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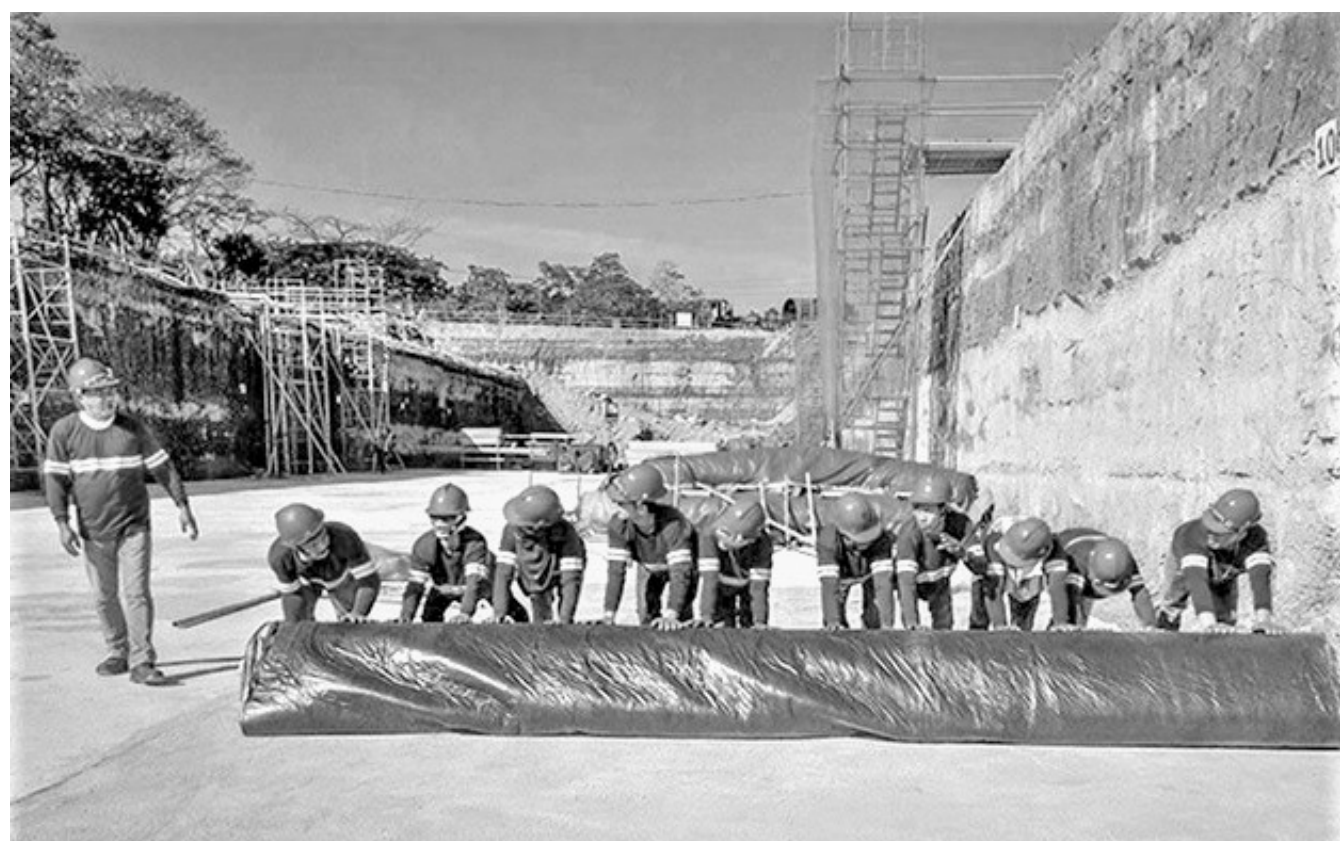
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## Parts of Cavite to have water interruptions

Areas in the I, and San Antonio II barangays of Bagbag in Noveleta, Cavite as I, Salcedo I, Salcedo well as the barangay II, Sta. Rosa I, Sta. of Tejeros Convention Rosa II, San Antonio **Turn to page 2**

# 32-km Bataan-Cavite bridge delayed due to national security concerns

The Philippines has postponed awarding the contract for the construction of the Bataan-Cavite Interlink Bridge after concerns were raised over the possible involvement of a Chinese contractor. The delay in the bidding process was attributed to national security considerations. The government's move highlights the complex balance between economic development, foreign investment, and strategic security concerns within Manila's infrastructure agenda. The project, estimated to cost \$3.9 billion, aims to construct a roughly 32-km fixed crossing over Manila Bay, linking Mariveles in Bataan to Naic in Cavite and serving as a major transport link around Metro Manila's outskirts. However, the timeline was extended as ADB continues its detailed evaluation of proposals and has yet to issue the required "no objection" letter until the review process is completed.



The newly opened EEI Training Academy in Tanza, Cavite will also support capacity-building programs aimed at strengthening the company's ability to complete projects efficiently and sustainably.

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has been acting as both financier and safeguards monitor, ensuring that technical, financial, environmental, and governance standards are met before the project is awarded. The agency's latest statement noted that the proposals are still "undergoing thorough review" and that an announcement will only be made once compliance checks are finalized.

The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) had earlier said the winning bidder would be announced by November 29, 2025. Opposition to the project has largely focused on national security concerns tied to the possible participation of China **Turn to page 2**

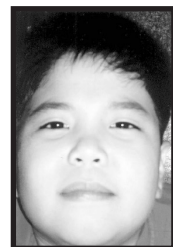
## EEI opens training facility in Tanza

Construction firm EEI Corp. has launched a modern training facility in Cavite to further enhance the skills and expertise of its workforce. The three-hectare facility located in Tanza, Cavite can accommodate up to 500 participants and provides comprehensive training and development programs to equip craft workers and professional staff with the skills, knowledge, and competencies needed for their construction-related roles.

The EEI Training Academy will serve as a hub for capacity-building initiatives designed to improve the company's efficiency and sustainability in project delivery. "The academy reflects our vision to not only attract the best talent, but also to nurture and retain them," EEI Training Academy president Jesus Teodoro Reyes said. Reyes added that **Turn to page 2**

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in Rosario, Cavite will 10 p.m. and 4 a.m. have no water from due to pressure testing Feb. 16 to 17 between activities.

## (EEI...from page 1)

EEI aims to continue ensures consistent driving progress in the program assessment, Philippine construction compliance with industry by providing trainer qualifications, essential training proper standardization to strengthen its of facilities and workforce. equipment, and

“While we are the continuous known to be experts improvement of at building physical training methods.

foundations, we are Aside from equally committed to technical training and establishing a strong upskilling, the center foundation for our also incorporates human capital,” he values formation into said. The company its programs.

said the facility “We believe that will offer industry- values formation is an level workshops in essential part of the EEI welding, civil works, Training Academy that and modular structures will ultimately lead to better performance electrical applications. at work, harmonious

As an officially relationships in the accredited training and workplace, and an assessment center of important element

TESDA, the academy in developing the will conduct training well-being of our and evaluations in employees,” Reyes line with national said.

technical education According to Reyes, and skills development non-construction-standards. related training

EEI noted that includes programs TESDA oversight for professional

# Meralco deepens US ties for smart grid push

Tycoon Manuel American tech firms, increasingly leverage up digitalization and V. Pangilinan’s Manila cybersecurity experts, artificial intelligence, grid edge initiatives. At Electric Co. (Meralco) policymakers and advanced analytics and the core of this strategy has strengthened regulators. “Grid robust cybersecurity is the company’s its partnership with modernization is a capabilities, our advanced metering American technology key pillar of Meralco’s participation in this infrastructure (AMI) providers to expand strategy to meet trade mission supports program. its grid modernization evolving customer our broader digital Over the next initiatives. needs and ensure transformation agenda,” decade, Meralco aims

Meralco officials long term operational Aperocho said. to roll out around 12 recently joined a trade resilience,” Meralco million smart meters mission between the executive vice president participation in the across its franchise area. Philippines and the and COO Ronnie Smart meters enable United States, engaging Aperocho said. “As we with its push to speed Turn to page 3

## (32-KM...from page 1)

Harbour Engineering geopolitical tensions becoming central to goods, and promoting Company (CHEC), a between the Philippines major infrastructure economic growth subsidiary of China and China, particularly efforts in Southeast across Luzon and Communications related to disputes in Asia, serving not nearby regions. Once Construction Company. the South China Sea. only as lenders but completed, the bridge is

A group of shipping and Manila has been also as monitors for expected to strengthen maritime stakeholders, cautious about relying environmental and connectivity between including the Philippine too heavily on Chinese governance compliance. the National Capital Interisland Shipping firms and financing The DPWH reiterated Region, Central Luzon, Association, has urged as it seeks to balance that no contract will and Southern Tagalog, the government to economic cooperation be awarded until creating long-term reject bids involving with national defense ADB issues its “no- logistical and economic the Chinese firm. priorities. While objection” letter, benefits.

They warned that China remains one of confirming the The delay in allowing a Chinese the country’s biggest bank’s key role in the awarding the contract contractor to work trading partners, project’s progress, goes beyond a simple on such strategically authorities have Bloomberg reported. technical setback. It important infrastructure indicated that security reflects the Philippines’ could pose risks concerns and public evolving approach ranging from covert sentiment will play abandoned the bridge to infrastructure development while sabotage of critical a role in shaping a flagship initiative safeguarding national transport links. future infrastructure partnerships. ADB’s under the “Build interests in a region

The broader context involvement in the Better More” program marked by strategic of the delay also project shows how aimed at reducing competition and reflects long-standing international financial congestion, speeding external influences.

staff development, problem-solving, enhancing the skills Evidente said. supervisory training, decision-making, and of our workforce, we “Through the safety courses, self-improvement. ensure that we remain academy, we empower construction and “We recognize adaptive, innovative our people, build project management, that capacity-building and competitive in resilience within the as well as behavioral is fundamental to a rapidly evolving organization and secure skills such as sustaining excellence industry,” EEI a strong foundation for values formation, in construction. Training Academy long-term growth,” he communication, By continuously vice president Victor said.

**REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT  
TRECE MARTIRES CITY**

**CHINA BANK SAVINGS, INC.**  
Mortgagee,

**FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-807-25**

-versus-

**YAMME ROSE P. PELONIO,**  
Mortgagor/Borrower.

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**NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE**

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed by Petitioner/Mortgagee, CHINA BANK SAVINGS, INC., with business address at CBS Building, No. 314 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City against the Mortgagor/Borrower, YAMME ROSE P. PELONIO, with residence and postal addresses at (1) Blk. 29, Lot 24, Clover St., Mabuhay Homes, 2000 Salawag, Ph5, Dasmariñas City, Cavite and (2) Blk. 8, Lot 56 Micara Estates Tanza, Ph-6, Brgy. Sahud Ulan, Tanza, Cavite, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of November 15, 2025 amounts to ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY EIGHT THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY NINE PESOS and 89/100 (PhP1,538,429.89), Philippine Currency, inclusive of interest, penalties and other charges as of said date but exclusive of all other charges incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on **March 4, 2026** at 10:00 o'clock in the morning until 12:00 o'clock noon, at the main entrance of the Government Center Building located at the Provincial Capitol Compound, Trece Martires City, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following described property with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

**TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE 057-2023028488**

**Lot No. 56 Block No. 8 Plan No. Pcs-04-031423**  
**Portion of:** Block 15, Pcs-04-030998, Lot 1620-A, Psd-04-034571, Lot 1616 & Lot 1619 Sta. Cruz de Malabon Estate, Decree No. 10111, LRC Rec. No. 6832  
**Location:** Barangay of Sahud Ulan, Municipality of Tanza, Province of Cavite, Island of Luzon  
**Boundaries:**

LINE	DIRECTION	ADJOINING LOT(S)
1-2	NE	Lot 57, Block 8, Pcs-04-031423
2-3	SE	Lot 58, Block 8, Pcs-04-031423
3-4	SW	Road Lot 24, Pcs-04-031423
4-1	NW	Lot 54, Block 8, Pcs-04-031423

**Area: FIFTY ONE (51) SQUARE METERS, more or less**

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 time and date, it shall be held on **March 18, 2026** without further notice.

Prospective bidders/buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title to the said property and encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

Trece Martires City, February 4, 2026.

(Sgd.) **RICARDO A. TOLEDO**  
Sheriff IV

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**BUENAVENTURA DANTING PAGTAKHAN CONSTANTINO MANGROBANG ROSELL AND ASSOCIATES**  
Counsel for the Mortgagee  
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314 Sen Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City

**YAMME ROSE P. PELONIO**  
(1) Blk. 29, Lot 24, Clover St., Mabuhay Homes, 2000 Salawag, Ph5, Dasmariñas City, Cavite  
(2) Blk. 8, Lot 56 Micara Estates Tanza, Ph-6, Brgy. Sahud Ulan, Tanza, Cavite

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**REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION  
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OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT  
TRECE MARTIRES CITY**

**BDO UNIBANK, INC.,**  
Mortgagee,

**FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-848-25**

-versus-

**SPS. JOVEN L. ANGELES AND  
ENELYN S. ANGELES,**  
Debtors/Mortgagors.

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**NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE**

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed by Mortgagee, BDO UNIBANK, INC., with business address at BDO Corporate Center, 33rd Floor, BDO Corporate Center Ortigas, No. 12 ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City against the Debtor/Mortgagor, SPS. JOVEN L. ANGELES and ENELYN S. ANGELES, with residence and postal addresses at (1) Blk. 2, Lot 11, Phase 23 Kensington, Brgy. Bacao 1, Gen. Trias, Cavite (occupied by Mortgagors) and (2) Block 27, Lot 28, Anemone St., Villa Felicia, Brgy. Bayanan, Bacoor, Cavite (occupied by third party), to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of November 14, 2025 amounts to TWO MILLION FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY NINE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED THIRTEEN PESOS and 4/100 (PhP2,479,213.04), Philippine Currency, including interest, penalties and other charges as of said date but exclusive of all other expenses, incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on **March 4, 2026** at 10:00 o'clock in the morning until 12:00 o'clock noon at the main entrance of the Government Center Building located at the Provincial Capitol Compound, Trece Martires City, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following described property with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

**TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 057-2021052164**

**Lot No. 11 Block: 2 Plan No. Pcs-04-031422**  
**Portion of:** Lot 1648-A; 1648-B; 1648-C (LRC) Psd-303867 & 1649. San Francisco de Malabon Estate, Decree No. 4270, LRC Record No. 5964  
**Location:** Barangay of Bacao 1, City of Gen. Trias, Province of Cavite, Island of Luzon  
**Boundaries:**

LINE	DIRECTION	ADJOINING LOT(S)
1-2	NW	Lot 10, Block 2, Pcs-04-031422
2-3	NE	Block 25, Pcs-04-031422
3-4	SE	Lot 12, Block 2, Pcs-04-031422
4-1	SW	Road Lot 1, Pcs-04-031422

**Area: FORTY (40) SQUARE METERS, more or less**

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 and time, it shall be held on **March 18, 2026** without further notice.

Prospective bidders/buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title to the said property and encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

Trece Martires City, February 4, 2026.

(Sgd.) **RICARDO A. TOLEDO**  
Sheriff IV

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**BDO UNIBANK, INC.**  
**CONSUMER REMEDIAL MANAGEMENT**  
33<sup>rd</sup> Floor, BDO Corporate Center Ortigas  
No. 12, ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City

**SPS. JOVEN L. ANGELES & ENELYN S. ANGELES**  
(1) Blk. 2, Lot 11, Phase 23 Kensington, Brgy. Bacao 1, Gen. Trias, Cavite  
(2) Block 27, Lot 28, Anemone St., Villa Felicia, Brgy. Bayanan, Bacoor, Cavite

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Republic of the Philippines  
Fourth Judicial Region  
**REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
BRANCH 114**  
City of Bacoor, Cavite  
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Phone No: 0908-499-0181

**IN RE: PETITION FOR THE  
ISSUANCE OF A NEW OWNER'S  
DUPLICATE COPY OF TRANSFER  
CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-  
1083452 OF THE REGISTRY OF  
DEEDS FOR THE PROVINCE OF  
CAVITE (BACOR BRANCH)**

**LRC CASE NO. 8843-2025-338**

**MASAITO DEVELOPMENT CORP.  
REP. BY ITS LAND ACQUISITION  
JR. SUPERVISOR, LORAIN ANN L.  
CASTRO,**  
Petitioner.

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**ORDER**

On December 23, 2025, petitioner, through counsel, filed this instant petition alleging among others that: (a) petitioner is the registered owner of a parcel of land covered by TCT No. T-1083452; (b) the property has been declared for taxation purposes; (c) petitioner lost the title in the course of arranging their records on file; (d) the title cannot be recovered despite diligent efforts to recover the same; and (e) an Affidavit of Loss was executed and annotated in the title. Petitioner is praying that the court, after due notice and hearing, render judgment directing the Register of Deeds for the Province of Cavite, Bacoor City Branch to issue another Owner's Duplicate Copy of Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-1083452 with the same force and effect in lieu of the loss one.

Finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the same is set for initial hearing on **May 12, 2026 (Tuesday) at 10:00 in the morning** at 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Main Square Mall, Bacoor Boulevard (formerly Molino Boulevard), Barangay Bayanan, City of Bacoor, Cavite, at which date, place, and hour, any interested person may appear and show cause why the said petition should not be granted.

Petitioner is directed to cause the publication of the copy of this Order at their expense once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the Cities and Province of Cavite at least thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled date of hearing.

The Sheriff of this court is ordered to post this Order in six (6) conspicuous places in the Province of Cavite, where the subject property is situated at least one (1) month prior to the aforesaid date of hearing, particularly at the bulletin boards of the following: (1) the main entrance of the Provincial Building of Cavite; (2) the main entrance of the City Hall Building of Bacoor City, Cavite; (3) the Hall of Justice of Bacoor City; (4) 2nd floor, Main Square Mall, Bacoor Boulevard (formerly Molino Boulevard), Barangay Bayanan, City of Bacoor, Cavite; (5) the Registry of Deeds, Bacoor City, Cavite; and (6) the Barangay Hall where the property is situated.

**SO ORDERED.**

IN CHAMBERS, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026 in the City of Bacoor, Cavite.

(Sgd.) **NIKKI ROSE DELA PEÑA ESPERANZA**  
Presiding Judge

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**MASAITO DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**  
Petitioner  
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Public Respondent  
Provincial Capitol  
Trece Martires, City, Cavite

**REGISTRY OF DEEDS - BACOR CITY**  
Public Respondent  
Bacoor Government Center

**LORAIN ANN L. CASTRO**  
Representative  
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two way communication consumption.  
between consumers By taking part  
and utility providers, in the trade mission,  
helping distribution Meralco wanted to  
utilities detect issues gain firsthand insights  
like blackouts and into global best  
allowing end users practices that could  
to track their energy “strengthen grid edge

intelligence, safeguard Grid Edge Operations  
critical infrastructure and Control Center,  
and accelerate our which will enable  
grid transformation more coordinated and  
initiatives,” Aperocho proactive management  
said. Under its AMI of distributed energy  
program, the company resources, demand  
plans to develop a response programs

and emerging grid services.

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
FOURTH JUDICIAL  
REGION REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
BRANCH 129  
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE JUDGE  
CITY OF DASMARIÑAS, CAVITE  
*(rtc1das129@judiciary.gov.ph; 0956 405 7604)*

**IN RE: PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT AS NOTARY PUBLIC FOR AND IN THE CITY OF DASMARIÑAS, CAVITE**

**NOT. PUB. NO. DC-189-26**

**ATTY. MARIKO C. IWAKI,**  
*Petitioner.*

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**NOTICE OF HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that a summary hearing on the Petition for Commission as Notary Public of **ATTY. MARIKO C. IWAKI** will be held on **February 23, 2026 at 9:00 o'clock in the morning** in the Courtroom of Regional Trial Court, Branch 90, Dasmariñas City, Cavite, Ground Floor, Dasmariñas Community Affairs (DASCA) Bldg., Brgy. Buro I, City of Dasmariñas, Cavite. Any person who has any cause or reason to object to the grant of the Petition may file a verified written opposition thereto, received by the undersigned before the date of the summary hearing.

Let this Notice of Hearing be **PUBLISHED ONCE** in a newspaper of general circulation in the Province of Cavite and **POSTED** in the bulletin boards of the Office of the Clerk of Court and the Regional Trial Court of the City of Dasmariñas, Cavite not later than **ONE (1) WEEK** prior to the scheduled hearing.

**SO ORDERED.**

City of Dasmariñas, Cavite, February 5, 2026.

(Sgd.) **JOSIELYN D. LARA-DE LUNA**  
Executive Judge

Cc:

**ATTY. MARIKO C. IWAKI**  
Blk. 9, Lot 22, Hawaii St., Emerald Crest Village  
Brgy. San Jose, City of Dasmariñas, Cavite

**REGIONAL TRIAL COURT - OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT (RTC-OCC)**  
City of Dasmariñas, Cavite

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## Love runs deep: 550 runners tackle Bukidnon trails for dialysis patients

While many struggling with treatment costs, celebrated Valentine’s Day with flowers and gifts, more than 550 runners chose to spend Feb. 14 morning on rugged mountain trails, turning love into action for patients battling kidney diseases.

The race started at 4:30 a.m. for the 21 kilometer category, followed by the 10 km and 5 km runs at 6 a.m., bringing together runners, enthusiasts, first timers and local officials.

Florence Gomonan, a nurse and event facilitator, said many dialysis patients face ongoing financial hardship despite government assistance.

“We organized this trail run to give them

**AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION**

NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late spouses **NOEL RICOHERMOSO ROSAS** and **MARIETA PALMA ROSAS** who both died intestate on June 19, 2024 at Imus, Cavite and on August 20, 2021 at Quezon City, Metro Manila, respectively, consisting of a parcel of land, residential unit located at Blk. 96, Lot 16, Brgy. Buro I Topacio (Bahay Pangarap Subd., Brgy. Sampaloc IV,) City of Dasmariñas, Cavite containing an area of FIFTY SIX square meters and SIXTY square decimeter (56.60) embraced and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title (TCT) No. T-519829 of the Registry of Deeds for the Province of Cavite has been self-adjudicated by their sole heir **MARK ANTHONY PALMA ROSAS** on January 19, 2026 at the City of Dasmariñas, Cavite before Notary Public Atty. Karen T. Hermosa and entered in her Notarial Register as Doc. No. 403; Page No. 81; Book No. 170; Series of 2026.

(Sgd.) Affiant

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**EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF THE LATE ANTONIO L. MONTEJO, JR. WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS**

NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the deceased **ANTONIO L. MONTEJO, JR.** who died intestate on October 1, 2022 at Dasmariñas City, Cavite, consisting of a parcel of land including the improvement existing thereon situated in the Bo. of Bagong Bayan, Mun. of Dasmariñas, Province of Cavite, covered by TCT No. T-530058 with an area of ONE HUNDRED (100) SQUARE METERS, more or less, has been adjudicated and extra-judicially settled by and among his heirs with Waiver of Rights in favor of **KRISTINE JOYCE P. MONTEJO** and **STEPHANIE MAE P. MONTEJO** on January 27, 2026 at the City of Dasmariñas, Cavite before Notary Public Atty. Reina M. Villa and entered in her Notarial Register as Doc. No. 115; Page No. 23; Book No. 491; Series of 2026.

(Sgd.) All Heirs

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**EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF THE LATE LEONILA SIÑO TENEDERO WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE AND DEED OF TRANSFER OF RIGHTS**

NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late **LEONILA SIÑO TENEDERO** who died intestate on November 24, 2013 in Biñan City, Laguna, consisting of the following real properties situated in Carmona, Cavite and more particularly described as follows:

Tax Declaration No.	Series	Kind	Area	Location
04-0012-00947	2011	Building/ Residential	48 sq. m.	Maduya
AA-04-0012-01051	2022			
04-0012-00940	2011	Land/ Residential	40 sq. m.	Maduya
AA-04-0012-01043	2022			
04-0012-00946	2011	Land/ Residential	192 sq. m.	Maduya
AA-04-0012-01050	2022			

Covered by Certificate of Award issued by the Municipal Mayor of Carmona, Cavite

Land	130 sq. m.	Rosario St., Brgy. 8, Carmona, Cavite
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has been adjudicated and extrajudicially settled by and among her heirs in equal shares; that further, the above-named parties, for and in consideration of the sum of TWO MILLION ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (Php2,100,000.00), Philippine Currency, do hereby irrevocably and absolutely SELL, TRANSFER and CONVEY unto **CARLITA SIÑO TENEDERO** the above-mentioned parcels of land covered by **Tax Declaration Nos. AA-04-0012-01043 and AA-04-0012-01050** and the residential building covered by **Tax Declaration No. AA-04-0012-01051**, free from all liens and encumbrances, and hereby warrant unto the latter full title and possession thereof.

That finally, the above-named parties, for and in consideration of the sum of ONE MILLION FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (Php1,400,000.00), Philippine Currency, do hereby irrevocably and absolutely TRANSFER and CONVEY unto **ANSELMO SIÑO TENEDERO**, married to Enos Ramos Tenedero, **their rights of occupancy and possession over the parcel of land covered by the Certificate of Award** together with the house found thereon, free from all liens and encumbrances, hence, full right of occupancy and possession over the said lot to **ANSELMO SIÑO TENEDERO**, who shall be answerable to whatever obligations due to the concerned government agencies on March 9, 2023 at Carmona, Cavite before Notary Public Atty. Anna Dominique L. Mapanoo and entered in her Notarial Register as Doc. No. 115; Page No. 24; Book No. 3; Series of 2023.

(Sgd.) All Heirs

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\*By virtue of Special Power of Attorney executed by Ryan Oytas Tenedero before Kevin Mark R. Gomez, Vice Consul of the Republic of the Philippines in Abu Dhabi, UAE on January 17, 2023.

**ADDENDUM (TO EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF THE LATE LEONILA SIÑO TENEDERO WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE AND DEED OF TRANSFER OF RIGHTS)**

NOTICE is hereby given that the heirs of the late **LEONILA SIÑO TENEDERO** who died intestate on November 24, 2013 in Biñan City, Laguna, agree to make the following addendum to the EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF THE LATE LEONILA SIÑO TENEDERO WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE AND DEED OF TRANSFER OF RIGHTS executed on March 9, 2023 in Carmona, Cavite and entered in the Notarial Register of Atty. Anna Dominique L. Mapanoo as Doc. No. 115, Page No. 24, Book No. 3, Series of 2023, to wit:

**“HEIRS OF THE LATE REYNALDO SIÑO TENEDERO**

**SUSANA OYTAS TENEDERO**, of legal age, Filipino citizen, widow, and with residence and postal address at 506 J.M. Loyola St., Barangay 5, Carmona City, Cavite;

**HEIRS OF THE LATE DANILLO SIÑO TENEDERO**

**DORELIZA ESPIRITU TENEDERO**, of legal age, widow, Filipino citizen, and with residence and postal address at 989 Magallanes St., Barangay Maduya, Carmona City, Cavite;

That **ERMELITA TENEDERO MANARIN** died intestate on July 21, 2005 in Maduya, Carmona, Cavite, and left the following compulsory heirs, to wit:

**ANGELITA MANARIN GUICO**, of legal age, Filipino citizen, married, and with residence and postal address at 9051 Rosal St., Barangay Maduya, Carmona, Cavite; and

**BELINDA MANARIN CANLAS**, of legal age, Filipino citizen, married, and with residence and postal address at 11217 J.M. Loyola St., Barangay Mabuhay, Carmona, Cavite.

That the late **MERCEDITA SIÑO TENEDERO** died on August 17, 2009 in Barangay Maduya, Carmona, Cavite, and the late **ERNESTO SIÑO TENEDERO** died on February 28, 2022 in Barangay Maduya, Carmona, Cavite, both died intestate and survived by the undersigned parties.”

In addition thereto, one of the heirs of the late **NELIA TENEDERO AMBAS** namely **RONNEL TENEDERO AMBAS** died intestate on October 31, 2023 in Biñan City, Laguna and was survived by his wife **EVANGELINE T. AMBAS**, of legal age, widow, Filipino citizen, and with residence and postal address at Rosal St., Barangay Maduya, Carmona City, Cavite

on December 26, 2024 at Carmona, Cavite before Notary Public Atty. Anna Dominique L. Mapanoo and entered in her Notarial Register as Doc. No. 80; Page No. 17; Book No. 6; Series of 2024.

(Sgd.) All Heirs

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additional support and Local and barangay let them feel that they are officials, private groups not alone,” she said. and health workers

Mayor Ricky also supported the James Balansag said event.

the activity reflects Vice Mayor the deeper meaning of Ernie Devivar and Valentine’s Day. municipal health officer

“This shows Josefa Arlita Alsula that love goes beyond promoted healthy romance. It means lifestyles and medical helping those who need awareness during the us most,” he said. gathering.

First time Organizers participant, Atty. noted that the run also Evan John Talaver, coincided with Philippine described the race as Heart Month, observed both challenging and every February to meaningful, as runners highlight the prevention navigated dirt paths, mud of cardiovascular and rocky terrain. diseases.

“Trail running For participants, connects you with nature. the message was simple, It’s not just about speed in Lantapan, Valentine’s but about the experience Day means running, not and purpose,” he just for fitness, but for said. compassion.

**DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE**

NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late **DOMINADOR SANTARIN and CARMEN SANTARIN**, both residents of **Imus City, Cavite**, who both died intestate on April 8, 2007 and on September 5, 2025, respectively, consisting of two parcels of land covered by Transfer Certificate of Title Nos. T-56301 and T-413865, and more particularly described as follows:

**TCT No. T-56301**

A parcel of land situated in the Barrio of Malagasang, Municipality of Imus, Province of **Cavite** containing an area of TWO HUNDRED NINETY SIX (296) square meters, more or less;

**TCT No. T-413865**

A parcel of land situated in the Barrio of Malagasang, Municipality of Imus, Province of **Cavite** containing an area of TWO HUNDRED NINETY SIX (296) square meters, more or less,

has been adjudicated and extrajudicially settled by and among their heirs in equal shares on December 11, 2025 at Imus City, Philippines before Notary Public Atty. Lowie O. Santiaguell and entered in his Notarial Register as Doc. No. 354; Page No. 72; Book No. I; Series of 2025.

(Sgd.) All Heirs

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**EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS - MOTOR VEHICLE**

NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late **BENITO ENDOZO DELEOS** who died intestate on August 19, 2025, in the Philippines, consisting of one (1) motor vehicle, more particularly described as follows:

**DESCRIPTION OF MOTOR VEHICLE**

- **Denomination:** Tricycle
- **Make:** RUSI
- **Body Type:** Motorcycle
- **Year Model:** 2011
- **CR No.:** 268647444
- **MC File No.:** 0428-00000112106
- **Engine No.:** RW157FMIHA034103
- **Chassis No.:** RWCLPP201BE234103

has been adjudicated and extrajudicially settled by and among his compulsory heirs who do waive, renounce and quitclaim all their rights, shares, and interests over the above-described motor vehicle in favor of **MARVIN NOVILLA DELEOS** on January 16, 2026 in Dasmariñas City, Cavite, Philippines before Notary Public Atty. Aejay V. Barias and entered in his Notarial Register as Doc. No. 224; Page No. 46; Book No. I; Series of 2026.

(Sgd.) Heirs/Children

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**EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH ABSOLUTE SALE**

NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the deceased **LUISITO C. LOPEZ SR.** who died intestate in Gen. E. Aguinaldo, Cavite, consisting of one parcel of land which he is the absolute and registered owner, located at Brgy. Castanos Lejos Gen. E. Aguinaldo, **Cavite**, covered by Tax Dec. No. AA- 060007 00297, containing an area of TWELVE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY NINE (12,479) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS, has been adjudicated and extrajudicially settled by and among his heirs in equal shares; FURTHER, FOR AND IN CONSIDERATION of the sum of ONE MILLION PESOS (Php1,000,000.00), Philippine Currency, they do hereby SELL, TRANSFER, CONVEY and DELIVER, by way of ABSOLUTE SALE, unto Spouses **CARLOS B. ONG JR. and FLORENCIA G. ONG**, their heirs, assigns and successors in interest the property above-described on February 9, 2026 at City of Dasmariñas, Philippines before Notary Public Atty. Cheriele D. Bugarin and entered in her Notarial Register as Doc. No. 286; Page No. 58; Book No. V; Series of 2026.

(Sgd.) All Heirs and Buyers

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Republic of the Philippines  
**OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR**  
Indang, Cavite

In the matter of Change of First Name in the Certificate of Live Birth (SECPA) of

**CE-ILO CE-NA CALICDAN JR.**

**CIRILO JR. S. CALICDAN**  
Petitioner

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

There is a petition filed for the change of first name in Certificate of Live Birth (SECPA) of **CE-ILO CE-NA CALICDAN JR.** from "**CE-ILO**" to "**CIRILO JR.**".

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that any interested person is cited to notify this office and show cause why the same should not be granted.

Let this NOTICE be published at least once a week for two (2) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation as required under Section 5 of Republic Act No. 9048.

(Sgd.) **MERCIA A. CHAVEZ**  
Municipal Civil Registrar

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**AUCTION SALE**

**LAJ JARO PAWNSHOP INC.-Head Office**

Stall No.5, Pasillo G, Imus Public Market Tanzang Luma, Imus City, Cavite (4103) on February 25-27, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. for unredeemed pawned of September 2025.

**LAJ JARO PAWNSHOP INC.-Trece Martirez City Branch**

213 San Agustin St., Trece Martirez City (4109) on February 25-27, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. for unredeemed pawned of September 2025.

**LAJ JARO PAWNSHOP INC.-Gen. Trias Branch**

Block 43-A, Lot 4C, Brookside Lane, San Francisco Gen. Trias, Cavite (4107) on February 25-27, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. for unredeemed pawned of September 2025.

**LAJ JARO PAWNSHOP INC.-Salawag Branch**

Salawag, Dasmariñas City, Cavite (4114) on February 25-27, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. for unredeemed pawned of September 2025.

**LAJ JARO PAWNSHOP INC.-Bayan Luma Branch**

L 2, B 2 Dona Dionisia Subd., Bayan Luma II, Imus City, Cavite (4103) on February 25-27, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. for unredeemed pawned of September 2025.

**LAJ JARO PAWNSHOP INC.-Imus Public Market Branch**

Stall #14 & #16 Bakery Section, Imus Public Market Imus City, Cavite (4103) on February 25-27, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. for unredeemed pawned of September 2025.

**LAJ JARO PAWNSHOP INC.-Palico IV Branch**

Palico IV, Imus City, Cavite (4103) on February 25-27, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. for unredeemed pawned of September 2025.

**LAJ JARO PAWNSHOP INC. - Silang Branch**

#007 Madlangasacay Street, Silang Cavite on February 25-27, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. for unredeemed pawned of September 2025.

**LAJ JARO PAWNSHOP INC.-Golden City Branch**

In Front of Golden City 3, 4, & 5 gate, Imus City, Cavite (4103) on February 25-27, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. for unredeemed pawned of September 2025.

**LAJ JARO PAWNSHOP INC.- Area G Branch**

B61 L 3, Area G-2, Brgy. San Juan, Dasmariñas City, Cavite (4114) on February 25-27, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. for unredeemed pawned of September 2025.

**LAJ JARO PAWNSHOP INC. - Alapan Branch**

Unit D, Lot 1-E, Alapan 1-A, Imus City, Cavite on February 25-27, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. for unredeemed pawned of September 2025.

**LAJ JARO PAWNSHOP INC. - Marycris Branch**

Ph. 1 B57 Lot 7, Marycris Complex, Gen. Trias Cavite (4107) on February 25-27, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. for unredeemed pawned of September 2025.

**LAJ JARO PAWNSHOP INC. - Buhay na Tubig Branch**

106 Buhay na Tubig, Imus City, Cavite (4103) February 25-27, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. for unredeemed pawned of September 2025.

**LAJ JARO PAWNSHOP INC. - Bacoor Branch**

Unit D, Navarrete Compound Aguinaldo Hi-way 17 Panapaan, Bacoor City, Cavite on February 25-27, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. for unredeemed pawned of September 2025.

**LAJ JARO PAWNSHOP INC. - Bayanan Branch**

678 Terminal Express Stall #4 Bldg. D, Molino, Blvd. cor. Brgy. Mambog IV Rd. Bayanan, Bacoor City, Cavite on February 25-27, 2026 at 9.00 a.m. for unredeemed pawned of September 2025.

**LAJ JARO PAWNSHOP INC. - Manggahan Branch**

343 Crisanto St. Manggahan, Gen. Trias, Cavite on February 25-27, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. for unredeemed pawned of September 2025.

**LAJ JARO PAWNSHOP INC. - Puregold Branch**

Puregold Aguinaldo Hiway, Anabu Coastal, Imus City, Cavite on February 25-27, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. for unredeemed pawned of September 2025.

**LAJ JARO PAWNSHOP INC. - Bucandala Branch**

Brgy. Bucandala, Imus City, Cavite on February 25-27, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. for unredeemed pawned of September 2025.

**LAJ JARO PAWNSHOP INC. - Cithomes Branch**

B15 L38 Cithomes Resortville, Langkaan 2, Dasmariñas City, Cavite on February 25-27, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. for unredeemed pawned of September 2025.

**LAJ JARO PAWNSHOP INC. - Malagasang Branch**

104 Malagasang 1-C, Imus City, Cavite (4103) on February 25-27, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. for unredeemed pawned of September 2025.

**Julio R. Peña - Auctioneer**

# Truck makers expect to sell more units this year

The Truck III or light duty trucks Manufacturers in 2025, up by 3.6 Association Inc. percent from 6,545 (TMA) is aiming to units in 2024.

In the Category IV or medium duty segment, industry sales reached 3,690 units last year, down by seven percent from 3,970 units in 2024.

As for the Category V or heavy duty trucks segment, TMA sales increased by 20.5 percent to 888 units last year from 737 units in 2024.

“Having achieved our industry truck projects. sales targets in 2025, we are confident about the positive outlook for 2026. With sustained infrastructure development and vibrant economic activity, our member companies are well-prepared to meet the growing demand for reliable, efficient and innovative commercial vehicles that support the country’s development goals,” TMA president Robert Carlos, who also serves as head for sales at Isuzu Philippines Corp., said.

TMA expects this year’s sales to be supported by the government’s implementation of infrastructure projects. The group also cited improving logistics demand and rising investments in fleet modernization as among the key drivers of higher truck sales this year.

As Carlos takes on the role of TMA president, the group will push for industry growth, road safety and sustainable transport solutions. Meanwhile, Vicente Mills Jr. of Hino Motors Philippines Corp. will continue to serve as TMA’s chairman emeritus. “This year, TMA will take a more active role in participating in government programs and initiatives, members will also continue to introduce innovations to their products, as well as add advanced safety measures and greener technologies to better serve Filipino businesses nationwide. He said TMA’s nationwide.

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## Quezon City, AAP strengthen road safety campaign

The Quezon City government has partnered with the Automobile Association of the Philippines (AAP) to further improve its road safety practices campaign, especially among the youth.

“Road safety education is a critical investment in the future of our city,”

Mayor Joy Belmonte said in a statement on Feb. 14.

The partnership with AAP is part of the implementation of the Stay Bright Road Safety Campaign, a nationwide advocacy program aimed at educating young learners and communities on responsible and safe

road use. Quezon City first partnered with the association in 2024, when it adopted a community based approach to identify high risk areas where road safety education is needed. Under the program, more than 19,000 students and 400 community participants received road safety education,

which include interactive lectures, demonstrations and discussions on road signs, safe crossing and road visibility. Enforcers, public safety officers, drivers and staff members in some Quezon City barangays also received practical road safety training as part of the initiative.

## LTFRB welcomes hybrid passenger buses

With the continuing effort to modernize and improve public transportation, the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) welcomed the other week the entry of 10 hybrid

passenger buses in the country. Transportation Secretary Giovanni Lopez and LTFRB chairman Vigor Mendoza II said they were pleased with the initiative of Genesis Transport to introduce the hybrid buses to

transport commuters from only P11 to P13.50 while a liter of diesel would cost P50 or more.

“Imagine the savings in operational costs, not to mention the low maintenance cost (of the hybrid buses),” Mendoza said.

## Baguio irons out support for local farmers via ‘Sagip Saka’

The city government is working on the implementation of the “Sagip Saka” law, which requires local government units (LGUs) to buy local farmers’ products to help ensure their produce turns into income.

Councilor Elmer Datuin, in a media interview on Feb. 12, cited the need to develop a healthy public food procurement policy for all city government activities, sourcing

healthy options from local farmers. “It will apply to all city government offices, departments, institutions, boards, councils, committees and task forces, as well as food suppliers and food concessionaires operating in LGU owned and managed facilities,” he said.

Datuin said the policy aims to address the rising burden of diet related non communicable diseases, promote healthier diets, and

support sustainable, locally sourced food systems.

The Sagip Saka law further requires national government entities to support local farmers in marketing their produce, helping increase their income. Private institutions in the city are also encouraged to adopt the policy through their internal issuances.

Under the policy, city procured, prepared and served meals, snacks and beverages

must meet health standards, limiting foods high in sodium, sugar and trans fats and promoting whole, minimally processed foods.

Dr. Celia Flor Brillantes, city health officer, said the policy would support their office’s efforts to address the rising number of lifestyle related non communicable diseases, including hypertension, cardiovascular disease, diabetes and cancer.

## Philippines inks poultry deal with Netherlands

The Philippine government has entered into a “regionalization” agreement with the Netherlands, the first such deal this 2026, to ensure the continued entry of poultry products.

measures against bird flu. Before this issuance, the DA asked for several documentary requirements from Dutch veterinary authorities to assess the public health control measures that had been applied and carried out against bird flu.

The Department of Agriculture (DA) recognized the regionalization framework for avian influenza with the Netherlands through Department Circular No. 05.

Under the regionalization agreement, a countrywide import ban on poultry imports from the Netherlands will no longer be applied. Instead, imports will be allowed from areas or zones that are free of high pathogenicity avian influenza (HPAI).

With this recognition, the DA lifted the import ban on domestic and wild birds and their products, including day-old chicks, eggs and semen.

The DA issued its regionalization guidelines in May last year to ensure enough supply and safe trade of poultry, adding that the return of bird flu could affect global food security and limit international trade.

## Sunlight Air moving all flights to Clark

An emerging Philippine carrier is withdrawing operations from the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) by March 29 to transfer fully to the Clark International Airport.

In an advisory, boutique carrier Sunlight Air said it is pulling out of NAIA in compliance with the directive of the Manila Slot Coordination Committee (MSCC). Sunlight is a carrier known for operating weekly services to some of the country's hard to reach islands, including Coron, Siargao and Siquijor.

The airline, owned by millennial CEO Ryna Brito Garcia, also flies to high demand

destinations like Boracay and Cebu. However, Sunlight operates an all turboprop fleet, so it has no choice but to fully relocate operations to Clark. MSCC, led by the Department of Transportation, has ordered airlines to remove turboprop flights in NAIA by March 29. Turboprops are assigned mainly to reach airports with shorter or unpaved runways, mostly found in island destinations like Basco and Siargao.

However, MSCC wants turboprops out of NAIA to improve operational efficiency, allocating the airport's runway solely for jetliners that carry more passengers. Turboprops can ferry up to 78

passengers only, but single aisle aircraft like the Airbus A320 can fly as many as 180 people per flight, making them more cost efficient to operate.

“This government led transition aims to improve runway capacity, reduce airport congestion and support safer and more efficient air traffic operations at NAIA,” Sunlight said.

Sunlight presently manages a fleet of four turboprops made by French manufacturer ATR. The airline owns three 72 500s, and in 2025 added a 72 600 for a larger capacity.

Earlier, Brito Garcia confirmed that Sunlight has plans to buy a jetliner before 2028. A jump into the jetliner segment, however, requires a minimum investment of \$101 million, which is the list price of an A320, the most popular aircraft in the Philippines.

Still, Brito Garcia is leaning on the benefits of such an investment, as a jetliner will open up new opportunities for Sunlight, including launching international flights.

For now, Sunlight will be operating fully from the Clark International Airport, which would see a rise in flight options by March 29 when the remaining turboprops from airlines as big as Cebu Pacific and Philippine Airlines come in.

## Generic medicine market to top P400 billion by 2030

The value of the country's generic medicine market is expected to reach over P400 billion by 2030, amid rising health care costs, according to research and analysis firm BMI.

“We project the segment will grow at an 8.8 percent local currency CAGR (compound annual growth rate) (8.5 percent in US dollar terms) from 2025 to 2030, reaching P409 billion (\$6.9 billion),” the Fitch Solutions unit said in a report.

It also expects the share of generic medicines in the country's total pharmaceutical sales to increase to 54 percent by 2030 from 51 percent last year. As health care costs continue to rise, BMI said the government is expected to strengthen efforts to promote local generic medicines and their production to reduce costs and support supply chains.

Data from the Philippine Statistics Authority showed that the country's health expenditure reached P1.4 trillion in 2024, up by 18.6 percent year on year. “The emphasis on cost effectiveness will accelerate generic medicine adoption, intensifying competition for

originator brands while creating opportunities for cost competitive manufacturers,” BMI said. Reforms such as mandating generic names on all medicine packaging, as well as reducing generic drug approval timelines are also expected to speed up the adoption of generic medicines.

BMI said that the government's push for affordable health care solutions is likely to challenge innovative drugmakers looking to expand in the Philippines. While the government seeks to attract investments from pharmaceutical firms to reduce costs and dependence on foreign firms, BMI said complex specialty drugs, patented biologics and advanced oncology treatments are likely to remain imported due to high capital requirements and established global manufacturing economies of scale.

In addition, it said the country still faces gaps in financial resources and skilled talent for pharmaceutical research and development.

Another barrier to pharmaceutical investments is the delay in drug approvals, with the targeted 254 days frequently extending to two to four years.

## Meralco interested in Semirara's coal contract

Manuel V. Pangilinan's Meralco Group has expressed interest in assuming operations of the coal mine long managed by tycoon Isidro Consunji's Semirara Mining and Power Corp. (SMPC).

“Better for Meralco or MGEN (Meralco PowerGen Corp.) to take a look at it,” Pangilinan said in an interview when asked about SMPC's coal operating agreement, which is scheduled for bidding later this year.

The agreement, which will lapse in July 2027, gives SMPC the sole authority to explore, develop, and carry out coal mining activities

on Semirara Island in Antique. While nothing is finalized yet, Pangilinan emphasized that going after the contract is “certainly” on the group's “radar,” especially for MGEN.

MGEN president and CEO Emmanuel Rubio remarked that the possible move could help safeguard “fuel security.” This follows the government's rejection of SMPC's request to prolong its decades-old coal contract by 13 years, paving the way for a competitive tender.

The bidding process will focus on qualifications rather than automatically awarding

it to the highest offer, according to Energy Secretary Sharon Garin.

Should MGEN proceed with the proposal and eventually secure the contract, Pangilinan said it would represent a significant strategic advantage for the firm.

“You secure your supply chain locally, so that has been the benefit. You save on freight (costs) at least,” the Meralco chairman and CEO said. As Meralco's power generation unit, MGEN manages one of the country's largest portfolios of coal-fired power facilities in the Philippines. The company is likewise behind the proposed 1,200-megawatt (MW) ultra-supercritical coal-fired plant in Atimonan, Quezon. MGEN plans to almost double its baseload capacity, aiming for 2,519.8 MW by 2030 to support the nation's rising energy needs.

Aside from MGEN, other energy firms expected to vie for SMPC's primary mining site include Aboitiz Power Corp. and tycoon Ramon Ang's San Miguel Global Power, an industry source said. Asked about the prospect, AboitizPower chief corporate services officer Carlos Aboitiz noted that it is “outside the area of business for our company.”



## SM Prime income up 7% to P48.8 billion in 2025

SM Prime Holdings Inc. sees continued growth momentum this year after ending 2025 on a strong note, posting a seven percent increase in net income to P48.8 billion from P45.6 billion in the previous year.

“2026 will bring its own set of challenges but with disciplined execution and sharper customer focus, we expect to sustain our growth momentum,” SM Prime president Jeffrey Lim said.

Lim said the company expects the property sector to continue improving, although growth will likely be uneven across segments.

“We expect the same trend within our own portfolio. Our commercial properties, particularly our malls, hotels and convention centers, are expected to anchor our growth in 2026. The rest will build steadily and contribute as operating conditions improve,” he said.

“Overall, we are optimistic about 2026. This year, we are completing projects that will

expand our company to broader regional presence, higher capacity and deeper community impact.

This expansions, together with our strong balance sheet, recurring income and project pipeline, will allow us to perform well despite a more cautious operating environment,” Lim said.

The integrated property development arm of the Sy family’s SM Group attributed last year’s profit growth to stronger commercial property revenues and disciplined cost management.

The company generated revenues of P141.1 billion in 2025, slightly higher than the P140.4 billion recorded in the previous year, with the mall segment accounting for 60 percent at P85.1 billion, followed by residential at P42.5 billion, hotels and convention centers at P8.5 billion and offices and warehouses at P5.4 billion.

In the fourth quarter alone, SM Prime’s net income was steady at P11.6 billion, as lower real estate revenues were offset by reduced costs, while

revenues for the three month period declined by seven percent year on year to P37.7 billion.

“Operational efficiency played a critical role in our performance in 2025. It enabled us to protect margins and translate modest revenue growth into a solid bottom line,” Lim said.

Lim said SM Prime is allocating around P100 billion in capital expenditures this year to fund the group’s continuing expansion.

Last year, the company’s capex was at P81.9 billion, with the bulk spent on mall, residential and estate projects. Lim said the company wants to be more strategic in terms of deploying capital for 2026.

“We will be disciplined in terms of our capex. Every peso that we will spend should generate value for our stakeholders.

We will not cut our spending or delay to conserve cash, but will ensure that our spending efficient and returns are very clear before we commit to this capital,” Lim said.

## Remittances reach record high \$35.6 billion

Remittances from overseas Filipinos rose to a new record in December, lifting full year inflows to an all time high and highlighting the sector’s strength despite global economic uncertainty.

Data released by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) showed cash remittances reached \$3.52 billion in December 2025, the highest monthly level on record. This brought full year cash remittances to \$35.63 billion, up by 3.3 percent from \$34.49 billion in 2024.

Remittances in 2025 also slightly exceeded the central bank’s forecast of \$35.5 billion for last year.

The BSP said full year cash remittances accounted for 7.3 percent of gross domestic product (GDP) and 6.4 percent of gross national income, showing their continued importance to the Philippine economy.

Personal remittances, which include cash sent through banks and informal channels as well as remittances in kind, also reached a record high of \$3.89 billion in December, bringing full year personal remittances to an all time high of \$39.62 billion, 3.3 percent higher than the \$38.34 billion recorded in 2024.

The United States remained the largest

source of remittances in 2025, accounting for 39.7 percent of the total, followed by Singapore (7.3 percent) and Saudi Arabia (6.6 percent).

Remittances from land based workers rose by 4.5 percent year on year to \$2.83 billion in December, while those from sea based workers also increased by 3.3 percent to \$690 million.

On a cumulative basis, land based remittances climbed by 3.4 percent to \$28.49 billion, while sea based remittances went up by 2.9 percent to \$7.14 billion.

Analysts said the strong December outturn reflects both seasonal factors and the underlying strength of overseas Filipino employment.

“Remittances in 2025 hit a record \$35.6 billion, and while December’s surge clearly reflects year end bonuses and holiday spending, the bigger story is

resilience. Overseas Filipino employment held up well despite global uncertainty,” Reyes Tacandong & Co. senior adviser Jonathan Ravelas said.

“This matters for growth. Remittances likely added around half a percentage point to GDP by supporting consumption, housing and services,” he added.

However, Ravelas cautioned that risks

remain, particularly from the proposed US remittance tax. He said higher costs could slow formal transfers and affect growth momentum over time.

John Paolo Rivera, senior research fellow at the Philippine Institute for Development Studies, said the record inflows were likely driven by a mix of seasonal and structural factors.

“These were likely driven by seasonal holiday inflows, steady deployment of overseas Filipino workers abroad particularly in health care, maritime and service sectors as well as the continued recovery of host economies in the US, Middle East and parts of Asia,” Rivera said.

He added that the relatively weaker peso encouraged higher remittance conversions, while digital transfer channels made sending money faster and more convenient.

“Remittances remain a key stabilizer for the Philippine economy, supporting household consumption, cushioning external shocks and helping sustain domestic demand despite slower growth and global uncertainties,” Rivera added.

The BSP expects cash remittances to grow by three percent to \$36.6 billion this year.