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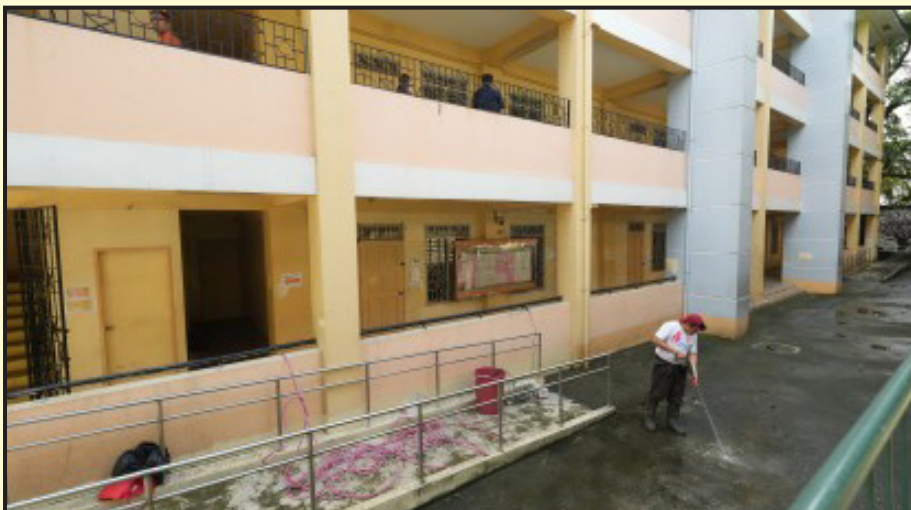
MANILA — Malacañang said Monday the suspension of face-to-face classes in Metro Manila is a precautionary move by the Department of Health (DOH) to prevent the spread of influenza-like illnesses commonly seen during the colder months.

Palace Press Officer Claire Castro said the DOH has clarified that current flu cases remain 8 percent lower compared to the same period last year, but

authorities opted for a "health break" to stop infections from further spreading in schools.

"Sa ganitong panahon talaga lumalabas ang influenza-like illnesses (During this season, influenza-like illnesses are common)," Castro said.

"Mas mababa nga po ngayon ng eight percent pero aasahan pa rin po natin na dahil sa panahon na taglamig... minabuti po nila



CAMPUS CLEANUP. A school staff cleans the grounds of Quezon City High School, Scout Ybardolaza Street in Quezon City, on Monday (Oct. 13, 2025). The activities are conducted following the Department of Education directive to ensure cleanliness and safety in public school facilities across Metro Manila due to influenza-like illness cases. (PNA photo by Robert Oswald P. Alfiler)

na huwag na po itong kumalat kaya nagkaroon ng health break (Actually, cases are 8 percent lower compared to last year. But the DOH opted to prevent its further spread and imposed a two-day health break)."

Castro said the two-day suspension would also allow schools to disinfect facilities to ensure that classrooms are safe and clean once students return. (PNA)

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~ SOUL FOOD ~

"Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it."

- Psalm 34:14 -

LGU NEEDS TO BE RECOGNIZED AS DOST PARTNER IN CEST PROGRAM



The local government of Kalilangan headed by Mayor Atty. Raymon Charl O. Gamboa is one of the recognized partners of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) during the Bukidnon CEST Forum: Bridging STI-driven Development for All, held on October 9, 2025, at Loiza's Pavilion, Casisang, Malaybalay City.

The Community Empowerment through Science and Technology (CEST) Forum 2025 brings together DOST partners, local leaders, and stakeholders to showcase how science, technology, and innovation (STI) can drive sustainable and inclusive development across Bukidnon communities.

Facilitated by the Department of Science and Technology—Northern Mindanao (DOST-NM) through the Provincial Science and Technology Office (PSTO) Bukidnon, the forum bears the theme “Bringing STI-Driven Development for All.” This aims to strengthen the implementation of community-based projects that will improve livelihoods, enhance sustainability, and enhance sustainability. Health and nutrition, protecting nature, and developing disaster resilience.

Engr. N. Ratilla, Regional Director of DOST-NM, delivered the keynote message, highlighting STI's vital role in empowering local communities and promoting inclusive growth.

Among the distinguished guests and in attendance is Congressman Jonathan Keith T. Flores (represented by Mr. Roque Rios Jr.), Malaybalay City Mayor Atty. Warren Pabillaran (represented by Mr. John Valmores), Malitbog Mayor Gary D. Casino (represented by Ms. Marianne T. Casino), Talakag Mayor Renato Sulatan Jr., Maramag Vice Mayor John Lester Malack Tan, Mr. Alberto Bigcas, Atty. Francesco Manuel P. Valdez, Rep. Marijorie Jaraula, and Dr. Carina Joanne V. Barroso, with more than 200 participants from all over Bukidnon.

Representing Kalilangan in this activity a delegation composed of LGU employees and MAFA Inc. Coffee Farmers, one of the leading community-based groups in the municipality supported through the CEST Program of DOST. Their participation highlights strong collaboration with the local government in the science and technology sector in promoting economic growth driven by innovation and sustainable livelihood opportunities.

Through this initiative, DOST-NM reaffirmed its mission to bring science closer to humanity—empowering communities through innovation and forging pathways toward sustainable progress.

The afternoon session of the Bukidnon CEST Forum 2025 featured presentations of DOST technologies and programs under CEST entry points, featuring innovations in economic development, environmental protection, disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation, health and nutrition, and human resource development.

Participants were also introduced to SARAI Technologies, an intelligent agricultural tool designed to help farmers make informed, data-driven, and sustainable decisions. Through recognizing LGU Kalilangan and its partner communities, MAFA Inc. Coffee Farmers, DOST-NM highlighted the importance of collaborative governance in advancing Science, Technology, and Innovation as cornerstones of inclusive and sustainable community transformation in Bukidnon. (DOST10). *(Alyzza Jane N. Gapuz and Glenna Mae Cabilan)*

PBBM's Pasig River rehab project earns UN recognition

MANILA – President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.'s Pasig Bigyang Bu-hay Muli (PBBM) Project has been named one of the recipients of the 2025 Asian Townscape Award by the United Nations (UN).

In a letter to the Inter-Agency Council for the Pasig River Urban Development (IAC-PRUD), the UN-Habitat Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific confirmed the award following deliberations held in Japan on Sept. 17.

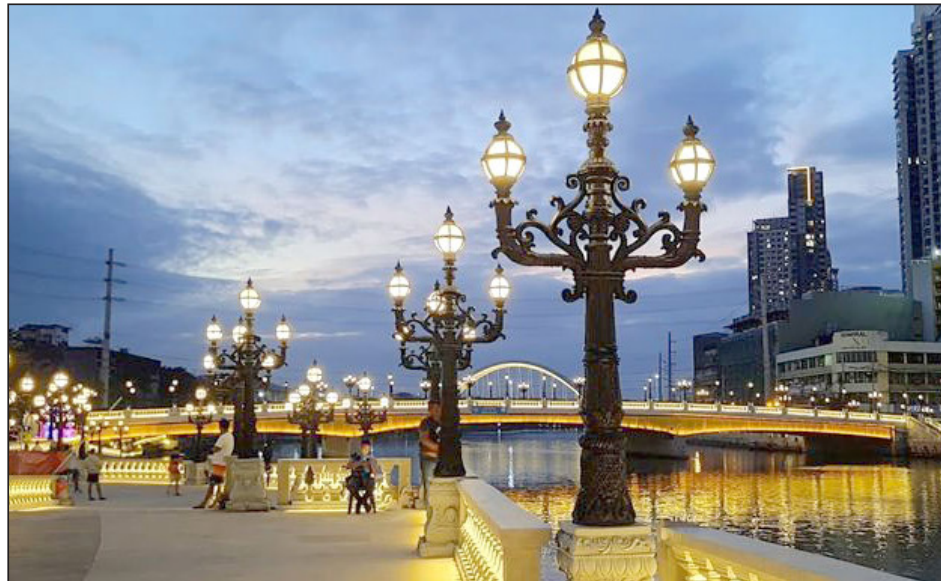
The award will be formally conferred on Nov. 27 in Hong Kong, the Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development (DHSUD) said on Saturday.

“The project was designed to transform the Pasig River and its banks into recreational, cultural and commercial hubs,” the DHSUD said in a statement.

“It promotes transportation connectivity by establishing bike lanes and jogging paths with pocket commercial shops along the 26-kilometer stretch of the river -- maximizing its economic potential,” it added.

The Asian Townscape Award recognizes outstanding achievements in urban design and sustainable development.

The PBBM Project, spearheaded by the



DHSUD serving as the previous lead agency of IAC-PRUD, has received strong support from First Lady Liza Araneta-Marcos.

The rehabilitation initiative is now overseen by the Office of the Presidential Adviser for Pasig River Urban Development, headed by Secretary Jose Rizalino Acuzar.

The project aims to revitalize the Pasig River and supports transport connectivity.

To date, more than two kilometers of developed riverfront -- from the back of the historic Manila Central Post Office to Fort Santiago in Intramuros -- have been opened to the public.

The area has quickly gained popularity among local and foreign tourists.

Construction of additional phases is now underway in other parts of Manila as part of the continuing rollout of the PBBM project. **(PNA)**

DEPED TO EXPEDITE SCHOOL REPAIRS AS P139.4M RELEASED FOR MASBATE; CEBU AND DAVAO UNDERWAY

DAVAO ORIENTAL, 11 October 2025 – Following President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.'s order for an immediate response, Education Secretary Sonny Angara joined national government officials in Davao Oriental on Saturday to assess the impact of the 7.6-magnitude earthquake and to oversee the Department of Education's (DepEd) rapid response operations for affected schools.

Angara said DepEd has frontloaded and accelerated the release of the agency's Quick Response Funds (QRF)—a process that previously took up to two years—to provide faster assistance to schools hit by recent calamities in Masbate, Cebu, and most recent quake-hit Davao Oriental.

To date, Php139.4 million in aid has been released for typhoon-hit schools in

Masbate, while validation and damage assessments are ongoing in Cebu and Davao Oriental.

“Hindi na puwedeng maghintay pa ng dalawang taon bago dumating ang tulong,” Angara said. “Kapag nasira ang paaralan, dapat mabilis ang aksyon, dahil bawat araw na nasasayang ay isang araw na hindi nakakapag-aral ang mga bata.”

As of 9:00 a.m. on October 11, DepEd reports that 1,006 schools have been affected by the magnitude 7.4 that struck offshore near Manay, Davao Oriental on Friday, impacting around 100,000 learners and 10,000 teachers in different regions. Among those affected, 139 learners and 50 teachers sustained injuries. To ensure safety, 97% of the affected schools suspended classes on Friday to allow structural inspections.



Initial visual assessments found 575 schools with varying degrees of damage, with estimated repair costs reaching Php2.23 billion. DepEd's Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Service (DRRMS), engineers, and DRR coordinators are conducting rapid site inspections in coordination with the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) and local governments.

He emphasized DepEd's commitment to strengthen its internal engineering capacity to complement national and local efforts for quicker recovery.

“Mayroon tayong 472 engineers sa buong bansa, at kailangan pa nating palawakin ang bilang at kakayahan nila,” Angara added. “Kasama ang DPWH at mga lokal na pamahalaan, gusto nating bumuo ng isang mas mabilis, mas matatag, at mas maaasahang sistema ng pagtugon.”

Angara reaffirmed that DepEd's priority is ensuring the safety of learners and teachers while keeping education going, even in times of disaster.

“Our goal is simple: when disaster strikes, help should already be on the way,” he said. **(PIA)**

PNP says security situation manageable in quake-hit areas

MANILA – The Philippine National Police (PNP) assured on Sunday that the security situation in Davao Oriental remains manageable following the twin quakes that struck the province on Oct. 10.

Acting PNP chief Lt. Gen. Jose Melencio Nartatez Jr. said officers on the ground are securing residents while supporting humanitarian and recovery operations.

“The situation is now under control and remains manageable. The quick response of our police personnel, in coordination with local authorities and government agencies, has helped prevent panic and maintain public order,” Nartatez Jr. said in a statement Sunday.

Maj. Cirelo Solaña, chief of the Provincial Operations Management Unit of the Davao Oriental Police Provincial Office, said initial assessments showed



IMMEDIATE HELP. The Davao Oriental Police Provincial Office dispatches search and rescue and medical teams to evacuation areas following the magnitude 7.4 earthquake in the province on Friday (Oct. 10, 2025). All police stations in the province conducted assessments of establishments and buildings, coordinated with local government units on disaster risk reduction, and provided assistance to residents. (Photo courtesy of Davao Oriental Police Provincial Office Facebook)

minor structural damage in police stations and several public buildings, including cathedrals, schools, bridges, and road networks.

Nartatez commended local police officers for assisting in hospital evacuations, conducting search and rescue operations, and facilitating the safe movement of residents to higher ground when temporary tsunami

warnings were issued.

Additional personnel were also dispatched to support rescue efforts in areas with collapsed structures; Women and Children Protection Desks have been activated to provide support to residents suffering from trauma and stress; and police hotlines enable coordination and response to public inquiries. (PNA)

Two overstaying Americans arrested by BI intelligence in Pangasinan and Zambales

MANILA — The Bureau of Immigration (BI) announced the arrest of two American nationals in separate operations conducted by its intelligence operatives in Pangasinan and Zambales for overstaying in the country for several years.

In their report to BI Commissioner Joel Anthony Viado, BI Intelligence Division operatives identified the suspects as Matt Nickolas Mathews, 70, who was arrested in Barangay Asin West, Malasiqui, Pangasinan, and Barry Allan Brumfield, 57, who was apprehended in Kalaklan, Olongapo City, Zambales.

Mathews was arrested on October 7 by members of the BI Regional Intelligence Operations Unit 1 (RIOU-1), with the assistance of operatives from the Pangasinan Provincial Police Office and the Malasiqui Municipal Police Station.

The American national was found to have overstayed in the country since 2014 and admitted that he had not extended his visa since then.

During verification, Mathews reportedly became unruly and hurled expletives at the immigration operatives, disparaging the Bureau's procedures and Philippine government institutions. He was immediately arrested for violating Section 37(a)(7) of the Philippine Immigration Act of 1940 for overstaying.

Meanwhile, on October 6, agents of the BI Regional Intelligence Operations Unit 3 (RIOU-3), in coordination with the Philippine Navy and the Olongapo City Police, arrested Brumfield at his residence on Ohio Street,



Two overstaying Americans arrested by BI intelligence in Pangasinan and Zambales
11 October 2025

Kalaklan, Olongapo City.

Brumfield failed to present a valid passport or immigration document upon verification and was found to have violated the same provision of the Philippine Immigration Act for overstaying and for being undocumented.

Viado lauded the successful operations and reminded foreign nationals to respect and comply with Philippine laws during their stay.

“We welcome visitors and expatriates who come here for legitimate reasons,” Viado said. “However, those who overstay or disregard the limits of their stay must understand that the Philippines upholds its immigration laws strictly. Respect for our laws is the same respect we extend to every guest in our country.”

The BI Chief added that the BI will continue to intensify enforcement operations nationwide.

“Our goal is not only to apprehend violators but to preserve the integrity of our borders,” Viado emphasized. “Foreigners who abuse our hospitality or disrespect our institutions will face the consequences under the law.”

Both Mathews and Brumfield are undergoing deportation proceedings and will be included in the BI's blacklist to prevent their re-entry into the country. (BI)

President Marcos orders rapid quake response in Davao region; roads cleared, food and shelter aid rushed to affected areas

Upon President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.'s directive, key Cabinet officials immediately responded in the aftermath of the strong earthquakes that hit Davao region on Friday, prompting a rapid deployment of relief items, road-clearing operations, and emergency shelter efforts.

Immediately after the earthquake, President Marcos directed Cabinet officials, including Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) Secretary Vince Dizon, Department of Education (DepEd) Sonny Angara and Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Secretary Rex Gatchalian, to act swiftly, coordinate closely, and restore normalcy as quickly as possible.

Dizon said the DPWH immediately began road clearing operations in Davao Oriental — the quake's epicenter — and surrounding provinces including Davao de Oro and Davao del Norte.

As of Saturday, Dizon said national highways are now fully passable, while assessment of damaged hospitals, schools, and homes is underway.

“Kagabi pa lang tinawagan po kami ni Pangulong Marcos para utusan kami to come here today to number one, provide the most immediate relief necessary para sa mga kababayan nating tinamaan, lalo na sa Davao Oriental, yung epicenter ng lindol,” Dizon said in a press conference in Davao City on Saturday together with Angara, Gatchalian and Mindanao Development Authority Secretary Leo Tereso Magno.

“As of today (Saturday) completely passable na po ‘yung ating national highways and pati ‘yung mga provincial and municipal and city roads, kini-clear na



rin. At most of them are already passable except ‘yung mga ibang roads natin sa mga bundok na tinamaan ng mga medyo grabe ang landslide,” Dizon added.

The DPWH chief said that while some minor cracks have been observed in bridges and road structures, no major structural damage has been reported so far.

“Tuloy-tuloy yan and mabilis natin papagawa ‘yan kasi sabi nga ni Pangulo, we have to move fast to bring normalcy dun sa situation,” Dizon said.

Meanwhile, Gatchalian assured that the DSWD is fully equipped to support all affected families.

“Before the earthquake, we had 100,000 family food packs pre-positioned in the Davao Region alone. These are ready for immediate distribution,” he said.

Gatchalian added that the DSWD's repacking centers in Manila and Cebu are continuously producing 25,000 food packs per day, ensuring sustained supply of relief goods. Additional stockpiles in nearby regions like Caraga are also on standby.

He added that the DSWD is working closely with the Philippine Red Cross and local government units to set up temporary shelters for families whose homes were damaged or deemed unsafe.

Large tents are also being deployed for use by hospitals with structural issues to ensure that patients remain safe and protected from the elements.

Gatchalian added that financial assistance for families whose homes sustained partial or total damage is also being prepared.

He emphasized that even with simultaneous disaster relief operations — including the typhoon relief in Masbate and earthquake response in Cebu — the DSWD remains fully capable of addressing urgent needs in the Davao region.

“Sa pagdating sa pagkain, alinsunod sa utos ng Pangulo, walang pamilyang apektado ang magugutom. Sisiguraduhin niya ‘yun,” Gatchalian stressed.

Meanwhile, Angara thanked his counterparts for the coordinated response and confirmed that the DepEd has already started assessing school infrastructure damage.

Angara said for minor school repairs, DepEd will release funds directly to the affected regional and division offices.

“For major repairs, we will coordinate with Secretary Vince (Dizon) and DPWH. Kung dati, medyo mahaba ‘yung period between, ngayon binilisan na po namin ‘yung coordination,” Angara said.

DepEd and DPWH are also coordinating to ensure that all damaged school sites will undergo ground safety assessments before any rebuilding takes place to ensure the safety of learners and teachers.

The DepEd is also coordinating with the DSWD in preparing aid for affected teachers and students. (PIA)

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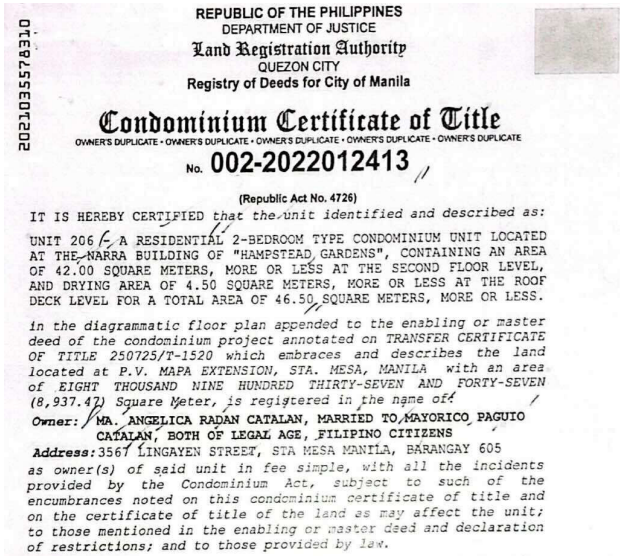
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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed on September 10, 2025, by the mortgagee, **HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (OTHERWISE KNOWN AS PAG-IBIG FUND)**, with principal office at the BDO Life Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City, against the mortgagors, **MA. ANGELICA RADAN CATALAN married to MAYORICO PAGUIO CATALAN**, with postal address at 3567 Lingayen Street, Barangay 605, Sta. Mesa, Manila, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which, as of August 18, 2025, amounts to PESOS: **THREE MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY SIX THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED TWENTY EIGHT and 21/100 (Php 3,846,628.21)**¹ pursuant to the Loan and Mortgage Agreement,² the undersigned Acting Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff of the Regional Trial Court of Manila, through her deputy, Sheriff Eduardo E. Centeno, will sell at public auction on **OCTOBER 28, 2025** at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter but not later than 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon, in front of the Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court, Manila, Room 400, 4th floor, Manila City Hall, to the highest bidder, for cash or manager's check and in Philippine Currency, the following property/ies with all its improvements, more particularly described as follows:



Prospective bidders and/or buyers are enjoined to investigate, verify and conduct proper due diligence on the property/ies above described.

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above-stated time and date.

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date due to fortuitous event or if the same be declared a non-working, or for any other lawful/valid reasons, it shall be held on **November 10, 2025** without the need of further notice, reposting and republication.

City of Manila, Philippines, September 23, 2025.

(Sgd.)
SHAIRA A. QUERUBIN
Acting Clerk of Court³ & Ex-Officio

(Sgd.)
Sheriff EDUARDO E. CENTENO
Sheriff-in-Charge
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Science Takes Root in Nueva Vizcaya as DOST
Region II Celebrates RSTW 2025



Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya — The Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Region II brought science closer to communities through a series of project visits and technology showcases during the 2025 Regional Science, Technology, and Innovation Week (RSTW) held on October 9–11, 2025, at the Nueva Vizcaya State University (NVSU), Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya. Graced by DOST Secretary Dr. Renato U. Solidum Jr., Undersecretary for Regional Operations Engr. Sancho A. Maborang, and DOST Region II Director Dr. Virginia G. Bilgera, the celebration highlighted how research, innovation, and technology continue to uplift lives and empower communities across Cagayan Valley. One of the major highlights was the inauguration of the Adaptive Robotics Technology and Intelligent Computing (ARTIC) Center at NVSU—a pioneering facility designed to advance intelligent systems research and strengthen regional capabilities in artificial intelligence, robotics, and data-driven innovation.

Beyond the launch of high-tech laboratories, this year's RSTW focused on science in action through field visits that showcased how DOST's programs and partnerships create tangible impacts on local industries. The first leg of the visit brought the DOST delegation to two flagship citrus initiatives in Nueva Vizcaya—the NICER Citrus Project at the NVSU Citrus Resources Research and Development Center and the Namujhe Integrated Farm in Malabing Valley, Kasibu. Led by Dr. Elbert A. Sana, Project Leader of the NICER Project on Establishing Quality Planting Materials Production System for Citrus, the team at NVSU shared how the initiative ensures the production of high-quality, disease-free planting materials through a robust Quality Planting Materials Production System (QPMPS). Funded by DOST-PCAARRD, the project supports nurseries and partner LGUs in Kasibu and Villaverde, enabling local farmers to access superior citrus seedlings—such

as Satsuma, Calamansi, Lemon, and Pummelo—that are indexed for major citrus diseases like Citrus Tristeza Virus (CTV) and Huanglongbing (HLB). Through science-based orchard management and irrigation practices, the project has boosted fruit yield, improved quality, and strengthened Nueva Vizcaya's identity as the Citrus Capital of the Philippines.

Meanwhile, the visit to the Namujhe Integrated Farm, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Alfonso and Josephine Namujhe, showcased how DOST's Small Enterprise Technology Upgrading Program (SETUP) introduced a Php1.2-million Gravity-Type Drip Irrigation System to address recurring irrigation challenges. The innovation significantly improved flower initiation, reduced fruit drop, and stabilized production—sustaining an annual yield of 250 to 300 tons of citrus despite climate stresses. These successes exemplify how the convergence of research and technology directly benefits local farmers, driving growth in one of Region II's key agricultural sectors.

The RSTW project visits also featured DOST's continued support for micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) that are adopting sustainable technologies. At Zen Hotel-Bayombong, owned by Mr. Antonio and Mrs. Zenaida Caleon, DOST-SETUP funded the installation of a 100kW solar power system that dramatically reduced monthly electricity costs from Php367,000 to just a fraction of the amount, yielding over Php324,000 in savings and enabling the business to sell excess power back to the grid. During the visit, Secretary Solidum emphasized that solar energy adoption can help MSMEs cut power expenses, enhance efficiency, and promote environmental sustainability. He also encouraged government offices to invest in renewable systems to reduce overall power consumption nationwide.

Another stop led the DOST
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PhilHealth, DOLE expand workplace healthcare access



ROXAS CITY, Capiz — The Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth), in partnership with the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) Capiz Field Office, has expanded the workforce healthcare access through the launching of the PhilHealth YAKAP (Yaman ng Kalusugan Program) in the workplace at the Capiz Sugar Central Inc. (CSCI) in President Roxas town.

The initiative aims to strengthen health and labor partnerships through proactive engagement with local industries and workers.

DOLE Provincial Director Ma. Ailyne P. Valaquio-Pueblo (a lawyer) said the event provided employees with valuable information about PhilHealth YAKAP coverage, membership updates, and how to maximize available healthcare benefits.

“The President Roxas Rural Health Unit, the registered YAKAP Clinic, provided the workers with free consultations and free access to medicines,” Pueblo added.

A total of 288 workers from the CSCI have registered and enjoy the benefits of the program.

The participants were also allowed to ask questions and clarify concerns directly with PhilHealth representatives.

Further, Capiz Local Health

Insurance Office (LHIO) information officer Mary Jane Amigo said that PhilHealth has been actively coordinating with various government and private offices since 2024 to conduct orientations, facilitate registration, and promote the availment of YAKAP benefits formerly known as the Konsulta program.

Also, Amigo stated that the partnership between PhilHealth and DOLE aims to promote a healthier and more productive labor force by integrating health protection into workplace programs.

“Through this collaboration, PhilHealth brings the YAKAP in the Workplace initiative to employers and employees, ensuring that workers have access to preventive care, primary consultation, and essential health services under the Universal Health Care Program,” she added.

To note, Capiz LHIO chief Joe Frederick Diaz, during a press conference on the YAKAP program, said the LHIO Capiz has already registered 353,509 Capi-ceños under the YAKAP program as of August 31, 2025.

The LHIO Capiz has already served 145,452 YAKAP first patient encounters and has already paid P63,164,397.00 for the YAKAP program as of Aug. 31, 2025. **(AGP/PLF/PIA Capiz)**

SAN QUINTIN LGU TO FULLY SUBSIDIZE THE SSS CONTRIBUTION OF OVER 200 BARANGAY WORKERS



Social Security System (SSS) Vice President for Luzon Central 1 Division Vilma P. Agapito (3rd from left), San Quintin Mayor Farah Lee Lumahan (4th from left), and SSS Urdaneta Acting Branch Head Christopher A. Servas (2nd from left) with over 200 Barangay Health Workers (BHW), Barangay Population Workers (BPW), Barangay Nutrition Scholars (BNS), and Child Development Workers (CDW) of San Quintin, Pangasinan, as beneficiaries of the first memorandum of agreement in Pangasinan province under the Contribution Subsidy Provider Program (CSPP).

URDANETA CITY – Social Security System (SSS) Luzon Central 1 Vice President Vilma P. Agapito and San Quintin Mayor Farah Lee Lumahan signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to register San Quintin LGU as the first Contribution Subsidy Provider in Pangasinan.

Starting September 2025, 217 barangay workers will receive a P760 monthly subsidy for their SSS contributions, totaling P164,920 in monthly support. The program will be fully funded by the local government throughout the term of Mayor Lumahan, as part of the municipal government’s efforts of enhancing social protection for community-based workers.

SSS Vice President for Luzon Central 1 Division Vilma P. Agapito said that the groundbreaking agreement between SSS and an LGU is the first of its kind in Pangasinan and Luzon Central 1 Division which covers Barangay Health Workers (BHW), Barangay Population Workers (BPW), Barangay Nutrition Scholars (BNS), and Child Development Workers (CDW) of the said municipality.

“Through this MOA, we are bringing social security protection closer to our grassroots workers who serve as frontliners in their communities. This collaboration with the San Quintin

tin LGU is a trailblazing initiative that we hope other local governments will replicate,” Agapito said.

She further emphasized that consistent and regular SSS contribution remittance ensures long-term protection and access to a wide range of benefits such as sickness, maternity, disability, retirement, funeral, and death benefits. Members also become eligible for salary and calamity loans, providing immediate financial assistance in times of need.

Meanwhile, San Quintin Mayor Farah Lee Lumahan highlighted the LGU’s commitment to the barangay workers.

“Our barangay workers have long been the backbone of community service. By partnering with SSS under the CSPP, we are ensuring that their sacrifices and contributions are recognized through social security protection. This is just the beginning, as we also commit to include our Civic Volunteer Organization (CVO) workers in 2026,” she said.

SSS Urdaneta is also conducting courtesy meetings with other LGUs in its jurisdiction to offer the CSPP, in the hope that they will follow San Quintin’s lead in providing subsidy for the social security coverage of their barangay workers. **(SSS)**

Eastern Visayas RSTW 2025 Spurs Partnerships... (From P.4)

team to JAYDEX Farm and Hatchery in Maddiangat, Quezon, Nueva Vizcaya, owned by Mr. Fred A. Bisquera, a retired aquaculture expert. Through DOST’s interventions, the farm modernized its facilities and introduced efficient water management technologies, resulting in a 30–50% increase in tilapia yield, improved fingerling quality, and reduced operational costs. Now serving as a learning hub for local fish farmers, JAYDEX Farm demonstrates how S&T interventions enhance freshwater aquaculture, contribute to food security, and promote sustainable livelihoods in the region.

Through the synergy of programs like NICER, SETUP, and the establishment of facilities like the

ARTIC Center, DOST Region II continues to bridge research institutions, industry partners, and local communities toward a smarter and more sustainable future. “When science takes root in the hands of our farmers, innovators, and entrepreneurs, it grows into something greater than technology—it becomes progress,” said Secretary Solidum, highlighting DOST’s commitment to ensuring that innovation reaches every Filipino. From the lab to the field, and from farms to enterprises, the 2025 RSTW in Cagayan Valley showcased the transformative power of science, technology, and innovation in building resilient, inclusive, and future-ready communities. **(Nelson Santos)**

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SC Upholds Graft Conviction of Former Quezon City Councilor Over PHP 6 Million Ghost Projects

The Supreme Court (SC) has upheld the conviction of former Quezon City District III Councilor Dante Manzano De Guzman (De Guzman) for graft involving more than PHP 6 million worth of ghost projects.

In a Decision written by Associate Justice Ramon Paul L. Hernando, the SC's First Division affirmed the Sandiganbayan's ruling that found De Guzman guilty of violating Section 3(e) of Republic Act No. (RA) 3019, or the Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act.

Between 2008 to 2009, De Guzman facilitated the procurement of tents, kiddie raincoats, rain boots, food supplies, and sports equipment for distribution to different barangays in his district. Following a bidding process, suppliers were selected and paid after delivery of the items to De Guzman's office.

However, an anonymous complaint received by the Office of the Ombudsman (Ombudsman) alleged the existence of ghost employees and ghost projects involving Quezon City councilors, including De Guzman.

Upon investigation, the Ombudsman found that while the items were delivered and received by De Guzman's staff, they were never distributed to the intended beneficiaries listed in the official distribution records. Instead, De Guzman made it appear that the goods were received by designated area coordinators, using what appeared to be falsified signatures.

De Guzman was charged with four counts of graft. In his de-

fense, he claimed that his signatures on the procurement documents had been forged.

However, the Sandiganbayan rejected this defense and found him guilty.

The SC affirmed his conviction.

Graft under Section 3(e) of RA 3019 is committed when a public officer causes injury to any party or gives unwarranted benefits through manifest partiality, bad faith or gross inexcusable negligence.

In this case, the SC ruled that De Guzman's gross negligence caused undue injury to the Quezon City Government. While he was not expected to personally distribute the items, he was responsible for ensuring they reached the intended recipients. However, the items were never distributed and could no longer be accounted for.

This negligence led to a financial loss to the Quezon City Government of PHP 6,411,261.01—the total cost of the undelivered items.

The SC also dismissed De Guzman's claim of forgery, noting that he failed to prove that the procurement documents, which are presumed authentic as official records, were falsified.

De Guzman was sentenced to a maximum of eight years in prison for each of the four counts of graft. He was also ordered to pay the Quezon City Government PHP 6,411,261.01 plus 6% annual interest from the date the Decision becomes final until the amount is fully paid. **(Courtesy of the SC Office of the Spokesperson)**

'No family will go hungry' PBBM ordered — Sec. Gatchalian

DAVAO CITY — The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) confirmed that no family affected by the powerful earthquakes off Davao Oriental will go hungry following a direct order from President Ferdinand 'Bongbong' Marcos Jr.

A magnitude-7.4 quake struck off the coast of Manay, Davao Oriental at 9:43 a.m. on October 10, 2025, followed by a second magnitude-6.8 temblor at 7:12 p.m. the same day, prompting widespread alerts and emergency operations.

DSWD Secretary Rex Gatchalian said agencies are operating in an interoperable manner to deliver food and essential services, citing the President's directive that "no affected family will go hungry."

"Interoperable yung mga offices namin. So, pagdating sa pagkain alinsunod sa utos ng pangulo. Walang pamilyang apektado ang magugutom, sisiguraduhin niya po yun," Gatchalian said.

(Our offices are interoperable. So when it comes to food, in accordance with the President's directive, no affected family will go hungry, he will make sure of that).

He said secretaries from Department of Education (DepEd), DSWD, and Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) were ordered to deploy to affected sites to coordinate needs for Region 11 and local government units (LGUs). Two large tents for damaged hospital facilities were deployed on the evening of October 11 by provincial and national partners.

Gatchalian said DSWD has pre-po-



sitioned inventory across warehouses nationwide, including hundreds of thousands of family food packs in the Davao Region and ongoing repacking operations in Manila and Cebu that produce about 25,000 family food packs per day. Stockpiles from neighboring regions such as CARAGA are available for use to sustain relief efforts if required.

DSWD XI data as of 12 of October 7 AM, shows 23,670 food packs valued at over 13 million pesos and 2,344 non-food items valued at more than 24 million pesos were already provided to families in Davao Oriental. Initial assessments indicate 10 municipalities affected, 66,657 families impacted, and 282,323 persons in the affected area, with 1,345 families in evacuation centers, 278 houses totally damaged, and 912 partially damaged.

Gatchalian also said temporary shelter plans are underway in coordination with the Philippine Red Cross and other agencies for families with totally damaged homes. DSWD has also pledged financial assistance for those with partially and totally damaged houses and will continue to coordinate logistics, repacking, and redistribution until local needs are stabilized. **(PIA/FRG)**

15 cases to be filed in coming weeks — ICI

MANILA — The Independent Commission for Infrastructure (ICI) on Monday said more than a dozen cases will be filed before the Ombudsman in the coming weeks in connection with ghost flood control projects.

"(A)t least 15 referrals to the Ombudsman (are) ready to be filed in the next 2-3 weeks," a press briefer from the body said.

In a press briefing, ICI executive director Brian Keith Hosaka said there are 421 suspected ghost flood control projects across the country --261 in Luzon, 109 in the Visayas and 51 in Mindanao.

"The number is culled from the 8,000 flood control projects from 2018 to 2024 initially validated by the armed forces, the police, the Department of Economy, Planning and Development (DepDev) and the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH)," he said.

Most projects are in Central Luzon (67), Bicol Region (49) and Eastern Visayas (45). In Mindanao, 30 projects in Davao region are being evaluated.

The ICI said that following the initial field evaluation whether the pro-

jects exist, the next stage is technical inspection and audit of documentation for case build-up and complete case documentation.

The drafting and filing of a case with the Ombudsman come after, to be followed by the application for an immigration lookout bulletin order, and referral to the Anti-Money Laundering Council, Civil Service Commission, Professional Regulatory Commission and the Insurance Commission (IC).

Department of Justice officer-in-charge Frederick Vida, meanwhile, urged the public to keep their trust in government and uphold the rule of law.

"Ang susi lang naman nito sa lahat ng sinasabi ko ay tingnan niyo yung resulta," Vida said.

"At the end of the day, we should follow the rule of law. Nananawagan ako sa lahat ng ating kababayan, hindi lang palamuti dapat yung phrase na rule of law. Napakalaking bagay na hayaan natin ang bawat institusyon na gumana. Kasi pag nagshortcut tayo, diyan tayo nagkakaroon ng problema," he added. **(PNA)**



BABALA NG DSWD SA MGA MIYEMBRO NG 4PS:

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- **IKATLONG PAGLABAG** – Pag-alis sa programang 4Ps.

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TSP SHOWBIZ ROUND-UP

DENNIS TRILLO
WON BEST ACTOR
IN 48TH GAWAD URIAN AWARD



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PAOLO CONTIS
BONDS WITH DAUGHTERS,
LIAN PAZ AND JOHN CABAUG IN CEBU



paolo_contis My heart is full.. 🥰❤️ thank you @johncabahug87 and @liankatrina for a wonderful day! Staying at @enchantedmountain.cebú was great, but being with your whole family was the best! Thank you for being such a wonderful host! I am speechless! 🥰❤️ God is great! ❤️
PS... Tito Euler, madami pa po akong kwento! Hehehe 🥰 less

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48TH GAWAD URIAN WINNERS



- Natatanging Gawad: Dante Rivero
Best Actor: Dennis Trillo, "Green Bones"
Best Actress: Arisa Nakano, "Kono Basho"
Best Picture: Alipato at Muog
Best Supporting Actor: Felipe Ganancial, "Tumandok"
Best Supporting Actress: Kakki Teodoro, "Isang Himala"
Best Director: Arlie Sweet Sumagaysay and Richard Jeroui Salvadico, "Tumandok"
Best Screenplay: Arden Rod Condez and Arlie Sweet Sumagaysay, "Tumandok"
Best Cinematography: Dan Villegas, "Kono Basho"
Best Documentary: Alipato at Muog
Best Short Film: Bisan Abo, Wala Bilin (Even Ashes, Nothing Remains)
Best Production Design: Marxie Maolen Fadul, "Green Bones"
Best Editing: JL Burgos, "Alipato at Muog"
Best Sound: Jannina Mikaela Minglanilla and Michaela Docena, "The Hearing"
Best Music: Paulo Almaden, The Ati People of Kabarangkalan and Nagpana, "Tumandok"

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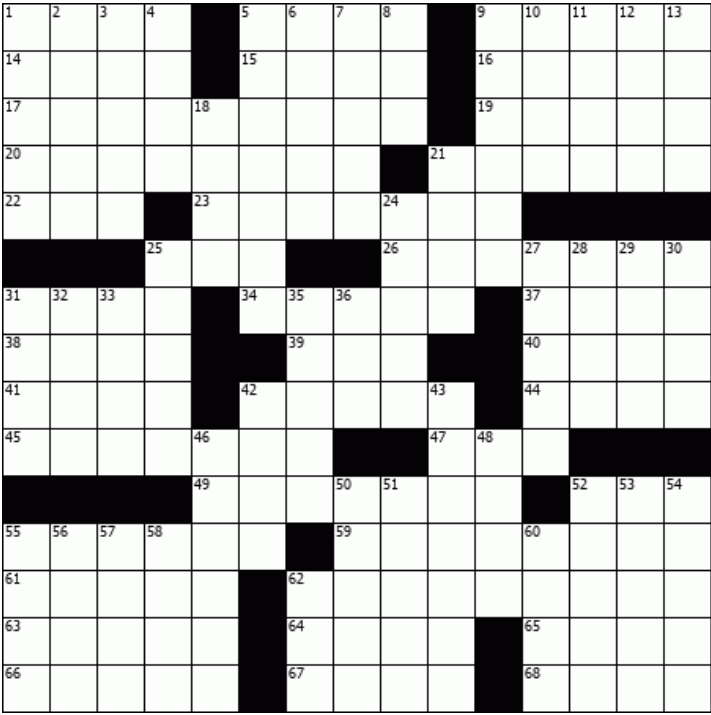
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Across

- 1. Plate
- 5. Clothed
- 9. In the know
- 14. Machu Picchu dweller
- 15. Folk wisdom
- 16. Name tag
- 17. Lively
- 19. Flawless
- 20. Produce
- 21. Sewing tool
- 22. Native mineral
- 23. Wearing away
- 25. Impress
- 26. Actor _____ Crowe
- 31. Solid ground
- 34. Silklike cloth
- 37. Opera song
- 38. Butter alternative
- 39. Animal enclosure
- 40. Auction actions
- 41. Heavenly light
- 42. Delete
- 44. "_____ we forget"
- 45. Twister
- 47. Summer drink
- 49. Honest
- 52. DDE's predecessor
- 55. Most feeble
- 59. Gazelle
- 61. Stage remark
- 62. Joint affliction
- 63. Roadside eatery
- 64. Joy
- 65. Exported
- 66. Canonized person
- 67. Ripped
- 68. Pub drinks

Down

- 1. San _____ Padres
- 2. Not outer
- 3. _____ of the crime
- 4. Rabbitlike animal
- 5. More transparent
- 6. Gambling game
- 7. Zodiac sign
- 8. Winter mo.
- 9. Foreigners
- 10. Walk through water
- 11. Sleeping
- 12. Not fake
- 13. French female
- 18. Got bigger
- 21. Person, place, or thing
- 24. Golf clubs
- 25. Decorate
- 27. Costly fur
- 28. Buffalo's lake
- 29. Pot covers
- 30. Endure
- 31. Puzzled
- 32. Female singer
- 33. Approach
- 35. Chef's garment
- 36. Positive vote
- 42. Blue-pencil
- 43. Made of clay
- 46. Affirm
- 48. Bambi, for one
- 50. Monte _____
- 51. Register
- 52. Inn
- 53. Backbone
- 54. Quizzes
- 55. Boys
- 56. Tibet's locale
- 57. Short skirt
- 58. Adam's home
- 60. _____ Kudrow of "Friends"
- 62. FBI employee (abbr.)



LAST WEEK'S ANSWER:

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HOOPS REPUBLIC

Bullpups roll to 6th win in UAAP basketball



6-0. Mark Arzola of National University Nazareth School tries to score against Wayne Rivera of De La Salle Zobel in the UAAP Season 88 junior basketball tournament at UST Quadracentennial Pavilion in Manila on Sunday (Oct. 12, 2025). The Bulldogs won, 77-56. (Contributed photo)

MANILA – National University Nazareth School (NUNS) drubbed De La Salle Zobel (DLSZ), 77-56, Sunday to stay perfect in the UAAP Season 88 junior basketball tournament at UST Quadracentennial Pavilion in Manila.

Sophomore guard David Sabarez finished with 16 points, five rebounds, three assists and one steal as the Bullpups secured their sixth win.

The Junior Archers remained winless in five outings.

NUNS will eye a sweep of the first round against Ateneo de Manila University at Smart Araneta Coliseum in Quezon City on Oct. 18.

“What we prepare for every game, it’s still the same. Whether we get weaker or stronger, it’s the same because if you take every team for granted, not only will the kids’ game go down, but our level of coaching will also go down,” Bullpups coach Leo Pujante said.

“The intensity and competitiveness inside the practice must still be there.”

Mark Arzola contributed 11 points, seven assists, six rebounds and two steals, while Malian center Moussa Diakite also had 11 points to go along with 10 rebounds for NUNS, which took a 40-24 lead at halftime.

The Junior Archers rallied behind Jullian Pangan, Ice Purugganan, Jose

Asis and John Mindanao to cut the lead to 41-51.

But the Bulldogs scored back-to-back baskets and padded the lead to 68-43, five minutes left to play.

Dean Tria had nine points, two assists and two steals, while Loin La-long-Isip added eight points.

Lorenzo Purugganan delivered 14 points, four assists and two rebounds, and twin brother Ice had 11 points, six assists, two rebounds and two steals for DLSZ.

In the other game, Far Eastern University-Diliman whipped University of the Philippines Integrated School, 86-37, to stay in second place at 4-1.

Prince Cariño, a member of Gilas Pilipinas Boys, led the Baby Tamaraws with 20 points and 16 rebounds followed by Dwyne Enriquez with 15 points, four rebounds, three assists and two steals.

Dwayne Cañete had 10 points and three steals while Andrei Chavez chipped in six points, four rebounds, two assists and one steal.

Yojan Manguerra had 12 points, three rebounds, three assists, and two steals for the Fighting Maroons, who took their sixth straight loss.

John Addatu had 11 points, five rebounds and three assists, while Kean Poquiz added seven points and three assists. (PNA)



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Lady Falcons secure V-League crown



CHAMPIONS. Adamson University beats Far Eastern University, 25-19, 25-19, 25-14, to claim the Women’s V-League Collegiate Challenge crown at the Filoil EcoOil Center on Friday (Oct. 10, 2025). Adamson bagged its third V-League title after winning in 2008 and 2010. (Contributed photo)

MANILA – Adamson University clobbered Far Eastern University, 25-19, 25-19, 25-14, in the 2025 Women’s V-League Collegiate Challenge finals at the Filoil EcoOil Center on Friday.

The Lady Falcons bounced back from a 13-25, 22-25, 25-15, 23-25 loss in Game 2 on Wednesday to claim their fourth overall crown.

Adamson bagged its third V-League title after winning in 2008 and 2010 under coach Dulce Pante with standouts Pau Soriano and Lizlee Gata-Pantone.

The Lady Falcons, bannered by Trisha Genesis, also pocketed the 2019 PVL Collegiate Conference crown with coach Lerma Giron.

“First of all, we praise God for the win because in the hectic games the Lord sustained the strength of the kids, so maybe the first thing that happened that made Game 2 different is that they stuck to the plan from the beginning. What we talked about last night, what we studied last night, they stuck to it,” Adamson head coach JP Yude said after the one-hour and 23-minute match.

“Then they have joy, they are focused, and they have happiness. That’s all, that’s what we lacked in Game 2, the application that we wanted to be champi-

ons at that time, but the application was lacking on the court. Everything we studied last night really worked.”

Tournament MVP Shaina Nitura stood at the center of the Lady Falcons’ onslaught, delivering 17 points alongside 13 digs and 10 receptions, and claimed Finals MVP honors after dominating the best-of-three series with an average of 23.33 points.

“First of all, thank you, Lord. Because the learnings that the Lord is giving us are great, as a team, He is really strengthening us. And I’m really grateful for our loss because I don’t think we would have

learned anything if we had won there,” Nitura said.

Nigerian outside spiker Frances Mordi scored 19 points, 18 from attacks, while Eloi Dote had 11 points, including three aces. Best Setter Fhei Sagaysay made 23 perfect sets, three points, and seven digs.

Adamson finished the tournament with an 11-1 record.

Jaz Ellarina had 11 points on four attacks, four blocks, and three aces for FEU, which placed second for the third consecutive time, losing to College of St. Benilde in 2023 and University of Santo Tomas in 2024. (PNA)



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