshot during his PBA days. Being a basketball player and playing for the MPBL and the son of a City Councilor and basketball coach, the expectations for a young lad are genuinely there. That is why by no means, this heartthrob athlete from GenSan Warriors is doing his best to meet everyone's expectations with his stature. Let us take a glimpse of this young lad's basketball career and more.

Born Kyle Dominic P. Tolentino



on September 25, 2001 in New York, USA to Marikina City Councilor Mr. Elvis Tolentino and Ms. Aileen Tolentino, the 6-foot-4 cager is currently playing for GenSan Warriors in the MPBL. He also played in 2021 for the Chooks-to-Go MPBL Invitational Cup held at Mall of Asia Arena for the Marikina

Shoemasters team. He won the 2022 NCAA Men's Basketball Championship with the Letran Knights. Kyle's basketball idols in the PBA and NBA are Paul Lee and Golden State Warriors' Klay Thompson. With determination to succeed and an unceasing faith in God, this young lad will surely go the distance.

OUTREACH PROGRAM NG SAN PABLO CITY DISTRICT JAIL



Noong Huwebes ay dinatnan ni Vice Mayor Justin G. Colago ang mga tauhan ng BJMP-San Pablo City District Jail sa pangangasiwa nina J/ Supt. Jack Lord B. Cariño, District Warden, at J/Insp. Joan T. Cabaldo, Warden of Female Dormitory, ay nagdudulot ng mainit na lugaw (arroz caldo) sa mga pansamantalang nangananglong sa San Jose Elementary School sa Brgy. San Jose (Malamin) habang hindi pa umaalis ang mga Bagyong Dante at Emong, May mga tauhan ding nagsasagawa ng pagtitingin sa blood pressure sa mga matatanda kaya sa tulong ng manggagamot na kasama ng Pangalawang Punong Lungsod ay naging maayos ang pamamahagi ng bitamina at gamot sa mga evacuees. (RUBEN E. TANNINGCO/ PHOTO: SAN JOSE BARANGAY COUNCIL)