

# Cavite hosts 4th CALABARZON Culture Summit

The Province of Cavite, through the Office of the Provincial Tourism Officer, hosted the 4th CALABARZON Culture Summit dubbed as “Hibla ng Kamalayan” – Paghahabi ng Malikhaing Diwa: Weaving the Creative Spirit of CALABARZON” on October 23, at the International Con-

vention Center, Cavite State University, Indang, Cavite. The annual summit gathered hundreds of participants from various local government units, the academe, and other cultural stakeholders across Region IV-A, all united in their commitment to preserve, promote, and enrich the region’s diverse

cultural heritage.

The event formally open through the welcome remarks delivered by Dr. Ma. Agnes P. Nuestro, President of Cavite State University, expressing her gratitude to the Provincial Government of Cavite and the National Commission for Culture and the Arts



MULA SA BAYAN, PARA SA BAYAN



(NCCA) for choosing CvSU as the venue of this year’s gathering. She highlighted the importance of academic institutions in safeguarding culture and heritage, emphasizing that universities play a vital role in nurturing the next generation of culture bearers and creative leaders.

This was followed by the opening remarks delivered by Ms. Caroline B. Mizal, Head of NCCA Planning and Policy Office, on behalf of Ms. Marichu G.

Tellano, Deputy Executive Director of the NCCA. In her message, Ms. Mizal, underscored the significance of the summit as a platform for collaboration, innovation, and dialogue among culture and arts advocates in the region. She noted that weaving the creative spirit of CALABARZON is not just about preserving traditions but also about strengthening the region’s identity through shared stories and artistic ex-

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# ATENEO TO OPEN NEW CAMPUS IN CAVITE'S RIVERPARK TOWNSHIP

Ateneo de Manila University has signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with GT Capital Holdings, Inc. (GT Capital) for the establishment of a new Ateneo campus in Riverpark, a flagship township development of Federal Land, Inc., GT Capital’s wholly owned property subsidiary, located in General

Trias City, Cavite.

The signing ceremony was held on October 24, 2025, at the GT Tower International Penthouse in Makati City. The signatories representing GT Capital were its Vice Chairman Alfred Ty and President Carmelo Maria Luza Bautista, while the signatory representing Ateneo de Manila

University was its President Fr Roberto Yap SJ.

Also present during the ceremony were Ateneo de Manila University Board of Trustees Chairperson Bernadine Siy, Federal Land Vice Chairman and FNG President William Thomas Mirasol, FNG Vice Chairman Yusuke Hirano, and

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News

# PhilHealth Disbursed Over P217 Billion Claims Payment in the first 9 months

By PhilHealth

The Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) announced its release of over P217.93 B in total benefit claims to healthcare facilities nationwide which represents a 94.18% increase compared to the same period last year (January to September).

This surge in payments solidifies PhilHealth's financial support and marks a major achievement in its drive to provide prompt and reliable financial support to Filipino patients and healthcare providers.

PhilHealth's total claims payment for the first nine months of 2025 reached P217.93 B, up from P112.23 B in 2024, both for public and private facilities.

Private facilities

received P127.79 B, while public facilities accounted for PHP90.14 B in reimbursements.

As of September 30, 2025, PhilHealth achieved an average claims processing turnaround time of just 22 days, demonstrating remarkable improvement in efficiency and responsiveness, aligning with President Ferdinand R. Marcos' directive to improve its performance.

PhilHealth emphasized that the expenditure is largely driven by payments for catastrophic conditions covered by Z Benefit Packages (heart surgery, cancers and kidney transplantation) and high-cost services like outpatient hemodialysis continue



to rise significantly, reflecting the increasing medical needs of the population. This commitment ensures that members diagnosed with life-threatening or complex illnesses receive sustained, high-value financial support.

needed for patient care, thereby ensuring that our healthcare providers are compensated accurately and sustainably for treating complex conditions.”, said Dr. Mercado.

DRG is a patient classification and provider payment system that groups patient cases, including services received, into standardized case groups according to diagnosis and treatment or procedure received.

PhilHealth assures the public that it will continue to accelerate its claims process through streamlined and automated systems to sustain the fast flow of funds to accredited healthcare facilities, adhering to its commitment of being Mabilis, Tapat, and Mapagkakatiwalaan.

## EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the estate left by the deceased **NENA T. LUNA** consisting of a proportionate interest covered by Contract No. 17147 with Doc. No. 3354, Page No. 72, Book No. VII of the Notarial Register of Nicolas G. Maderazo and Contract No. 121541 with Doc. No. 5636, Page No. 29, Book. No. XII, Series of 1995 has been the subject of an Extra-Judicial Settlement of Estate by and among the heirs of the deceased Subscribed and Sworn before **MAYLENE DELOS SANTOS**, Notary Public for the State of Nevada with Appointment No. 22-3106-01 and expires on May 06, 2026.

Sgd. By all the heirs

CN: Nov. 3, 10 & 17, 2025

From Oct. 29 to Nov. 3....

# MPTC to activate motorist assistance program during Undas

MANILA – The Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation (MPTC) is set to reactivate its motorist assistance program from Oct. 29 to Nov. 3 as part of safety preparations for the upcoming Undas.

In a statement on Monday, the MPTC said its “Biyaheng Arangkada” motorist assistance program aims to intensify safety operations through increased personnel deployment, 24/7 traffic monitoring and quick response teams.

The MPTC is the operator and maintenance provider of the North Lu-

zon Expressway (NLEX), the Subic–Clark–Tarlac Expressway (SCTEX), NLEX Connector, Cavite–Laguna Expressway (CALAX), Manila–Cavite Expressway (CAVITEX) and Cebu–Cordova Link Expressway (CCLEX).

“Around 2,000 traffic, toll, and emergency personnel will be on duty across MPTC expressways, in coordination with the (PNP) Philippine National Police, (LGUs) local government units, and key agencies,” it said.

At CAVITEX, the MPTC said “Biyaheng

Arangkada” will be implemented with PEA Tollway Corporation, a subsidiary of the Philippine Reclamation Authority.”

As part of the program, the MPTC will provide free towing for Class 1 and Class 1M (for CCLEX) vehicles to the nearest exit from 6 a.m. on Oct. 30 to 6 a.m. on Nov. 3.

Road works will also be suspended during the period to keep traffic flowing smoothly, aside from emergency repairs.

MPTC said motorists can use the MPT Drive-Hub app for real-time traffic

updates, RFID reloading, and assistance.

“As part of the MVP Group’s efforts, Maynilad will provide free bottled water, while Smart Communications will offer free Wi-Fi and charging stations in select areas,” it added.

It advised motorists to plan their trips and avoid peak hours, particularly on Wednesday afternoon, Thursday afternoon to Friday evening, the morning of Nov. 1, the afternoon of Nov. 2, and the morning until noon of Nov. 3. /source (PNA)

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## EDITORIAL

# May Pasko pa kaya?

Sadyang napakabilis ng panahon. Ang 2 unang "BER" months ay tapos na agad. NOVEMBER na. Malaon at madali, magdi- Disyembre na rin.

Naglalabasan na ang mga pamosong simbolo ng Kapaskuhan tulad ng Christmas tree, parol at iba pa; pumailanlang na sa ere ang mga awitin at musikang pamasko.

Ang Araw ng Pasko, December 25, ay ipinagdiriwang ng buong mundo bilang birthday o araw ng pagsilang ng Mahal na Birhen, Sta. Maria, kay Hesukristo bilang taong anak ng Diyos.

Sa araw na ito, ang mga tao ay nagsasaya, naghahanda ng masarap na pagkain, namimili ng mga bagong damit at sapatos, at mga pangregalo sa mga kapamilya, inaanak, at mga kaibigan.

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Sa mga nagaganap ngayong nabubulgar na karumal-dumal na katiwalian sa gobyerno; sunod-sunod na bagyong nagdudulot ng mga pagbaha sa iba't ibang lugar sa bansa, kung saan lubog na sa tubig ang mga bahay at

lansangan, nagmimistula ng dagat, dahil sa mga TIWALING OPISYALES NG GOBYERNO NA NAGPABAYA AT NAGNAKAW NG BILYON-BILYONG PISO SA KABAN NG BAYAN, MAY PASKO PA KAYA?

Meron pa naman. Hindi iyon mawawala, sapagka't iyan ay isang tradisyong nakatala sa kasaysayan ng sangkatauhan na nauugnay sa Panginoong Hesukristo.

Magkakaroon lang marahil ng kaibahan sa pagdiriwang ng kapaskuhan.

May mayaman, may mahirap; may nakatira sa mansyon at mga ligtas at magagarang bahay; may nakatira sa evacuation centers; may nagtititis sa mga bahay nilang lubog sa baha.

PAANO ANG PASKO NILA? Ang mga Pinoy naman ay sadyang matiisin, maparaan, masayahin, at maka-DIYOS. Kahit anong problema at balakid o pagsubok, nakayang harapin at lampasan.

Kaya marahil, may panahon pa naman. At tiyak, hindi makakatiis, hindi mag-papabaya ang "Diyos. Tutulungan tayo ng Diyos na maykapal," ayon ng sa isang awitin ng namayapang singer Rico Puno.

Kaya, huwag tayong malungkot. MAY PASKO PA!!!!

# MATAGUMPAY NA TRICK OR TREAT 2025, HATID NG PACE-Imus Chapter

Isang masaya at makulay na "Trick or Treat 2025" ang inihandog sa mga bata ng mga Judges, lawyers at empleyado ng Regional Trial Court, Hall of Justice sa Imus City, Cavite nitong Myerkules, October 29, 2025 sa pagdiriwang ng Halloween 2025. Etoy isang proyekto ng PACE, Imus City Chapter. Ang aktibidad ay isinagawa upang magbigay ng kasiyahan at magbahagi ng galak sa mga kabataan lalo na sa mga anak ng mga empleyado.



# IRRI, DA, and DA-PhilRice finish strong on its first year of Drones4Rice

LOS BAÑOS, Laguna (16 October 2025) — The International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), the Philippine Rice Research Institute (PhilRice), and the Department of Agriculture (DA) Regional Field Offices (RFOs) in Cagayan Valley (RFO II), CALABARZON (RFO IVA), and Bicol (RFO V) are gearing up for the second year of the Drones4Rice project, following a successful first year of laying the groundwork for scaling drone technologies in Philippine rice farming. The three-year initiative funded by the Philippine DA - Bureau of Agricultural Research (DA-BAR) aims to boost the productivity and income of smallholder Filipino rice farmers through drone-enabled precision agriculture.

During its first year, the Drones4Rice project team developed protocols for drone-based seeding, pesticide spraying, and fertilizer spreading in partnership with key government agencies such as the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP), Civil Aeronautics Board (CAB), as well as the DA – Fertilizer and Pesticides Authority (DA-FPA). These protocols were field-tested and validated across the three regions in collaboration with PhilRice and DA. They were also used to support DA’s Drone Voucher Program, which provides Php 2,000 per hectare in assistance to encourage farmers to access drone services.

Although drone use in Philippine agriculture is still emerging, its benefits are clear: lower labor costs, faster and more precise field operations, and early detection of pests and diseases through aerial mapping. With labor accounting for nearly one-third of rice production costs, drone-based direct seeding offers economic and environmental gains—including lower emissions and reduced drudgery.

“By integrating digital tools, we are able to optimize resource management, make faster and more informed decisions, and respond to the needs of farmers more efficiently,” DA Undersecretary for Rice Industry Development Christopher Morales stated in his opening remarks, “For farmers, this translates into practical benefits of more efficient input use, reduced labor costs, and improved crop management,” he continued.

IRRI Project Leader Dr. Carlito Balingbing noted the importance of private sector partnerships in accelerating adoption, “Agridom and NewHope, which are drone service provider companies, assisted in the conduct of field operations and field trials.” NewHope Corporation and Agridom Solutions Corp. have forged formal partnerships with IRRI in the past years to advocate for a modernized and digitalized Philippine agriculture. PhilRice Project Leader Dr. Jasper Tallada also



highlighted that promoting digital transformation is a part of their effort to invite more young Filipinos to engage and participate in agriculture.

In its second year, the project will refine fertilizer and pesticide application guidelines, expand pilot testing with DA partners, and continue capacity-building for local implementers. A financial and economic cost analysis will assess the viability of drone services for farmers. The focus remains on generating solid evidence and practical standards to ensure that

drones deliver real value at the field level—not just technological promise.

“In line with IRRI’s 2025-2030 strategy, IRRI remains fully committed to ensuring that precision agriculture, especially the use of drones, becomes accessible, inclusive, and scalable for all farmers,” IRRI Deputy Director General – Philippine Representative Dr. Junel Soriano stated. “Together, let us continue to push the boundaries of innovations so that Filipino farmers can benefit from a smarter and more resilient rice industry,” he continued.

## DILG enjoins LGUs to conduct infrastructure audit on buildings to strengthen earthquake readiness

To help communities prepare for the threat of high-magnitude earthquakes, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) is calling on all Local Government Units (LGUs) to conduct comprehensive infrastructure audits on both public and private buildings within their jurisdictions.

The DILG emphasized that assessing the structural integrity of buildings is crucial to ensure public safety and reduce the risk of casualties and damage during major seismic events. Beyond auditing key public facilities such as hospitals, schools, government offices, and emergency response centers, the DILG aims to expand the infrastruc-

ture audit to include privately owned structures.

“With the increasing frequency and intensity of earthquakes, proactive preparedness is our best defense,” the DILG said. “Through harmonized audits, stronger partnerships, and evidence-based planning, we can build safer, more resilient communities across the country.”

In 2024, the DILG partnered with key government agencies and stakeholders, including the Association of Structural Engineers of the Philippines and the Philippine Institute of Civil Engineers, to develop the Harmonized Infrastructure Audit Tool (HIAT). The HIAT provides a standardized framework for evaluating building resilience and identifying potential vulnerabilities before seismic disasters.

To date, the DILG has trained 18 high-risk LGUs from the National Capital Region (NCR), CALABARZON, and Central Luzon, areas traversed by the West Valley Fault (WVF), to carry out infrastructure audits. As of October 15, another 12 LGUs in NCR and 20 LGUs in Cavite which are outside the WVF corridor have completed a similar training, with 10 LGUs in Central Luzon set to follow suit by the end of the month.

As part of the national roll-out, the Department has also developed a corps of trained coaches composed of technical experts from professional organizations, academic institutions, the DILG, and local government functionaries from 74 LGUs nationwide. These coaches are equipped to mentor local audit teams

and cascade the use of HIAT across their respective regions.

The DILG is also encouraging the private sector to partner with regional government agencies, engineering associations, and academic institutions through the Local Infrastructure Learning Hubs which will be established by the Department’s regional offices. These hubs will support local audit teams chaired by local chief executives and composed of building and disaster management officers.

By institutionalizing innovative safety mechanisms and strengthening intersectoral collaboration, the DILG reaffirms its commitment to building disaster-ready localities and ensuring a safer infrastructure sector for all Filipinos.

# City Government of Imus Imus LGU nagsagawa ng suprise drug testing sa mga opisyal ng 97 barangay

Sumailalim sa surprise drug testing ang mga opisyal ng 97 barangay sa Lungsod ng Imus nitong Miyerkules, Oktubre 28, 2025, na ginanap sa City of Imus Sports Complex.

Ang aktibidad ay pinangunahan ng Peace and Order and Public Safety Office (POPS), katuwang ang Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG),

Office of the City Engineer (OCE), Office of the City General Services Officer (OGSO), Logistics Team ng Office of the City Mayor, City Information Technology and Records Management Unit, at Imus Public.

Bahagi ito ng patuloy na adbokasiya ng lokal na pamahalaan para sa ligtas at malinis na serbisyo publiko.



## Educational Assistance parasa mga indigent solo parent, muling magbubkas

Ang Pamahalaang Lungsod ng Imus, sa pangunguna ng Office of the City Social Welfare and Development Officer (OCSWDO), ay muling buuksan ang aplikasyon ng Educational Assistance para sa mga indigent solo parent sa darating na Nobyembre 6 hanggang 7, 2025.

Magsisimula ang pila mula 7:00 A.M., habang ang assessment at interview ay mag-uumpisa mula 8:00 A.M., sa Lower Ground Floor, malapit sa Wellness Center, New Imus City Government Center, Imus

- Blvd., Brgy. Malagasang I-G.
- ☐ Application Requirements
- ☐ Valid Solo Parent ID (not expired)
- ☐ Kopya ng Solo Parent ID
- ☐ Dapat ay may tatlong pirma
- ☐ Contact number
- ☐ Barangay Certificate of Indigency for Solo Parent
- ☐ Purpose: Educational Assistance
- ☐ Voter’s certificate of a solo parent
- ☐ Certificate of enrollment of a

student/beneficiary (Original o Certified True Copy)

- ☐ Program Guidelines
- ☐ Ang rehistradong indigent solo parents lamang ang maaaring mag-apply.
- ☐ Limitado lamang ang slots para sa educational assistance at ito ay first-come, first served basis.
- ☐ Ang lahat ng aplikante ay saailalim sa pagsusuri ng Office of the City Social Welfare and Development Officer (CSW-

DO).

□□□□□□: Hindi tatanggapin ang aplikasyon ng mga aplikanteng kulang ang dokumento.

Para sa mga katanungan, makipag-ugnayan sa OCSWDO:

- (046) 888 9910 PABX 126
- 0920-943-3059
- OCSWDO, Ground Floor, New Imus City Government Center, Imus Blvd., Brgy. Malagasang I-G

## ATENEO TO OPEN...FROM P1

Federal Land President Jose Mari Banzon.

To rise on a 15-hectare property within Riverpark, the new Ateneo campus will bring holistic, world-class Jesuit education closer to learners and families in Cavite and neighboring provinces.

“The new Ateneo campus in Riverpark allows us to extend our mission and provide more families in Cavite and nearby provinces with access to quality education rooted in our Jesuit tradition,” said Yap. “This expansion reaffirms Ateneo’s enduring commitment to be a force for good—forming persons who are not only competent but also compassionate, ready to lead and serve in a rapidly changing world.”

For GT Capital, the partnership with Ateneo represents a shared vision of nation-building and sustainable development.

“Ateneo’s presence in

nous Peoples from Tanay, Rizal. One of the event’s most anticipated moments was the turnover ceremony of hosting responsibilities to the Provincial Government of Laguna, which will serve as the next host of the CALABARZON Culture Summit.

The program concluded on an inspiring note with Mr. Ed-

ward Perez, CALABARZON SCC Co-Chairperson, leading the closing segment, capped off by a heartfelt performance from ARTIST, Inc. The event truly embodied the summit’s theme—weaving the creative spirit of CALABARZON—celebrating the region’s shared heritage, creativity, and collective cultural pride. — OPIO

Riverpark not only strengthens the educational landscape of Cavite but also uplifts the lives of the communities we serve,” said Ty. “Our investment in this campus reflects our long-term commitment to creating sustainable value for generations of Filipinos, anchored on the values of excellence and service.”

“We can finally say that the eagle has landed,” Ty added.

Designed as a smart and sustainable community, Riverpark is envisioned to be the Next-Gen City of the South. With the inclusion of Ateneo de Manila University, Riverpark is poised to become a hub for growth, innovation, and holistic living—a fitting home for an institution committed to shaping leaders ready for tomorrow.

**EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE**

Notice is hereby given that the estate left by the deceased **GRACE ALVAREZ ARCA** consisting of a parcel of land covered by TCT NO. T-1194616 situated at **BO. TEJERO, GEN. TRIAS, CAVITE**, has been the subject of an Extra-Judicial Settlement of Estate by and among the heirs of the deceased as per Doc. No. 114, Page No. 23, Book No. 13, Series of 2025 of Notary Public Atty. Gerald C. Sergio.

Sgd. By all the heirs

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## PAG-IBIG, Calamba LGU to launch new social housing complex



**CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) – The Home Development Mutual Fund (PAG-IBIG) assists the city government of Calamba in providing additional adequate and decent housing units for Filipinos through a new residential complex.**

The Rizal Village I program forms part of the city's continuing effort to provide decent shelter for every Calambeño family while supporting the national Pambansang Pabahay para sa Pilipino Program (4PH) program of the Department of Human Settlements and Urban

Development (DHSUD). Calamba City Housing and Settlement Department Community Development Officer III Nona Marielle Reyes said that the project reflects the local government's long-term vision to uplift the quality of life of its residents by ensuring access to decent shelter and livable communities.

"We will launch a project in partnership with PAG-IBIG here in Calamba City so we are hoping to launch the Rizal Village I and it is a local project which we will include in PAG-IBIG's program called country side housing initiative," Reyes stated.

Located in Barangay Kay-Anlog, the Rizal Village I Housing Project is designed to accommodate a maximum of 540 housing units upon full completion.

Currently, the city

has secured funding for 299 units, with 147 units under construction as part of Phase 1.

Reyes then shared that the project's first phase is progressing steadily, in which the city government remains hopeful that the next phases will receive continued funding and support to ensure full implementation.

"The construction of the first 147 units is ongoing, and we're optimistic that the project will continue as planned. This program is not just about building houses, but about creating a community where families can live securely and grow together."

Once completed, Rizal Village I will stand as a testament to Calamba City's dedication to inclusive development—ensuring that as the city continues to advance, no Calambeño family is left without a place to call home.

The Calamba City Housing and Settlement Department targets to launch the program this October, in line with the celebration with the National Shelter Month. (AM/PIA 4A)

## FDA joins global campaign for safer use of medicines

**MANILA – The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on Thursday said the country is joining over 130 partner organizations worldwide in the 10th anniversary of #MedSafetyWeek, an international campaign promoting the safe use of medicines through vigilant reporting of side effects.**

Running from Nov. 3 to 9, this year's campaign carries the theme "We Can All Help Make Medicines Safer," highlighting the shared responsibility of patients, families, healthcare professionals and regulators in ensuring medicine safety.

"Every report counts. When you report suspected side effects, you are not just protecting yourself; you are helping protect others," FDA spokesperson Khay Ann

Magundayao-Borlado said in a statement.

"Through #MedSafetyWeek, we encourage everyone to be more involved in ensuring that the medicines we take are both safe and effective," she added.

The campaign aims to raise awareness on the importance of reporting suspected side effects to help the FDA's Center for Drug Regulation and Research (CDRR) identify potential risks and take appropriate actions.

These reports play a vital role in promoting public health and improving medicine safety.

Since medicines, like all products, have risks, the FDA underscored that continuous vigilance helps ensure that medicines are

safe for everyone.

It noted that only 5 to 10 percent of suspected side effects are reported globally. Common reasons for not reporting include lack of awareness, the belief that the side effect is minor, or simply forgetting to do so.

The #MedSafetyWeek campaign, founded in 2016, was launched to address this gap and strengthen global pharmacovigilance.

The 2025 anniversary edition is expected to be the largest to date, with 150 organizations across 77 countries sharing the #MedSafetyWeek message in more than 60 languages.

CDRR Product Research and Standards Development Division Chief Lanette Lee Querubin said the FDA con-

tinues to enhance pharmacovigilance in the country through improved reporting mechanisms, including the VigiMobile app and online submission via VigiFlow nationwide information drives, and partnerships with the Department of Health, Philippine Information Agency and the World Health Organization-Uppsala Monitoring Centre.

The FDA is also encouraging the public to join the conversation online by following and sharing #MedSafetyWeek posts on its official Facebook page and partner platforms.

"When we speak up, we save lives," FDA Director General Paolo Teston said. "Our vision is a nation where every Filipino becomes a partner in medicine safety. source:(PNA)

