

Cavite special ecozone expands by additional 33 hectares

A presidential proclamation has added more than 33 hectares to the Suntrust Ecotown Tanza Special Economic Zone in Cavite, increasing the industrial estate's capacity to accommodate new investments and business locators.

The Philippine Economic Zone Authority (Peza) formalized the expansion on July 28 through an agreement with Suntrust Ecotown Developers Inc. (Sedi), adding 331,348 square meters, or 33.1348 hectares, of land in

Barangays Punta I and Sahud-Ulan, Tanza, to the existing economic zone. The expansion was authorized under Proclamation 1337, signed on July 13.

Peza said the P967 million project is expected to provide more space for

investment projects, increase exports, and create more jobs in one of Cavite's established industrial estates.

Since registering with Peza in 2001, Suntrust Ecotown has grown into a mixed use economic zone with 65 registered business



enterprises engaged in logistics, information technology business process management (IT-BPM), facilities, and utilities.

The economic zone currently supports more than 7,900 direct jobs, according to the

agency.

Peza Director General Tereso Panga said the additional land will help accommodate future investments as demand for industrial sites continues to grow.

He added that

the expansion will provide more capacity for locator companies while supporting export oriented industries operating within the economic zone. is part of Peza's continuing efforts to increase investment ready industrial land as it seeks to attract more manufacturing, logistics, and technology related projects across the country.

DTI holds 2026 Cavite MSMEs Business Conference

The 2026 Cavite MSMEs Business Conference, with the theme "Empowering MSMEs through Innovation, Resilience, and Sustainability in a Time of Economic Uncertainty," was successfully held on July 31, 2026, at the New Cavite Provincial Government Center, Brgy. Cabuco, Trece Martires City, Cavite. The conference brought together more than 150 MSMEs, industry stakeholders, business support organizations, and government representatives from across the province to strengthen the local MSME sector through knowledge-sharing and collaboration. The milestone event was made

possible through the collaborative efforts of the Cavite Provincial Government, led by the Office of the Provincial Cooperatives Development Officer (OPCDO), in partnership with the Cavite SME Development Council (CaSMEDC) and the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI)

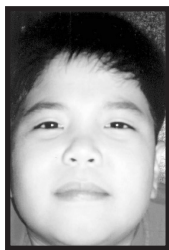
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IMUS RURAL BANK, INC.,

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EJF NO. TG-26-053

FOR: EXTRA JUDICIAL

FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE

MORTGAGE UNDER ACT NO. 3135,

AS AMENDED, IN RELATION TO

SECTION 78 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO.

337, AS AMENDED, REPUBLIC ACT

NO. 7353 AND OTHER APPLICABLE

LAW

-versus-

ELISEO B. SABAL, JR. married to

MARY GRACE S. SABAL,

Mortgagors,

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act No. 4118, filed by Mortgagee, **IMUS RURAL BANK, INC.,** a rural bank duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, with principal office at Imus, Cavite, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Real Estate Mortgage ("MORTGAGE") executed and notarized on March 13, 2020 by mortgagors, **ELISEO B. SABAL, JR. married to MARY GRACE S. SABAL,** both of legal age, Filipino and with addresses at (1) 663 Arcedera St., Brgy. 43 (Pinaggala), Cavite City (2) 663 Arcedera St., San Antonio, Cavite City and (3) Brgy. Iruhin, Mun. of Tagaytay, Province of Cavite, in favor of the Mortgagee, over a real estate property including improvements thereon, described in and covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 076-2013002145** of the Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City, in order to satisfy the outstanding loan obligation of the Mortgagors in the amount of **TWO MILLION TWO HUNDRED NINETY-THREE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FORTY-FOUR PESOS AND 80/100 (Php2,293,144.80),** inclusive of interest and penalty charges as of March 31, 2026, the undersigned Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff of the Regional Trial Court of Cavite thru her deputy, Alex E. Martinez, will sell at public auction on **August 26, 2026 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning** or soon thereafter, at the **New Hall of Justice of Tagaytay City,** to the highest bidder, for Cash or Manager's Check and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all its improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 076-2013002145

Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City

"IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in the BRGY. IRUHIN, MUN. OF TAGAYTAY, PROV. OF CAVITE, IS. OF LUZON, bounded and described as follows:

A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 12 BLK. 4 OF THE SUBD. PLAN PSD-04-192511, BEING A PORTION OF LOT C-4-G-1, PSD-04-025887, LRC REC. NO. 34342), SITUATED IN BRGY. IRUHIN, MUN. OF TAGAYTAY, PROV. OF CAVITE, IS. OF LUZON. BOUNDED ON THE SE., & SW., ALONG LINE 1-6 BY RD. 2, ON THE NW., ALONG LINE 6-7 BY LOT BLK. 4, ON THE NE., ALONG LINE 7-8 BY LOT 14 BLK. 4, EASEMENT AND ON THE SE., ALONG LINE 8-1 BY LOT 13 BLK. 4 EASEMENT AREA, ALL OF THE SUBD. PLAN. BEGINNING AT A PT. MARKED "1" ON PLAN BEING S. 20'24"E., 10597.21 M. FROM BLLM NO. 1, MUN. OF SILANG THENCE S. 74'58"W., 7.68 M. TO PT. 2; S. 80'04' W., 1.07 M. TO PT. 3; N. 89'43"W., 1.07 M. TO PT. 4; N. 79'31"E., 15.00 M. TO THE PT. 5; N. 74'25"W., 12.61 M. TO PT. 6; N. 15'35"E., 15.00 M. TO PT. 7; S. 74'25"E., 22.68 M. TO PT. 8; S. 17'48"W., 10.26 M. TO PT. OF BEGINNING, CONTANING AN AREA OF THREE HUNDRED SEVENTEEN (317) SQ. M. ALL PTS. REFERRED TO ARE INDICATED ON THE PLAN AND ARE MARKED ON THE GROUND BY PS CYL. CONC., MONS. 15 X 40 CM., BEARINGS TRUE; DATE OF ORIG. SURVEY, NOV. 19, 1928 TO JUNE 10, 1937 & THAT OF THE SUBD. PLAN EXECUTED BY ROLANDO NATHANIEL S. PADA G. E. ON MARCH 1-10, 2007 & WAS APPROVED ON APRIL 2, 2007.

is registered in accordance with the provision of the Property Registration Decree in the name of
Owner: ELISEO B. SABAL, JR., SINGLE, OF LEGAL AGE, FILIPINO
Address: 663 ARCEDERA ST., SAN ANTONIO, CAVITE CITY

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **September 2, 2026** without further notice.

Prospective bidders or buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate and verify for themselves the **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 076-2013002145** the encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above stated time and date.

Tagaytay City, Philippines, July 14, 2026.

(Sgd.) **ATTY. VARBRA ANN A. VARIAS-DIMAYUGA**

Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff

(Sgd.) **ALEX E MARTINEZ**

Sheriff-In-Charge

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Mortgagee

Imus, Cavite

ELISEO B. SABAL JR.

MARY GRACE S. SABAL

Mortgagors

(1) 663 Arcedera St., Brgy. 43 (Pinaggala), Cavite City

(2) 663 Arcedera St., San Antonio, Cavite City

(3) Brgy. Iruhin, Mun. of Tagaytay, Province of Cavite

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Smart ties Dito as country's top telecom provider

Smart Telecom Inc. won in Communications Inc. consistent quality and regained its position as coverage. one of the country's top Opensignal said telecommunications Smart regained its providers, tying with leading position by Dito Telecommunity providing subscribers Corp. in the latest with dependable access Mobile Experience to online services. Awards released by The report also Opensignal. noted that Dito remains highly competitive because The July 2026 report named Smart of its investment in as the best network an all 5G network, for gaming and voice giving users the fastest experience, while download and upload sharing the top spot speeds. with Dito for video Dito is also experience. expected to expand Dito maintained its its nationwide reach lead in network quality through a network and performance, sharing agreement allowing it to match with Smart's parent Smart with eight company, PLDT Inc., category wins. allowing both firms to Dito ranked highest use each other's tower in reliability, download speed, 5G download sites without cost. speed, upload speed, Globe is likewise time on network, and improving its network time on 5G. Smart led through the launch of in 5G upload speed, Starlink Mobile, a 5G coverage, games, direct to device service 5G games, voice app, introduced in June that and 5G voice app. allows subscribers to access the internet Both Smart and even in remote areas Dito shared the top with a clear view of ranking for video and the sky. 5G video, while Globe

Factories post strongest production growth in five months

The Philippine increasing, manufacturing manufacturers also sector expanded at raised their purchasing its fastest pace in activity. five months in July, However, supply supported by stronger chains remained demand. strained and higher S&P Global costs continued said on Aug. 3 to put pressure on that the country's inventories. manufacturing Although work purchasing managers' backlogs eased, index (PMI) rose to employment declined 51.8 in July from 50.9 moderately in June. July. This marked Manufacturers the third straight attributed the lower month that the PMI staffing levels to remained in expansion voluntary resignations territory. and unfilled vacancies. A PMI reading Despite improved above 50 indicates business conditions, overall growth from the overall confidence previous month, while remained relatively reading below 50 points weak. to a decline. The decline in The PMI tracks payrolls suggests the health of the that companies are manufacturing sector waiting for clearer through a survey of signs of sustained 400 manufacturers, economic improvement covering new orders, before expanding output, employment, hiring. suppliers' delivery Analysts said a times, and stocks of continued recovery purchases. in manufacturing said manufacturers would help strengthen experienced stronger the country's demand in July overall economic following slower performance. The economy grew conditions during the by 2.8 percent in the second quarter. first quarter, its weakest As a result, both performance in five new orders and output years. recorded their fastest growth since the The Philippine growth since the Statistics Authority will conflict in the Middle release second quarter East began earlier this economic growth data year. on Aug. 7. With production

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE
WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late **PANAHON C. DERAMAS** who died intestate on February 17, 2020 at Naic, Cavite, consisting of two (2) parcels of land (lot only) situated in the Brgy. of Lumban, Municipality of Naic, Province of Cavite, covered and embraced by Transfer Certificate of Title Nos. 057-2011000793 and T-1034328, which are more particularly described as follows:

Transfer Certificate of Title No. 057-2011000793

A parcel of land situated in the Brgy. of Lumban, Mun. of Naic, Prov. of Cavite, containing an area of One Hundred Forty One (141.50) square meters and Fifty decimeters, more or less, and

Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-1034328

A parcel of land situated in the Brgy. of Lumban, Mun. of Naic, Prov. of Cavite, containing an area of One Hundred Forty One (141.50) square meters and Fifty decimeters, more or less

has been adjudicated and extrajudicially settled by and among his heirs in pro-indiviso equal shares with waiver of rights, interests and participations over their shares in (2) parcels of land (lot only) situated in the Brgy. of Lumban, Municipality of Naic, Province of Cavite, covered and embraced by Transfer Certificate of Title Nos. 057-2011000793 and T-1034328 in favor of FELICITAS DERAMAS-COLADILLA, married to RAMIR COLADILLA on April 11, 2026 at Marikina City before Notary Public Atty. Vener C. Malabanan III and entered in his Notarial Register as Doc. No. 441; Page No. 89; Book No. 244; Series of 2026.

(Sgd.) **Heirs/Donors and Heir/Donee**

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EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE
WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late **JEAR V. MAHINAY** who died intestate on 25 December 2025 in General Trias, Cavite, consisting of a parcel of land the deceased was the absolute, registered owner, located at Phase 3, Block 84, Lot 13, Mary Cris Complex, Brgy. Pasong Camachile II, General Trias, Cavite, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 057-2018013894 of the Registry of Deeds for the Province of **Cavite**, containing an area of THIRTY-SIX (36) SQUARE METERS, more or less, has been adjudicated and extrajudicially settled by and among his heirs in equal shares; that for and in consideration of the sum of THREE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (PHP350,000.00), Philippine Currency, the HEIRS/VENDORS do hereby SELL, CEDE, TRANSFER and CONVEY unto JOANNA MARIE S. EBUEN, married to Rufert B. Ebuén, his/her heirs, successors and assigns, the above-described parcel of land covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 057-2018013894, together with all the rights, interests, and improvements found thereon on July 10, 2026 in Imus, Cavite, Philippines before Notary Public Atty. Crisanto U. Pascual, Jr. and entered in his Notarial Register as Doc. No. 272; Page No. 55; Book No. XIV; Series of 2026.

(Sgd.) **RACHEL P. MAHINAY for herself and as Natural Guardian of Minor Heirs and Vendee and Vendee’s spouse**

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AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION OF THE
ESTATE OF THE LATE ANTONIO S. MONTEZA
WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late **ANTONIO S. MONTEZA** who died intestate on 24 May 2015 in City of Dasmariñas, Cavite, consisting of a parcel of land including improvements erected therein, located at Blk. 37, Lot 6, Brgy. San Isidro Labrador 1, City of Dasmariñas, **Cavite**, containing an area of One Hundred Thirty-Three (133 sq.m.) square meters, embraced and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title (TCT) No. T-1177998 of the Registry of Deeds for the Province of Cavite has been self-adjudicated by his surviving spouse and the only heir; that for and in consideration of the sum of THREE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND (PHP 350,000.00) PESOS, Philippine Currency, she does hereby SELL, TRANSFER, CONVEY in a manner absolute and irrevocable the said lot including improvements erected therein in favor of GLENN MARK B. AMADOR and ANGELINE B. AMADOR, their heirs, assigns and successors in interest free from all liens and encumbrances on July 15, 2026 in the City of Dasmariñas, Cavite before Notary Public Atty. Karen T. Hermosa and entered in her Notarial Register as Doc. No. 254; Page No. 51; Book No. 173; Series of 2026.

(Sgd.) **Vendor and Vendees**

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DoubleDragon plans REIT listing in Singapore

DoubleDragon Corp., estate investment trust the listed company (REIT) market through chaired by Edgar “Injap” the listing of a SGD 300 Sia II and Tony Tan million company.

Caktiong, is planning The company said to enter Singapore’s real its board has approved

AFFIDAVIT OF SELF ADJUDICATION

NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the deceased **ANNITA CARRELL** who died intestate on June 25, 2024 at Piedmont Fayette Hospital, Fayetteville, Fayette, Georgia, USA, consisting of a savings account with BPI-Makati Branch under account number 0014213686, the three fourth (3/4) share of the abovesaid BPI Savings Account has been self-adjudicated by her husband and sole heir MARK GUEVARRA ATIENZA, widower and residing at Blk 24 Lot 26 N-D, The Parkplace Village, Anabu 1-D, Imus, **Cavite**, Philippines on July 20, 2026 in Imus, Cavite before Notary Public Atty. Marvyn L. Maristela and entered in his Notarial Register as Doc. No. 403; Page No. 82; Book No. CCII; Series of 2026.

(Sgd.) **Heir/Affiant**

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EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE
WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late **SPS. DELFIN IBAL & LUCINA CAGASCAS IBAL** who both died intestate on July 13, 2004 and on August 4, 2004 both in Dasmariñas, Cavite, respectively, consisting of a National Housing Authority (NHA) lot including improvements erected therein, located at Blk. E-1, Lot 3, City of Dasmariñas, **Cavite**, containing an area of One Hundred Two (102) square meters has been adjudicated and extra-judicially settled by and among their heirs in pro indiviso equal shares with waiver of rights, interest and participation in the aforesaid property, as follows:

PORFIRIO C. IBAL - 38.25 square meters

DOLORES N. IBAL - 25.5 square meters

MARIA I. LLONORA - 38.25 square meters

on July 27, 2026 in the City of Dasmariñas, Cavite before Notary Public Atty. Karen T. Hermosa and entered in her Notarial Register as Doc. No. 354; Page No. 71; Book No. 173; Series of 2026.

(Sgd.) **Heirs/Transferors and Heirs/Transferees**

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EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE
WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS
(FOR THE LATE RUFINO LINOGAO OMAC)

NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late **RUFINO LINOGAO OMAC**, a resident of Phase 11-A, Block 61, Lot 60, Wellington Place, Pasong Camachile II, General Trias, **Cavite** who died intestate on 02 July 2024 in Manila, Philippines, consisting of a certain parcel of land, including the improvements thereon, the decedent was the registered owner, described as follows:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE
NO. 057-2017001173

A PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN THE BARANGAY SANTIAGO, MUNICIPALITY OF GENERAL TRIAS, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON, CONTAINING AN AREA OF THIRTY-SIX (36) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS

has been adjudicated and extrajudicially settled by and among his compulsory and legal heirs with waiver of share, right and participation in favor of ALYSSA CORPUZ OMAC on July 22, 2026 in Imus, Cavite, Philippines before Notary Public Atty. Crisanto U. Pascual, Jr. and entered in his Notarial Register as Doc. No. 208; Page No. 42; Book No. XV; Series of 2026.

(Sgd.) **Spouse/Heir and other Heirs**

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the creation of DD Worldwide One will Hotel101 Worldwide hold a diversified One, a Singapore special portfolio of purpose vehicle that Hotel101 uniform will be sponsored as a units from selected REIT. projects in different countries.

It is expected to DoubleDragon said become the fifth pure the REIT would provide hospitality REIT listed the REIT would provide on the Singapore Stock a permanent capital Exchange (SGX), recycling mechanism to joining CDL Hospitality complement the strong Trust, Acrophyte individual unit sales Hospitality Trust, Far of Hotel101 projects East Hospitality Trust, worldwide.

and CapitaLand Ascott Depending on the Trust. structure used in DD Hotel101 different jurisdictions,

EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE
WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late **CONCEPCION SILVANO PIOQUINTO** who died intestate on November 16, 2025 in Ospital ng Maynila Medical Center, Pres. Quirino Ave., Malate, Manila, consisting of a National Housing Authority (NHA) lot including improvements erected therein located at Blk. 39 Lot 22, Zone IV Bautista Property, Brgy. Sampaloc IV, City of Dasmariñas, **Cavite** containing an area of Fifty (50 sq.m.) square meters, which she acquired from ABNER S. PIOQUINTO by virtue of a Deed of Sale with Transfer of Rights executed on May 23, 2025 acknowledged and notarized before Atty. Lolita H. De Villa and entered in her Notarial Register as Doc No. 378; Page No. 76; Book No. 267; Series of 2025 has been adjudicated and extrajudicially settled by and among her heirs in pro indiviso equal shares; that further, for and in consideration of the sum of FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND PESOS (PHP 520,000.00), Philippine Currency, they do hereby SELL, CEDE, CONVEY, and TRANSFER by way of SALE in a manner absolute and irrevocable the said NHA lot including improvements erected therein unto KIMBERLYN ANN M. FLORES, her heirs, assigns, and successors-in-interests, all their rights and interest and participation over the entire property on July 28, 2026 in the City of Dasmariñas, Cavite, Cavite before Notary Public Atty. Karen T. Hermosa and entered in her Notarial Register as Doc. No. 357; Page No. 72; Book No. 173; Series of 2026.

(Sgd.) **Heirs/Vendors and Vendee**

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AFFIDAVIT OF SELF ADJUDICATION

NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the deceased **FLAVIANO F. CABUANG JR.** who died intestate on July 17, 2026 and at the time of his death was a resident of Sitio Malaking Parang II, Brgy. San Juan, Taytay, Rizal, Philippines, consisting of a parcel of land with improvements situated at Blk 4 Lot 4 Bo. of Pag-Asa, Mun. of Imus City, Province of **Cavite**, Philippines and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-398089 of the Registry of Deeds for Province of Cavite has been self-adjudicated by his only heir JENEL LYKA CABUANG SANTOS married to JALOUR KRISTIAN LABAO SANTOS on July 29, 2026 in Imus City, Cavite, Philippines before Notary Public Atty. Marvyn L. Maristela and entered in his Notarial Register as Doc. No. 273; Page No. 56; Book No. CCIII; Series of 2026.

(Sgd.) **Sole Heir/Affiant with Marital Consent**

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EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE
OF THE LATE AURELIO M. BETONIO, JR. WITH
WAIVER OF RIGHTS

NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the deceased **AURELIO M. BETONIO, JR.** who died intestate on December 24, 2025 at Dasmariñas City, **Cavite**, consisting of several conjugal properties as follows:

A parcel of land situated in Brgy. Mate, Municipality of Tayabas, Province of Quezon covered by TCT No. T-066-2018006303 with an area of THREE HUNDRED FIFTY (350) SQUARE METERS more or less;

A parcel of land situated in the Bo. of San Agustín, Municipality of Dasmariñas, Prov. of **Cavite** with an area of ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SIX (126) SQUARE METERS more or less covered by TCT No. T-057-2012000152; and

A parcel of land together with the improvement existing thereon situated in the Brgy. of Dasmariñas, Prov. of **Cavite** with an area of ONE HUNDRED TWENTY (120) SQUARE METERS more or less covered by TCT No. T-057-2015049040

has been adjudicated and extra-judicially settled by and between his heirs with waiver of rights, and/or interests over the aforesaid three (3) parcels of land including the improvement existing thereon if any in favor of DINNAH C. BETONIO on July 29, 2026 in the City of Dasmariñas, Cavite before Notary Public Atty. Reina M. Villa and entered in her Notarial Register as Doc. No. 441; Page No. 89; Book No. 506; Series of 2026.

(Sgd.) **Both Heirs**

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the company may expansion through its also include sub REIT asset light licensing companies. platform.

DoubleDragon said The initial asset the initiative would size of DD Hotel101 create a new long term Worldwide One will revenue stream while be SGD 300 million, attracting established allowing it to qualify developers from other for exemption from countries as Hotel101 the SGX requirement Global moves into of three years of prior the next phase of its operating history.

Rate hikes expected as inflation stays high

Inflation is expected to remain elevated in the coming months despite easing for a third straight month in July, keeping pressure on the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) to further raise interest rates, economists said.

While headline inflation eased to 6.2 percent in July from 6.4 percent in June, marking the third consecutive month of slower price increases after peaking at 7.2 percent in April, the seven-month average remains at five percent, still above the BSP’s two to four percent target range.

Nomura economists Euben Paracuelles and Nabila Amani said the latest inflation reading is unlikely to change the BSP’s tightening stance, although it supports a gradual approach to further rate increases, stating, “We reiterate our forecast for BSP to hike by another 50 basis points this year, delivered in 25-basis-point clips over each of the next two meetings, August and October.”

They noted the central bank would likely remain concerned about underlying price pressures and upside risks arising from volatile crude oil prices, higher-than-expected wage increases and the prospect of a strong El Niño, with core inflation slowing to 4.2 percent in July largely due to temporary lower education fees while other energy-sensitive components continued to record faster price increases.

BPI lead economist Jun Neri said inflation would likely stay elevated for the rest of 2026, with a gradual moderation possible only in the first half of next year, as the outlook remains vulnerable to geopolitical tensions in the Middle East, adverse weather conditions, and potential rate increases by the US Federal Reserve that could weaken the peso; he specifically highlighted that “Rice prices are particularly exposed to El Niño, while recent wage increases could generate second-round effects if companies pass higher labor costs on to consumers.” Offering a less hawkish view, Chinabank Research suggested the BSP could end its rate-hiking cycle after another adjustment this month, with chief economist Domini Velasquez noting it was still premature to conclude that inflation was on a sustained downward trend due to expected acceleration in the fourth quarter, yet stating, “Despite this extended rebound, we believe the BSP is likely to end its rate-hiking cycle this month, as second-round inflation effects appear to have largely run their course.”

Although food inflation was steady at 5.3 percent and meat prices declined, rice inflation climbed to a two-year high of 17.1 percent due to unfavorable base effects, leading Chinabank to conclude that rice would remain a key risk because of its large weight in the consumer price basket and its vulnerability to weather-related supply disruptions.

Velasquez warned that higher-than-expected minimum wage adjustments and increases in public transport fares could prolong inflationary pressures, pointing to transport inflation easing to 11.9 percent but facing upside risks from pending jeepney fare petitions and renewed tensions between the United States and Iran, alongside electricity

National ID becomes primary identity proof under new BSP rules

The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) is proposing a mandate that would require nearly all BSP-supervised institutions (BSI), including banks, digital lenders, and other regulated financial entities, to integrate their customer verification systems with the government’s National ID database via the Philippine Statistics Authority’s (PSA) National ID Authentication Services (NIDAS) to strengthen know-your-customer procedures and establish the National ID as the country’s “primary and official proof of identity.”

Under this draft memorandum, universal and commercial banks with retail services, digital banks, e-money issuers, and virtual asset service providers must submit complete NIDAS applications within three months of the memorandum’s issuance, while all other BSIs, such as thrift and rural banks, are granted a six-month compliance window, with initial compliance recognized upon submission of a complete application and all required documentary or regulatory onboarding materials to the PSA.

The BSP emphasized that “NIDAS enables BSIs to adopt risk-appropriate NIDAS Online Authentication Tiers and leverage biometric and demographic verification capabilities to support secure, efficient and reliable digital customer identification and verification,” a system designed to support financial inclusion and digitalization without preventing institutions from accepting other valid IDs or using alternative methods when the National ID is unavailable or NIDAS is down.

Once due diligence is completed through NIDAS, the resulting authentication confirmation can satisfy identification requirements for first-time customers, eliminating the need to present a physical National ID, provided institutions retain these records in accordance with data privacy and security rules while maintaining robust governance, anti-money laundering, counterterrorism financing, and cybersecurity controls.

The central bank will oversee this phased rollout by monitoring onboarding status through the PSA and may enforce supervisory measures against non-compliant institutions, ensuring that the transition to this integrated verification framework proceeds smoothly while upholding the integrity of the financial system.

First quarter growth rate remains at 2.8%

The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) reported that the country’s economic growth rate remained at 2.8 percent in the first quarter, though upward revisions were made in specific sectors.

While the overall gross domestic product (GDP) year-on-year growth held steady, the manufacturing sector saw its growth rate revised to 0.7 percent from 0.5 percent, transportation and storage improved to 5 percent from 4.4 percent, and wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles increased to 4.7 percent from 4.6 percent.

Conversely, downward revisions affected other services (dropping to 2.9 percent from 3.9 percent), electricity, steam, water and waste management (falling to 0.03 percent from 0.7 percent), and education (decreasing to 5.9 percent from 6.1 percent).

Additionally, gross national income was revised downward to 2.9 percent from 3 percent, and net primary income from the rest of the world also saw a decline to 3.5 percent from 4.5 percent.

Explaining the methodology, the agency stated: “The PSA revises the GDP estimates based on an approved revision policy (PSA Board Resolution 1, Series of 2017-053), which is consistent with international standard practices on national accounts revisions.”

Looking ahead, the Department of Economy, Planning and Development Secretary Arsenio Balisacan noted that “the economy needs to grow by at least 3.7 percent from the second quarter to fourth quarter to achieve the lower end of the revised 3.5 to 4.5 percent growth target for the year,” adding that to meet the upper end of this year’s revised growth goal of 4.5 percent, “average growth in the remaining three quarters should be at 5.07 percent.” Data on the second quarter economic performance is scheduled for release on August 7.

GSIS net income climbs to P94.75 billion in first half

The Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) posted a 27.8 percent increase in net income to P94.75 billion in the first six months of the year, keeping the pension fund financially sustainable until 2058.

In a statement, the state pension fund said its earnings reached P94.75 billion from January to June, up from P74.2 billion during the same period last year.

Gross income rose by 15 percent to P195.38 billion from P169.9 billion a year earlier.

Total assets also increased to P2.05 trillion as of end June from P1.98 trillion at the close of 2025.

Based on its latest actuarial study, GSIS said it remains financially sustainable until 2058, ensuring continued benefits for current and future government workers and retirees.

The agency emphasized that stronger earnings are meaningful only if they translate into timely pensions, faster claims processing, and financial assistance that directly benefits members and their families.

Administrative expenses, including personnel services and operating costs, totaled P5.53 billion.

GSIS said its administrative loading stood at 2.55 percent, well below the 12 percent limit set by law and consistent with its record of maintaining single digit administrative loading in recent years.

It added that for every peso spent during the first half, and 2 had refunded 94 centavos went directly to claims and benefits for members, pensioners, and their dependents.

Since the declaration of the national energy emergency, GSIS has introduced several assistance programs, including Balik Ginhawa and the Ginhawa Solar Energy Loan (GSEL).

As of July 27, Balik Ginhawa 1 and 2 had refunded nearly P18.3 billion in loan amortizations to more than one million members and pensioners.

Meanwhile, the GSEL had released P7.3 billion to 23,168 qualified members as of July 29.

The Ginhawa Bike and E-Mobility Loan also provided more than P1.7 billion in loans to over 36,000 members as of July 28.

Regasco defies court freeze, proceeds with wage hike for workers

Despite a court order freezing Metro Manila’s latest minimum-wage increase, Republic Gas Corp. (Regasco) has chosen to proceed with paying its workers the first tranche of the raise, a P60-a-day increase that took effect on July 25.

Regasco President Arnel Ty, a former lawmaker, announced on Aug. 5 that the company would voluntarily maintain this portion of the suspended P85 wage hike, stating, "Regasco remains fully committed to supporting our employees.

Proceeding with the wage increase is the right thing to do for our workforce and their families." The full increase, which includes a second tranche of P25 scheduled for Jan. 20, 2027, would raise daily minimum wages to P780 for nonagricultural workers and P743 for agricultural workers and employees of covered small establishments. The implementation of the wage hike was halted after the Pasig Regional Trial Court issued a status quo ante order and a 20-day temporary restraining order at the request of Readycon Trading and Construction Corp. and R-II Builders Inc.

While Regasco’s decision benefits its own employees, it does not alter the court-ordered suspension affecting other employers. The legal dispute has prompted labor groups, unions, and workers’ parties to urge the court to lift the suspension, with a similar resolution filed in the Senate.

These groups cite Article 126 of the Labor Code, which asserts that "no preliminary or permanent injunction or temporary restraining order may be issued by any court, tribunal or other entity against any proceedings before the Commission or the Regional Boards."

Farmer groups seek 30 percent safeguard duty on imported rice

Farmer groups recommended a revised minimum access volume (MAV) system that would allow the government to better regulate rice imports while remaining consistent with World Trade Organization rules. The FFF said the country still needs imported rice because local production is not enough to meet demand, but current import levels are higher than necessary, resulting in oversupply and lower palay prices for farmers. The groups estimated that the increase in rice imports, especially during harvest season, has caused around P50 billion in annual losses for local rice farmers. Under Republic Act 8800, or the Safeguard Measures Act, safeguard measures may be imposed by increasing tariffs or limiting imports after an investigation finds that imported products have caused serious harm to local industries. The FFF said average rice imports reached 3.45 million metric tons (MT) annually following the implementation of the Rice Tariffication Law in 2019, with shipments tripling compared to the average before the law took effect. Data from the Bureau of Plant Industry also showed rice imports reached a record 2.75 million MT in the first half of 2026, nearly 83 percent of the average yearly arrivals recorded over the previous seven years. The FFF added that excess rice imports have continued to increase over the years, reaching almost two million MT in 2024. It also noted that even in 2025, when an import ban was imposed during the last quarter, total rice arrivals still exceeded the country’s supply gap, including a two-month buffer stock, by nearly one million MT. The Tariff Commission is currently investigating the proposed safeguard measures following the petition filed by the FFF and Magsasaka party list. The Department of Agriculture also issued Department Order 18 requesting the commission to investigate the increase in rice imports. An initial review found a link between rising imports and serious injury to the domestic rice industry. The commission is expected to release its findings and recommendations by September. The U S Department of Agriculture continues to project the Philippines as the world’s largest rice importer this year, with estimated imports reaching 5.7 million MT because of lower domestic production forecasts brought about by El Niño.

Maynilad nears completion of P5.8 billion pipeline project

Maynilad Water Services Inc. is close to completing its P5.8 billion pipeline project, which is expected to improve water distribution for customers in the southern portion of its concession area. The Metro Manila West Zone water provider said the completion of the primary distribution pipelines will allow more water to be delivered to customers in Muntinlupa and Las Piñas. The project, which has a combined length of 9.12 kilometers, is also expected to improve pressure management and increase service reliability once it becomes fully operational. Maynilad said the investment is part of its continuing effort to build a more resilient water system for the West Zone. The pipeline project also forms part of the company’s preparations for the effects of the incoming El Niño. The company said stronger infrastructure is needed to maximize available water supply, manage limitations more effectively, and better support customers during periods of reduced raw water availability. According to the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA), El Niño has already developed in the tropical Pacific and is expected to strengthen later this year. Below normal rainfall, dry spells, and drought are expected in several parts of the country in the coming months. Maynilad added that the project also supports its broader water security program. Other initiatives include tapping supplemental water sources such as Laguna Lake, expanding storage capacity, and developing more modular treatment plants and potable water reuse facilities. The company has also been working to reduce water losses while improving network and pressure management. Maynilad serves parts of Manila, Quezon City, Makati, Caloocan, Pasay, Parañaque, Las Piñas, Muntinlupa, Valenzuela, Navotas, Malabon, and several cities and municipalities in Cavite.

World Bank keeps 2026 outlook, lowers Philippine growth forecast for 2027 and 2028

The World Bank maintained its Philippine economic growth forecast for this year but lowered its projections for 2027 and 2028 due to continued uncertainty in the global environment.

In its Philippine Economic Update released on Aug. 3, the multilateral lender projected the country’s economy to grow by 3.7 percent in 2026, unchanged from its June forecast in the Global Economic Prospects report.

The 2026 projection also falls within the government’s revised growth target of 3.5 to 4.5 percent.

For 2027, the World Bank now expects the economy to expand by 5.2 percent, lower than its previous estimate of 5.6 percent.

Its 2028 forecast was also slightly reduced to 5.5 percent from the earlier 5.6 percent. Both the 2027 and 2028 forecasts remain within the government’s revised target of five to six percent.

The World Bank said the lower 2027 forecast reflects expectations that investment conditions will remain difficult because of ongoing global uncertainties, including the conflict in the Middle East.

It said this year’s growth is expected to be slower than last year’s 4.4 percent due to policy uncertainty that weakened investment and private sector confidence, along with higher global energy prices that pushed inflation higher and affected consumption and employment.

The Philippine economy expanded by 2.8 percent in the first quarter, the slowest pace in five years.

Second quarter economic growth data will be released on Aug. 7.

The World Bank expects inflation to average 5.8 percent this year, above the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP)’s target of two to four percent.

However, inflation is projected to return within the BSP’s target range, averaging 3.9 percent in 2027 and easing further to 3.4 percent in 2028.

Inflation slowed to 6.4 percent in June from 6.8 percent in May, bringing the first half average to 4.8 percent. Following the country’s move to upper middle income status, the World Bank said continued reforms would be needed to sustain progress. It noted that improving production, infrastructure, human capital, technology adoption, and workforce skills would help the economy move higher.

The World Bank also identified the power sector as an area with significant potential. It said reducing electricity costs, which are among the highest in Southeast Asia, would improve business competitiveness and raise living standards.

If renewable energy reaches 35 percent of the country’s energy mix by 2030, supported by investments in transmission, storage, grid flexibility, and market competition reforms, residential electricity prices could decline by as much as 28 percent in the near term.

The same scenario could also create about 161,000 new jobs and help around 730,000 Filipinos rise out of poverty.

Business confidence returns to neutral in June

Business confidence returned to neutral territory in June after three straight months of pessimism, supported by lower energy costs and stronger consumer spending, according to the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP).

Results of the BSP’s latest Business Expectations Survey (BES) showed the overall confidence index improved to zero in June from negative 25.2 percent in May and negative 35.8 percent in April.

A neutral confidence index indicates that the number of optimistic and pessimistic businesses is nearly equal, suggesting firms are no longer largely negative about economic conditions but have yet to become broadly optimistic.

The BSP said businesses credited the improved outlook mainly to expectations of stronger consumer spending as the new school year began, while others pointed to lower oil prices and energy costs.

Firms also became more optimistic about the coming months.

The confidence index for the next three months rose to 18.8 percent in June from 0.6 percent in May.

The BSP said businesses expect conditions to continue improving over the next 12 months despite concerns that inflation could exceed the BSP’s four percent ceiling in 2027.

Many firms across different sectors also plan to expand operations and increase hiring, which could support economic growth.

Businesses expect inflation to average 5.6 percent over the next year, lower than the 5.9 percent forecast in May but still above the BSP’s target range of two to four percent.

Those expecting higher inflation cited rising energy costs, supply constraints, the ongoing Middle East conflict, and peso depreciation.

Businesses also expect borrowing rates to increase across all survey periods.

Firms projected the peso to average 61.33 against the dollar in June, 61.47 in the next three months, and 61.11 over the next 12 months.

The June BES was conducted from June 5 to 30 and covered 515 firms nationwide, including 193 in the National Capital Region and 322 outside Metro Manila.

For the next 12 months, the index climbed to 42.4 percent from 27.8 percent.

Businesses expected better conditions in September because of stronger household spending and easing inflation pressures.

Operational indicators also improved, with the volume of business activity index rising to 8.3 percent from negative 4.5 percent, while the total order book index increased to 5.4 percent from negative 2.2 percent.

Average capacity utilization among industry and construction firms also improved to 73.9 percent from 70.5 percent.

Credit conditions became less restrictive as the credit access index improved to negative 5.7 percent from negative 7.3 percent.

However, firms’ financial conditions weakened slightly, with the index slipping to negative 26.8 percent from negative 25.7 percent.

Strong domestic competition remained the biggest business challenge, followed by weak demand and financial concerns.