

Go pushes PH as 'sports powerhouse in Asia'

Sen. Christopher Lawrence "Bong" Go co-sponsors Senate Resolution No. 394, calling for stronger support for Filipino athletes after the Philippine National Barebow Archery Team won a gold and two bronze medals in the Malaysia 2026 Barebow Asia

Championship.

"We will continue to work doubly hard with all concerned agencies and stakeholders to bring our country the glory it deserves and to establish the Philippines as a true sports powerhouse in Asia," he said during

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Sen. Bong Go

Fully Connected CAVITEX C5 Link Enhances Logistics Efficiency and Reliability

The logistics sector is recognizing operational predictability and asset efficiency as key benefits following the opening of the CAVITEX C5 Link Segment 3B.

Segment 3B is the

final segment that completes the alignment of the 7.7-kilometer CAVITEX C5 Link, establishing a direct connection between the Manila-Cavite Expressway (CAVITEX) and C5 Road in the City of Taguig.

While the industry continues to operate under challenging economic conditions, leaders note that the ability to bypass traditional urban bottlenecks provides a critical edge in maintaining

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P300-M Pondo, Inilaan ng Pamahalaang Panlalawigan para sa Modernisasyon ng GEAMH

TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite — Nagkaroon ng actual inspection at ocular visit sa General Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital (GEAMH) nitong Mayo 20, 2026 sina Cavite Governor Jonvic "Abeng" Remulla at Trece Martires City Mayor Gemma Buendia Lubigan bilang bahagi ng paghahanda sa malawakang pagpapalawak at modernisasyon ng pampublikong ospital sa lalawigan.



Ayon kay Mayor Lubigan, malinaw na narinig ng Pamahalaang Panlalawigan ng Cavite ang mga hinaing at pangangailangan ng mga mamamayan pag-

dating sa serbisyon pangkalusugan. Aniya, matapos ang masusing pagpapalano at pagtiyak na may sapat na pondong nakalaan, agad nang isinagawa ang inspeksyon sa

GEAMH upang maisakutaparan ang mga nakatakdang proyekto para sa ospital.

Para sa taong 2026, naglaan ang Provincial Gov-

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BACOR CITY CONDUCTS DISASTER PREPAREDNESS ORIENTATION WITH FIRST AID TRAINING FOR MAYOR'S PERMIT APPLICANTS

Legislative and Disaster Resilience Building – May 21, 2026 – The City Government of Bacoor held Disaster Preparedness Orientation sessions with Emergency First Aid Training on May 21, 2026, in compliance with City Ordinance 248-2022. Under Mayor Strike B. Revilla's leadership, the program was implemented by BDRMO led by Mr. Richard Quion.

The morning session from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM accommodated two groups – 18 for

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Mekeni Showcases Export-Quality Filipino Products at IFEX Philippines 2026

PASAY CITY, Philippines — Mekeni Food Corporation is reinforcing its position as a globally competitive Filipino food brand as it joins the prestigious IFEX Philippines 2026, happened last May 21 to 23, 2026 at the World Trade Center Metro Manila.

Recognized as the country's premier global food trade show, IFEX Philippines gathers international buyers, importers, distributors, and food industry stakeholders to discover authentic and innovative Filipino food products for the global market.

At the exhibition, Mekeni is showcasing its wide range of export-quality products, underscoring the company's growing international presence and commitment to world-class food manufacturing standards. Today, Mekeni products are available in more than 20

countries across Asia, the Middle East, North America, Europe, and Oceania.

"Our participation in IFEX Philippines 2026 reflects Mekeni's continuing commitment to bring Filipino excellence to the global stage," said Pruds Garcia, President of Mekeni Food Corporation. "What started as a small homegrown enterprise in Pampanga has now grown into a brand trusted by Filipino families and international consumers alike. Through innovation, quality, and authenticity, we aim to further strengthen the presence of Filipino food products in the international market."

Mekeni's participation also highlights the company's adherence to globally recognized food safety and quality standards, enabling the brand to compete in highly demanding export mar-



kets.

According to Marilou Uy, Assistant Vice President for HR and Exports, IFEX Philippines serves as a valuable platform for expanding partnerships and promoting Philippine-made products worldwide.

"IFEX Philippines provides an important op-

portunity for Mekeni to connect with global buyers and showcase the quality and competitiveness of Filipino food products," Uy said. "As consumer demand for trusted and high-quality food brands continues to grow internationally, Mekeni remains committed to continuous

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SSS commits to faster, streamlined services as ARTA marks 8th year

QUEZON CITY, 22 May 2026 – The Social Security System (SSS) reaffirmed its commitment to faster and more responsive public service as it joins the Anti-Red Tape Authority (ARTA) in celebrating its 8th anniversary on Friday, May 22.

SSS President and Chief Executive Officer Robert Joseph M. de Claro said the agency continues to strengthen frontline services, simplify processes, and modernize systems to better respond to member concerns, in line with the shared goal of improving government service delivery for Filipinos.

"As one of the country's largest public service institutions, SSS recognizes that every transaction affects the daily lives of our members.

We continue to improve our systems, processes, and front-line services because faster and more responsive government service is not only an operational goal, but a public responsibility," de Claro said.

"The agency's strong financial performance in 2025 has strengthened its capacity to expand member assistance programs and accelerate reforms aimed at improving service delivery", de Claro added.

In 2025, SSS posted a net income of P142.97 Billion while its Reserve Fund surpassed the P1 Trillion mark for the first time in the institution's history, a major milestone that further strengthens the long-term stability of the pension fund for current and future members.

"Our strong financial position allows us to invest directly in better services, new technologies, infrastructure upgrades, and programs that will improve the experience of our members," de Claro said.

He also highlighted the agency's expanded relief programs designed to help Filipino workers and families cope with the continuing impact of the national energy emergency.

As part of these efforts, de Claro said SSS is also preparing to roll out an Energy Sustainability Loan Program in September.

The program allows qualified SSS members with a Mandatory Provident Fund account to avail themselves of financing to install residential solar panel systems, payable for up to seven years. The

Mandatory Provident Fund Program is a compulsory retirement savings scheme that automatically enrolls SSS members who are contributing to the regular SSS program with a Monthly Salary Credit (MSC) above ₱20,000.

SSS aims to support at least 100,000 homes by 2028 through the program, which seeks to help families manage rising electricity costs while promoting long-term energy sustainability.

According to de Claro, the initiative reflects the evolving role of SSS in responding not only to traditional social security concerns, but also to emerging economic pressures affecting Filipino households.

"As ARTA continues to push for reforms in government service delivery, SSS



remains committed to developing programs that are more responsive, practical, and rel-

evant to the everyday realities of the Filipino people," de Claro said. #

Bagong Fire Station sa Mendez-Nuñez, Pinasinayaan

Patuloy na pinagtitibay ng Pamahalaang Bayan ng Mendez-Nuñez, sa pamumuno ni Mayor Cocoy Mendoza, ang kanilang panata sa tapat at mahusay na paglilingkod sa mamamayan sa pamamagitan ng blessing at inauguration ng bagong Fire Station na matatagpuan sa LGU Command Center kamakailan.

Kasabay nito, kinilalarin ang kabutihang-loob ni Lolo Julio R. Dimapilis, na nagkalooob ng lupang kinatatayuan ng buong community.



Mayor Cocoy Mendoza

pound kung saan matatagpuan ang ilang tanggapan ng pamahalaang bayan. Ang bagong pasilidad ay inaasahang magsisilbing simbolo ng pinaigting na kahandaan, mas mabilis na pagtugon sa oras ng pangangailangan, at mas ligtas na komunidad para sa bawat Pamilyang Mendezeño.



FAMILIA TAYONG MENDEZEÑO

DA-ATI CALABARZON, Nakiisa sa Extension Conference 2026 para Isulong ang Etikal na Extension Services

Bilang bahagi ng patuloy na pagsusulong ng kahusayan sa extension at pakikipag-ugnayan sa iba't ibang institusyon, nakiisa ang DA-ATI CALABARZON sa Extension Conference na may temang "ASCEND with Integrity: Ethics as the Foundation

of Extension Excellence" na ginanap sa Cavite State University, Indang, Cavite bilang bahagi ng Futures Thinking Week 2026 celebration.

Dumalo sa nasabing gawain si Bb. Abegail L. Del Rosario, Senior Agriculturist

at Partnerships and Accreditation Section Chief ng DA-ATI CALABARZON, bilang Reactor para sa mga extension projects at programang itinampok sa kumperensya. Naging daan ang aktibidad upang higit pang mapalalim ang talakayan ukol sa etikal at makabuluhang pagpapatu-



pad ng extension services sa iba't ibang sektor.

Sa pamamagitan ng pakikilahok sa mga ganitong inisyatiba, patuloy na pinagtitibay ng DA-ATI CALABARZON ang suporta nito sa pagpapalawak ng kaalaman, pagpapalakas ng mga institusyon, at pagsusulong ng makabuluhan at napapanatiling pag-unlad sa sektor ng agrikultura.



City Government of Imus

Imus City Prepares for Start of National Flag Days Celebration

IMUS CITY, Cavite — In preparation for the celebration marking the start of National Flag Days on May 28, 2026, the City Government of Imus, through the Office of the City Tourism and Heritage Officer (OCTHO) in coordination with the National Historical Commission of the Philippines, conducted a full rehearsal at the National Flag Shrine of the Philippines in Barangay Eight II-B.

The rehearsal was carried out to ensure an orderly and meaningful opening of the National Flag Days observance, which commemorates the historic Battle of Alapan in 1898. The annual event highlights the significance of the battle, recognized as the first major victory of Filipino revolutionary forces against Spanish colonizers. According to lo-



cal officials, the preparations aim to honor the bravery and patriotism of Filipino heroes while pro-

moting historical awareness among residents and visitors expected to attend the ceremonies.

Through national recognition by the National Historical Commission of the Philippines, Imus City is officially acknowledged as the "Flag Capital of the Philippines." The title stems from the victory during the Battle of Alapan on May 28, 1898, when the Philippine flag was first triumphantly unfurled following the revolutionaries' success.

Historians note that the victory in Alapan paved the way for the declaration of Philippine Independence on June 12, 1898, a milestone in the country's struggle for freedom.

The City Government of Imus continues to encourage the public to participate in the upcoming National Flag Days activities as a way of honoring the nation's history and strengthening Filipino patriotism.

DILG Cavite



DILG Cavite officially launches the Coaching and Mentoring Program for Local Government Operations Officers (LGOOs) on Local Legislation at the HR Training Conference Room, 4th Floor, Imus New Government Center.

The activity gathers LGOOs in a meaningful learning and mentoring engagement aimed at strengthening their competencies in local legislation, parliamentary procedures, legislative review, and other key areas essential in promoting effective and responsive local governance.

Through this initiative, DILG Cavite continues to invest in capability development and knowledge-sharing to ensure that field officers are better equipped to assist LGUs in crafting sound, lawful, and development-oriented legislations for the benefit of their respective communities.

PNPA Director PBGEN Redrico A. Maranan, bumisita sa Silang LGU

Bumisita si PNPA Director PBGEN Redrico A. Maranan, kasama sina Assistant Dean PCOL Harold Payumo Depositar at ilang kawani ng PNPA, sa tanggapan ni Mayor Ted Carranza para sa isang courtesy call ngayong araw, Mayo 20. Dumalo rin si Municipal Ad-

ministrator Audie Madrideo upang salubungin ang delegasyon.

Tinalakay sa naging pagpupulong ang pagpapatibay ng ugnayan at koordinasyon sa pagitan ng lokal na pamahalaan ng Silang at ng Philippine National Police Academy (PNPA) para sa



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improvement, export excellence, and proudly carrying the Filipino brand across borders.”

As one of the leading food manufacturers in the Philippines, Mekeni continues to champion local heritage and innovation through products that resonate with both Filipino communities abroad and international consumers seeking premium Asian food products.

IFEX Philippines



2026 runs daily from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM at the World Trade Center Metro Manila in Pasay City.

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supply chain reliability.

“The opening of the CAVITEX C5 Link Segment 3B eases up our daily transport movements, helping us keep up our delivery timelines and optimize our resources,” said Doris Torres, Executive Director of the Philippine Multimodal Transport and Logistics Association, Inc. (PMTLAI). “We welcome infrastructure that eventually reduces the total cost of logistics in the country.”

At the operational level, the expressway significantly improves turnaround time. A route that previously took up to 1.5 hours can now be completed in as little as 15 minutes, enabling more consistent and predictable scheduling.

Arlyn Abello, Account Manager at Premier

Global Logistics Corp., shared that improved traffic flow has enhanced fleet performance. “It has helped enhance the efficiency of our deliveries, allowing us to better meet our schedules and improve overall service reliability,” Abello said.

Llalaksmi Freight Services Inc. also emphasized that the expressway enables them to avoid heavily congested inner roads, saving on operational costs and prioritizing driver welfare. “It helps reduce delays, fuel consumption, and overall stress for our drivers, which is a big factor in keeping operations smooth. Because of this, we're able to serve our clients more efficiently, particularly for time-sensitive shipments,” the company stated.

While the alignment is now fully connected, a por-

tion of Segment 3B is currently operating under a modified scheme, with two lanes in each direction, as the remaining Right-of-Way (ROW) concerns are being addressed to achieve its full six-lane capacity with a 2x2 service road.

Even in its current state, the project significantly enhances network connectivity, enabling logistics companies to better manage fleet utilization and ensure that time on the road is spent moving goods rather than idling in traffic.

The CAVITEX C5 Link expressway is a joint venture between Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation’s (MPTC) subsidiary, the Cavite Infrastructure Corporation (CIC), and the Philippine Reclamation Authority (PRA), and operated by the PEA Tollway Corporation (PEATC).

Digitalization ng mga kooperatiba, itinaguyod ng OCCDO

Tatlumpu’t dalawang miyembro ng iba’t ibang kooperatiba ang lumahok sa isinagawang Digitizing Cooperative ng Office of the City Cooperatives Development Officer (OCCDO) sa CLTC Building, Brgy. Poblacion 2-A , Imus City nitong Martes, Mayo 19, 2026.

Tinalakay ni Christopher Dea Jesus Y. Marquez ang kahalagahan ng digital transformation sa operasyon ng mga kooperatiba.

Kabilang din dito ang pagpapaliwanag sa mga miyembro ng mga oportunidad at hamon na kaakibat ng digitalization, pagtukoy sa mga praktikal na hakbang para sa paglipat sa digital, at paglahad ng best practices na makatutulong sa mas ligtas at

epektibong pagpapatakbo ng mga kooperatiba. Dumalo rin sa nasabing aktibidad si Kon-

sehal AJ Sapitan, namumuno sa Komite ng mga Kooperatiba, bilang suporta sa programa.



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He added that BECs can become “basic civic communities” by encouraging responsible citizenship, open dialogue on social issues and resistance to corruption and disinformation.

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ernment ng P300 milyon para sa pagpapatayo ng mga bagong istraktura, pagbili ng karagdagan kagamitan, at pagpapahusay ng mga pasilidad ng GEAMH. Bukod dito, may inilaan ding P200 milyon para sa Cavite Center for Mental Health upang higit pang mapalakas ang serbisyong pangkaisipan sa lalawigan.

Ayon sa pamahalaang panlalawigan, ito palamang ang unang yugto ng proyekto at inaasahang madadagdag pa ang pondo para sa mga susunod na Phase 2 at Phase 3 kung kinakailangan.

Sa pamamagitan ng proyektong ito, inaasahan mas mapapabilis ang serbisyong medikal, madadagagan ang mga kawani, at magkakaroon ng sapat na kagamitan, gamot, at pasilidad para sa mga pasyente. Layunin din nitong makapagbigay ng mas maayos at de-kalidad na pangangalaga sa bawat Caviteñong nangangailangan ng serbisyong pangkalusugan.

Nagpasalamat din si Mayor Lubigan kay Governor Remulla at sa mga taxpayers ng lalawigan na magiging katuwang upang maisakutaparan ang modernisasyon ng GEAMH at iba pang programang pangkalusugan ng pamahalaan.

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permit renewals and 41 new applicants. Topics included hazard identification, emergency protocols, workplace safety, and hands-on first aid training covering wound care,

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Wednesday’s plenary session, May 20, 2026.

Go said the team’s performance highlights the importance of sustained investment in sports development.

“This achievement is a proud moment not only for Philippine archery, but for Philippine sports as a whole,” he said.

He reiterated his call for stronger sports programs, saying these help promote discipline and steer the youth

bandaging, and basic life support skills. This initiative supports Bacoor’s commitment to building a disaster-resilient community and ensuring public safety.

“I believe sports play an important role in our society because they are an effective way to steer our youth away from harmful influences such as illegal drugs,” he said.

“With every shot, our athletes carry the name of the Philippines. With every draw of the bow, they carry the dreams, discipline, and honor of every Filipino,” he added. (Senate Public Relations and Information Bureau)

EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the estate left by the deceased **LUIS SANCHEZ PANGANIBAN** consisting of two (2) parcels of land covered by TCT No. T-1347559 and TCT No. 057-2018021122 both situated at Brgy. Paliparan, Dasmariñas, Cavite has been the subject of an **EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS** by and among the heirs of the deceased as per Doc. No. 46, Page No. 10, Book No. 15, Series of 2025 of Notary Public Atty. GERALD C. SERGIO.

Sgd. By all the heirs

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healthcare is for every Filipino. He has given clear directives that the health and well-being of all Filipinos must remain a top priority,” Baggao said.

“But we cannot do this alone—we need everyone’s cooperation. That is why we commend Mayor Leni for initiating this summit and bringing together different sectors of society to help raise public awareness about breast cancer,” he added.

Baggao said Robredo’s initiative supports President Marcos’ order to make sure government health services reach those who need them most, especially children and women.

At the summit, six young girls received the HPV vaccine, and 32 women were screened for HPV to promote cervical cancer prevention.

Among those vaccinated was 11-year-old Kassandra Andrea Peña of Barangay Mag-saysay, Naga City.

She was accompanied by her mother, 31-year-old Nica Peña, who expressed full support for the government’s vaccination campaign.

Nica shared that she herself had been vaccinated and wanted her daughter to receive the same protection. She encouraged mothers and women to take advantage of the government’s free vaccination and screening programs, especially those who may not have the financial means to access healthcare services on their own.

“I am also vaccinated, so I want to extend the same protection to my daughter. I encourage not just moms like me, but all the women out there to support this program, especially those who lack the resources. This is a free service from the government — let us not waste it,” Peña added. She also thanked President Marcos, the DOH, and the Naga City government for promoting awareness of cervical cancer and encouraging more women to undergo screening and early detection.

Baggao assured the public that the DOH continues to strengthen vaccination efforts not only against cervical cancer but also against other preventable diseases. He emphasized that the

government has enough vaccine supply and reiterated that the vaccines being administered are safe and effective.

The DOH, he said, is aiming for a 90-percent vaccination target, 70-percent screening coverage, and 90-percent treatment access as part of the country’s cervical cancer elimination campaign. He urged parents and residents in Bicol to support immunization programs to help prevent diseases and protect communities.

For her part, Robredo described the city government’s vaccination initiative for young girls and women as a “gift for a healthy and safe future.” She stressed that immunization helps ensure children grow up protected from diseases such as cervical cancer.

“Cervical cancer remains a significant public health concern in Naga City, particularly in communities with limited awareness, understanding, and access to healthcare services,” Robredo said.

Meanwhile, Rosa Maria Rempillo, the regional direc-

tor of the DOH Bicol Center for Health Development, said that building a cervical cancer-free community goes beyond a health goal, noting that it means saving the lives of millions of mothers, daughters, sisters, and friends.

She emphasized the need to address gaps in healthcare services, fight stigma surrounding vaccination, correct misconceptions, and strengthen local healthcare systems to ensure that prevention, early detection, treatment, and palliative care reach even the most remote communities.

Rempillo also called on the public to support the campaign by getting children vaccinated, committing to regular screening, and becoming advocates for cervical cancer awareness in their own communities.

“My appeal to all of you is simple yet urgent: get your children vaccinated, commit to regular screening, and become an active voice in this fight. Educate your circles, champion local health initiatives, and demand that no woman is left behind.” (PIA Bicol/ Camarines Sur)

Republic of the Philippines
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City of Dasmariñas, Cavite

IN RE PETITION FOR CANCELLATION OF SECOND CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH IN THE NAME RODELO C. CATIPON JR REGISTERED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CIVIL REGISTRAR OF LIMAY, BATAAN UNDER REGISTRY NO. 88-915.

RODELO C. CATIPON, JR.,
Petitioner

-versus-

SP PROC CASE NO DC-1636-26

THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF LIMAY, BATAAN and THE PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY,
Respondents,
x-----x

ORDER

This is a verified Petition for Cancellation of Second Certificate or Live Birth in the Name of Rodelo Catipon Jr Registered in the Office of the Civil Registrar of Limay, Bataan Under Registry No. 88-915 filed on February 23, 2026 by the above-named Petitioner, through counsels, Atty Nathaniel G. Torres and Atty Laarni Gay C. Arroyo-Masungsong, asking this Court that. after due notice, publication and hearing, judgment be rendered ordering the Local Civil Registrar of Limay Bataan and the Philippine Statistics Authority to cancel the Certificate of Live Birth of the Petitioner under Registry No 88-915 and other pertinent records relative thereto.

Finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the same is set for hearing on **JUNE 16, 2026** at 2:00 in the afternoon, whereby any interested persons may appear and show

cause, if any. why the petition should not be granted.

Let this Order be published at the expense of the Petitioner in a newspaper of general circulation which will be raffled by RTC Br. 90 City of Dasmariñas, Cavite, before the scheduled date of hearing at least once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks. The Clerk of Court of this Court is directed to include this Order in the raffle of notices of publication.

Moreover, let this Order be posted at the entrance of DASCA Bldg., at the Bulletin Board of the City Hall, Dasmariñas City, Cavite, Post Office of the City of Dasmariñas, Cavite, and at the Bulletin Board of the Local Civil Registrar of the City of Dasmariñas, Cavite.

The Petitioner is also directed to furnish the Office of the Solicitor General and the Civil Registry of Limay, Bataan with a copy of the petition and to show proof of compliance thereof.

SO ORDERED.

Dasmariñas City, Cavite, March 23, 2026.

FRANCISCO VICTOR L. COLLADO, JR.
Presiding Judge

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Free Public Internet sa CARSIGMA, inihatid ng DICT CALABARZON



Mayor Ted Carranza



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Nakiisa ang Lokal na Pamahalaan ng Silang sa Ceremonial Launch and Turnover ng Free Public Internet Access Program Sites at Grant of SPARK Training



Launch and Turnover of the Free Public Internet Access Program Sites
 May 21, 2026 | Calmona Community Center

Voucher para sa CARSIGMA na pinangunahan ng Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) CALABARZON ngayong Mayo 21, sa Carmo-na Community Center.

Dumalo si Mayor Ted Carranza bilang kinata-

wan ng bayan ng Silang at nagpahayag ng pasasalamat sa mga programang nagbibigay ng mas maayos na internet access at dagdag na oportunidad sa digital skills training para sa mga Silangueño.

Kasama rin sa pro-

grama sina Cong. Roy Loyola, BM Ivey Reyes, BM Aidel Belamide, mga opisyal ng DICT CALABARZON, at mga kinatawan ng mga lokal na pamahalaan sa ika-limang distrito ng Cavite/source: Municipal Govt. of Silang facebook

Church official calls BECS to active social engagement

A Catholic bishop is urging Basic Ecclesial Communities (BECs) to take a stronger role in confronting poverty, corruption and worsening climate disasters.

Bishop Jose Rapadas of Iligan, chair of the CBCP Episcopal Commission on Basic Ecclesial Communities, said BECs should become "communities of solidarity" that "walks with the wounded and refuses to be indifferent."

He said villages and urban neighborhoods with active BECs already show how faith can be translated into action through mutual care and collective concern, but he stressed the need to deepen that mission.

He cited persistent poverty, corruption, migration and environmental destruction

as major wounds affecting Filipino families, made worse by increasingly severe climate-related disasters across the country.

"Our BECs are invited to be basic human, ecological, and civic communities that embody synodality and offer real hope to our wounded world," Rapadas said.

He also warned against what he called a "globalization of indifference," saying people risk becoming numb to repeated suffering, injustice and climate-related devastation.

Rapadas issued the message in his pastoral message for BEC Sunday 2026, observed in the Philippines every Trinity Sunday.

He said the doctrine of the Trinity reflects a model of communion the Church must mirror through synodality, describing it as walking together in shared mission and discernment.

Early Christian communities described in the Acts of the Apostles remain a model, he added, marked by prayer, sharing and mutual support in daily life.

Rapadas said BECs today can serve as "basic human communities" where neighbors support one another in times of crisis, disaster and everyday hardship.

He also called for BECs to function as "basic ecological communities," inspired by Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'*, promoting environmental protection, disaster preparedness and reduced waste.

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Robredo, DOH lead cervical cancer elimination summit

NAGA CITY, Camarines Sur (PIA) — Former Vice President Leni Robredo and Department of Health (DOH) Undersecretary Glenn Matthew Baggao underscored the importance of early detection and regular screening in reducing cervical cancer cases in the country during the Cervical Can-

cer Elimination Summit 2026 held last Wednesday, May 20, at Summit Hotel here.

Baggao commended the Naga City chief executive for bringing together various sectors to raise awareness and strengthen efforts to prevent cervical cancer.

The Naga City Health Office organized the

summit in partnership with the DOH and MSD Philippines.

Baggao said Robredo's initiative aligns with President Ferdinand 'Bong-bong' Marcos Jr.'s directive to ensure that government health services reach vulnerable sectors, especially women and children.

He said the Marcos administration is focused on the health and welfare of Filipinos, emphasizing the need for collaboration among government agencies, local leaders, and communities to tackle serious health issues like cervical cancer.

According to Baggao, President Marcos has



Mayor Leni Robredo

been visiting health facilities across the nation to highlight the need for accessible health care for all Filipinos.

"You can see how President Marcos has been visiting health facilities across the country in recent days. Through these visits, he is showing how important

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