

Mga Gamot na sakop ng VAT Exemption, pinalawak ng BIR



Pres. Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr

Alinsunod sa direktiba ni Pangulong Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. na mas palawakin pa ang Value Added Tax (VAT) exemption sa mga gamot, inilabas na ng Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) ang listahan ng gamot na sakop ng nasabing programa sa bisa ng Revenue Memorandum Circular (RMC) No. 87-2026.

Sa ilalim ng inilabas na memorandum, umabot na sa 2,277 ang kabuuang bi-

lang ng mga VAT-exempt na gamot, kabilang na ang 14 na bagong idinagdag na inendorso ng Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Bukod dito sakop rin ng programa ang mga gamot para sa kanser, altapresyon, diabetes, mental health conditions, mataas na kolesterol, sakit sa bato, at tuberculosis bilang bahagi ng patuloy na pagsisikap ng pamahalaan na gawing mas abot-kaya ang mga serbisong pangkalusugan para sa mga Pilipino.

Ayon sa BIR, in-aasahang makatutulong ang pinalawak na VAT exemption sa pagpapababa ng gastusin ng mga pasyente, lalo na ang mga nangangailangan ng pangmatagalang gamutan.

Bahagi rin aniya ito ng pagpapatupad ng mga probisyon ng Republic Act 10963 o Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion (TRAIN) Law at Republic Act No. 11534 o Corporate Recovery and Tax Incentives for Enterprises (CREATE) Act ng pamahalaan.

Bacoor City Delivers Aid to Families Affected by Habagat Flooding

BACOR CITY, Cavite — The City Government of Bacoor, under the leadership of Mayor Strike B. Revilla, continues to provide immediate assistance to families affected by flooding brought by the southwest monsoon, or Habagat. Through the City

Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO), headed by Lilian Ugalde, food and drinking water are being distributed to affected families, particularly those staying in evacuation centers.

The city government is also maintaining



Mayor Strike B. Revilla

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Libreng Sakay Inilaan sa mga Na-stranded na Commuter sa Noveleta-Cavite City



NOVELETA, Cavite — Naglaan ng libreng sakay ang Office of the Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Officer (OPDRMO) para sa mga

commuter na naapektuhan at na-stranded dahil sa walang tigil na pag-ulan dulot ng Habagat kahapon, Agosto 9, 2026.

Sakop ng libreng transportasyon ang rutang

Noveleta-Cavite City at pabalik, bilang bahagi ng pagtugon sa pangangailangan ng mga biyaherong nahihirapang makauwi dahil sa masamang panahon.

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Mayor Ted Carranza Bumisita sa Kauna-unahang Commercial-Scale Enoki Mushroom Facility sa Pilipinas sa Silang, Cavite

SILANG, Cavite — Bumisita si Silang Mayor Ted Carranza sa Tan's Farm ng Basic Necessity Inc. (Salad Time) upang personal na masaksihan ang makabagong

operasyon ng kauna-unahang commercial-scale enoki mushroom production facility sa buong Pilipinas, na matatagpuan sa bayan ng Silang. Sa kanyang pag-

bisita, inikot ng alkalde ang pasilidad at nakita ang modernong proseso ng produksyon ng enoki mushroom—isang mahalagang hakbang sa pagsusu-



Pagbisita sa Kauna-unahang Enoki Mushroom Production Facility sa Pilipinas

August 4, 2026 | Salad Time, Bryg. Lailan 1*



Silang Mayor Ted Carranza

long ng makabagong agrikultura at pagpapalawak ng industriya ng agribusiness sa bayan. Ayon kay Mayor Carranza, ang naturang pamumuhunan ay patunay ng lumalawak

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SSS, BIR strengthen inter-agency cooperation through landmark partnership

By SSS

QUEZON CITY – The Social Security System (SSS) and the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) on Friday formalized a landmark partnership to strengthen compliance with tax and social security laws, enhance data sharing, and improve public service delivery.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), signed by SSS President and Chief Executive Officer Robert Joseph M. De Claro and BIR Commissioner Atty. Charlito Martin R. Mendoza at the BIR National Office in Quezon City, establishes a framework for stronger institutional coordination in

carrying out the agencies' respective mandates.

The MOU also lays the groundwork for a Memorandum of Agreement that will govern specific collaborative initiatives, including the establishment of the Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) as a common and reliable identifier across the BIR and the SSS to enhance data integrity, strengthen compliance monitoring, and improve ease of doing business.

PCEO De Claro said the MOU marks a significant step in aligning the mandates, expertise, and resources of the SSS and the BIR.

"We all recognize that taxes provide the re-

sources that enable our government to deliver essential programs and services to the Filipino people. Likewise, the social security contributions are the lifeblood of SSS operations, allowing us to provide meaningful protection and financial security to millions of workers, pensioners, and their families," De Claro said.

"By strengthening our collaboration between our agencies, we are creating a more coordinated and responsive government, one that makes compliance easier, improves service delivery, and ultimately benefits every Filipino."

BIR Commissioner Mendoza said the MOU



provides a strong foundation for sustained collaboration between the two agencies, adding that its success will ultimately be measured by "simpler processes, stronger coordination, better informed decisions, and more effective public service."

"Our mandates may be different, but our work is closely connected. Government works best when institutions trust one another enough to share responsibility, information, and expertise," Mendoza said. PR



DA-ATI CALABARZON Pinatatatag ang Organic Certification sa Rehiyon

SANTA MARIA, Laguna — Patuloy na pinalalakas ng Department of Agriculture–Agricultural Training Institute (DA-ATI) CALABARZON ang kakayahan ng mga organisasyong sangkot sa organic agriculture sa pamamagitan ng limang araw na pagsasanay para sa dalawang aktibong accredited Organic Certifying Bodies (OCBs) sa rehiyon.

Lumahok sa pagsasanay ang Samahan ng Organikong Industriya ng Laguna (SOIL) at Upland Cavite Farmers Association (UP-CAFA) sa ilalim ng temang "Fostering Empowerment: A PGS Certification Initiative for Farmers," na ginanap sa Sweet Nature Farms, Santa Maria, Laguna, mula

Agosto 3 hanggang 7, 2026. Tinalakay sa training ang mahahalagang probisyon ng Republic Act No. 11511 at mga kaugnay na regulasyon sa organic agriculture, kabilang ang Philippine National Standards (PNS) at National List of Permitted Substances.

Pinalalim din ang kaalaman ng mga kalahok hinggil sa pagtatatag at pagpapatakbo ng Participatory Guarantee System (PGS), proseso ng accreditation bilang Organic Certifying Body, at mga pamantayan at protocol para sa peer review at organic certification.

Sa pamamagitan ng mga talakayan at praktikal na gawain, layunin ng pagsasanay na higit pang mapaunlad ang kakayahan ng mga OCB

sa wastong pagpapatupad ng mga proseso at pamantayan sa organic certification.

Sa pagtatapos ng programa, nagpaabot ng mensahe si Dr. Rolando V. Maningas, Center Director ng DA-ATI CALABARZON, kung saan binigyang-diin



itong pagsasanay upang mapatatag ang kakayahan ng mga organisasyon sa pagpapatupad ng mga pamantayan sa organic agriculture at makatulong sa patuloy na pagsusulong ng ligtas, dekalidad, at sustainable na produksyon sa CALABARZON.

Southern Tagalog bishops, priests renew fraternity at annual SOLTARE gathering

Catholic bishops and priests from the Southern Tagalog region gathered this week for the annual Southern Luzon Tagalog Regional (SOLTARE) Cup, with church leaders urging clergy to strengthen the priestly bonds that sustain their ministry.

The four-day gathering, which concluded Thursday, brought together diocesan priests from the Archdiocese of Lipa and the dioceses of Lucena, Imus, San Pablo, Boac, Gumaca, Calapan and Infanta.

Alongside athletic competitions, the event included Masses and other spiritual activities aimed at strengthening priestly fraternity and mutual support.

Bishop Moises Cuevas of Calapan, preaching at a welcome Mass Monday in Puerto Galera, said the gathering is more than a sports tournament, calling it a deliberate effort to build priestly brotherhood through prayer, fellowship and shared experience.

"By virtue of their ordination into the priesthood, priests are united among themselves in an intimate sacramental brotherhood," Cuevas said. "No one is a priest on his own."

He said that bond must be actively nurtured, and that ordinary moments — meals, activities, games — become chances for priests to support one another amid the demands of ministry.

"It is impossible not to love someone whom you truly know," Cuevas said, adding that small talk often masks "a deeper cry for companionship and accompaniment."

He told priests they do not choose their fellow clergy, which makes fraternity both a gift and a responsibility requiring pa-

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Editorial:

Linggo ng Wikang Pilipino

Ang mga Pilipino ay mayaman sa mga nakalipas na pangyayaring mahalaga at naging bahagi na ng kasaysayan.

Subalit sa paglipas ng panahon tila nakalimutan na ang mga ito at hindi na inaalala tuwing sasapit ang mahalagang panahong nakalipas kung kailan ito naganap.

Dito rin, ang mga ito ay bahagi ng mga aralin sa mga eskwelahan, na tila sa ngayon ay nakalimutan na rin ng mga guro at mga estudyante.

Ngayong darating na Agosto 13-19, 2026, may maaalala sana na nito ay ipinagdiriwang bilang Linggo ng Wikang Pilipino, kasabay ng pag-alala rin sa Ama, si Manuel Luis Quezon.

Si Manuel Luis Quezon ay siyang Ama ng Wikang Pilipino at ang kanyang kaarawan ay Agosto 19.

Si Quezon ay bahagi ng ating kasaysayan, naging pangulo siya ng Pilipinas at itinuturing na isang bayani.

Ang Wikang Pilipino ay pamana satin ni Quezon at dapat itong ating pagyamanin at pahalagahan. Huwag natin itong salaulain o ipagpalit sa mga wikang banyaga.

Ayon kay Dr. Jose Rizal na siyang pambansang bayani ng Pilipinas, "Ang hindi magmahal sa sariling wika, ay higit pa sa hayop at malansang isda."

Ang isang Pinoy, okay lang kung baluktot siyang magsalita ng English o anupang ibang wikang banyaga.

Pero kapag nagsasalita na siya sa wikang Pilipino at ganoon pa ring balikta ang dila, hindi mkapagpahayag nang tam, mali-mali ang salitan at balarila, ay HINDI NA 'YUN OKAY. OK RAY NA 'YAN.

Dapat ang unang pag-aralan at kabisahin pagsanaying mabuti ay ang sariling Wika. Ito ang tagal ng ating kasarinlan, kalayaan, at ng pagiging tunay na Pilipino.

Iyan ang PAMANA ni MANUEL LUIS QUEZON, bayaning maituturing.

Ang pinakadakilang pagpapahayag ng paggaling, pagkilala at pasasalamat kay Quezon at sa kanyang iniwang pamanang Wikang Pilipino ay ang pagsunod at pagpapanatili sa kanyang mga panuntunan o prinsipyo at pagsasabuhay ng mga ito.

Ipakita natin sa buong mundo na sa kabila ng mga krisis at trahedya nararanasan ng bawat isa sa atin ay nananatili pa rin tayong mga tunay na Pilipino sa SALITA, SA ISIP at sa GAWA.

DTI, DOLE Hold Supply Chain Job Fair and MSME Trade Fair in Cavite

Dasmariñas City, Cavite | August 4, 2026 – Echoing Trade Secretary Ma. Cristina A. Roque's vision that "logistics is not just about moving goods, but moving dreams," the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), through its Supply Chain and Logistics Group (SCLG), in partnership with the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) – Bureau of Local Employment, Office of the Provincial Governor – Office of the Provincial Public Employment

Service Manager (OPG-OP-PESM) and Robinsons Place Dasmariñas, successfully conducted the Supply Chain and Logistics Job Fair 2026 at Robinsons Place Dasmariñas. Held alongside the event was an MSME Trade Fair organized by the DTI Cavite Provincial Office, creating a one-stop platform that connected job seekers with employers while promoting locally made products from Cavite's micro, small, and medium enterprises.

The event highlight-

ed the growing importance of the supply chain and logistics sector as a key driver of economic growth, employment generation, and business competitiveness. Job seekers were given access to employment opportunities from thirty-one (31) participating logistics, supply chain, and manufacturing companies.

Simultaneous with the job fair, ten (10) Cavite's MSMEs showcased their locally made products to mall-goers, job applicants,

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Arangkada Program Brings Assistance to 6,610 TODA Drivers in Dasmariñas

DASMARIÑAS CITY, Cavite — A total of 6,610 beneficiaries from the transport sector received assistance through the Arangkada Program of the Provincial Government of Cavite during its rollout in Dasmariñas City.

Led by Governor Abeng Remulla, the provincial government brought the program to the city as part of its continuing efforts to support the transport sector and provide meaningful assistance to local Tricycle Operators and Drivers' Associations (TODA).

The initiative aims to empower local TODA drivers by

extending support that can help improve their livelihood and provide additional assistance amid the continuing challenges faced by the transport sector.

Joining Governor Remulla during the program were Vice Governor Ram Revilla Bautista, Board Member Nickol Austria, Vice Mayor Thirday Barzaga, and members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, who expressed their support for programs focused on providing assistance and opportunities to local communities.

The rollout of the Arangkada Program in Dasmariñas highlights the provin-



Gov. Abeng Remulla cial government's continued partnership with local government units and the transport sector in promoting inclusive programs that directly benefit Caviteño drivers and their families.

CITY GOVERNMENT OF IMUS

Kasalukuyang nagpupulong ang mga tanggapan ng Office of the City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Officer (OCDRMO), PNP Imus, Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), at Office of the City Information Officer upang alamin ang kalagayan ng lungsod at matukoy ang mga nararapat pang hakbang para sa kaligtasan ng mga Imuseño sa gitna ng masamang panahon.

Ang pagpupulong ay para sa maagap na pagtugon, mas mabilis na koordinasyon, at mas matibay na proteksyon para sa bawat mamamayan ng Imus.





Ligtas Tigdas Program Ini-lunsad sa Kawit at Indang

CAVITE — Pormal nang inilunsad sa mga bayan ng Kawit at Indang ang Measles-Rubella Supplemental Immunization Activity with Vitamin A Supplementation (MR SIA-VAS) bilang bahagi ng kampanya upang ma-

palawak ang proteksiyon ng mga batang Caviteño laban sa tigdas at rubella.

Sa Kawit, isinagawa ang paglulunsad noong Agosto 6, na pinangunahan nina Mayor Armie Cynthia Aguinaldo, Dr. Cherrie Lyn S.

Tumilba-Boque, Nurse Renz Erika Gonzales, National Immunization Program (NIP) Coordinator, at Nurse Mark Leonard De Dios, Health Promotion Officer (HePo), katuwang ang mga kawani ng Kawit Rural Health Unit



Mayor Armie Cynthia Aguinaldo

Expanded 4PH raises standards for socialized housing

MANILA – The Expanded Pambansang Pabahay para sa Pilipino (4PH) Program continues to raise the standards of socialized housing, including vertical or condominium-type developments, the Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development (DHSUD)

said Tuesday.

The agency made the statement during the topping-off ceremony of Avesta Residences in Imus, Cavite, attended by DHSUD Secretary Jose Ramon Aliling and Senior Undersecretary Eduardo Robles, and Home Development Mutual (Pag-

IBIG) Fund Chief Executive Officer Marilene Acosta.

Avesta Residences is the first socialized housing project of PH1 World Developers Inc. and Megawide Construction Corp. enrolled under the Expanded 4PH Program.

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COMELEC, handa na sa Dasma special polls

DASMARIÑAS CITY, Cavite- Handang handa na ang lahat para sa gaganaping special elections sa Agosto 29, 2026 at inaasahang maideklara na rin sa Agosto 30 ang mananalang kandidato rito.

Sa isang press conference na isinagawa sa So-

cio- Economic Building sa Dasmariñas City noong nakalipas na Huebes sinabi ni Commission on Elections (COMELEC) Chairman George Erwin Garcia na ang magwawaging kandidato bilang kinatawan ng Cavite 4th District sa nasabing elekayon ay agad nilang ideneklara na

maaga isang araw makalipas ang halalan, sa umaga ng Agosto 30.

Binigyang-diin ni Garcia na ang eleksyon ay magsisimula hanap na Ikaw-7:00 ng umaga magtatapos sa hanap na ika-3:00 ng hapon, Agosto 29.

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Launching ng measles-rubella supplemental immunization activity (SAL) in Municipality of Kawit

at Mana Mall Town Center.

Nakiisa rin sa aktibidad ang Department of Health Center for Health Development (DOH-CHD) CALABARZON, sa pamumuno ni Assistant Regional Director Rosa Maria Rempillo, kasama ang kanilang mga kinatawan. Dumalo rin ang Provincial Department of Health Office-Cavite (PDOHO-Cavite), sa pangunguna ni Dr. Ferdinand Eusebio;

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Measles-Rubella Supplemental Immunization Activity (MR SIA) kasabay ng Vitamin A Supplementation na ginanap sa Municipal Multi-Purpose Hall sa bayan ng Indang Cavite.



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FACE-TO-FACE CLASSES AT ALL LEVELS AND A WORK-FROM-HOME ARRANGEMENT IN GOVERNMENT OFFICES



Office of the President
Malacañang

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 123

In anticipation of the continued heavy rainfall due to the Southwest Monsoon, and upon the recommendation of the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council, work from home arrangement in government offices shall be implemented in the National Capital Region and the provinces of Ilocos Sur, La Union, Zambales, Batangas, Cavite, Batangas, Occidental Mindoro, Benguet, Pangasinan, Abra, Tarlac, Pampanga, Oriental Mindoro and Bulacan on 10 August 2026. Unless otherwise directed by their respective Local Chief Executives, alternative learning modes for classes at all levels in public and private schools shall be implemented in the aforementioned areas on 10 August 2026.

Agencies involved in the delivery of basic and health services, preparedness/response to disasters and calamities, and/or the performance of other vital services are hereby directed to continue their operations and render the necessary services.

Further thereto, the localized cancellation or suspension of classes and/or work in government offices in other areas may be implemented by their respective Local Chief Executives, pursuant to relevant laws, rules and regulations.

The suspension of work or adoption of alternative work arrangements for private companies and offices is left to the discretion of their respective heads.

This Circular shall take effect immediately.

By Authority of the President:


Arben Remulla
Acting Executive Secretary

Manila, 09 August 2026

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