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GUINNESS WORLD RECORD HOLDER NA ANG SAN PABLO



Pinakamaraming taong sabay-sabay na nagtanim ng punla ng niyog sa iba't-ibang lugar

Pasasalamat mula kay Mayor Najie B. Gapangada Jr., MNSA

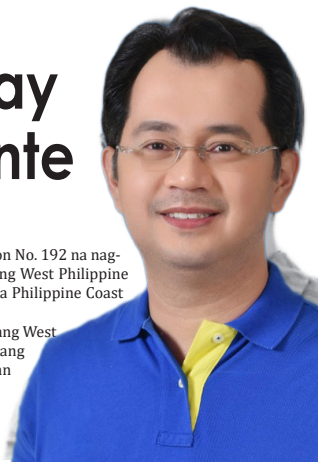
Ang West Philippine Sea ay sa Pilipinas – Cong. Amante

Ni RUBEN E. TANINGCO

SAN PABLO CITY, Laguna - Bilang pangunahin sa 17 kongresista na bumalangkas sa House Resolution No. 192 na nagmumungkahi na ang pamahalaan ay gumawa ng matatag na paninindigan upang maipagtanggol ang West Philippine Sea, at hilingin sa Bansang China na tigilan na ang "hostile and aggressive act" o ang pambu-bully sa Philippine Coast Guard sa sakop ng Philippine water.

Sang-ayon sa mambabatas, dapat paalalahanan ang Bansang China na ang lawak na kinikilalang West Philippine Sea ay bahagi ng Philippine Archipelago sang-ayon sa Treaty of Paris of 1898, ang kasulatang naglilipat ng Kapamahalaan sa Kapuluan ng Pilipinas mula sa Pamahalaan ng Castilla sa Pamahalaan ng Estados Unidos. Na sa paninindigan ito ay dapat magkaisa ang bawat Pilipino.

May kasayanan si Congressman Amante na pagbalangkas ng nabanggit na Kapasiyahan sa-pagkat ang pinag-aralan niya sa kolehiyo ay kurso sa "Foreign Service and Diplomacy" at may karanasang mag-on-the-job training sa United Nations Headquarter sa New York.



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SAN PABLO CITY SETS GUINNESS WORLD RECORD

The Most People Planting Coconuts Simultaneously (Multiple Venues)

PHILHEALTH ROLLS OUT OUTPATIENT CANCER SCREENING TESTS



To help reduce cancer-related deaths and ease the financial burden on Filipino families, PhilHealth will begin covering selected outpatient cancer screening tests under its new YAKAP (Yaman ng Kalusugan Program) starting August 14, 2025. Many Filipino patients, especially family breadwinners, face higher risks of premature death from breast, lung, colon, and liver cancer compared to their Asian neighbors. These losses translate to an estimated P35.3 billion in economic impact each year.

Cancer remains one of the leading causes of death in the country, with Globocan 2022 reporting nearly 189,000 new cases and over 113,000 deaths.

According to the World Health Organization, early detection can increase survival rates up to 99 percent for breast cancer and over 90 percent for cervical cancer.

Sa pamamagitan ng bagong benepisyon ng PhilHealth para sa outpatient cancer screening, mas pinalawak natin ang akses ng bawat Pilipino sa maagang pagtuklas ng kanser.

-- Dr. Edwin M. Mercado
PhilHealth Acting President and CEO

launch held at the Jose Reyes Memorial Medical Center, one of the accredited cancer screening facilities in the country.

"Sa pamamagitan ng bagong benepisyon ng PhilHealth para sa outpatient cancer screening, mas pinalawak natin ang akses ng bawat Pilipino sa maagang pagtuklas ng kanser. Hindi na kailangang mag-atubili

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BY PAOLO MANUEL C. FULE

In response to President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.'s challenge for Filipinos to plant millions of coconut seedlings throughout the country as stated in his recent State of the Nation Address, thousands of citizens of San Pablo City in Laguna province gathered early morning of August 29, 2025 to set a Guinness World Record for the largest number of people planting coconuts simultaneously in multiple venues.

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Gov. Aragones finds Laguna University unsafe; demands accountability from contractor



FOR THE BOOKS. Mayor Najie Gapangada receives from Swapnil Dangarikar the official certificate from Guinness World Records after San Pablo City successfully completes "The Most People Planting Coconuts Simultaneously (Multiple Venues)" wherein around 10,000 coconut seedling were planted in 11 different barangays. (TWH NEWS TEAM)

BY ROSELLE R. AQUINO

STA. CRUZ, Laguna — Gov. Sol Aragones demanded accountability from the contractor responsible for the Laguna University building's substandard construction, endangering the safety of more than 7,000 students and faculty members.

She personally inspected the university after cracks were dis-

covered in one of its buildings. The structure, built in 2011 and was turned over to the university in 2017, was found to have serious structural issues.

"I want to know who the contractor of this building is," Gov. Aragones said during her visit.

"First of all, I am not happy about this because the students

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NEW ERA BEGINS: CALTEX BREAKS GROUND FOR NEW SERVICE STATION AT CALAX



SANTA ROSA CITY, Laguna—MPCALA Holdings Inc., concessionaire of the Cavite-Laguna Expressway (CALAX) and a subsidiary of Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation, has been awarded two Green Awards this year, marking its third consecutive year of recognition in the esteemed program organized by the

City Government of Santa Rosa last August 15, 2025.

The Santa Rosa City Green Awards is a platform that acknowledges outstanding efforts and initiatives in promoting sustainability and environmental protection. In this year's Green Awards, MPCALA received two notable recognitions, one of which

was a Plaque of Appreciation as a Sustainable Development Partner; this award is presented to organizations and individuals who have actively contributed to Santa Rosa City's environmental conservation efforts and have demonstrated meaningful participation in its green programs.

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CALTEX CALAX GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY (From left to right) Andrew E. Dimaano, Vice President of Treasury, Risk, Insurance, and Commercial Management of MPT South; Arlette V. Capistrano, Vice President of Communication and Stakeholder Management of MPT South; Larry Tiglao, CHEVRON Retail Fuels Manager; Pontorn Tangmanuswong, CHEVRON General Manager; Roel Faustino, Lubricants Sales Manager; Raphael Melo, Asset Optimization Lead; LTC Richard Antonio M. Tamayo, President of Perpetual Help Medical Center Las Pinas; and Arnold Jose P. Tamayo, Property Development Officer of the University of Perpetual Help, led the CALTEX CALAX Groundbreaking Ceremony.



IMPULSES

-- HERMAN M. LAGON --

The quiet beauty of math

There is something profoundly elegant about mathematics that slips past classroom walls, hides beneath the bark of trees, swims through ocean waves, and hums in your favorite song. Math may not use flowery words, moves, or paint, but it speaks through patterns, rhythm, and quiet logic. Einstein called it “the poetry of logical ideas”—and rightly so. What once felt like drills and confusion is really a subtle magic that helps us make sense of a messy world.

Indeed, there is elegance in simplicity, and beauty in clarity. Mathematics at its best is not ornate but honest. Like a bamboo hut that stands firm despite storms, its strength is in proportion and balance.

Shakuntala Devi, India's celebrated mental calculator, once declared, “Without mathematics, there's nothing you can do. Everything around you is mathematics. Everything around you is numbers.” This may sound overwhelming to the mathematically averse, but it is less of a warning and more of an invitation. It means that the world can be understood, even appreciated, through numerical patterns. Look

around any sari market in Super or the tag prices in Calle Real—each calculation, discount, and peso count is an act of mathematics. The jeepney or bus fare matrix? A living arithmetic puzzle, practiced daily by millions.

What elevates mathematics from a tool to an art is not merely utility but its music—its rhythm and order. Mathematician James Joseph Sylvester phrased it best: “Mathematics is the music of reason.” Listen closely, and you will find harmony in well-balanced equations, cadence in geometric symmetries, and tempo in data that pulses through our economic and social lives. Like a Dandansoy that crescendos with feeling, a good mathematical argument builds with careful logic, ends with a satisfying resolution, and sometimes, even leaves you breathless.

Graduate School Dean Charles Schlacter's line, “Go down deep enough into anything and you will find mathematics,” resonates in everyday life. Think of weaving a banig, cooking with the right proportion of ingredients, or arranging chairs for a barangay meeting. At some point, you are subconsciously applying patterns, counting, estimating, balancing—math in its most practical form. Even the way we navigate traffic or haggle in markets involves game theory, optimization, and strategy, all rooted in math. It is there if you look hard enough, or simply long enough.

Hungarian-born American probabilist Paul Halmos offered a grounded truth when he said, “The only way to learn mathematics is to do mathematics.” In classrooms, this hits home. You cannot merely read about trigonometric identities or derivatives; you have to engage with them. I remember a senior high student who struggled with math until she began teaching her younger sibling—translating theorems into Hiligaynon. Suddenly, the abstractions made sense. The more she explained, the more she owned the logic. Practice made her fluent not only in math but in confidence.

German philosopher and mathematician David Hilbert reminded the world, “Mathematics knows no races or geographic boundaries; for mathematics, the cultural world is one country.” This is true in the truest Filipino sense: math bridges our fragmented islands. Whether one is solving equations in Batanes, estimating harvests in Bukidnon, or budgeting in Davao, the numbers speak the same language. In an era where nationalism is often misplaced, mathematics quietly models unity: every fraction a shared experience, every integer a point of connection.

An anonymous mathematician once said, “Life is a math equation. In order to gain the most, you have to know how to convert negatives into positives.” It sounds cliché, but for many learners who see math as their weakest subject, this speaks hope. It reminds us that struggle is part of the solution. That frustration, much like variables, can be transformed. A failed quiz? Just one step in solving for the unknown. For teachers, this quote is both an encouragement and a strategy—each mistake becomes an opportunity for insight, and a minus can be redefined as a turning point.

Einstein, again, brings humanity to the discipline: “Do not worry about your difficulties in mathematics. I assure you, mine are still greater.” Coming from one of the brightest minds of all time, this gives room for grace. Students often feel shame when they do not “get it” immediately. But if the genius who theorized relativity had mathematical hiccups, then struggling is not only normal—it is part of the creative journey. Perhaps the true genius lies not in knowing the answer but in being willing to wrestle with the problem.

Low-dimensional topology pioneer William Paul Thurston claimed, “Mathematics is not about numbers, equations, computations, or algorithms: it is about understanding; it is about critical thinking.” This has vital implications for the way math is taught and learned. In our classrooms, there is still a tendency to reward memorization over meaning. But the moment students begin to see why theorems work, how formulas connect, and what those numbers represent, math becomes less a burden and more a revelation. Understanding and critical thinking are what makes the subject beautiful, relevant—and even liberating.

Modern functional analysis founder Stefan Banach once proclaimed, “Mathematics is the most beautiful and most powerful creation of the human spirit.” Consider Euler's Identity, $e^{i\pi} + 1 = 0$, which unites five of mathematics' most important constants in one sublime expression. Or the Golden Ratio, which shows up in sunflowers, seashells, honeybees, pine cones, Santo Niño portraits, and even dad bods. These are not coincidences. These are testimonies. They show that math does not merely solve problems—it interprets the universe, quietly and profoundly. And that makes it beautiful.

Indeed, there is elegance in simplicity, and beauty in clarity. Mathematics at its best is not ornate but honest. Like a bamboo hut that stands firm despite storms, its strength is in proportion and balance. The Filipino soul—resilient, resourceful, and grounded—naturally resonates with this kind of beauty. Perhaps that is why some of our best teachers, often working with chalk on fading green boards in underfunded rooms, can still light the spark of math's wonder with just a story, a riddle, or a real-life puzzle.

If you ask students when they last felt math was beautiful, most would hesitate. Many were too busy fearing red marks to see its poetry. But if you ask a teacher, a tricycle driver solving fuel expenses, or a Super vendor doing mental division, they will tell you in their own way—math is life's quiet partner. It guides, reveals, and teaches. And if you stay long enough in its company, it starts to hum. To echo. To sing. Indeed, mathematics is not merely a subject. It is a language that describes both the world and the wonder within it.

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.

WANTED: FASTER, CHEAPER INTERNET

EDITORIAL

Our electric power system may not be perfect, but at least we know how it works: there's production (like power plants), transmission (via the national grid), and distribution (done by Meralco or the electric coops). That structure—clear and layered—helps us manage power more efficiently.

Now, can we do something similar for the internet? Today, the internet is arguably as essential as electricity. Yet it remains expensive, slow, and—ironically for the digital age—inequitable. The urban rich get fiber connections, while many in the provinces struggle with unreliable or nonexistent service. But the problem isn't just about infrastructure; it's also about structure.

Who owns the internet highway? Let's use the power sector as a metaphor. If we think of telcos like Globe, PLDT, and Converge as the National Power Corporation of the internet world, they are doing more than just transmitting. They're also controlling the last mile, the way Meralco controls your neighborhood's electricity lines.

But here's the rub: in the old days, Value Added Networks (VANs)—the backbone providers—stayed out of the Value-Added Services (VAS) or “last mile” business. Smaller Internet Service Providers (ISPs) used to serve the final leg, connecting homes and offices. That model was more inclusive and encouraged competition.

Now, the telcos are doing both: controlling the backbone and the last mile. And as they grow, smaller ISPs get squeezed out, unable to compete in a market where access to the core infrastructure is monopolized or too costly. Why the government needs to step in?

Let the government build and own more of the internet backbone.

Think of it as building a public internet superhighway. The more lanes we build—meaning more bandwidth capacity—the faster and cheaper our internet becomes. And unlike roads, where land is finite, digital bandwidth is expandable. This isn't theory. This is infrastructure that pays for itself in national productivity.

And why should government intervene? Because the private sector alone will never invest in the far-flung baran-

gays, or in rural schools, or in mountainside cooperatives. It's not profitable. But the state can—and should—step in where markets fail.

Let's rethink public access.

Here's another idea. Just as private bus companies can use our highways for free, why not let telcos use government-owned internet backbones freely, under certain conditions?

If they benefit from public infrastructure, they must also create space for smaller ISPs and cooperatives on the last mile. It's not unreasonable. In fact, it's a form of digital franchise fairness. If you want to run on public roads, open your doors to more passengers.

We already have electric cooperatives operating in areas where private distributors don't bother to go. So, here's a challenge: Why not empower these same coops to become ISPs?

With a bit of training, equipment, and incentives, these grassroots institutions could be transformed into last-mile digital heroes—bringing internet to schools, farmers, fisherfolk, and remote communities. This isn't just about internet access. This is poverty alleviation through digital inclusion.

Cooperatives have boots on the ground. They have organizational structure. Most importantly, they have members who want better lives. What they don't have—yet—is the digital backbone to plug into.

If we continue with the status quo, we'll stay stuck with high internet prices, especially outside major cities; low speeds, especially in rural and underserved areas; digital inequality, where only urban centers benefit; missed opportunities for digital jobs, education, and innovation; and all this despite living in the “social media capital of the world.”

Let's not put all the power in the hands of a few big telcos. Let's build a national backbone, managed or supported by the government, and open it up to more players—especially cooperatives and small ISPs.

Because just like electricity changed the 20th century, cheap and fast internet will define who thrives in the 21st.

Let's give the people the tools to connect, compete, and create. Not someday—today.

Recycling in the Philippines is failing

Let's stop pretending that recycling in the Philippines is succeeding.

Despite years of government campaigns urging residents and businesses to segregate their waste, we're still burying recyclables in landfills or leaving them to rot in dumpsites. Why? Because even when we segregate, the system doesn't work. Garbage trucks still mix everything together. Segregated bags from households and commercial buildings often end up thrown into the same compactor, as if the effort was all for show.

People are willing to recycle. Businesses are willing to cooperate. But government must lead with action, not slogans. Otherwise, we're just throwing more good intentions into the same landfill.

What's going on here? We keep encouraging people to segregate their trash, but there's no real infrastructure to support it. It's like asking someone to save water in a house with broken pipes. We've heard the phrase many times—“Reduce, Reuse, Recycle”—but how can people recycle when the government doesn't even honor their efforts?

I see it in my own neighborhood. I separate paper, plastics, bottles—but when the garbage truck arrives, the collectors lump it all together. What message does that send to the public? That their effort is useless. So, they stop trying.

And that's the real tragedy: we've taught people to recycle, but we haven't built a system to make it succeed.

It's time, Mr. President, for a new approach—or more accurately, a return to a time-tested, community-led solution that worked: buying recyclables by the kilo.

Remember the days when itinerant junk buyers roamed neighborhoods buying old newspapers and glass bottles? That grassroots system wasn't just nostalgic—it was functional. And more importantly, it created incentives. People recycled not out of guilt, but because there was value in it.

Let's bring that system back—but with modern tweaks. Scrap paper, plastics, and bottles now come in all shapes and sizes, so let's stop pricing them by the piece or by the inch. Buy everything by the kilo. Make it straightforward, fair, and efficient.



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-- IKE SENERES --

Yes, Mr. President, recyclables are not garbage—they are untapped economic assets. The only difference between “trash” and “resource” is collection and recovery. If recyclables are not picked up, they rot. If they are collected, they become raw materials again.

This is where Materials Recovery Facilities (MRFs) should come in. But let's be real—most barangays are not operating MRFs, despite the law requiring them to do so. Some blame funding, others cite land availability, but ultimately, it's about enforcement. And let's face it, DENR can't do this alone.

This is where the DILG must step in. After all, barangays are under their purview. The DENR can provide technical guidance, but only DILG can compel local compliance. In Metro Manila, perhaps MMDA should take the lead.

So, Mr. President, here's my modest proposal:

- Issue an Executive Order mandating all barangays to operationalize their MRFs within a set timeframe.
- Direct DILG to monitor implementation and assist with enforcement.
- Incentivize the junk shop economy by helping these micro-enterprises get access to micro-financing and legal protections.

Let me emphasize that last point: junk shops are key players in the recycling ecosystem, yet they are often the most neglected. Under-capitalized and under-protected, they are sitting ducks for corrupt local officials who see them not as partners but as prey.

Why not treat them as allies instead?

If we strengthen the business of junk shops—give them credit access, organize them into cooperatives, shield them from extortion—we could build a true circular economy from the ground up.

What's missing isn't awareness. It's execution. People are willing to recycle. Businesses are willing to cooperate. But government must lead with action, not slogans. Otherwise, we're just throwing more good intentions into the same landfill.

As the saying goes: “Insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results.” It's time to stop the insanity. Let's go back to what works—and build something smarter from there.

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KAPIHAN SA BIR REGION 9B SA SM CITY SAN PABLO



Ni RUBEN E. TANINGCO

SAN PABLO CITY, Laguna – Maayos na naisagawa ang Kapihan na tinangkik ng Bureau of Internal Revenue-Region 9B (LaQueMar) rito noong nakaraang Huwebes, Agosto 28, na ginanap sa atrium ng SM City San Pablo sa koordinasyon ng Philippine Information Agency-Laguna Provincial Office.

Itinampok dito ang pagka-pagulat ni (OIC) Regional Director Michael Remir H. Macatangay ng mga naipatupad at ipatutupad pang mga itinakdang gampanin ng kawanihan sa mga Lalawigan ng Laguna, Quezon, at Marinduque na binubuo ng anim (6) na Revenue District Office sa paglikom ng mga tamang buwis sa pamamaraang umaalinsunod sa tagubilin ni BIR Commissioner Romeo D. Lumagui

Jr. na nagsasabing “sa tamang buwis, pag-asenso’y mabilis.”

Si PIA Information Center Manager Christopher M. Hedreya ang aktwal na naging coordinator ng pagpupulong, samantalang si Maine Odong ang naging host/moderator ng talakayan.

Natalakay rin ni Director Macatangay ang mga isinasagawang pagsusuri sa mga bahay kalakal sa rehiyon; pagsugpo sa paglaganap ng mga artikulo ng kalakalan na walang kapahintulutan, at mga paggawaang hindi nakarehistro sa pamahalaan; at panghahabol sa mga tax evader o mga umiiwas magbayad ng tamang buwis, na ang kanilang mga pagkilos ay malinaw at hayagan o transparent.

Ang “Kapihan” ay isang inisyatibo ng Presidential Communications

Office (PCO) sa pamamagitan ng Philippine Information Agency (PIA) upang maipaunawa sa lahat ang mga gawain ng iba’t ibang ahensya o tanggapan ng pamahalaan na ang pagkilos ay hayaan upang ganap na maakit ang pagtiwala ng mga mamamayan sa pamahalaan.

Ang kapihan ay naging isang magandang pagkakataon upang mapasalamatan ni Regional Director Michael Remir H. Macatangay ang mga local mediemen at newsweekly publisher sa kanilang tulong upang maunawaan ng karaniwang mamamayan ang mga tuntunin at alituntuning ipinatutupad ng Kawanihan ng Rentas Internas, sapagkat ang pagbabayad ng tamang buwis ay marangal na pagmamalasakit at pag-ibig sa sarili, sa pamilya, at sa bayan.

HILING PARA SA MAAYOS NA BRGY. ROAD AT DAY CARE CENTER



Nakipagkita si Chairman Gener Reyes ng Barangay Perez, Calauan, Laguna kay Congressman Loretto S. Amante noong nakaraang Huwebes ng tanghali upang ilahad ang dalawang resolusyon ng Sangguniang Barangay na humihiling na paunlarin ang barangay road at pagpapatayo ng isang day care center building para sa kagalingan ng may nasa 3,000 residente rito. Bagamat positibo ang naging tugon ng mambabatas, kanyang ipinagunita na bagamat ang lahat ng ito ay maipagkakaloob ng pamahalaan, ay hindi kaagad ito maisasagawa dahil sa kinakailangang ang pondo para sa mga paggawain ay kinakailangang mapasama sa 2026 National Budget, kaya dapat asahang sa taong 2027 na ito maipatutupad. (RUBEN E. TANINGCO)

SANTA ROSA, HALL OF FAMER NA SA PAG-IBIG FUND StAR

Kinilala ng Pag-IBIG Fund ang **Pamahalaang Lungsod ng Santa Rosa** bilang **Top Employer in the Government Sector sa South Luzon** sa ginanap na **Stakeholders' Accomplishment Report (StAR)** para sa unang kalahati ng 2025, noong **Agosto 15** sa **Muntinlupa City, Metro Manila**.



Personal itong tinanggap nina **Ms. Cherry Odoño, Department Head ng Santa Rosa Human Resource Management Office**, at **Ms. Shielia Manuel, City Accountant**.

Ang karangalang ito ay nagpapatunay sa patuloy na kontribusyon at suporta ng Pamahalaang Lungsod ng Santa Rosa sa misyon ng Pag-IBIG Fund na maglingkod at magbigay ng benepisyo sa mga miyembro nito.

Noong 2022, ginawaran na rin ng parehong parangal ang Santa Rosa bilang pagkilala sa pagsuporta nito sa mga programa ng Pag-IBIG, partikular sa pagbibigay sa mga manggagawang Pilipino ng mas madaling access sa savings programs at abot-kayang home financing.



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MPBL All-Star starter Kyle Dominic “Mr. Hotshot” Tolentino joins PBA draft 2025

Kyle Dominic Tolentino, the hot-shooting guard/forward from GenSan Warriors will start for the South All-Stars of the MPBL All-Star Game on September 6, 2025 in Binan, Laguna. Kyle Dominic Tolentino also applied for the 2025 PBA Draft.

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-3 cager is currently playing for Gen San Warriors in the MPBL.

Kyle made waves anew as he scored his 6th Best Player of the Game in the Maharlika Pilipinas Basketball League (MPBL) against Marikina with 30pts, 7 rebounds and 2 steals. Kyle also scored 18 points, 3 rebounds and 3 assists as they pummeled Imus



MOMENT OF TRUTH

-- Paolo Manuel C. Fule --

in MPBL 2025 while against Isabela, he scored 16pts, and 3 rebounds.

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. 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.

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2025 SOUTH ALL-STARS STARTERS

KYLE TOLENINO APPLIES FOR THE 2025 PBA DRAFT

FROM FISH TO FORTUNE

BY EDRIAN B. BANANIA

In Talon-Talon, Zamboanga City, a community known for its dried fish trade, lives Anabell Gibaga, a 50-year-old entrepreneur whose journey is deeply rooted in resilience and hard work.

Through dedication and the support she has received along the way, Anabell has transformed the family dried fish venture into a thriving livelihood, proving that with determination and the right opportunities, success is within reach.

Her journey began not with a grand business plan, but with a legacy. “The bulad (dried fish) business was our family’s way of living,” she shared. It was a livelihood passed down by her parents, a humble venture supported by a single fishing boat and long hours of drying fish under the sun. What began as a means to make ends meet soon evolved into something much bigger.

As the quality of their dried fish gained attention, larger fishing corporations in Zamboanga started to take notice. This marked a turning point. “We shifted from catching to processing. The companies would supply us with the fish, and we’d handle everything else from cleaning to drying to packing,” she explained. In just 2-3 days, the raw catch would be transformed into high-quality dried fish, boxed and ready for delivery across Cebu, Davao, and other nearby provinces in Zamboanga.

The demand is steady. Customers, both big and small, remain loyal because of the quality and consistency of the products. “Even with stiff market competition, people keep coming back because they trust our product’s quality,” Anabell said.

But the journey hasn’t always



Anabell Gibaga, a 50-year-old entrepreneur and proud QSL client of CARD SME Bank from Zamboanga City, exemplifies how determination, passion, and partnership can turn dreams into reality. Alongside her husband, she proves that anything is possible when you commit your heart, mind, and soul to your goals.

been smooth. “Weather is our greatest challenge,” Anabell admitted. Rainy days disrupt the fish-drying process, often requiring them to shift to careful fermenting and freezing methods. Despite these setbacks, the business has continued to grow and persevere through every obstacle.

Anabell’s dried fish business offers popular varieties like galunggong (mackerel scad), hasa-hasa (short mackerel), tamban (sardinella), and more. Prices range from under PHP 2,600 to PHP 4,000 per box. Customers can purchase in kilos or bulk, depending on their needs. “Our pricing may vary based on the type of fish,” Anabell stated.

Behind her success lies another key player, CARD SME Bank, a thrift bank under CARD MRI. In 2011, Anabell became a client, starting with a modest PHP10,000 loan to open a small store. Today, her loan capacity has grown to PHP500,000, which has helped scale her dried fish operations and improve logistics, including the purchase of two vehicles now used for both personal and business needs.

“Success is within reach if you believe in yourself and God,” she said. “Also, with the right support system,

anything is possible. CARD SME Bank has been part of that journey.”

With the success of the business, Anabell was able to send her children to school, and both are now degree holders. One graduated with a degree in Criminology and has since become an entrepreneur, poised to take over the family business in the future. The other is a licensed nurse currently employed in the healthcare field.

What started as a small venture has grown into a livelihood for many. Anabell now employs four regular workers, five laborers, and some on-call staff, most of them from her community and assigned according to their expertise. “It’s fulfilling to help others find work,” she said with pride.

Located at A.F. Torres Subdivision, Talon-Talon Loop, Zamboanga City, Anabell’s business remains a trusted name—committed to providing quality dried fish products and reliable service to her community, suppliers, and loyal customers.

From the salty shores of Zamboanga City to dining tables, Anabell Gibaga’s dried fish business tells a powerful story—one of family, faith, and fearless entrepreneurship.