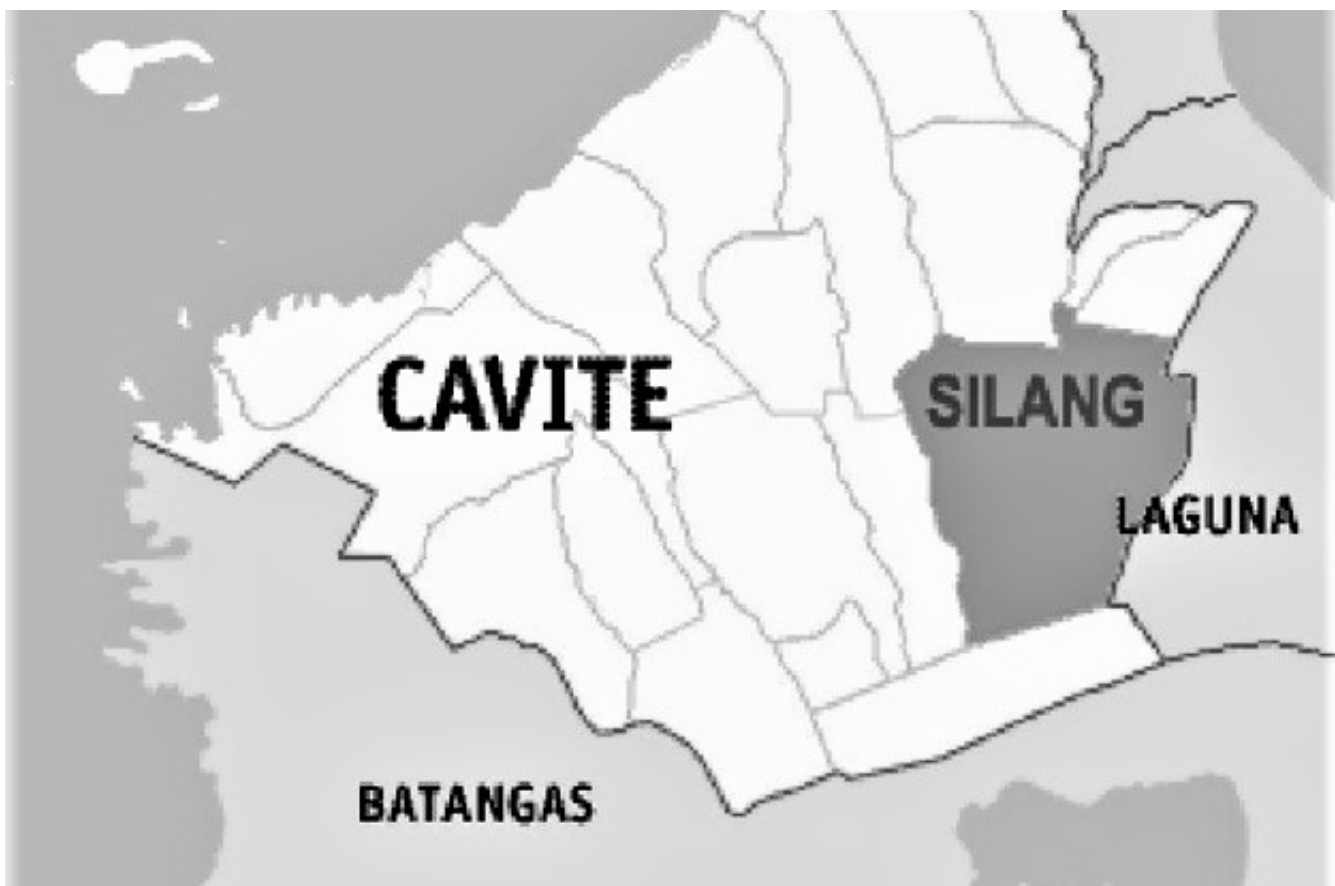




Meralco schedules maintenance in Cavite

The Manila areas in Cavite starting Electric Company April 3 which may (Meralco) announced lead to temporary scheduled maintenance power interruptions in activities in several **Turn to page 2**

Cavite BRT to partially operate in May



The Cavite Bus development officer segment was planned set for September Rapid Transit (BRT) Jaime Feliciano to connect with the 2025. He said System is expected said the P2P buses Parañaque Integrated to begin partial are expected to Terminal Exchange (PITX), but the route offering commuters serve at least 5,000 passengers daily, was adjusted to One a point to point most of whom are Ayala to better serve (P2P) option for workers living in commuters along travel between Imus Cavite and employed the Cavite Makati and Makati. in Makati. route.

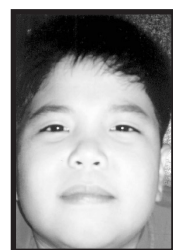
The Cavite Feliciano added Megawide still BRT, developed that the full BRT plans to launch P2P by Megawide system is scheduled services between Construction Corp. to open later this Cavite and PITX and Maplecrest year. The project once the BRT Group Inc., will includes a dedicated system is fully start P2P services bus lane passing operational. between Imus through Kawit, Feliciano noted and One Ayala by Imus, General Trias, that the project faced May. Tanza, and Trece regulatory delays, as

Megawide Martires. partial operations chief business Initially, the P2P were originally

Man dies after slipping while cutting bamboo

NAIC, Cavite shorts, and black — An unidentified rubber shoes. man died after Before the accidentally slipping incident, the man and hitting his face was cutting bamboo on a large rock while when he slipped and cutting bamboo in struck his face on a Barangay Malainen sharp rock. Bago, this town, on He was still able March 31. to stand and walk for a short time but later the victim as around lost consciousness. 30 years old and He was rushed to above, wearing a a hospital but was yellow jersey, denim declared dead.

discussions with the considered unique Land Transportation since the Cavite Franchising and BRT is the country's Regulatory Board first busway to be took place regarding operated by a private the company's company. It allows franchise for bus Megawide to enter operations. agreements with bus operators.



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affected locations. Tanza, Ternate, and On April 3, Trece Martires were maintenance took place affected from 7 p.m. in General Trias City, to 7:30 p.m. for load Cavite from 7 a.m. to normalization related 8 p.m. at Purefoods to the NGCP Tuy-Hormel Company Dasmariñas 500kV Plants 1 to 3 in Sitio Line Project, with De Fuego, Barangay many barangays San Francisco. impacted.

On April 5, several Meralco advised areas in Cavite including residents and businesses Alfonso, General Emilio to prepare for possible Aguinaldo, General power interruptions and Trias, Magallanes, arrange backup plans Maragondon, Naic, for electricity.

RCBC raises P20.5 billion from Asean bond sale

Rizal Commercial Banking Corp. issued fixed-rate (RCBC) has raised Series G ASEAN a record P20.5 Sustainability Bonds billion from its latest due 2029, which peso-denominated were listed on the sustainability Philippine Dealing bond issuance, and Exchange Corp. reflecting strong on April 8. The bonds investor appetite carry a fixed coupon despite market rate of 6.08 percent volatility. per annum.

In a disclosure, the Yuchengco-led bank marks RCBC's

Philippines secures 66 million kilos of LPG supply

The Philippines is set to boost its supply of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) after securing commitments from the United States, Canada, and Mexico for 66 million kilograms to be delivered in the second quarter.

The government supplies through bidding has become more expensive. The move is also aimed at reaching a target of maintaining 60 days worth of supply. Since the government lacks storage facilities, it has sought to use private sector storage.

Local suppliers are also continuing talks with smaller producers to secure additional supply.

Meanwhile, households and businesses may face higher LPG prices. Oil firms have implemented increases of up to P403 per 11 kilogram cylinder.

Arnel Ty, founder of the LPG Marketers Association Inc. and president of Republic Gas Corp., said industry players recently met with the Department of Energy to discuss the government to government procurement aimed at increasing supply.

Like the two million barrels of diesel previously acquired, the LPG supply will be sold to retailers at cost.

Ty said shipments may arrive between mid May and early June once deals are finalized. He added that government action was needed as sourcing

due to rising fuel prices linked to the Middle East conflict.

The government is expected to spend between P2 billion and P2.5 billion for the purchase, which is estimated to cover 20 to 30 days of supply.

Current industry inventory is enough for about 35 to 40 days.

Like the two million barrels of diesel previously acquired, the LPG supply will be sold to retailers at cost.

“We are being asked to let them use the storage facility; if we don’t agree, they will take it over. They have the right to do so under the declaration,” Ty said.

Seaoil Philippines Inc., through Seagas, raised prices by P36.63 per kg, while Solane increased by P17 per kg and Petron by P20 per kg.

He referred to the national energy emergency declared

largest peso-denominated bond offering to date, underscoring continued access to domestic funding markets.

four days of the public offer period. The offer was concluded on March 17, ahead of its original timeline of March 27.

“This is a significant milestone as RCBC’s largest peso-denominated issuance to date,” the bank said, noting that the bonds “saw robust demand from retail and institutional investors resulting to an orderbook more than four times the announced minimum issue size of P5 billion.”

Proceeds from the bond sale will be used to finance or refinance eligible green and social projects in line with RCBC’s Sustainable Finance Framework, the bank said.

The Series G bonds form part of RCBC’s broader P200-billion bond and commercial paper program. With the latest issuance, the bank said its cumulative bond issuances since 2019 have reached P119.5 billion.

The strong demand allowed RCBC to upsize the offering to P20.5 billion, with the bank completing the issuance within

Fuel supply in Philippines enough for 50 days — DOE

The country’s fuel supply is enough for 50.42 days amid the global oil supply disruption caused by ongoing tensions in the Middle East, the Department of Energy (DOE) said on April 7.

not mean stocks will be depleted after May but rather reflects the period within which replenishment should happen.

“That means the supply we have as of today is good up to 50 days, which means the latter half of May. So ang ibig sabihin nun, it’s not like we won’t have any more supply after May or at the end of May. It basically means we have 50 days to replenish what we consume,” Garin said.

In a press briefing with reporters, DOE Secretary Janet Garin said that the country’s fuel supply is sufficient until late May, as the country has 75.052 million liters of fuel as of April 3.

However, Garin explained that the 50-day supply does

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UNIONBANK OF THE PHILIPPINES,
 Mortgagee,

EJF NO. TG-26-013
 FOR: Extra Judicial Foreclosure of
 Real Estate Mortgage [Under Act No.
 3135, as amended]

-versus-

PETRONILA HONA-QUILENDRINO,
 Mortgagor,

-and-

AMPLIFY MULTIMEDIA PROD INC.,
 Borrower/s.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-judicial foreclosure sale under Act 3135, as Amended by Act No. 4118, filed by *Mortgagee*, **UNIONBANK OF THE PHILIPPINES**, a banking institution duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of Philippines, with principal office address at the UnionBank Plaza Building, Meralco Avenue corner Onyx and Sapphire Roads, Ortigas Center, Pasig City, Metro Manila, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Real Estate Mortgage ("MORTGAGE") executed and notarized on May 30, 2017 by *Mortgagor*, **PETRONILA HONA-QUILENDRINO**, widow, of legal age, Filipino, with residence and postal addresses at (1) 126 P. Sofia Bellevue Capitol Hills, Quezon City and (2) Lot 28 Block 9, Foggy Heights Village, Barangay Maitim (now Barangay San Jose), Tagaytay City Province of Cavite, to secure the loan obligation of **AMPLIFY MULTIMEDIA PROD INC.**, as the *Borrower/s*, a domestic corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the Philippine with residence and postal addresses at (1) 126 P. Sofia Bellevue Capitol Hills, Quezon City and (2) 15 A Strata, 100 Building, Emerald Avenue, Ortigas, Pasig City, in favor of the Mortgagee, over a real estate property including improvements thereon, described in and covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 076-2013001563** of the Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City, in order to satisfy the outstanding loan obligation of the Debtor/Mortgagor in the amount of **SEVEN MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED SIXTEEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FORTY-SEVEN PESOS AND 02/100 (Php7,716,247.02)** inclusive of accrued interest, as of January 12, 2026, the undersigned Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff of the Regional Trial Court of Cavite thru her deputy, Ryan M. Genova, will sell at public auction on **May 14, 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. 076-2013001563
 Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City

"IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in BARRIO OF MAITIM, CITY OF TAGAYTAY, ISLAND OF LUZON, bounded and described as follows:

A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 28, BLOCK 9 OF THE CONSOLIDATION-SUBDIVISION PLAN (LRC) PCS-17138, BEING A PORTION OF THE CONSOLIDATION OF LOT B, LRC PCS-13118 AND LOTS 2, 3 AND 4, PSU-105196, LRC REC. NOS. 4 AND 5), SITUATED IN THE BARRIO OF MAITIM, CITY OF TAGAYTAY, ISLAND OF LUZON. BOUNDED ON THE NE., POINTS 6 TO 1 BY LOT 29; ON THE SE., POINTS 1 TO 2 BY LOT (ALLEY), BOTH OF BLOCK 9; ON THE SW., POINTS 2 TO 5 BY ROAD LOT 10; AND ON THE NW., POINTS 5 TO 6 BY LOT 30, BLOCK 9, ALL OF THE CONSOLIDATION-SUBDIVISION PLAN. BEGINNING AT A POINT MARKED "1" ON PLAN BEING S. 38 DEG. 58'E., 6918.48 M. FROM BLLM 2, MP OF AMADEO, CAVITE; THENCE S. 79 DEG. 21'W., 19.94 M. TO POINT 2, THENCE N. 44 DEG. 24'W., 2.74 M. TO POINT 3; THENCE N. 21 DEG. 54'W., 2.74 M. TO POINT 4; THENCE N. 10 DEG. 39' W., 8.22 M. TO POINT 5; THENCE N. 79 DEG. 21'E., 22.00 M. TO POINT 6; THENCE S. 10 DEG. 39'E., 13.20 M. TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; CONTAINING AN AREA OF TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY SEVEN (287) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS. ALL POINTS REFERRED TO ARE INDICATED ON THE PLAN AND ARE MARKED ON THE GROUND BY PS CYL. CONC. MONS. 15 X 60 CM.; BEARINGS TRUE; 0 DEG. 54'E; DATE OF ORIGINAL SURVEY, MAY 23, 1938 AND THAT OF THE CONSOLIDATION-SUBDIVISION SURVEY, EXECUTED BY RESTITUTO U. BAUTISTA, GEODETIC ENGINEER, ON JULY 20-24, 1973.

is registered in accordance with the provision of the Property Registration Decree in the name of

Owner: PETRONILA HONA-QUILENDRINO, WIDOW, OF LEGAL AGE, FILIPINO
 Address: 126 P. SOFIA BELLEVUE CAPITOL HILLS, QUEZON CITY"

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **May 21, 2026** without further notice.

Prospective bidders or buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate and verify for themselves the **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 076-2013001563**, 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, March 24, 2026.

(Sgd.) **ATTY. VARBRA ANN A. VARIAS-DIMAYUGA**
 Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff

(Sgd.) **RYAN M. GENOVA**
 Sheriff-In-Charge

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Roblox won't be banned in the Philippines after child safety talks

The Philippine government has no plans to ban Roblox, officials said on April 7, and instead will press the platform for stronger child safety measures amid mounting concerns over online sexual abuse and exploitation of children.

The Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) and the Cybercrime Investigation and Coordinating Center (CICC) met with Roblox representatives, law enforcement and private sector groups on April 7 to hash out stronger protections for young Filipino users.

Roblox, according to a DICT statement, had promised Philippine government officials they'd enforce stricter

Clark seen on track to beat P12.35-B investment target for 2026

State-run Clark Development Corp. (CDC) said it's on track to beat its P12.35-billion investment commitment this year after signing roughly P9 billion to P10 billion in projects the first quarter alone.

At a press briefing on April 6, Noelle Meneses

of CDC's Business Development and Business Enhancement Group said investment pipeline remains strong, with some sites already wait-listed as negotiations for additional projects continue.

"These are good developments despite what is happening in the Middle East. We feel that the investors' confidence is here," Meneses said. "Hopefully, we will exceed our targets despite what is happening outside of Clark."

Among the latest transactions, CDC closed a P4-billion residential and hotel development at a 2-hectare property near the Hann Resorts area.

It also signed a roughly P1.23-billion assisted-living expansion spanning an area of 4.9 hectares with an existing locator.

Another prospective hotel project along the Clark International Speedway is also

moving forward, Meneses said.

The investment momentum has held despite the oil shock triggered by the Middle East conflict, which raised concerns over fuel supply and rising costs within the freeport.

To mitigate these risks, CDC said it has secured fuel supply deals with Petron, while smaller fuel players have also indicated plans to prioritize Clark.

The agency has also suspended, for April and May, the collection of its P1-per-liter royalty fee on fuel, along with volumetric fees on Jet A1, to help ease cost pressures on locators.

The foregone revenues are estimated at P12.5 million over two months.

"At the end of the day, ayaw po namin na may ma-displace, may ma-retrench, or may magsaradong kumpanya sa zone dahil po sa pagtaas ng krudo sa buong mundo," Meneses said.

CDC said it has not received reports of export demand suddenly drying up or locators cutting jobs, although some tourism-related businesses farther from the parade grounds have seen lighter traffic.

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF PROPERTY OF VENERANDA M. FRANCISCO

NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late **VENERANDA M. FRANCISCO** who died intestate on December 05, 2021 at Philippine General Hospital, Taft Avenue, Manila, consisting of certain conjugal real estate properties which is land with improvements, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. (057-2016033937) 167-2020004042, situated at #27 P. Francisco St., Mabolo 3, Bacoor City, Cavite, containing a lot area FIVE HUNDRED FORTY TWO (542) SQUARE METERS, more or less, has been adjudicated and extrajudicially settled by and among her heirs equally amongst themselves on March 16, 2026 in Dasmariñas City, Cavite, Philippines before Notary Public Atty. Bernard O. Tamon and entered in his Notarial Register as Doc. No. 401; Page No. 82; Book No. 1; Series of 2026.

(Sgd.) **ZALDIVAR M. FRANCISCO for himself and in behalf of his siblings EVELYN M. FRANCISCO and WILLIAM M. FRANCISCO**

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AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late **MIYONDAS P. MACATANONG** who died intestate on May 22, 2018 at Quiapo, Manila and whose residence at the time of his death was at Norzagaray St., Quiapo, Manila, consisting of a parcel of land together with the improvements existing therein located at Blk. 25 Lot 15 Datu Esmal, Bagong Bayan, Dasmariñas City, Cavite with an area of Seventy Seven (77) Square Meters which the deceased acquired on December 20, 2012 from Elizabeth L. Gapio and Samuel T. Gapio notarized before Notary Public Atty. Henry F. Berin and entered into his Notarial Register as Doc. No. 196; Page No. 44; Book No. XXII; Series of 2012 has been self-adjudicated by her sole heir **SHAHIBAH CASTRODES MACATANONG**; that for and in consideration of the sum of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (Php150,000.00), Philippine Currency, she does hereby SELL, TRANSFER AND CONVEY all her rights, interest and participation over the aforesaid lot together with the improvements existing therein in favor of **GENELYN CABAÑING GORDORA**, her heirs, assigns and successors-in-interest free from all liens and encumbrances on July 25, 2018 at the City of Dasmariñas, Cavite before Notary Public Atty. Miriam S. Clorina and entered in her Notarial Register as Doc. No. 17; Page No. 4; Book No. 280; Series of 2018.

(Sgd.) **Affiant/Vendor and Vendee**

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EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late **AMELIA AUREO** who died intestate on March 13, 2026 in City of Dasmariñas, Cavite, consisting of a lawn lot situated at Providence Memorial Lot specifically designated as RL-2A-L22-C-Reg. has been adjudicated and extra-judicially settled by and among her heirs in pro indiviso equal shares with waiver of rights, interest and participation in the above lawn lot in favor of **ABIGAIL FAYE AUREO FELDRIHAN** on March 16, 2026 in the City of Dasmariñas, Cavite before Notary Public Atty. Kareen T. Hermosa and entered in her Notarial Register as Doc. No. 413; Page No. 83; Book No. 171; Series of 2026.

(Sgd.) **Heirs/Transferors and Heir/Transferee**

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EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late **GILBERT P. AMADOR** who died intestate on August 20, 2012 at the City of Dasmariñas, Cavite, consisting of a property (house and lot) situated at Blk. 25, Lot 7, Area A-1 (Brgy. Sto. Niño 1, City of Dasmariñas, Cavite, containing an area of One Hundred Fifty (150 sq.m.) square meters, by virtue of Deed of Sale with Transfer of Rights executed by the allocatee owner Inocencio Blanco Sr. and his wife Concepcion Blanco dated 16 May 2005, notarized before notary public Atty. Tomas P. Dulay, Jr. entered and registered in his notarial register as Doc. No. 300; Page No. 60; Book No. 7; Series of 2005 has been adjudicated and extrajudicially settled by and among his true lawful heirs in pro indiviso equal shares with waiver of rights, interest, and participation in the said parcel of land including improvements erected therein in favor of **BERLYN B. AMADOR and MICHAEL JOHN B. AMADOR and MARK JOSEPH B. AMADOR** on March 30, 2026 at Dasmariñas City, Cavite before Notary Public Atty. Kareen T. Hermosa and entered in her Notarial Register as Doc. No. 496; Page No. 100; Book No. 171; Series of 2026.

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

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EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF SPS. PETRONILO L. TORRES AND GERTRUDIS DIOSOMITO TORRES AND WITH SPECIAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late **PETRONILO L. TORRES** married to **GERTRUDIS DIOSOMITO TORRES** who both died intestate on April 21, 1984 and on May 29, 1999 both at the Philippine Heart Center, Quezon City, respectively, consisting of several number of shares of stock of Ayala Corporation described hereunder as follows:

Date Issued	Stock Cert. No.	Number of Shares	Par Value
May 30, 2005	8238	9,693	P 484,650
June 18, 2007	63859	1,938	96,900
May 21, 2008	71594	2,326	116,300
July 29, 2011	80296	2,791	139,550
		16,748	P 837,400

That, on May 30, 2005, the total shareholding of **PETRONILO L. TORRES** totaling 484,665 was subjected to a declaration of stock split of 50:1, thus, his new number of shares was 9,693, covered by stock certificate #8238. Subsequently, three (3) more stock dividends of 20% each were declared making his total shares to 16,748.

That, all the above stock certificates are still in the possession of the Ayala Corporation's Stock Transfer Service, Inc.

has been adjudicated and extrajudicially settled by and among their heirs in equal shares;

That, they, **ALEJANDRO D. TORRES**, married to **Elizabeth Bautista-Torres**, **CARIDAD TORRES-ALAMAN**, married to **Alex U. Alaman**, **CONSTANCIA TORRES- CASTRO**, married to **Oscar M. Castro**, **CRESENCIA TORRES-BALAUAG**, married to **Proceso P. Balauag, Jr.**, and **SEVERINO D. TORRES**, married to **Ronna Alegre-Torres**, have **NAMED, CONSTITUTED, and APPOINTED**, and by these presents do hereby named, constituted, and appointed **PRESCILA TORRES-BAYLOSIS**, married to **Reynaldo A. Baylosis** and/or **NICASIO D. TORRES**, married to **Julietta Bautista-Torres** as their true and lawful Attorney-in-Fact for them and in their name, place and steads, to perform the following acts and deed relative to the shares of stocks mentioned above:

1. To transact, negotiate, conclude, and enter into/ execute/ sign any contract, agreement, deed and other related documents in disposition of the above-named shares of stocks totaling 16,748;
2. To accept/ receive payment in our behalf specially checks issued by interested buyer/s representing cash/ installment payments for the sale of the aforementioned shares of stocks.
3. To endorse or encash the said checks.
4. To sign and execute all papers or instruments necessary in furtherance of these powers

on March 31, 2026 at Naic, Cavite before Notary Public Atty. Jose A. Mendoza and entered in his Notarial Register as Doc. No. 418; Page No. 85; Book No. XXXIII; Series of 2026.

(Sgd.) **All Heirs with conformity of spouses**

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EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF MONTANO REYES BARISO and LIGAYA PASCUAL-SASIS BARISO with WAIVER OF RIGHTS

NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late **SPOUSES MONTANO REYES BARISO and LIGAYA PASCUAL-SASIS BARISO** who both died intestate on September 20, 2020 and on June 18, 2021 both at Imus City, Cavite, respectively, consisting of a parcel of land with improvement (house and lot), situated in the barrio ALAPAN, Municipality of IMUS, Prov. of CAVITE, Island of LUZON, covered by TCT No. T-580520 in the name of **MONTANO R. BARISO**, of legal age, Filipino, married to **LIGAYA P. BARISO**, containing an area of FORTY (40) SQUARE METERS has been adjudicated and extrajudicially settled by and among their surviving heirs with waiver of rights, interest and participation in the above-described real property (house and lot) in favor of **ARVIN JOSHUA S. BARISO** on April 6, 2026 at Imus City, Cavite, Philippines before Notary Public Atty. James M. Licayu and entered in his Notarial Register as Doc. No. 338; Page No. 69; Book No. LXXX; Series of 2026.

(Sgd.) **Affiants**

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EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF ANSELMO C. GIRON

NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late **ANSELMO C. GIRON** married to **MARIGIL I. GIRON** who died intestate on December 7, 2025 at Medical Center Imus, Imus Diversion Road, Palico IV, Imus City, Cavite, consisting of a certain parcel of land with improvements which he is the registered owner, situated in the Barrio of Molino, City of Bacoor, Province of Cavite, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-1191658, containing an area of NINETY NINE (99) SQUARE METERS has been adjudicated and extrajudicially settled by and between his heirs on April 6, 2026 at Bacoor City, Cavite, Philippines before Notary Public Atty. Oliver P. Agustin and entered in his Notarial Register as Doc. No. 236; Page No. 49; Book No. 2; Series of 2026.

(Sgd.) **Both Heirs**

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**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

In compliance with Sec. 5 of Rep. Act No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **ROSALINDA JACINTO DIGNOS** has filed with this office a petition for CHANGE OF FIRST NAME from "**ROSALINA**" to "**ROSALINDA**" in the Certificate of Live Birth of one, **ROSALINDA DURIAN JACINTO**, who was born on August 12, 1970 at Gattaran, Cagayan and whose parents were **BONIFACIO JACINTO & VIRGINIA DURIAN**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than **13th April 2026**.

(Sgd.) **OFELIA U. ARGUSON**
OIC-Municipal Civil Registrar

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SSS OFW membership reaches 1.5 million

The number of through innovation and overseas Filipino resilience, no matter worker (OFW) the circumstances," members of the state SSS president Robert run Social Security Joseph de Claro said in System (SSS) reached a statement.

1.5 million as of end December. The SSS also assured overseas

Data from the members that they can pension fund showed continue accessing that 1.48 million OFWs benefits and services are covered, with through digital 540,018 actively paying platforms despite contributions. rising tensions in some

"We remain regions. De Claro said supporting our OFWs members can file

benefit claims and meet the requirements apply for loans without and are certified by the interruption through Department of Migrant the My.SSS Portal. Workers.

For example, "Even in these OFWs who were challenging times, our involuntarily separated digital infrastructure from work may avail ensures seamless of unemployment service delivery," de benefits, provided they Claro said. "Members

in the Middle East with Liveness Check, need not worry; they enabling secure can manage their identity verification accounts safely from from smartphones anywhere with internet anywhere," he said. access."

He noted that the The agency feature helps reduce added that overseas fraud risks and limits pensioners can now the need for travel complete the Annual given the current Confirmation of security situation in the Pensioners online using Middle East.

Around 2.4 million a facial authentication Around 2.4 million tool, reducing the Filipinos are living need to travel in areas and working across affected by conflict. the Middle East, with

"A stand out large populations in the innovation is the ACOP UAE, Saudi Arabia, Facial Authentication Qatar, and Kuwait.

Government reduces GOCC subsidies to P106.92 billion

The government released lower financial support to state run firms, with subsidies dropping to P106.92 billion last year, mostly allocated to irrigation and rice related programs.

Data from the Bureau of the Treasury showed that subsidies to government owned and controlled corporations (GOCCs) declined by 22.9 percent from P138.76 billion in 2024.

However, in December alone, government financial institutions received P509 million, down by 90.9 percent from P5.58 billion in the previous year. Subsidies are provided to GOCCs to cover operational expenses not supported by their own revenues. In 2025, the National Irrigation Administration received 44.2 percent of total subsidies amounting to P47.24 billion, although this was 34 percent lower than the P71.21 billion it received in 2024. The National Food Authority got the second largest share at P14.4 billion, 28 percent lower than the previous year, followed by the Power Sector Assets and Liabilities Management with P8 billion. Other recipients included the Philippine Crop Insurance Corp., Philippine Reclamation Authority, Philippine Fisheries Development Authority, Philippine Health Insurance Center, Philippine Rubber Research Institute, and the Bases Conversion and Development Authority. The Land Bank of the Philippines received the smallest subsidy at P7 million. Other agencies that received smaller amounts were the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority with P22 million, Philippine Health Insurance Corp. (P27 million), Zamboanga City Special Economic Zone Authority (P47 million), Philippine Center for Economic Development (P59 million), and the Philippine Tax Academy (P60 million). In 2025, total government spending rose by 1.8 percent to P6.03 trillion from P5.93 trillion in 2024.

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World Bank cuts Philippines growth forecast to 3.7%

The World Bank trimmed its growth forecast for the Philippines for this year with the Middle East conflict seen to affect economic activity.

In an online briefing on April 8, World Bank senior economist Ergys Islamaj said the multilateral lender expects the Philippine economy to grow by 3.7 percent this year.

This is lower than the multilateral lender's 5.3 percent growth forecast provided in January.

The latest forecast is also below the government's five to six percent gross domestic product (GDP) growth target for the year.

If the new growth forecast is realized, the

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SSS urges employers to register household workers

The Social Security System (SSS) is calling on household employers to register their kasambahays to provide long overdue social protection to one of the most vulnerable groups of workers.

SSS president and CEO Robert Joseph de Claro said the agency recently launched its Kasambahay Caravan across 43 locations in Metro Manila and Rizal to encourage employers to enroll their household helpers.

“This initiative ensures every kasambahay can access SSS benefits

such as sickness, maternity, disability, unemployment, retirement, funeral and death,” he said.

Registered workers will also qualify for loan programs, including salary and calamity loans, he added.

They will also receive protection under the Employees Compensation Program, which covers work related illness, disability, or death.

During the caravan, the agency provided onsite services to make registration easier for both employers and household workers.

These services

included membership registration, issuance of SSS numbers, and processing of member data updates.

Assistance was also given for online services such as My SSS account registration, password resets, generation of payment reference numbers, and applications for loans and benefits, along with orientations on coverage and employer responsibilities.

Republic Act 11199 or the Social Security Act of 2018 requires employers to register their household workers within 30 days from hiring and

to remit contributions.

For those earning P5,000 or more monthly, employers must deduct the employee share from the salary, add their own share, and pay through accredited channels.

For workers earning P5,000 or less, employers are required to cover the full contribution.

The SSS plans to expand the Kasambahay Caravan to help close coverage gaps and ensure household workers receive the same basic protection as other formal sector employees.

Government takeover seen to improve Petron credit profile

A possible government takeover of Petron Corp. could strengthen its operations, protect debt obligations, and improve access to funding, according to CreditSights.

The Fitch Solutions unit said the proposed deal would be modestly positive for the oil company in the long term, given the government’s stronger credit standing compared to San Miguel Corp. (SMC).

The government is also expected to provide more support for Petron’s operations and debt payments while helping it access a wider range of bank financing.

“We expect Petron will be considered strategically important to the Philippine government if the deal goes through, given that Petron operates the country’s sole refinery, supplying 35 to 40 percent of total domestic fuel needs,” CreditSights said.

This follows renewed offers by SMC chairman Ramon Ang to sell Petron back to the government amid the ongoing energy emergency. Ang said the buyback could be

done in stages at fair market value so the government would not need to pay a large amount at once.

While the deal could have a slight negative effect in the short term,

CreditSights said the long term benefits are expected to outweigh the risks.

SMC currently holds a 71.8 percent stake in Petron and may sell up to 35.9 percent to the government without triggering a change in control. The government previously owned 60 percent of Petron through the Philippine National Oil Co. (PNOC), which acquired Esso

Philippines (Petron’s old name) during the global oil crisis in 1973.

In 1994, PNOC sold 40 percent to Saudi Aramco as part of preparations for deregulation of the oil industry. Petron was fully privatized in the same year when PNOC sold its remaining 20 percent stake.

SMC took control of Petron in 2009 after acquiring a majority stake from Ashmore Group, which had earlier purchased shares from Aramco.

PEZA seeks 100 percent work from home for ecozone firms

The Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA) has proposed increasing the current 50 percent work from home (WFH) limit in economic zones to as much as 100 percent, giving registered business enterprises (RBEs) more flexibility as fuel prices rise.

In a notice, the agency said it has formally submitted its request to the Fiscal Incentives Review Board

(FIRB), particularly for companies in the information technology and business process management sector.

Under the provision of the CREATE MORE Act, the FIRB may allow RBEs to exceed the 50 percent cap during national emergencies or major disasters.

PEZA said the proposal follows the directive to conserve energy and reduce the effects of the

ongoing Middle East conflict on ecozone operations.

Executive Order 110 placed the country under a state of national energy emergency due to the risk of limited oil supply.

The order encourages private sector participation in energy saving measures, including flexible work setups to reduce transport demand and costs.

Currently, RBEs can implement up to 50 percent

WFH arrangements while still enjoying incentives such as income tax holidays, enhanced deductions, and duty free importation.

While waiting for approval, PEZA said firms may continue applying for a Letter of Authority to allow up to 50 percent WFH on a case to case basis.

The FIRB has assured that it is working on coordinated measures to support businesses during the oil crisis.

Philippines leads Asia Pacific in mobile payment use

The Philippines has strengthened its position as a mobile wallet first economy, becoming the only market in Asia Pacific where mobile money services lead online payments, according to a report by Entrust.

The study showed that 55 percent of Filipinos prefer mobile money when paying online, far ahead of debit and credit cards at 13 percent and other digital payment options at 11 percent.

This places the Philippines as the top country in mobile wallet use in the region, highlighting a major shift in how consumers make transactions.

“The Philippines is skipping some traditional payment methods because mobile wallets solve both accessibility and convenience in one solution,” William Cheong, strategic consultant for financial services in Asia Pacific at Entrust, said.

The report showed that the country’s adoption rate is higher than other markets,

with Thailand at 22 percent, Malaysia at 12 percent, and Vietnam at 11 percent.

This trend reflects a broader shift in consumer behavior, with more Filipinos using digital platforms not only for payments but also for banking services.

Across the region, about 80 percent of consumers prefer interacting with banks through mobile apps, while 55 percent opened their most recent accounts digitally.

In the Philippines, mobile wallets are now part of daily transactions. “Filipinos are highly mobile first in how they communicate, how they shop and manage their daily life.

Payment naturally followed that lifestyle shift, making mobile wallets the default choice,” Cheong said.

He added that mobile wallets have helped improve financial access, especially for

underserved and unbanked groups, allowing more

Filipinos to join the formal financial system.

The growth of mobile wallets is also changing the country’s digital economy, with businesses from large companies to small stores integrating e wallets into their operations.

“There’s compelling evidence that even everyday micro retailers are integrating e wallets into their core businesses,” Cheong said, noting that use among sari sari stores has increased by as much as 75 percent.

Digital payments also help small businesses improve efficiency and record keeping, while expanding services such as bill payments and remittances.

This shift is pushing traditional banks and card providers to adapt by improving mobile apps, enabling real time transfers, and strengthening security.

“Traditional banks are evolving to compete in this mobile first

environment,” Cheong said.

“Users are now evenly split between opening accounts via mobile applications and in person, which shows increasing acceptance of digital onboarding.”

Card networks like Visa and Mastercard are also adjusting by integrating their services into digital wallets to stay relevant.

Interoperability is becoming important, especially with the entry of global platforms into the local market. The launch of Google Pay and its connection with local e wallets such as GCash is seen as a key step toward a more connected payment system.

“When global platforms come into the market and integrate with local issuers and e wallets, it expands consumer choice and acceptance points,” Cheong said. “Consumers expect flexibility across online and offline channels.

There’s no single payment method

that meets every need.”

However, the shift to digital payments also brings risks such as fraud and cyber threats, making security a major concern.

“As adoption grows, the attack surface expands. It’s crucial to protect both user identity and transaction integrity,” Cheong said.

Despite strong growth, challenges remain, including limited infrastructure in rural areas, a large unbanked population, and concerns about data privacy and fraud.

Financial literacy also remains an issue, with some consumers still hesitant to fully adopt digital payments.

“Education and awareness are critical to building trust and encouraging adoption,” Cheong said.

Still, digital payments in the Philippines are expected to keep growing, supported by better connectivity, innovation, and stronger cooperation across sectors.

Over the next

few years, the payment system is expected to become more seamless and secure as technology improves and competition increases.

While mobile wallets are reducing the use of cash, physical money is still expected to remain in use, especially in informal sectors.

Data showed that 48 percent of Filipinos still prefer cash for offline transactions, compared to 22 percent for mobile money and 20 percent for debit or credit cards.

“Cash usage is declining, but it’s not going to go away,” he said.

Even so, the country’s shift to a mobile wallet first system marks a major change in how transactions are done.

“The Philippine shift to a mobile wallet first market signals a new baseline for digital payments,” Cheong said. “Trust, security and seamless user experience are no longer optional. They are expected.”

Bank lending rises 9.5 percent in February

Growth in bank lending slightly increased in February, showing continued demand for credit from businesses and households despite external risks.

Preliminary data from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) showed that outstanding loans of universal and commercial banks rose by 9.5 percent year on year in February, higher than the 9.3 percent growth in January.

Total loan releases reached P14.27 trillion, up by P1.24 trillion from P13.03 trillion in the same period last year.

Loans to residents, which make up most of bank lending, grew by 10.1 percent in February, faster than the 9.9 percent increase in January.

On the other hand, loans to non residents continued to decline, dropping by 13.2 percent from a 10.4 percent decrease in January.

Loans for production activities, which account for the largest share, expanded by 8.6 percent in

February from 8.2 percent in January. Total production loans reached about P12.03 trillion or 84.3 percent of loans to residents.

Growth was supported by key sectors such as utilities and infrastructure. Lending to electricity, gas, steam, and air conditioning rose by 23.5 percent to P1.92 trillion, while real estate loans increased by nine percent to P2.85 trillion.

Loans to wholesale and retail trade, including motor vehicle repair, went up by 8.2 percent to P1.6 trillion, while transportation and storage lending increased by 19.3 percent to P583.77 billion.

Credit for water supply, sewerage, waste management, and related activities also grew by 26 percent to P252.26 billion.

However, some sectors posted declines. Loans to manufacturing fell by 5.8 percent to P1.18 trillion, while construction lending dropped by 7.7 percent to P493.07 billion.

Consumer loans rose by 20.8 percent in February, slightly slower than the 21.3 percent growth in January, as increases in credit card and motor vehicle loans eased.

Total consumer loans reached P1.96 trillion, or about 13.7 percent of loans to residents.

Credit card loans remained the largest share, rising by 27.3 percent to P1.21 trillion. Motor vehicle loans increased by 13.9 percent to P535.35 billion, while salary based general purpose loans grew by 5.6 percent to P167.10 billion.

The BSP said bank lending remains important in transmitting monetary policy to the economy and added that it will ensure liquidity and lending conditions stay aligned with its goal of maintaining price and financial stability.

Separate data showed that domestic liquidity grew by 10.3 percent year on year to P19.8 trillion in February, faster than the 8.6 percent growth in January.

GSIS offers loan relief with three month refund program

The Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) is offering cash refunds of up to P111,000 to government employees under a modified three month loan relief program aimed at easing the impact of rising living costs.

Under the program “Balik Ginhawa,” GSIS will return three months of loan payments covering December 2025 to February 2026 to qualified members who apply through the GSIS Touch mobile app. Refunds will be credited directly to their accounts. GSIS said the average member pays about P37,000 monthly in non housing loans, bringing the total refund to P111,000, although

actual amounts will vary based on loan records. Once approved, the loan term will be extended by three months without additional interest or penalties. “In this way, you can use it immediately for your needs. Regular salary deductions will

continue to ensure the order and stability of GSIS, and to safeguard the welfare of its members,” GSIS President and General Manager Wick Veloso said. The program follows the declaration of a national energy emergency, allowing agencies to implement measures to protect the economy.

It also supports the administration’s Unified Package for Livelihoods, Industry, Food and Transport

or (UPLIFT) program aimed at easing the effects of the conflict. Eligible members include those with existing loans that are not in default, have no unpaid balances, and have made actual payments during the covered period. Applications will be accepted until Oct. 31. Around 3.2 million members are expected to benefit, with about P19 billion set to be refunded.

“We are fully aligned with the President’s directive to ease the burden on our government workers. Through the Balik Ginhawa program, GSIS is ready to provide immediate and meaningful financial relief to our members when they need it most,” Veloso said.

Factory activity slows to three month low in March

Manufacturing activity in the Philippines eased to a three month low in March as export demand weakened due to the Middle East conflict.

The country’s Purchasing Managers’ Index (PMI) dropped to 51.3 in March from 54.6 in February, according to S&P Global.

Although the figure remained above the 50 level that indicates growth, it marked the first

slowdown since December. Companies reportedly slowed purchasing activity in March due to weaker export demand, leading to a more moderate rise in new orders.

“The war in the Middle East weighed on the performance of the Philippines manufacturing sector, March PMI data showed. With the vast majority of the country’s oil supply coming from

the Gulf countries now under threat, the President has declared a national energy emergency,” said Maryam Baluch, economist at S&P Global Market Intelligence.

“Filipino manufacturers are exposed to shocks in oil and fuel prices rippling through global markets, as signalled via notable hikes in costs and charges, and softer demand conditions,” she added.