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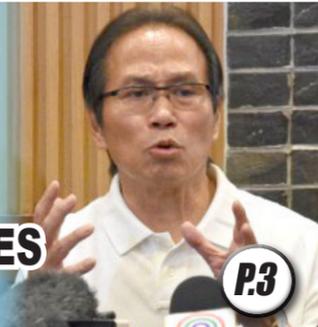
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## PALACE URGES CONSISTENCY IN DECLARATIONS AS PH STANDS FIRM ON WPS

MANILA – Malacañang on Monday underscored the need for consistency and responsibility in public statements on the West Philippine Sea (WPS), as it reiterated President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.'s firm position against surrendering any part of Philippine territory or national interest.

Palace Press Officer Claire Castro said while lawmakers are free to express their views, the President wants Filipinos, especially public officials, to clearly and consistently communicate the country's rights and interests.

"Pero ang nais din po ng Pangulo, maipahatid ninuman, ng bawat Pilipino kung ano ba ang ating karapatan sa ating teritoryo, kung ano ba ang interes natin sa West Philippine Sea (What the President also wants is for everyone, every Filipino, to convey what our rights are over our territory and what our interests are in the West Philippine Sea)," Castro said in a Palace press briefing.

The Palace's statement comes amid renewed debate in the Senate over the WPS, with Sen. Rodante Marcoleta recently drawing flak after supposedly suggesting the surrender of the Kalayaan Island Group in Palawan.

Kalayaan is the country's only municipality located in the WPS. Its center on Pag-asa Island hosts the country's largest and most developed stronghold in the disputed waters.

Castro stressed that the President's position remains unchanged.

"Ganoon pa rin po ang posisyon ng Pangulo,



The National Task Force-West Philippine Sea says the Philippines dispels China's claims of takeover as it asserted its claims over Pag-asa Island's Cay 1, Cay 2 and Cay 3, and surrounding waters in this photo taken on April 27, 2025.

wala pong anumang bahagi ng teritoryo natin o anumang interes ang isu-surrender sa anumang foreign power (The President's position remains the same: no part of our territory or any of our interests will be surrendered to any foreign power)," she said.

Castro said Senate debates fall within the scope of legislators' duties and freedom of expression, but warned against careless or inconsistent messaging on sensitive national issues.

"Pero dapat din po tayong maging tugma sa ating ipinapahayag (We must also be consistent in what we say)," the Palace official said.

"May kasabihan nga tayo, 'Ang magtanim ng hangin, bagyo ang aanihin' (As the saying goes, those who sow the wind will reap the storm)," she added. (PNA)

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### PAALALA SA PUBLIKO

**WALANG ACCREDITED BROKERS o AHENTE** na maaaring mag-alok o magbenta ng mga Pag-IBIG Acquired Assets.

Ang mga transaksyon patungkol sa pagbid o pagbili ng Pag-IBIG Acquired Assets ay maaari lamang gawin sa loob ng aming mga tanggapan.

Maging maingat at mapanuri. Ipagbigay alam po nila sa amin kung sakaling may lumapit sa inyong indibidwal o grupo na nagpapakilala bilang taga Pag-IBIG Fund at nag-aalok ng aming Acquired Assets, upang agad naming magawan ito ng nararapat na hakbang.

~ SOUL FOOD ~

"What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him"

- 1 Corinthians 2:9 -

## DSWD 'Walang Gutom' Kitchen to rise in Visayas



**ZERO HUNGER.** President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. serves meals to beneficiaries at the DSWD Walang Gutom Kitchen in Pasay City on Sept. 18, 2025. Aside from food, visitors can also get assistance for the Pag-abot Program while children may be tutored through Tara, Basa! Program. (Photo courtesy: PCO / FILE)

In continued support to the long-time aspiration of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. to end involuntary hunger and ensure that no Filipino goes hungry in "Bagong Pilipinas," the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) is set to open its "Walang Gutom" Kitchen (WGK) in the Visayas this February.

In a news release Friday, the DSWD said it is preparing to open its second WGK in Mandaue City, Cebu during the month.

According to DSWD Innovations and Program Development Group, Usec. Edu Punay, they also plan to establish a food bank in Mindanao.

"Iyon muna, isa sa Luzon, Visayas, [at] Mindanao before we slowly scale up. Kung saan napakataas ng incidence ng involuntary hunger, doon natin balak itayo ang ating kitchen," Punay said in an interview over PTV's "On Assignment," which aired Feb. 3.

Currently, the only soup kitchen in the country is being operated at the Nasdake Building, a former Philippine offshore gaming operator hub in Pasay City.

Launched in December 2024, the WGK is among the DSWD's innovative programs and is part of the flagship Walang Gutom Program (WGP) of the Marcos Jr. administration as well as the Pag-abot Program, which reaches out to homeless Filipinos.

Aside from addressing involuntary hunger, the initiative also helps reduce food wastage by turning donated surplus food from DSWD's partners in the private sector into healthy hot meals for the beneficiaries.

In 2025, the WGK served a total of 200,003 meals to 142,246 unique and returning clients, including families and individuals in street situations. (PTV4/ By Brian Campued)

## PBBM forms body to lead PH participation in Japan Green Expo 2027

President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. has constituted an inter-agency organizing committee to facilitate preparations for the successful participation of the Philippines in the upcoming Green Expo 2027 in Japan.

Under Administrative Order No. 41 dated February 4, President Marcos tasked the heads of the Department of Agriculture (DA) and the Department of Tourism (DOT) as the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Philippine Organizing Committee (POC), respectively.

The members of the POC are the heads of the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA); Department of Trade and Industry (DTI); Department of Science and Technology (DOST); National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA); and Center for International Trade Expositions and Missions (CITEM).

The Green Expo 2027 is an international horticultural exposition recognized by the Bureau International des Expositions (BIE) and the International Association of Horticultural Producers (AIPH).

It will be held in Yokohama, Japan from March to September 2027 with the theme "Scenery of the Future for Happiness."

The Green Expo 2027 provides opportunities to participating countries to promote their rich biodiversity, sustainable agricultural practices, innovation in high-value crops, agri-fishery products, green technologies, eco-tourism initiatives, and cultural heritage.

President Marcos said the country's participation in the Green Expo 2027 aligns with the thrusts and commitments of the administration under the Philippine Development Plan 2023-2028, particularly on the transformation of the agricultural and production sector to-



ward sustainability and competitiveness, advancement of science and technology, and innovation for sustainable development.

The Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and Members of the Committee may designate their respective alternates, with ranks not lower than Assistant Secretary or its equivalent, to decide for or on their behalf, according to AO 41.

As may be necessary, the POC may create sub-committees and invite representatives from relevant government agencies, the private sector, non-governmental organizations, and the academe to provide technical advice or support.

President Marcos directed all concerned government agencies and encouraged all local government units and the private sector to render full support to and cooperation with the POC to ensure the successful participation of the Philippines in the international event.

The POC, through the Chairperson, was tasked to submit quarterly reports to the President, through the Executive Secretary, and the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), as well as a final report after the closing of the Green Expo 2027.

The reports shall include details on expenses, income generated, accomplishments, economic impact, and recommendations for future policy development and actions. (PND)

## Iligan City placed under state of calamity due to Basyang

ILIGAN CITY (PIA) — Iligan City has been placed under a state of calamity following the effects of Tropical Storm Basyang after the City Council approved the declaration during a special session on February 6.

The declaration, approved through Resolution No. 26-101, authorizes the city government to use its calamity fund for relief operations, assistance to affected residents, and rehabilitation of damaged



One car is submerged in waist-deep floodwaters, while a second is under a fallen tree in Barangay Mahayahay, Iligan City, following heavy rains and flooding from Tropical Storm Basyang. (Photo by LELA/PIA-10/Lanao del Norte)

infrastructure.

Mayor Frederick W. Siao said the city had established an Incident Command System and activated its Incident Management Team. He said preemptive evacuation was not fully enforced

because some residents refused to leave their homes.

He urged residents to follow evacuation advisories to prevent injuries and loss of life.

Search, rescue and

retrieval, and clearing operations were carried out through the City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office in coordination with the Philippine Army, Philippine National

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## PNP tightens crackdown on reg'l cigarette smuggling hubs

MANILA – Philippine National Police (PNP) chief Gen. Jose Melencio Nartatez Jr. on Sunday ordered an intensified crackdown on strategic transit and storage hubs used for illegal tobacco trade.

In a statement, Nartatez said smuggling activities recur in several areas, particularly in parts of Central Luzon and in Mindanao.

“We have to counter every aggressive move by these cigarette smugglers because this illegal activity involves billions of pesos of supposed taxes to the government,” he said.

“We have to sustain our efforts to locate the smuggled items, dismantle all their networks and identify and hold responsible all those involved.”

The directive came after a series of recent operations that led to the seizure of more than PHP100 million worth of smuggled cigarettes in separate operations in Bulacan and Davao del Sur.

Nartatez said the haul highlights the scale of the illegal trade and the role of organized financiers behind it.

“No amount of money, influence, or connections can protect smugglers and their financiers. We will go after not only the runners and warehouse operators, but more importantly, the financiers and masterminds behind these illegal activities,” he said.



**INTENSIFIED CAMPAIGN.** Police confiscated PHP2.3 million worth of smuggled cigarettes from two minivans at a checkpoint in Lambayong, Sultan Kudarat on Dec. 9, 2024. Philippine National Police chief Gen. Jose Melencio Nartatez Jr. on Sunday (Feb. 8, 2026) ordered an intensified crackdown on strategic transit and storage hubs used for illegal tobacco trade. (File photo courtesy of Lambayong MPS)

Earlier, the PNP inspected a raided illegal cigarette factory in Mexico, Pampanga, where PHP400 million worth of tobacco products were recovered.

Since December last year, around PHP10 billion worth of undocumented cigarettes, paraphernalia, and machinery have been seized in various warehouses and illegal manufacturing plants in Malabon and the province of Batangas and Pampanga. (PNA)

## Fugitive Atong Ang not in Cambodia; DILG believes he's in PH



MANILA – Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Secretary Jonvic Remulla on Saturday said authorities continue to locate Charlie “Atong” Ang, who is wanted for his alleged link to the disappearance of several cockfighting enthusiasts.

Remulla believes “he’s still in the Philippines” following confirmation from the Cambodian foreign ministry that he did not travel to or enter the Southeast Asian nation.

“We think he’s still in the Philippines. The information that he was in Cambodia came

from the witness, Julie Patidongan. We haven’t stopped looking for him here,” he told the Philippine News Agency.

The Cambodian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, in a statement dated Feb. 6, said “there is no record of Charlie Tiu Hay Ang’s entry or exit at any Cambodian border checkpoints.”

“This clarification is issued to dispel recent media reports suggesting that Charlie Tiu Hay Ang maybe hiding in Cambodia, while a team of Philippine police officers had been dispatched to search for him,” it said.

Remulla earlier confirmed that the Philippine National Police had dispatched personnel to Cambodia to verify reports that Ang is seeking refuge there.

Patidongan is a former associate of Ang, who is now a government witness in the case involving the missing cockfight enthusiasts.

The DILG has named Ang a most wanted person, offering a PHP10 million reward for information leading to his arrest. (PNA)

## PALACE TO ‘GOOD’ CONTRACTORS: DON’T WORRY ABOUT DEALING WITH GOV’T

Malacanang on Tuesday assured that well-performing contractors of ongoing infrastructure projects will continue to work without interruption despite the possible blacklisting of some firms involved in anomalous flood control projects.

In a Palace press briefing, Presidential Communications Office Undersecretary and Palace Press Officer Claire Castro said President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. maintained that contractors who perform well will continue to be paid, thereby ensuring stability and confidence in government transactions.

“Ang sabi ng Pangulo, kahit magkakaroon tayo ng blacklisting ng ibang mga contractor ay hindi maaapektuhan ang tuluy-tuloy na pagsasagawa ng mga imprastruktura sa bansa natin dahil marami pang mga contractor na masasabi natin na maaayos magtrabaho,” Castro said.

“Magbubukas ng pintuan itong sinasabi ng Pangulo na ang matitino at maaayos na mga contractor ay babayaran agad,” the Palace Press Officer added.

During a meeting with the economic team last Monday, President Marcos directed all government agencies to ensure that contractors who have performed well in their projects are paid promptly.

Castro said the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) reported that more than 60 contractors may be blacklisted as a result of their involvement in fraudulent infrastructure projects.

Citing a Philippine Contractors Accreditation Board (PCAB) report, Castro said the licenses of four contractors have been revoked, while 16 others are being processed for potential blacklisting. (PND)

## BRIDGING HEARTS AND WALLETS FOR OVERSEAS FILIPINOS

### BDO Wins Gold Anvil for “Kabayan Connections” Campaign



BDO Unibank earned a Gold Anvil Award for its “Kabayan Connections” campaign at the 61st Anvil Awards, under the Public Relations Programs – Best Use of Influencer Marketing category.

The Bank was among a select group of Gold Anvil recipients, standing out from more than 170 companies that participated in the prestigious awards organized by the Public Relations Society of the Philippines (PRSP).

Anchored on credible brand ambassadors and influencers, the campaign delivered timely financial and security tips to overseas Filipinos and their families back home.

Piolo Pascual brought depth and institutional trust to the campaign, drawing from his two decades of authentic partnership with BDO.

Meanwhile, Small Laude, together with content creators Christian Antolin and Justine Luzares, used light, relatable storytelling to simplify banking concepts and make financial conversations more approachable.

More than promoting products, Kabayan Connections focused on building emotional trust. By reflecting the shared realities and aspirations of overseas Filipinos, the campaign fostered meaningful engagement, strengthened financial awareness, and advanced financial inclusion reinforcing BDO’s Alagang Kabayan commitment and its genuine care for Filipinos, wherever they may be.

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ORDER

Petitioner Lily Ann Joy Servano Cogen a.k.a. Lily Ann Cogen Arcardo, through counsel, Atty. June Aika S. Cauilan of the Public Attorney's Office, filed a verified Petition.

IN RE: IN THE MATTER OF PETITION FOR CORRECTION OF ENTRIES IN THE PSA CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH OF LILY ANN JOY SERVANO COGEN a.k.a. LILY ANN JOY COGEN ARCARDO particularly:

That Entry No. 1, Middle Name should be corrected and replaced from SERVANO to "COGEN," and Last Name should be corrected and replaced from "COGEN to "ARCARDO";

That Entry No. 6, Middle Name should be corrected and replaced from "SERVANO" to "MACAPINIG"; and

That Entry No. 18 be replaced from "not married" to "DECEMBER 28, 2023, RM 223 MANILA CITY HALL, ARROCEROS ST., ERMITA, MANILA",

LILY ANN JOY SERVANO COGEN
a.k.a. LILY ANN JOY COGEN ARCARDO,
Petitioners

-versus-

SP. PROC NO.
R-MNL-25-08578-SP
FOR: Correction of
Entries in the under
Rule 108 with Changes
of Names and Prayer
for Legitimation

THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF THE CITY OF MANILA AND ALL PERSONS/ENTITIES WHO MAY BE AFFECTED THEREBY,
Respondents.

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NOTICE OF ORDER

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Arroceros Street, Ermita, Manila.
GREETINGS:

You are hereby notified by this present that on the 12th day of December, 2025, an Order was issued in the above-entitled case, copy of which is hereto attached.

You are further notified of the setting as stated in the above-mentioned Order.

Witness the Hon. Ana Narleah M. Bonifacio-Cruz, Presiding Judge of this Court, this 12th day of December, 2025, in the City of Manila.

(Sgd.)
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In the Petition, she alleged that she was born on May 8, 1999 to unmarried parents Cedric Valdez Arcardo and Renelda Servano Cogen. Ever since she was born, she has been using the name Lily Ann Joy Servano Cogen as reflected in her Certificate of Live Birth. She consistently used this name throughout her schooling, baptism, college, and when she took and passed the 2019 Pharmacist Licensure Examination. In 2019, her mother informed her that her correct middle name is Macapinig, not Servano, but the correction of her records was delayed due to discrepancies in her parents' birth certificates and the pandemic. Her mother's corrected Certificate of Live Birth was released in 2021, confirming the proper middle name. In May 2023, her father formally acknowledged her through an Affidavit of Admission of Paternity, supported by her Affidavit of Consent and confirmed by DNA testing, and this acknowledgment was duly annotated in her birth record. Her parents subsequently married on December 28, 2023. Having now been legally acknowledged and with her parents' marriage, the Petitioner seeks the correction of her Certificate of Live Birth. Thus, she prays that after notice, publication and hearing, a decision be rendered ordering the Local Civil Registrar of Manila and the Philippine Statistics Authority to correct the Certificate of Live Birth by correcting the following items: (1) that Entry Nos. 1, 6 and 18 in the PSA Certificate of Live Birth of the petitioner be corrected; (2) that the middle name of the petitioner be corrected/changed from "SERVANO" to "COGEN"; (3) that the last name of the petitioner be corrected/changed from "COGEN" to "ARCARDO"; (4) that petitioner be allowed to use the surname of her father, "ARCARDO"; (5) that petitioner's full name be known and/or be changed to "Lily Ann Joy Cogen Arcardo"; (6) that all previous records of the petitioner be rectified to bear the name "Lily Ann Joy Cogen Arcardo" in order to avoid any confusion; and (7) that the petitioner be legitimated by virtue of the subsequent marriage of her parents as evidenced by their Marriage Certificate under Registry No. 2024-00117; and (8) other reliefs which are just and equitable.

It appearing that the Petition is sufficient in form and substance, the hearings on the Petition are hereby set on March 30 and April 06, 2026 at 8:30 in the morning for the presentation and examination of the petitioner's compliance with the jurisdictional requirements as well as the corresponding markings thereof. All interested parties are hereby notified and ordered to appear on the said hearings to offer their opposition or to show cause why the Petition should not be granted.

Let a copy of this order be published, at the expense of the petitioner, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation to be selected by raffle pursuant to P.D. 1079.

Furnish the Office of the Solicitor General, the Registrar General of the Philippine Statistics Authority, and the Civil Registrar of Manila with copies of the Petition and this Order.

Likewise, furnish a copy of the Petition and its attachments to the private respondents at the expense of the petitioner.

SO ORDERED.
December 12, 2025, Manila, Philippines.

(Sgd.)
ANA NARLEAH M. BONIFACIO-CRUZ
Presiding Judge

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Advertisement for Gclean Cleaning Machine & Services. Includes an illustration of a woman cleaning and a vacuum cleaner. Text lists services: General Cleaning, Mattress, Upholstery & Car Deep Cleaning. Contact info: Venus Comes-09951660035.

**NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION**

NOTICE is hereby given that in a Board Resolution dated 20 November 2025, it was declared that in a joint meeting of the Board of Directors and Stockholders of OPUS SERVICES INC. held on November 18, 2025, via remote communication, with the required quorum and stockholder approval present, the resolutions were unanimously approved authorizing the amendment of the Articles of Incorporation to shorten the corporation's term from perpetual existence to February 28, 2026, subject to SEC approval. The Board of Directors likewise authorized G. Pagaspas Partners & Co., CPAs, together with the Corporation's authorized officers, to process and facilitate the corporate closure and dissolution with the SEC, the Local Government Unit of Taguig City, the Bureau of Internal Revenue, and other relevant government agencies, including the authority to sign and submit all necessary documents.

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**NOTICE OF LOSS**

NOTICE is hereby given that in a document entitled "Affidavit of Loss of Stock Certificate" executed by Mrs. Josefina L. Puno ("Mrs. Puno") on 29 January 2026, Mrs. Puno declared that that her late husband, Mr. Federico E. Puno, was a registered stockholder of Valley Golf and Country Club, Inc. He was issued Stock Certificate No. 2294 on February 5, 1988, covering one (1) share in his name. After her husband's death and while administering the estate, she discovered that the said stock certificate could no longer be located and is deemed lost despite diligent efforts to find it. She affirms that the loss was not due to any sale, transfer, assignment, pledge, or voluntary disposition by the decedent or the estate.

The Affidavit of Loss of Stock Certificate was notarized by Atty. Gregorio B. Velasquez, Jr. and entered in his notarial records as Doc. No. 264; Page No. 54; Book No. 1; Series of 2026.

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**Iligan City placed under state of calamity... (From P.2)**



Evacuees from Barangay Mahayahay, temporarily housed at Iligan City Central School, receive essential medicines and medical attention through the assistance of the Iligan City Health Office and LGU Sapad. (Photo by LELA/PIA-10/Lanao del Norte)

Police, Bureau of Fire Protection, Bureau of Jail Management and Penology, Philippine Coast Guard, Department of Public Works and Highways, and other stakeholders.

Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Offices and medical teams from towns in Lanao del Norte also deployed personnel to assist in relief operations, evacuation efforts, and aid distribution.

Evacuees received medicines and medical services through the Iligan City Health Office and partner organizations.

Siao appealed to the national government, particularly President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr., to prioritize the completion of flood control and mitigation projects.

"I am also appealing nga tagaan ta'g pagtagad sa finally paghatag ug solusyon sa pagtiwas sa mga proyekto. Kay sa panahon sa Sendong, naay mga proyektong gihatag sa gobyerno apan murag ok lang bag-o pa, pero pagkadugay-dugay na biyaan na, wala na dayon tiwasa ug napasagdan," he said.

(I am also appealing for attention and action to finally provide solutions and complete the proj-

ects. During Typhoon Sendong, the government initiated several projects, which seemed fine at first, but over time were left unfinished and neglected.)

He said lessons from the disaster should be addressed not only by the local government but also by national agencies and government bodies overseeing development projects.

Siao assured residents that the city government has sufficient funding, including the Quick Response Fund, to support affected communities.

Barangay Chairperson Joel Labandero said flooding caused by Tropical Storm Basyang reached levels higher than those during Typhoon Sendong in 2011, damaging houses and belongings. He said some residents delayed evacuation despite public announcements and rescue operations conducted by barangay officials.

To strengthen coordination, Siao issued an executive order creating an interagency task force to lead relief operations, early recovery and rehabilitation, and to oversee the management of funds, donations, and assistance for affected residents. (LELA/PIA-10/Lanao del Norte)

**DOST Rolls Out Science-Based Peace Interventions in Former MILF Camps**

Lanao del Sur and Lanao del Norte — The Department of Science and Technology (DOST) has strengthened its peace-building efforts in Mindanao through the delivery of science- and technology-based interventions in six previously acknowledged Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) camps. This initiative underscores the government's commitment to inclusive development in former conflict-affected areas.

Led by DOST Secretary Renato U. Solidum Jr., the program was formalized through the ceremonial turnover of technologies and the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement for the project titled "Empowering the Six Previously Acknowledged MILF Camps in Mindanao through the Provision of Science and Technology Interventions." Activities were held at Camp Bushra in Butig, Lanao del Sur, and Camp Bilal in Tangcal, Lanao del Norte.

The initiative is implemented in partnership with Member of Parliament Basit "Jannati Mimbata" Abbas, MILF Chairman of Camp Bushra and representative of the Joint Task Forces on Camps Transformation, and the Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity (OPA-PRU), headed by Secretary Carlito G. Galvez Jr., who was represented during the event by Presidential Assistant David B. Diciano.

MP Abbas shared that beneficiaries expressed happiness upon learning about the initiative and warmly welcomed the support. He described the program as distinct from other government interventions because of its strong grassroots reach and the personal presence of DOST leadership, which helped strengthen trust and partnership within the communities.

The activity was attended by DOST Undersecretary for Regional Operations Engr. Sancho A. Maborang, Undersecretary for Special Concerns Dr. Teodoro M. Gatchalian, and DOST SOCCSKSARGEN Regional Director and Project Leader Engr. Sammy P. Malawan, reflecting the Department's unified support for peace-oriented development.

The initiative covers Camp Bushra, Camp Bilal, Camp Badre, Camp Omar, Camp Abubakar, and Camp Rajahmuda. Interventions were developed in close coordination with local leaders and community members to ensure cultural sensitivity, sustainability, and responsiveness to local priorities.



Key interventions focused on health, water, education, and livelihoods. These include the installation of six solar-powered Level II water systems serving more than 300 households, the deployment of SAFEWATRS water treatment technologies, and the conduct of food safety training, Halal compliance orientation, and basic nutrition activities.

In education, six STARBOOKS Learning Hubs equipped with Starlink connectivity were established, benefiting over 600 learners and educators. Meanwhile, science-based livelihood technologies—such as food processing, dressmaking, weaving, abaca production, and aquaculture initiatives—directly supported more than 300 community members and strengthened local economic self-reliance.

All technologies and facilities were designed with disaster risk reduction and climate resilience considerations, utilizing solar-powered and energy-efficient systems.

Capacity-building activities were conducted from July to October 2025, covering food processing, aquaculture, livestock production, vegetable farming, and enterprise development. Follow-through mentoring and enterprise strengthening activities are scheduled for 2026 to ensure long-term sustainability.

According to Secretary Solidum, "Science is for peace and development," emphasizing that science provides communities with the tools needed to build sustainable and productive lives.

The initiative is implemented in close coordination with OPAPRU, the Government of the Philippines Peace Implementing Panel, the Joint Task Force for Camps Transformation, local government units, and community leaders.

Through this program, DOST reaffirms its commitment to advancing peace through science and technology—building stronger, more resilient communities and contributing to a peaceful and progressive Mindanao. (Nelson Santos)

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PHILIPPINE NATIONAL BANK,  
Applicant-Mortgagee,

-versus-

Foreclosure No. 25-4925

ARLENE A. FELIX  
Debtor-Mortgagor

LOVELY CYRELE A. ACACIO,  
Co-Debtor.

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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 December 18, 2025, by the mortgagee, **PHILIPPINE NATIONAL BANK**, as assignee of PNB Savings Bank, with principal office address at the PNB Financial Center, Pres. Diosdado P. Macapagal Boulevard, Pasay City, Metro Manila, against the mortgagor, **ARLENE A. FELIX**, with address at (1) 557 Calcedonia St., San Isidro, Iriga City, Camarines Sur, (2) Al Affary Polyclinic, Alsulimaniya, Tabuk, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; and (3) Unit 33-F, 33rd Floor, 8 Adriatico Residences, Padre Faura St., Corner J. Bocobo St., Ermita, Manila, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which, as of November 30, 2025, amounts to PESOS: **FOUR MILLION THREE HUNDRED NINETY-EIGHT THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED NINETY-FIVE and SIXTY-NINE CENTAVOS (Php 4,398,595.69)**<sup>1</sup>, pursuant to the Uniform Loan and Mortgage Agreement (Real Estate)<sup>2</sup>, the undersigned Acting Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff of the Regional Trial Court of Manila, through her deputy, **Sheriff JOLLY RICHARD M. MUNSAYAC**, will sell at public auction on **March 11, 2026** 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 with all its improvements, more particularly described as follows:

**Condominium Certificate of Title**  
No. **002-2020010574**

(Republic Act No. 4726)  
IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the unit identified and described as:  
UNIT F, A STUDIO CONDOMINIUM UNIT WITH AN AREA OF 24.72-SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS LOCATED AT THE THIRTY-THIRD FLOOR OF "8 ADRIATICO" CONDOMINIUM CONDOMINIUM.  
In the diagrammatic floor plan appended to the enabling or master deed of the condominium project annotated on TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE II 2014002846; 2014002847; 2014002848 which embraces and describes the land located at P. FAURA STREET, ERMITA, MANILA with an area of (1,334.00, 137.80, 169.60) Square Meter, Manila is registered in the name of:  
**Owner: (1) ARLENE AGAPITO FELIX, OF LEGAL AGE, SINGLE, FILIPINO CITIZEN**  
**Address: AL AFFARY POLYCLINIC AL SULIMANIYA, TABUK, SAUDI ARABIA**  
(Continued on next page)  
**OWNER INFORMATION (Continued from page 1)**  
**Owner: (2) LOVELY CYRELE AGBAYANI ACACIO, OF LEGAL AGE, SINGLE, FILIPINO CITIZEN**  
**Address: AL AFFARY POLYCLINIC AL SULIMANIYA, TABUK, SAUDI ARABIA**  
ARABIA

Prospective bidders and/or buyers are enjoined to investigate, verify and conduct proper due diligence on the property 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 **April 8, 2026** without the need of further notice, re-posting and republication.

City of Manila, Philippines, January 8, 2026.

(Sgd.)  
**SHAIRA A. QUERUBIN<sup>3</sup>**  
Acting Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff

(Sgd.)  
**JOLLY RICHARD M. MUNSAYAC**  
Sheriff-in-Charge

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Applicant-Mortgagee  
PNB Financial Center, Pres. Diosdado P. Macapagal Boulevard, Pasay City, Metro Manila

**ARLENE A. FELIX**  
**LOVELY CYRELE A. ACACIO**  
Debtor-Mortgagor  
(1) 557 Calcedonia St., San Isidro, Iriga City, Camarines Sur, and  
(2) Unit 33-F, 33rd Floor, 8 Adriatico Residences, Padre Faura St., Corner J. Bocobo St., Ermita, Manila

**NOTE: Failure to attend at the said auction sale despite proper notice, shall be construed as a waiver. Accordingly, the auction sale shall be held as scheduled.**

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- <sup>1</sup> Annex "G" of the Petition
- <sup>2</sup> Notarized on September 24, 2018
- <sup>3</sup> Per Designation Order dated December 09, 2024 issued by Hon. Carolina C. Icasiano-Sison, Executive Judge, RTC, Manila with approval/confirmation by Hon. Raul B. Villanueva, Supreme Court of the Philippines, dated December 10, 2024

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**Removal of political signages only within PNP facilities – Nartatez**

MANILA – The Philippine National Police (PNP) on Sunday clarified that the ban and removal of political signage only cover the premises of its facilities.



"The PNP clarifies that its directive on the prohibition and removal of politically branded signages refers specifically to materials displayed within PNP properties and premises, including police stations, camps, offices, and other PNP facilities nationwide," PNP chief Gen. Jose Melencio Nartatez Jr. said in a statement.

He said the directive is in compliance with Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Memorandum Circular No. 2026-006 and reinforced by a PNP memorandum dated Feb. 2.

He said both memorandums direct units to remove signages, tarpaulins, markers, posters, and similar materials bearing the name, image, initials, color motif, slogan, or identifying symbols of public officials, particularly those linked to government-funded projects, programs, and activities.

"The PNP reiterates that the directive aims to uphold political neutrality, professionalism, and the principle that public service must remain free from personal or partisan promotion," Nartatez said.

Nartatez said the PNP would not tolerate any form of self-promotion using government resources.

"Let me be clear: this is not optional. If you are using government property to highlight a personality, you are violating the principle that public office is a public trust. Remove it immediately. No excuses," he said.

The PNP chief called on units to inspect their respective areas and remove prohibited materials without delay.

The DILG earlier ordered the strict nationwide enforcement of the anti-epal policy, directing local government units and DILG offices to remove the names, images, and likenesses of public officials from all government-funded projects, programs, activities, and properties. **(PNA)**

**Palace: Frasco, Herbosa still have PBBM's trust, shrugs off criticisms**

MANILA – Malacañang on Monday dismissed criticisms directed at Tourism Secretary Christina Frasco and Health Secretary Teodoro Herbosa, saying both Cabinet members continue to enjoy the trust and confidence of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.

Palace Press Officer Claire Castro said there have been no discussions between the President and the two officials regarding alleged public dissatisfaction circulating on social media.

"Wala pong anumang pag-uusap pangtungkol po sa mga sinasabing mga dissatisfaction na binabanggit po sa social media, sa online, at iyan lamang po ay puro ispi-kulasyon (There has been no discussion regarding the supposed dissatisfaction being mentioned on social media or online, and these are purely speculation)," Castro said in a Palace briefing.

She added that both secretaries remain in good standing with the President.

"So ngayon po, ang



dalawa pong gabinete ay nag-i-enjoy pa rin po sila ng pagtitiwala ng Pangulo (At present, both Cabinet secretaries continue to enjoy the trust of the President)," Castro said.

Frasco drew flak

online over perceived self-promotion and questions on tourism campaign priorities, while Herbosa has been the subject of social media scrutiny linked to broader public concerns on the health system. **(PNA)**

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 PASAY CITY

**BDO UNIBANK, INC.**

Mortgagee,

**FILE NO. REM 25-216**

-versus-

FOR: EXTRA-JUDICIAL  
 FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE  
 MORTGAGE UNDER ACT NO. 3135,  
 AS AMENDED BY ACT NO. 4118

**KENNETH DURAN DANTES,  
 MARRIED TO  
 KARLA CAMILLE ALFONSO DANTES,**  
 Debtors/Mortgagors.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SALE

Upon verified petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed by the Mortgagee/s **BDO UNIBANK, INC., c/o REMEDIAL MANAGEMENT UNIT** with office/business address at **33<sup>rd</sup> Floor BDO Corporate Center Ortigas, No.12 ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City**, against **KARLA CAMILLE ALFONSO DANTES, signing for herself and as attorney-in-fact of KENNETH DURAN DANTES**, with residence/postal/office address at **(1) No. 30-A-D, Bonifacio St., Canumay East, Valenzuela City; (2) Unit 1154, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor, Tower 2 Shore 3 Residences, Lot 3-C, Seaside Boulevard and Sunrise Drive MOA Complex, Pasay City 1300; and (3) #30-A.D. Bonifacio St., Canumay East Valenzuela Philippines 550** to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of **21 November 2025** amounts to **Php4,684,226.85**, including/excluding interest, penalties, charges, attorney's fees and expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Deputy Sheriff will sell at public auction on **April 07, 2026** between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm at the ground floor (main entrance) of the Hall of Justice, Pasay City to the highest bidder, for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following described real property/ies, together with all the improvements existing thereon to wit:

**Condominium Certificate of Title  
 No. 003-2023008070**

(Republic Act No. 4726)

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the unit identified and described as:

"SHORE 3 RESIDENCES"  
 TOWER 2  
 FLOOR LEVEL - 11TH FLOOR  
 UNIT NO. 1154  
 UNIT TYPE - FAMILY SUITE B WITH BALCONY  
 UNIT AREA - 26.00 SQ.M., MORE OR LESS

in the diagrammatic floor plan appended to the enabling or master deed of the condominium project annotated on TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE 2014000627 which embraces and describes the land located at SEASIDE BOULEVARD AND SUNRISE DRIVE, CBP I-A, MALL OF ASIA COMPLEX, PASAY CITY with an area of FIFTY-SIX THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY-FOUR (56,854) Square Meter, is registered in the name of:

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, it shall be held on **April 21, 2026** without further notice.

Pasay City, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February 2026.

For the Acting Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff

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(Sgd.)

**REYNER S. DE JESUS**

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**NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY**

NOTICE is hereby given that in a document entitled "**Deed of Absolute Sale**," executed by and between **MARILYN A. APA**, single, Filipino citizen, of legal age, with address at **Masbate City**, as **Vendor**, and **HAROLD CHRIS CABANTOG FONTANOS**, single, Filipino, of legal age, and a resident of **No. 25A Subilo II, Brgy. Landayan, San Pedro City, Laguna**, as **Vendee**, the parties declared and made known the following:

1. The Vendor is the registered owner of a parcel of land located in **Barangay San Antonio, Municipality of Kalayaan, Province of Laguna**, covered by **Transfer Certificate of Title No. 059-2022000963**, with an area of **One Hundred (100) square meters**, more or less;
2. The title was issued by the **Registry of Deeds for Laguna, Siniloan**, pursuant to a Free Patent/Decree in the name of the Vendor, free from liens and encumbrances except those stated in the title;
3. For and in consideration of the agreed purchase price, the Vendor **sold, transferred, and conveyed by way of Absolute Sale** the above-described real property, together with all improvements thereon, in favor of the Vendee, his heirs and assigns;
4. The Vendor warranted that she has full right and authority to sell the property and undertook to defend the title against all lawful claims of third persons;
5. The sale is binding upon the parties, their heirs, successors, and assigns, subject to existing laws and regulations.

The **Deed of Absolute Sale** was executed and notarized in **San Pedro City, Laguna**, before Atty. Raymond A. Ramos, **Notary Public**, and entered in the notarial register as **Doc. No. 481; Page No. 98; Book No. 391; Series of 2026**.

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**BI arrests Chinese nationals in three separate operations in Zamboanga City and Kalinga**



MANILA, Philippines — Operatives of the Bureau of Immigration (BI) arrested Chinese nationals in three separate enforcement operations conducted in Zamboanga City and Tabuk City, Kalinga for violations of Philippine immigration laws.

In Zamboanga City, BI intelligence operatives arrested Rongtian Shi, 40, a Chinese national, during an operation last February 2 at a cellphone and accessories store along Maria Clara Street, Barangay Zone 3.

Authorities found Shi actively managing the business and engaging with customers at the time of the arrest.

Verification showed discrepancies in Shi's record, as his working visa was petitioned by a company located in Quezon City. This, according to the BI, is in violation of Philippine Immigration laws.

Meanwhile, on the same day in Tabuk City, Kalinga, BI operatives arrested Huang Xilai, 57, inside a commercial establishment in Barangay Dagupan Centro.

Prior to his arrest, Huang was observed personally managing store operations, giving instructions to Filipino workers, and performing cashier duties. Records showed that he had overstayed and was engaging in gainful employment without the appropriate visa or permit. He was un-

able to present valid travel documents and only showed a digital copy of his passport.

In a separate operation on February 2 in Barangay Bulanao, Tabuk City, BI operatives arrested other Chinese nationals inside another commercial establishment for similar violations, including overstaying, engaging in gainful occupation without proper authorization, working outside the scope of their visa petition, and being undocumented.

The arrested foreigners were identified as Huang Huifang, 51; Huang Menggui, 24; and Huang Mengjiao, 28.

All arrested foreign nationals were transported to Manila for booking, medical examination, biometrics processing, and documentation in preparation for preliminary investigation and possible deportation proceedings.

BI Commissioner Joel Anthony Viado said the operations highlight the bureau's continued efforts to enforce immigration laws and curb illegal foreign employment.

"The Bureau of Immigration remains firm in its mandate to go after foreign nationals who abuse their stay and violate Philippine laws," Viado said. "These enforcement actions are part of our continuing efforts to protect national security and safeguard jobs for Filipinos." (BI)

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BANK OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS  
(SUCCESSOR-IN-INTEREST OF  
ROBINSONS BANK CORPORATION),  
Mortgagee,

- versus -

FRE No. 2026-007

JANESSA ORDINARIO MAQUIRANG  
a.k.a. JANESSA O. MAQUIRANG.

Mortgagors.

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#### NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Verified Petition for Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of Real Estate Mortgage Under Act 3135 as amended by Act No. 4118 filed by Petitioner/Mortgagee, Bank of the Philippine Islands with principal office address at 27<sup>th</sup> Floor, BPI Buendia Center Bldg. 372 Sen. Gil Puyat Ave., Brgy. Bel-Air, Makati 1209 against Mortgagor Janessa Ordinario Maquirang a.k.a. Janessa O. Maquirang of legal age, single, Filipino citizen with postal address/es at: (1) Unit 102 #532 Zen Residences, Montaña Street, Sampaloc, Manila and (2) Unit 816, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Aria A Tower, Amaia Steps Bicutan, Brgy. La Huerta, Parañaque City, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of **January 20, 2026** amounts to Three Million Ninety-Six Thousand One Hundred Sixty Five & 33/100 (₱3,096,165.33), inclusive of interest, penalties and other charges. The Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Sheriff, Regional Trial Court, Parañaque City, Metro Manila, thru his duly authorized Deputy Sheriff, will sell at public auction on **March 17, 2026** at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter but not later than 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon, at the Lobby, Ground Floor, Main Entrance, City Hall Building, Parañaque City, Metro Manila, to the highest bidder, for CASH or MANAGER'S CHECK, and in Philippine Currency, the following property/ies, with all the improvement, to wit:

CONDOMINIUM CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO.010-2021006999

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the unit identified and described as:

AMAIA STEPS BICUTAN PHASE 1  
ARIA A BUILDING  
EIGHT FLOOR LEVEL  
UNIT NO.:816  
UNIT TYPE: UNIT A  
UNIT AREA: 23.31 SQ. M.  
TOTAL AREA: 23.31 SQ.M.

in the diagrammatic floor plan appended to the enabling or master deed of the condominium project annotated on TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE 2013002316 which embraces and describes the land located at BRGY. LA HUERTA, PARAÑAQUE CITY with an area of TWENTY-TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY-SEVEN (22,537) Square Meter, is registered in the name of:

Owner: JANESSA ORDINARIO MAQUIRANG, OF LEGAL AGE, SINGLE, FILIPINO

Address: UNIT 102 #532 ZEN RESIDENCES MONTAÑA ST., SAMPALOC, MANILA, 1008

ALL sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above-stated date and time and will be publicly opened before 4:00 O'clock in the afternoon at the venue of the auction.

IN THE event that the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **March 24, 2026** at the same place without further notice.

INTERESTED PARTY/IES and prospective buyer/s are enjoined to investigate for themselves the title/s of the mortgaged property/ies and the encumbrance/s thereon if any there be.

CITY OF PARAÑAQUE, Metro Manila, Philippines, February 3, 2026.

PREPARED AND VERIFIED BY:

RUMEL M. MACALISANG  
Deputy Sheriff, RTC BR. 258  
RTC, PARAÑAQUE CITY

ATTY. HECTOR C. SILVA  
CLERK OF COURT VI &  
EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF

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## PBBM, isinulong ang nagkakaisang aksyon para maghatid ng internet services sa mga isolated, disadvantaged na lugar

Nanawagan si Pangulong Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. nitong Huwebes ng kooperasyon ng iba't ibang sektor upang masolusyonan ang kakulangan ng broadband access sa geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas (GIDA) sa bansa.

Sa kanyang talumpati sa Philippine Telecommunications Summit 2026 sa Pasay City, sinabi ni Pangulong Marcos na habang ang mga lungsod ay nagtatamasa ng mabilis at maaasahang internet services, maraming rural at malalayong lugar ang patuloy na nahihirapan sa koneksyon.

Dahil sa isyu sa connectivity, naaapektuhan ang mga buhay, nililimitahan ang access sa edukasyon, nakahahadlang sa oportunidad sa ekonomiya, at napapabagal ang pam-bansang pag-unlad, ang sabi ng Pangulo.

Pinunto din ng Pangulo na nagpatuloy ang problema dahil sa pagkaantala sa mga permit, right-of-way restrictions, fiber cut, at power interruptions.

"Ito ang dahilan kung bakit mahalaga ang ating pagtutulungan. Kailangang magkaisa ng pamahalaan, pribadong sektor, at mga lokal na pamayanan—sapagkat walang iisang sektor ang kayang harapin ang mga hamong ito," diin ni Pangulong Marcos.

"Kumilos tayo na may isang hangarin: ang maghatid ng pag-asa, gin-hawa, at pagkakataon sa bawat Pilipino."

Sa pamamagitan ng Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT), nagsasagawa ang gobyerno ng mga reporma upang gawing mas mura at mas mabilis ang mga serbisyo sa internet.



Bahagi ng mga reporma ang pagsasabatas ng Konektadong Pinoy Act na nag-alis ng matagal nang hadlang sa pag-unlad at kompetisyon, ayon sa Pangulo.

Ipinatupad din ng gobyerno ang Free Public Internet Access Program na nagpapanatili ng mahigit 9,500 aktibong libreng Wi-Fi access point sa 5,057 pampublikong lugar, na naghatid ng mas maraming pagkakataon sa mga Pilipino.

Upang isulong ang pagsasama, binanggit ng Pangulo ang Bayanihan SIM Card Project na nagbigay ng higit 89,400 subsidized SIM card sa mga mag-aaral, guro, at mahihirap na komunidad sa pampublikong paaralan.

Pinasalamatan ni Pangulong Marcos ang pribadong sektor sa kanilang patuloy na pamumuhunan sa sektor ng telekomunikasyon sa bansa, at mga local government units para sa kanilang kooperasyon sa pagpapabuti ng serbisyo sa internet sa buong bansa.

Inorganisa ng DICT, ang Telecommunications Summit 2026 ay nagsisilbing venue para sa mga stakeholder upang lumikha ng mga coordinated na aksyon upang mapabuti ang imprastruktura at kalidad ng serbisyo ng ICT; bawasan ang gastos sa internet; palawakin ang high-speed internet coverage; isulong ang inclusive digital access; at isulong ang digital competitiveness at resilience. (PND)

## DSWD, PSA BRING NAT'L ID REGISTRATION TO IP COMMUNITY IN MAINIT, SURIGAO NORTE

SURIGAO CITY, Surigao del Norte (PIA) — The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Caraga, through the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps), in partnership with the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA)—Surigao del Norte, conducted the Philippine Identification System (PhilSys) National ID registration for the Mamanwa tribe in Barangay Cantugas, Mainit, Surigao del Norte on February 5.

The activity fulfilled DSWD Secretary Rex Gatchalian's directive to strengthen digital inclusion and improve service delivery by ensuring accurate beneficiary data and faster verification processes. Also, it ensured inclusive access of the indigenous peoples (IP) to the national identification system, while improving the accuracy of 4Ps ben-



eficiary records to support more efficient program implementation.

Chimbee Ann Dahang, municipal link of the 4Ps Municipal Operations Office—Mainit, highlighted the importance of the activity. "The PhilSys National ID allowed the IP communities to access government services, particularly those related to the 4Ps. Person-

(Cont'd on page 9)

## NAPC, PIA ink MOU to enhance poverty alleviation advocacy efforts



KORONADAL CITY, South Cotabato (PIA) — The National Anti-Poverty Commission (NAPC) and the Philippine Information Agency (PIA) Region 12 signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) on February 3 for a partnership focused on effective information dissemination and advocacy support for poverty alleviation and the empowerment of basic sectors.

NAPC Secretary Lope B. Santos III and PIA Regional Head Fryan Abkilan led the ceremonial signing of the MOU.

The event highlighted the dedication of both agencies to elevate the voices of essential sectors and improve public understanding of government initiatives focused on poverty reduction in Region 12.

“Itong signing na ito ay simula lamang, para mapaliwanag natin sa mga mamamayan kung ano ba ang kalagayan ng pag unlad dito sa ating bayan, ganun pa man ang layunin natin ay labanan ang kahirapan,” Santos said.

The secretary highlighted that the partnership aims to connect communities with government institutions by providing timely and accessible information.

Under the agreement, NAPC and PIA Region 12 will hold a quarterly

program, Talakayan sa Dose, which will showcase the stories, initiatives, and advocacy efforts of basic sectors and partner agencies.

The partnership also guarantees that NAPC will regularly participate as a guest and resource person in discussions concerning poverty alleviation topics, segments, and programs in Region 12.

“Through our partnership with the NAPC, we aim to amplify the voices of the basic sector and help translate policies into conversations that people can understand, question, and engage,” Abkilan said.

He then reiterated PIA’s mission to empower citizens by making development communication more accessible to the public.

The agreement also ensures consistent media coverage, documentation, and visibility of NAPC-RBSCC activities throughout the region.

It also encourages collaboration among government agencies, civil society organizations, and the private sector to participate in joint initiatives and activities to combat poverty.

The signing represents yet another collaboration between NAPC and PIA Region 12 to advance inclusive development and ensure that poverty alleviation initiatives resonate with the grassroots. **(SZT, PIA Region 12)**

## MAHALAGANG ABISO SA MGA MOTORISTA

### TRAFFIC ADVISORY

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE ALONG NORTH EDSA AND WEST AVENUE/EDSA (Turnback Girder Launching Activity of Metro Rail Transit Line 7 (MRT-7))

**NORTHBOUND LANE**

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Sarado ang lahat ng lane mula 10:00PM hanggang 4:00AM sa mga piling gabi.

Sarado ang dalawang lane sa lahat ng oras mula February 1, 2026 hanggang May 8, 2026.

PERSPECTIVE OF TOWER SUPPORT NO.2

1. TOWER SUPPORT NO.02 INSTALLATION.
2. LAUNCHING MODULE 4.1.
3. LAUNCHING MODULE 4.2.
4. DISMANTLING OF TOWER SUPPORT NO.02.

NORTH BOUND

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## DSWD, PSA bring Nat'l ID registration to ... (From P.8)

nel from PSA-Surigao del Norte assisted beneficiaries in accessing their Digital National ID through the bbmserbisyo.dswd.gov.ph portal and the eGovPH mobile application, enabling them to download their digital ID while awaiting the release of their physical cards.”

Beneficiaries expressed appreciation for the initiative, noting the importance of having a valid national ID in accessing services and employment opportunities. “Dako kaayo og tabang ang National ID kay kung mangita ako og trabaho ug pangitaan man gani ako, naa na koy ikapakita nga ID (The National ID is a big help, especially if you look for a job. In case I need to present proof of my identification, I already have my National ID),” said Jeric Hukman.

Another beneficiary, Jennifer Tabontabon, shared that she will-

ingly complied with the registration as part of the program requirements. “Nagparehistro ako tungod kay gi-require kami isip miyembro sa 4Ps. Mutuman ako sa mga mando ug guidelines sa programa kay para ra man sab ni sa among kaayuhan (I availed of the National ID as requirement for the members of the 4Ps. I am compliant with the mandate and guidelines of the program that is for our benefit).”

DSWD-Surigao del Norte’s 4Ps is set to conduct the mobile PhilSys National ID registration across the province throughout February to bring government services closer to geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas and ensure that beneficiaries are enrolled in the national identification system. **(SDR, /PIA Surigao del Norte with a report from DSWD Caraga)**

Pansamantalang isasara ang ilang bahagi ng EDSA sa mga panulukan ng EDSA at North Avenue at EDSA at West Avenue upang bi-gyang-daan ang Turnback Girder Launching Activity ng Metro Rail Transit Line 7 (MRT-7) ng Department of Transportation (DOTr) at SMC Mass Transit 7 Incorporated.

Narito ang schedule ng mga aktibidad at pagsasara sa mga nasabing kalsada:

- Northbound (Going to Balintawak)**
  - Dalawang (2) lane ang isasara 24/7 mula February 1, 2026 hanggang May 8, 2026
  - Magkakaroon ng road closure ng buong EDSA Northbound mula 10:00PM hanggang 4:00AM sa mga piling gabi lamang.
- Southbound (Going to Cubao)**
  - Dalawang (2) lane ang isasara 24/7 mula February 15, 2026 hanggang May 18, 2026
  - Magkakaroon ng road closure ng

buong EDSA Southbound mula 10:00PM hanggang 4:00AM sa mga piling gabi lamang.

Sa tuwing magkakaroon ng full road closure, magpapatupad ng zipper lane upang makadaan pa rin sa apektadong direksyon ng EDSA. Pinapayuhan din ang mga motorista na gumamit ng mga alternatibong ruta.

Magtutulungan at nakaantabay ang mga tauhan ng Traffic and Transport Management Department (TTMD), MMDA, at DOTr para maisaayos ang daloy ng trapiko sa mga nasabing lugar.

Manatiling nakaantabay sa Quezon City Government Facebook page para sa mga mahalagang traffic advisory hinggil sa MRT 7 roadworks na ito. Mag-ingat po tayo lagi sa tuwing tayo ay nagmamaneho sa ating mga lansangan.

Maraming salamat po sa inyong pag-unawa. **(QC Gov’t)**

## SC Updates Rules on Virtual Court Hearings

The Supreme Court (SC) En Banc has approved the Amendments to the Guidelines on the Conduct of Videoconferencing, further strengthening the rules on virtual court hearings and remote appearances of parties and witnesses.

In a Resolution dated November 4, 2025, in A.M. No. 24-11-02-SC, the SC introduced key reforms to expand access to videoconferencing, particularly for digitally disadvantaged individuals, and to enable wider participation by individuals abroad.

The Amended Guidelines apply to videoconferencing before first- and second-level courts, the Court of Appeals, the Sandiganbayan, and the Court of Tax Appeals. It covers all actions and proceedings at any stage, including mediation, consultation, deliberation, and the promulgation of decisions and resolutions, when conducted through videoconference.

Courts are now directed to ensure access to videoconferencing for individuals who are digitally disadvantaged, including those in geographically or geopolitically marginalized areas. This may include deploying court personnel to provide temporary or mobile internet access.

Courts may also establish designated “access points” within judicial regions where litigants, witnesses, and other participants can use computers and videoconferencing equipment under court supervision.

The Amended Guidelines expanded the list of authorized overseas venues for videoconferencing. In addition to Philippine consulates and embassies, videoconferencing abroad may now be conducted in Philippine government offices overseas, venues allowed under applicable bilateral or multilateral agreements, or other locations authorized by the SC.

Overseas litigants, witnesses, and counsel must file a motion before the court where the case is pending, subject to the Amended Guidelines, applicable laws, procedures, and any treaty-based restrictions. Courts, however, cannot compel any litigant or witness to testify via videoconference from abroad.

Justices and judges may now preside over videoconference hearings from remote locations within the country for justifiable reasons. Judges must provide prior written notice to the Office of the Regional Court Manager when presiding within their judicial region or seek permission from the Office of the Court Administrator (OCA) when presiding outside their judicial region.

Videoconferencing may be initiated in civil and criminal cases upon motion by the parties or through their counsel, whether individually or jointly.

It is the preferred mode of hear-

ing cases involving persons deprived of liberty and children in conflict with the law at all stages of the proceedings. It is also preferred for arraignment, bail hearings, and hearings involving minor incidents.

For child witnesses and victims of gender-based violence, courts may order that the accused be hidden from their view during videoconferencing.

Courts may also, on their own, order the conduct of proceedings through videoconferencing at any or all stages to achieve a just, speedy, and inexpensive disposition of cases.

Videoconferencing must be conducted using the authorized platform, except in small claims cases where courts may permit the use of other platforms known or available to the parties.

The constitutional right of an accused to confront witnesses is deemed satisfied through videoconferencing if the demeanor of the witness can be clearly observed by the court, the accused, and counsel; cross-examination is done effectively; and the accused executes an informed written waiver.

An accused may still invoke their right to face the witness in person at any stage of the proceedings if it can be shown that the waiver was not made freely, voluntarily, and knowingly.

Courts must ensure the confidentiality of any personal and sensitive information obtained during videoconferencing, in accordance with applicable data privacy laws.

All videoconference proceedings must be recorded, except during Court-Annexed Mediation or Judicial Dispute Resolution, which are prohibited from being recorded. In case of appeal, videoconference recordings will form part of the official records.

The amendments strengthen accountability measures. Intentional disruption of proceedings, coaching of witnesses, or the presentation of falsified digital evidence are now expressly considered gross misconduct and direct contempt of court, punishable under existing laws and rules.

The Amended Guidelines was recommended by the Committee on Virtual Hearings and Electronic Testimony, chaired by SC Associate Justice Jose Midas P. Marquez.

It will take effect on February 16, 2026, after posting on the SC and OCA websites.

The amendments build on earlier SC issuances that allowed electronic testimony under the Rules on Electronic Evidence, live-link testimony for child witnesses, pilot videoconferencing for detained persons in 2019, and the institutionalization of videoconferencing during the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020. *(Courtesy of the SC Office of the Spokesperson)*



## LAW A WEEK

BY: ATTY. SARAH JEANE CARDONA ANTOLIN

### Buying Foreclosed Properties: Legal Risks Buyers Often Miss

Foreclosed properties are often advertised as bargain purchases, but buyers should know that the law does not guarantee an easy transfer. Under **Act No. 3135**, which governs extrajudicial foreclosures, winning an auction does not automatically give the buyer the right to possess the property. Former owners or occupants may remain, and removing them usually requires a separate court action.

Buyers should also be cautious because foreclosure sales can be challenged in court if legal requirements are not followed, such as proper notice and publication. Courts have ruled that failure to comply with these requirements may render the foreclosure sale invalid, even after the property has been sold to a third party.

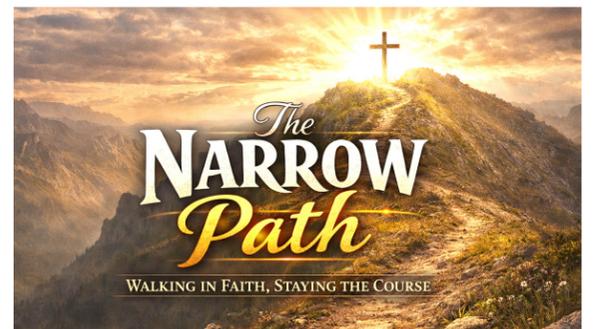
The law also grants the mortgagor a **right of redemption** within a prescribed period, allowing the former owner to recover the property by paying the required amount. Many buyers are unaware of this and mistakenly believe ownership is final immediately after the auction.

Foreclosure does not always remove all obligations attached to the property. Under existing laws and local regulations, **unpaid real property taxes, homeowners' association dues, and utility charges** may still be collected from the buyer. Moreover, ownership is perfected only after **consolidation of title and registration with the Registry of Deeds**, as required by law.

Because foreclosed properties are sold on an “as-is, where-is” basis, buyers carry most of the risk. What appears to be a good deal can become costly without proper legal guidance. Buyers are therefore advised to check the foreclosure documents carefully and consult a lawyer before bidding.

### Gratitude as a Christian Discipline, Not Just a Feeling

Many people think gratitude comes naturally when life is good. We feel thankful when prayers are answered, when problems are solved, or when blessings are obvious. But Christian gratitude goes deeper than emotion. It is not only a feeling—it is a discipline we practice, even when life is difficult.



The Bible reminds us, “Give thanks in all circumstances” (1 Thessalonians 5:18). This does not mean pretending that pain or hardship does not exist. Rather, it calls believers to choose gratitude even in uncertainty, trusting that God remains present and faithful. Gratitude, in this sense, becomes an act of faith.

Practicing gratitude changes how we see our daily lives. When we intentionally thank God for simple things—health, work, relationships, or even lessons learned through struggle—we begin to notice grace where we once saw only lack. This discipline softens the heart, reduces bitterness, and strengthens trust in God’s purpose.

Gratitude also reshapes our response to others. A thankful heart is less demanding, more patient, and more generous. Instead of focusing on what is missing, gratitude teaches us to recognize what has already been given.

In a world that often encourages complaint and comparison, choosing gratitude is a quiet but powerful Christian witness. It reminds us that faith is not rooted in comfort but in confidence that God is at work, even when we do not fully understand His ways.

# TSP SHOWBIZ ROUND-UP

## KRIS AQUINO THANKED HER DOCTORS AND EXCITED FOR HER PODCAST



krisaquino Listen as your day unfolds  
Challenge what the future holds  
Try and keep your head up to the sky  
Lovers, they may cause you tears  
Go ahead, release your fears  
Stand up and be counted  
Don't be ashamed to cry

You gotta be  
You gotta be bad, you gotta be bold, you gotta be wiser  
You gotta be hard, you gotta be tough, you gotta be stronger  
You gotta be cool, you gotta be calm, you gotta stay together  
All I know, all I know, love will save the day

Your LOVE continues to save me from my loneliness and fears.  
Praying for someone is 1 of the PUREST and most meaningful acts of love. THANK YOU and i wish you the best of luck. ❤️🙏

Images courtesy of Instagram: krisaquino

## KYLIE VERZOSA IS NOW ENGAGED



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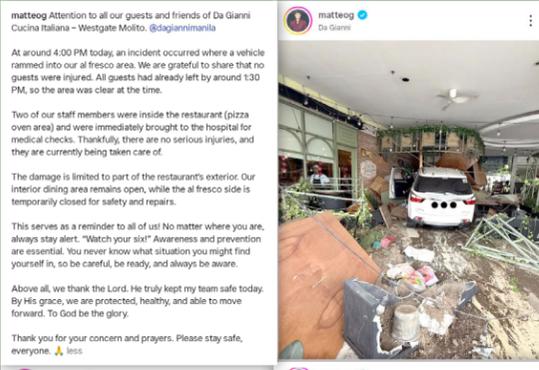
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kylieverzosa YES A MILLION TIMES OVER 🥰🥰🥰🥰🥰

I learned that love is not a whirlwind but a steady calmness, growth and unwavering support, 3 years with you have been absolutely the best ily xx less

Images courtesy of Instagram: kylieverzosa

## MATTEO GUIDICELLI'S RESTAURANT RAMMED BY AN SUV



matteog Attention to all our guests and friends of Da Gianni Cucina Italiana - Westgate Mofro. @da.gianni.mofro

At around 4:00 PM today, an incident occurred where a vehicle rammmed into our al fresco area. We are grateful to share that no guests were injured. All guests had already left by around 1:30 PM, so the area was clear at the time.

Two of our staff members were inside the restaurant (pizza oven area) and were immediately brought to the hospital for medical checks. Thankfully, there are no serious injuries, and they are currently being taken care of.

The damage is limited to part of the restaurant's exterior. Our interior dining area remains open, while the al fresco side is temporarily closed for safety and repairs.

This serves as a reminder to all of us! No matter where you are, always stay alert. "Watch your six" Awareness and prevention are essential. You never know what situation you might find yourself in, so be careful, be ready, and always be aware.

Above all, we thank the Lord. He truly kept my team safe today. By His grace, we are protected, healthy, and able to move forward. To God be the glory.

Thank you for your concern and prayers. Please stay safe, everyone. 🙏🙏

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### CHIMMY PHILIPPINES

As a brand that delivers #OriginalFilipinoblendYogurt goodness, Chimmy lets everyone enjoy the health benefits of yogurt without it being too sour and just the right amount of sweetness perfect for the Filipino palate. Chimmy offers the best of both worlds as it satisfies your cravings to indulge and at the same time provide you with a healthy body.

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

- Across**
- Vegas machine
  - Ventured
  - Practice boxing
  - Mexican meal
  - Animated
  - Group of three
  - Genesis garden
  - Nuzzles
  - Lipstick shades
  - Childhood chum
  - Spring blooms
  - Sight or smell
  - Thin pancake
  - Stuck fast
  - Shooter's group (abbr.)
  - Nutmeglike spice
  - Roof overhang
  - Vision related
  - Steamy appliance
  - Dairy product
  - Fashion magazine
  - Jargon
  - Penny \_\_\_\_\_
  - Positive votes
  - "Viva \_\_\_\_\_ Vegas"
  - Reduces
  - Earnest requests
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  - Least rainy
  - Fine wool
  - Lightly cooked
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- Down**
- Short distances
  - Large spoon
  - Atlantic or Indian
  - Stage awards
  - Comedian \_\_\_\_\_ Carvey
  - Loads (2 wds.)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ and shine!
  - Adam's mate
  - Crave
  - Undress
  - In a little while
  - Staff member
  - "Friends" character
  - "Cry \_\_\_\_\_ River" (2 wds.)
  - Modernize
  - Invent
  - Christmas mo.
  - Annoy
  - Levels
  - Agitate
  - Experts
  - Grinding machine
  - Diva's solo
  - Plotted
  - Liverpool's country (abbr.)
  - Tiny vegetable
  - Guys
  - Bullring cries
  - Diner patrons
  - Hush!
  - Ogles
  - Poet \_\_\_\_\_ Dickinson
  - Uncanny
  - Serious play
  - Mister (Sp.)
  - Depicted
  - Rant
  - Example
  - India's continent
  - Hunt for
  - L. \_\_\_\_\_ Hubbard

LAST WEEK'S ANSWER:

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## SUDOKU

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LAST WEEK'S ANSWER:

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## Filipino Raymond Li among over 10K torch bearers of Winter Olympics



**PROUD FILIPINO.** Raymond Li of the Philippines carries a torch during the 25th Winter Olympics' flame journey in Morbegno, Italy on Feb. 1, 2026. Li, regional general manager of Uber for Southern, Central, and Eastern Europe, was selected as one of the more than 10,000 torch bearers of the quadrennial meet. (PCGMilan photo)

ROME – Two weeks before the Philippines' two athletes plunge into action in the 25th Winter Olympics in Milan and Cortina in Italy, a Filipino from the corporate world already stood tall as Raymond Li was selected as one of the Olympic torch bearers.

Li, regional general manager of Uber for Southern, Central, and Eastern Europe, proudly carried the torch during the Morbegno leg of the relay on Feb. 1.

The leg's exchange of the torch, participated in by 24 bearers, including Li, in Morbegno, a town in the Lombardy region of Northern Italy, was attended and cheered by local officials, Alpine troops, local groups, and thousands of residents.

The Philippine Consulate General of Milan, headed by Consul General Jim Tito San Agustin, congratulated Li for representing a good image of the Philippines in the Winter Olympic Games.

The Olympic flame journey started from Olympia, Greece on Nov.

26, 2025, joined by over 10,000 torch bearers, and has traversed more than 12,000 kilometers across Italy.

It passed through all Italy's 110 provinces and iconic regions, including Lazio, Umbria, Tuscany, Marche, Emilia-Romagna, Piemonte, Valle d'Aosta Lombardia, Veneto, and even the islands of Sardegna and Sicilia.

The torch has been lit to officially begin the 25th Winter Olympics on Feb. 7. The quadrennial meet drew over 3,500 athletes from 93 countries, including the Philippines.

Young Filipino Alpine skiers Francis Ceccarelli, 22, and Tallulah Proulx, 17, are carrying the load for the Philippines, which first competed in the Winter Olympics in 1972 in Sapporo, Japan.

Ceccarelli and Proulx will compete in the men's and women's alpine skiing (giant slalom and slalom) on Feb. 14 and 15, respectively.

The Philippines has yet to win a medal in the Winter Olympics. (Alona Cochon/PNA)

## Davison named PVL Press Corps Player of the Week

MANILA – Savi Davison was named Player of the Week by the Premier Volleyball League (PVL) Press Corps on Sunday after leading PLDT to victory over 10-time champion Creamline in the All-Filipino Conference.

The Filipino-Canadian delivered 26 points off 23 attacks and three blocks, on top of 11 digs and 10 excellent receptions as the High Speed Hitters shocked the Cool Smashers, 25-22, 25-17, 25-23, last Thursday at the FilOil EcoOil Centre in San Juan.

Davison was overwhelmed facing the formidable Creamline roster comprising national players Jia De Guzman and Bernadeth Pons, as well as Jema Galanza, Alyssa Valdez, Tots Carlos, and Michele Gumabao.

"I've been working a lot on patience and waiting all week, and not trying to come out strong because Creamline and their fans... They can make it a really hard environment to play in. I'm just glad that we were able to keep calm and stick to our 80 percent throughout the match," said Davison, who earned the recognition

as the first recipient of the PVL Press Corps Player of the Week presented by Pilipinas Live for the period Jan. 31 to Feb. 7.

"You know what, they were pretty intimidating when they came out. I'm not going to lie, all of them were complete. I knew that it was going to be a hard match. Like I said, I'm just happy that we were able to win. We try to do this every game coming forward. I don't want to take it to our head, but it's one game at a time," the 2025 Invationals Most Valuable Player added.

Davison beat Capital1 winger Bella Belen, who had a career-high performance of 26 points, three-time conference MVP Brooke Van Sickle and Myla Pablo of Nxled; Erika Santos and Vanie Gandler of Signal; Sisi Rondina of Choco Mucho, and Erika Deloria of Galeries Tower for the weekly honor given by print and online reporters covering the pioneering professional volleyball league organized by Sports Vision.

PLDT will face Capital1 on Thursday at the same venue in San Juan City. (PNA)

## Guiao to receive PSA President's Award

MANILA – Veteran champion coach Jo-seller "Yeng" Guiao will receive the special President's Award in the San Miguel Corporation-Philippine Sportswriters Association (PSA) 2025 Awards Night at the Diamond Hotel Manila on Feb. 16.

The 66-year-old Guiao, a long-time Rain or Shine mentor, emerged victorious in a game where he waged a one-man battle mandating the full remittances of the Philippine Sports Commission's shares from both the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) and the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) as directed under Republic Act 6847.

It was a lonely journey for Guiao –aided by his counsel Jun Guzman– that took a decade before finally coming into realization following the landmark decision recently made by the Supreme Court, rejecting with finality the appeal made by both state gaming institutions.

The milestone was a testament to Guiao's principle of fighting for what is right and just, having initiated the move when he was still the representative of the first district of Pampanga in the House back in 2016.

"The choice of coach Yeng for the President's Award is a fitting way to honor a sportsman who fought for our athletes –away from the spotlight and without regard for the fact that he had little to benefit from it," PSA President Francis T.J. Ochoa, sports editor of the Philippine Daily Inquirer, said in a news release on Monday.

"Coach Yeng took on a fight so formidable no one dared join him in the battle. And he won. Every national athlete who dreams of bringing honor and glory to the country can now thank coach Yeng for



**CHAMPION COACH.** A photo of Jo-seller "Yeng" Guiao during the Milcu Sports Got Skills Basketball Coaching Clinic on March 30, 2025. He will receive the President's Award during the San Miguel Corporation-Philippine Sportswriters Association 2025 Awards Night at the Diamond Hotel Manila on Feb. 16, 2026. (Contributed photo)

the additional financial help they will receive as they pursue their podium dreams."

The 15-0 Supreme Court ruling meant the PSC will be receiving in full the 5 percent of PAGCOR and PCSO gross income retroactively, ensuring billions in funding for the national sports development program.

Guiao described his 10-year court battle as a "long, hard struggle."

"But this is a victory for Philippine sports. This is justice for our young athletes, grassroots programs, better coaches, equipment and nutrition. Now, we have no excuse. We can now finally compete without shame," Guiao, a former commissioner of the Philippine Basketball League, said. (PNA)



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