

Cardinal Tagle: Families, not phones, must guide children

Gatchalian Vows Strict Senate Oversight Over Infra Spending



Senate President Win Gatchalian

Senate President Win Gatchalian said the Senate will continue to exercise strict oversight of the country's infrastructure spending to safeguard public funds and ensure every peso delivers tangible benefits to Filipinos.

The Department of Budget and Management (DBM) has earlier reported that the government remains

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Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle delivers his homily during Mass at the Parish of the Holy Sacrifice in Diliman, Quezon City on Aug. 19, 2026. SCREEN GRAB/DIOCESE OF CUBAO/Source: CBCP News

Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle on Wednesday urged parents and grandparents to nurture their children with compassion, saying families must strengthen human connection in the wake of a deadly school shooting in southern Philippines.

Speaking during Mass at the Parish Church of the Holy Sacrifice at the University of the Philippines Diliman, he asked what could drive a child to commit such violence and called on families to reflect on how values are formed at home.

"For grandparents and parents,

please show children a heart that is humane," Tagle said in his homily to mark the feast of St. John Eudes.

His appeal came a day after a high school student at Ateneo de Zamboanga University shot and killed a fellow student before killing himself,

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PhilHealth Strengthens Commitment to Quality Healthcare

PASIG CITY — August 20, 2026 — PhilHealth Acting President and CEO Dr. Beverly Lorraine C. Ho emphasized the Corporation's commitment to building on a strong foundation and strengthening programs that improve healthcare access for its members.

Speaking during the "Rising Together: Meet & Greet" at the PhilHealth Head Office in Pasig City, Dr. Ho said, "We are building on a strong foundation. Ang trabaho namin ngayon ay ituloy ang pagsulong ng mga programang ito by increasing access points, improving benefit packages, and ensuring that every member receives quality care."

PhilHealth, together with the Department of Health (DOH) and the Unified National Agenda for Health (UNA), continues to work toward expanding healthcare access, improving benefit coverage, and strengthening the quality of care for every Filipino.

The partnership focuses on five key areas: healthy communities, functional primary care, quality hospitals, information technology transformation, and stronger health institutions.



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DOT Accreditation on Wheels Dadalhin sa Silang, Cavite

SILANG, CAVITE — Ilalapit ng Department of Tourism (DOT) ang mga serbisyo nito sa mga tourism establishment sa Cavite sa pamamagitan ng DOT Accreditation on Wheels, na gaganapin sa Agosto 26, 2026, alas-9:00 ng umaga, sa Waltermart Silang, Barangay San Vicente II.

Layunin ng programa na gawing mas madali at accessible para sa mga tourism stakeholder sa Cavite at iba pang bahagi ng

CALABARZON ang proseso ng DOT accreditation.

Sa naturang aktibidad, maaaring malaman ng mga tourism establishment ang mga kinakailangan para sa accreditation, magtanong hinggil sa proseso, at magsumite ng kanilang accreditation application nang hindi na kinakailangan bumiyahang pangunahing tanggapan ng DOT.

Inaanyayahan ang mga tourism establishment sa Cavite na samantalain

ang pagkakataong ito upang magkaroon ng mas malinaw na gabay tungkol sa accreditation requirements at ibang kaugnay na proseso.

Maaari ring tingnan ng mga interesadong establisimiyento ang Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) tungkol sa DOT Accreditation sa pamamagitan ng DOT Silang FAQs.

Para naman sa mga DOT Accreditation brochures at Self-Assessment

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90 Coconut Farmers, Nagtapos sa Coconut Farm Business School 2026

“Sa tulong ng Coconut Farm Business School na ito, sana ay maging ganap na entrepreneur na ako.” — Bb. Myla Resurreccion, Kalayaan, Laguna

Isang makabuluhan at matagumpay na pagtatapos ang nasaksihan sa Culminating Activity ng Coconut Farm Business School (FBS) ngayong August 19–20, 2026, na ginanap sa Ouan’s Worth Farm and Family Resort, Lucena City, Quezon.

Matagumpay na nagsipagtapos ang 90 coconut farmers mula sa tatlong bayan—Mauban, Quezon, Kalayaan, Laguna at Sariaya, Quezon—na sumailalim sa iba’t ibang learning activities at benchmarking bilang paghahanda tungo sa pagiging agri-entrepreneurs.



Sa unang araw, nag-sagawa ang mga kalahok ng benchmarking activity sa BTC Farm, LSA I ng DA-ATI CAL-ABARZON, kung saan nagka-roon sila ng farm tour sa pangunguna ni Dr. Floro Cataniag, Farm Owner. Pagkatapos nito

ay nagtungo sila sa tatlong magkakaibang coconut-based enterprises, kabilang ang Capistrano Distillery sa Tayabas City, Quezon na gumagawa ng lambanog; Ilayang Talim Agriculture Cooperative na gumagawa ng Buko Pie; at M. Ilagan Trading sa Sariaya, Quezon na gumagawa ng uling.

Bilang bahagi ng culminating activity, nagbigay ng mensahe sina Mr. Werner Decena, Municipal Agriculturist ng Mauban, Ms. Liza Yee, Municipal Agriculturist ng Kalayaan, at Ms. Amelita Amores, Municipal Agricul-

turist ng Sariaya, na nagpaabot ng kanilang pagbati at suporta sa mga nagsipagtapos.

Nagbigay rin ng mensahe si Mr. Ramonchito F. Castillo, RAgr., Division Chief I – PCA Quezon I, bilang pagbati at pagbibigay-in-spirasyon sa mga kalahok sa kanilang pagtatapos. Panghuli, nagbigay ng mensahe si Ms. Sherylou C. Alfaro, RAgr., Assistant Center Director ng DA-ATI CALABARZON, kung saan hinikayat niya ang mga kalahok na gamitin ang kanilang mga natutunan upang maging future entrepreneurs,

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authorities said.

It was the second fatal school shooting in the Philippines in about two months, following a June attack in Tacloban City that also killed students.

Tagle warned that families can be physically together but emotionally distant when attention is fixed on phones instead of each other.

“But if at your dinner table, all of you — husband and wife and children — are looking at your cellphones instead of at one another, then nothing, (missing word here?)” he said.

He also cautioned against letting video games and artificial intelligence shape children’s thinking and behavior, saying technology cannot replace human guidance.

“AI has no heart, games have no heart. Only human beings have hearts,” he added.

Tagle did not directly blame technology for the Zamboanga shooting but used the tragedy to raise broader questions about how children are raised.

The pro-prefect of the Vatican’s Dicastery for Evangelization called on families to examine what “heart” guides their words and actions, and urged Catholics to stay close to the heart of Jesus so Christ’s love reaches the poor and struggling.

“Before we speak, before we act, let us ask: What kind of heart is urging me to do this?” he said.

Editorial:

Mag-ingat sa mga manloloko

Sadyang kayhirap mabuhay sa kasalukuyan, batbat ng problema, hadlang, pagsubok, balakid at mga kawalan ng kinakailangang mahalagang bagay. Subalit kung wala naman ng mga ito, wala raw kakuwenta- kuwenta ang buhay. Walang “thrill” sabi nga.

Bunga ng kahirapang dinaranas, may mga taong nakaka- isip gumawa ng masama upang magkamal ng salapi sa araw ang paraan, upang matustusan ang mga pangangailangan.

Mayaman man o mahirap, bumabagsak ang moralidad at nawawala ang delikadesa. Ang mayaman, gusto pang lalong yumaman. Ang mahirap, nawawalan ng pag-asa at kahit sa patalim ay kumakapit.

Sa panahon ngayon, samot-sari ang problema ng tao. Bagyo, ulan, baha, pagguho ng lupa, taas ng halaga ng lahat ng bilihin.

Ang mahirap, tiis- tiis lang. Ang mayaman na gustong lalong yumaman, naghahanap ng paraan para lalong bumukal ng salapi.

Ang modernong teknolohiya at mga gadgets, sa halip na sa kabutihan at pag-unlad gamitin, sa masama pa ginagamit.

Nauso nga ang SCAM, at dumami ang scammers. Nanloloko sa Tao sa pamamagitan ng Online gadgets.

Sana naman, makapag-isip sila. AT, BABALA SA PUBLIKO: HUWAG MAG-ING BIKTIMA. HUWAG BASTA MANINIWALA. MAG-INGAT SA MGA NAGLI-PANANG MANLOLOKO NA GAMIT CELLPHONE.

Ipagbigay- alam agad sa mga kinauukulan. Ang kahirapan ay hindi pases sa paggawa ng kasamaan.

Hindi natutulong ang Diyos. Magdasal at humingi ng tulong. Sa Diyos, walang imposible. Sa Diyos sigurado tayo.

BJMP CALABARZON Marks 35 Years of Discipline and Dedicated Service

CALABARZON — The Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) CALABARZON marked its 35th anniversary, highlighting its continued commitment to discipline, integrity, and dedicated public service.

In his anniversary message, Jail Director Efren A. Nemeño, DPA, TLPE, Chief of the Bureau, emphasized the importance of unity, strong discipline, and wholehearted dedication to duty despite the challenges faced by jail personnel.

Nemeño also recognized the dedication of BJMP personnel who continue to fulfill their responsibilities, as

well as the support of partners who contribute to the welfare and rehabilitation of persons deprived of liberty (PDLs). For 35 years, BJMP CALABARZON has remained committed to fulfilling its mandate with integrity,

compassion, and accountability, upholding the values of service even when no one is watching.

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DOH, nagtala ng 72,735 kaso ng sakit na flu-like sa buong bansa

TRECE MARTIREZ CITY, Cavite- Umabot na sa mahigit na 72,000 kaso ng influenza- illness ang naitala ng Department of Health (DOH) sa buong bansa.

Ayon sa datos ng DOH, simula ENERO 4 hanggang Agosto 1,2026 ay may 72,735 na mga kaso ng nasabing sakit na inulat at inirecord ng nasabing ahensya, at may kabuuang 38 deaths

dahil dito.

Ang may pinakamalaking bilang ng kaso ng flu- like illness ay ang Northern Mindanao na umabot sa 12,895 kaso; pangalawa ang CAL-ABARZON (Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal, Quezon) Region IV-A na may 10, 578 kaso pangatlo ang Central Visayas na may 7,100 cases naman.

Ayon pa rin sa DOH, ang

nasabing kabuuang bilang ng influenza-like illness ay bumaba ng may 23 porsiyen- to kumpara sa 94,399 kaso na naitala sa kaparehong period noong nakaraang taon.

Pinaalalahanan ng DOH ang nasabing publiko na mag-ingat at pinayuhang magpa bakuna bilang protek- syon at maiwasan ang confi- dent sa ospital.

Youth Leaders Conference, Dinaluhan ng 163 Kabataan sa Diyosesis ng Imus

BACOR, CAVITE — Umabot sa 163 kabataan ang nakiisa sa Youth Leaders Conference 2026 ng Ministri sa Kabataan ng Diyosesis ng Imus sa St. Michael Institute of Bacoor Inc., na nakatuon sa pagpapalakas ng pamumuno at pakikibahagi ng kabataan sa misyon ng Simbahan.

Tampok sa pagtitipon ang Creative Prayer, animation, Pastoral Planning Workshop, talakayan sa mga action plan, Diocesan Youth Ministry Business Meeting, at paghahanda para sa World Youth Day 2027 sa Seoul, South Korea.

Inilunsad din ang Diocese of Imus Youth Ministry Guidelines, na nilagdaan ng mga kinatawan mula sa bawat vicariate bilang gabay sa pagpapatupad ng youth ministry sa diyosesis.

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Inanunsyo rin na ang Vicariate of Our Lady of Candelaria ang magiging venue ng Youth Leaders Conference 2027.

Dumalo rin si Most. Rev. Reynaldo G. Evangelista, D.D., Obispo ng Imus, at nagpaabot ng mensahe ng suporta at paghihikayat sa mga kabataan ng diyosesis. Nagtapos ang pagtitipon sa Banal na Eukaristiya at Paghahayo, bilang panawagan sa kabataan na maging aktibong katuwang ng Simbahan sa misyon at paglilingkod./source: by Diocesan Media





Pamahalaang Bayan ng Alfonso, Naghahanda ng Bigas para sa 20,627 Sambahayan

Tiniyak ni Alfonso Mayor Randy Salamat na maayos at dekalidad ang isinasagawang repacking ng mga bigas na ipamamahagi ng Pamahalaang Bayan ng Alfonso sa mga residente.



**Alfonso Mayor
Randy Salamat**

Ayon kay Mayor Salamat, kasalukuyang isinasagawa ang repacking ng bigas para sa 20,627 sambahayan sa buong bayan. Aniya, makaaasa ang bawat pamilya na maihahatid sa kanilang tahanan ang tulong mula sa lokal na pamahalaan.

“Maraming salamat po sa ating mga taxpayers,” pahayag ni Mayor Salamat, kasabay ng pagtitiyak

na patuloy ang paghahanda upang maipamahagi ang bigas sa bawat sambahayan.

Katuwang ng Pamahalaang Bayan sa distribusyon ang mga barangay, na personal na maghahatid ng mga ayuda sa bawat tahanan upang hindi na kailangang lumabas ng bahay ang mga benepisyaryo.

Nagpasalamat din ang alkalde sa MDRRM Council at Sangguniang Bayan sa kanilang kahandaan at pakikipagtu-

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DILG to ask Congress to tighten gun laws, curb loose firearms after Zamboanga school shooting

Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Secretary Jonvic Remulla on Wednesday called on Congress to revisit existing gun laws and impose greater accountability on firearm owners as the government moves to address the proliferation of loose firearms following the recent school shooting in Zamboanga City.

The call came after the shooting at Ateneo de Zamboanga University

in Zamboanga City, the second incident in two months wherein a government-issued licensed firearm ended up in the hands of a student, a minor considered a child in conflict with the law (CICL).

Speaking at a press conference at Camp Crame, Quezon City, Remulla said 98% of crimes involving firearms are committed using loose firearms. He noted that illegal possession of loose firearms remains a bailable offense under Republic Act

No. 11766 in a country with more than 2.87 million licensed gun owners.

“All gun owners, whether private or public, should have punitive damages when somebody else uses his or her gun. Dapat may accessory penalty siya,” Remulla said.

“Kailangan natin ng whole-of-nation approach, kailangan magtutungan ang PNP (Philippine National Police), Congress, at mga gun

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Nationwide School Safety Drill Set on August 25

MANILA — A Nationwide School Safety Drill will be conducted on August 25 as part of the government's continuing efforts to strengthen disaster preparedness and safety in schools.

The activity aims to prepare students, teachers, and school personnel to respond effectively during emergencies and ensure safer learning environments.

The nationwide drill is being carried out in line with the directive of President Ferdinand “Bongbong” Marcos Jr. to strengthen safety and preparedness in schools across the country.

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