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COA AUDITOR: SARA DUTERTE ONLY VP, DEPED CHIEF WITH CONFIDENTIAL FUNDS

MANILA – A Commission on Audit (COA) auditor testified Monday that Vice President Sara Duterte was the only Vice President and the only Department of Education (DepEd) secretary who had confidential funds, which he audited during his assignment with the commission's Intelligence and Confidential Funds Audit Office (ICFAO).

Testifying before the Senate impeachment court, state auditor Roderick Wamil, now an audit team leader at the COA Pasay office, told senator-judges that he served at the ICFAO from September 2014 to February 2024.

During this period, he said, three vice presidents served — former vice presidents Jejomar Binay and Leni Robredo and incumbent Duterte.

However, only Duterte's Office of the Vice President (OVP) received confidential fund appropriations.

"Tanging si Vice President Sara Duterte lang po 'yung aking na-audit na may confidential fund (It was only Vice President Duterte who has confidential funds, which I audited)," Wamil said during direct examination by private prosecutor Lorna Kapunan.

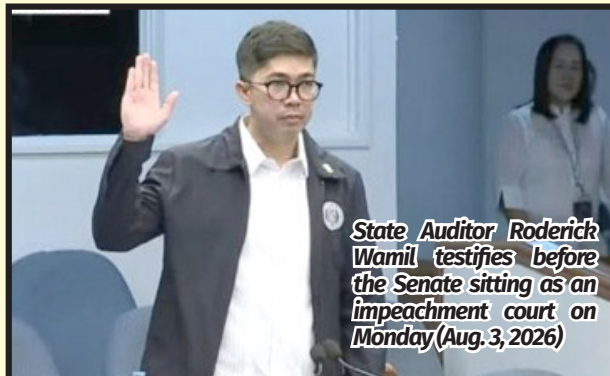
Wamil explained that neither Binay nor Robredo received confidential fund appropriations while he was assigned to the ICFAO.

"Tanging si Vice President Sara Duterte lang po yung nagkaroon ng (Only Vice President Duterte had) appropriation for the confidential funds," he added.

Wamil likewise testified that Duterte was the only DepEd secretary whose confidential funds he audited.

"Dahil siya lang po 'yung naging DepEd Secretary na nagkaroon ng confidential funds ang DepEd (Because it was only in her tenure that DepEd received confidential funds)," he said.

He identified former education secretaries Armin Luistro and Leonor Briones as the other



State Auditor Roderick Wamil testifies before the Senate sitting as an impeachment court on Monday (Aug. 3, 2026)

agency heads who served during his assignment with the ICFAO.

Wamil testified that he audited PHP500 million in confidential funds released to the OVP from the fourth quarter of 2022 through the third quarter of 2023.

He also audited PHP112.5 million in confidential funds released to the DepEd during the first three quarters of 2023.

'Confidential funds require strict compliance' Meanwhile, Wamil said confidential funds must be subjected to strict compliance with accounting and auditing rules because they involve public money and carry a risk of misuse.

"We follow strict compliance since what is involved ay public funds, so dapat strict 'yung accounting and auditing rules to prevent 'yung (accounting and auditing rules must be strictly observed to prevent the) misuse of funds," Wamil said.

He explained that the audit conducted by the COA ICFAO is "compliance post-audit," which is conducted after disbursement and examines whether the spending is supported by the documents required under applicable laws, rules and regulations.

Wamil identified Joint Circular No. 2015-01 as the principal standard used by ICFAO in exam-

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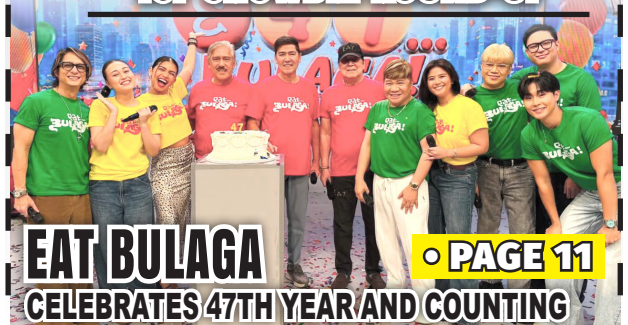
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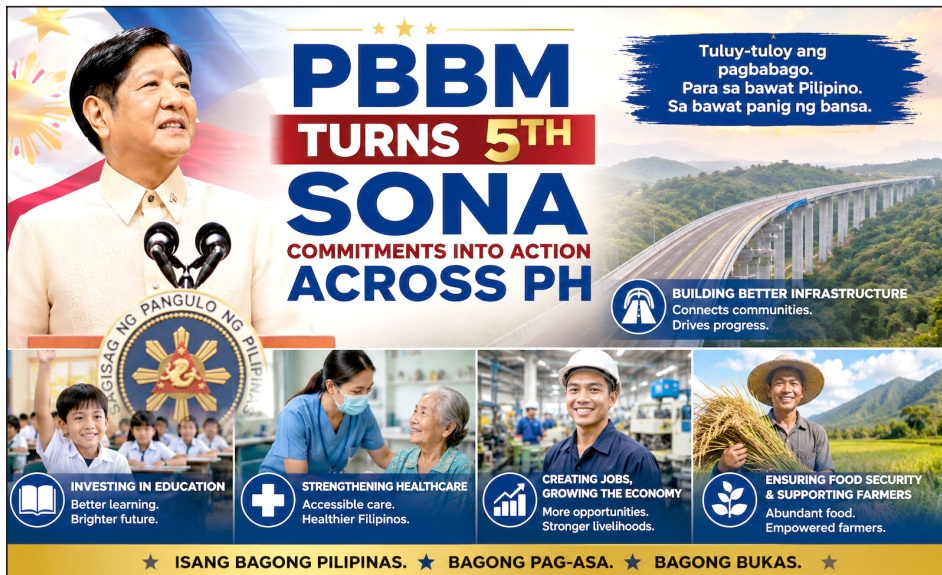
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"If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it"

- Genesis 4:7 -

PBBM turns 5th SONA commitments into action across PH



MANILA – President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. was prompt in translating the commitments he outlined in his 5th State of the Nation Address (SONA) into action, embarking on a series of engagements across the country focused on healthcare, housing, energy, food security, and grassroots development.

The President's activities this week demonstrated his clear vision of sustaining the momentum of his governance by bringing key government programs directly to communities and strengthening institutions that support national development.

From Luzon to Mindanao, Marcos led inspections of vital infrastructure, launched government initiatives, met with foreign diplomats, and oversaw judicial appointments.

Healthcare and housing

A day after delivering his SONA on Monday, Marcos traveled to Davao de Oro to inspect the Davao de Oro Provincial Hospital Montevista, where he turned over PHP147.94 million to augment the hospital's medical equipment.

The visit highlighted his administration's continuing efforts to improve public healthcare facilities and ensure that Filipinos have better access to quality medical services.

The President's inspection was part of his commitment to strengthen the healthcare system, one of the priorities he emphasized during his SONA.

Later that day, Marcos led another leg of the Bawat Bayan Makikinaabang program, covering the provinces of Davao de Oro, Davao del Norte, and Davao Occidental.

The initiative aims to deliver essential services and assistance directly to beneficiaries in the provinces funded through the Local Government Support Fund and the Socio-Civic Projects Fund.

Under the initiative, residents gained access to social services, livelihood opportunities, financial assistance, and other government interventions.

The program was implemented to ensure that no community is left behind in the country's development.

Marcos capped his visit to Mindanao with an inspection of People's Ville in Davao City, where he committed to add 42 new buildings, which he promised would be completed by the end of 2027.

The housing project reflects the government's commitment to providing safe and decent homes for Filipino families while addressing the country's housing backlog.

The President has repeatedly stressed that adequate housing remains a key pillar of inclusive development.

Energy security

On Wednesday, Marcos shifted his focus to the energy sector by leading the inauguration of the Energy Museum in Taguig City, an interactive facility showcasing the country's diverse energy resources.

The event coincided with the 25th anniversary of the Electric Power Industry Reform Act (EPIRA).

In his remarks, Marcos underscored the importance of energy security while pursuing EPIRA reforms that would make electricity more reliable, affordable, and sustainable.

He also reaffirmed the administration's commit-

ment to expanding the country's energy sources and encouraging investments in the sector.

The Energy Museum showcases the history and development of Philippine energy while promoting greater public awareness of the sector's role in nation-building.

Focused on governance
Later that day, Marcos received the farewell calls of Hungarian Ambassador Titanilla Tóth and Dutch Ambassador Marielle Geraedts at

Malacañan Palace in Manila.

The meetings reaffirmed the Philippines' commitment to maintaining strong bilateral relations with both Hungary and the Netherlands.

The President expressed appreciation for the outgoing ambassadors' contributions in strengthening diplomatic cooperation during their respective assignments.

Also on Wednesday, Marcos administered the oath of office to newly appointed Court of Tax Appeals Associate Justices Debbie Jean Centeno Djamco and Paolo Sierra Teston.

The oath-taking underscored the administration's support for a strong and independent judiciary that promotes fairness and accountability in governance.

Food security

On Thursday, Marcos visited Pangasinan to inspect the rehabilitated Sual Fish Port.

The inspection reflected the government's efforts to modernize fisheries and infrastructure and improve the country's food supply chain.

The President directed the Department of Agriculture to continue upgrading fish ports nationwide to help increase productivity, reduce post-harvest losses, and improve the livelihood of fisherfolk.

The directive supports the administration's food security agenda aimed at ensuring stable and affordable food supplies for Filipino consumers.

After the facility inspection, Marcos proceeded to the pier area where he met local fishermen and personnel of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources who were recently subjected to water cannon attacks by the China Coast Guard while conducting a routine mission near Bajo de Masinloc.

Regional development

From Pangasinan, Marcos proceeded to Tarlac City for another leg of the Bawat Bayan Makikinaabang Program.

Aside from delivering integrated services closer to communities, Marcos emphasized the need to improve public access to government assistance through a coordinated approach between the national and local governments.

Marcos also visited the Northern Luzon Command, where he met with military personnel and reiterated the government's support for the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

His camp visit highlighted the administration's commitment to strengthening national defense while recognizing the dedication and sacrifices of Filipino soldiers.

Delivering on SONA

The President's post-SONA engagements mirrored many priorities outlined in his annual address, particularly improving healthcare, strengthening food security, modernizing infrastructure, ensuring energy resilience, and bringing government services closer to the people.

The series of regional visits also underscored Marcos' directive for government agencies to move beyond policy announcements by ensuring that programs are implemented efficiently on the ground.

Through inspections, dialogues, and direct engagement with local communities, the administration sought to demonstrate that concrete actions back the commitments made during the SONA. (PNA)

PH PROPOSES EXTENDING FISCAL INCENTIVES TO REACH 50% EV SHARE BY 2040



PASIG CITY — The Department of Energy (DOE) will propose extending fiscal incentives for electric vehicles (EVs) to sustain strong market momentum and hit the national target of 50 percent EV market share by 2040, energy officials announced Tuesday.

Electric vehicles currently account for 15 percent of all total vehicles sold in the country in 2026, supported by an estimated 47,300 new EV sales recorded since January. Total nationwide EV registrations are

projected to cross the 100,000 threshold by the end of the year.

The policy push follows President Ferdinand Marcos Jr.'s State of the Nation Address (SONA), where he highlighted electric mobility as a cornerstone of the country's clean energy transformation and protection against global fuel price volatility.

"Ang mga nag-modernize ng mga sasakyan, lalo na ang mga lumipat sa mga hybrid at electric vehicles, ay hindi nakaramdam ng kurot ng pagtaas ng presyo ng petrolyo,"

President Marcos said during his address, reiterating the government's long-term target. "It is our goal that by 2040, half of the vehicles are now EVs... We have removed all tariffs on EVs until 2028 to bring down market prices, and government has also been mandated to prioritize electric vehicles in their refueling plans."

In response to the President's directive, DOE Energy Utilization Management Bureau Director Patrick T. Aquino confirmed during Tuesday's press briefing that the department is preparing to push for continued fiscal support beyond current sunset dates.

"Heeding the President's directive, the DOE will propose continuing fiscal incentives for electric vehicles until we reach the

target of 50% by 2040," Director Aquino stated.

Aquino added that the DOE is actively collaborating with key government entities—including the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), and the Anti-Red Tape Authority (ARTA)—to finalize a Joint Memorandum Circular aimed at streamlining permitting for electric vehicle charging stations (EVCS).

Additionally, the department is finalizing a department circular specifying the private and public establishments mandated to allocate dedicated parking spaces and install EV charging infrastructure to support the growing user base nationwide. (JLN/PIA-NCR)

Government warns against scams, disinformation on OP funds– Palace

Malacañang on Thursday warned local government units to remain vigilant against scams and disinformation involving the Local Government Support Fund (LGSF) and the Socio-Civic Project Fund (SCPF).

In a Palace press briefing, Presidential Communications Office (PCO) Undersecretary and Palace Press Officer Claire Castro said that the government does not collect any payment or processing fee from beneficiaries to access their allocated funds.

‘Mag-ingat sa scam at disinformation tungkol sa LGSF at SCPF ng Office of the President. Hinding-hindi maniningil ng kabayaran o anumang fees ang gobyerno sa mga LGU beneficiaries upang makuha ang kanilang budget,’ Castro said.

The LGSF and SCPF are key components of the government’s efforts to strengthen support for local government units (LGUs) and communities such as the PHP200,000 allocation per city and municipality under the Bawat Bayan Makikinabang program split for local development/safety projects and educational student scholarships.

Castro urged the LGU officials to be cautious of individuals who may ask for personal information or demand payment in exchange for the release of their budget, emphasizing that only authorized government representa-



tives should be entertained.

The Palace Press Office said the Office of the President warned that scammers could use the information they obtain to divert or deprive LGUs of the funds and benefits intended for them.

She encouraged LGU officials and the public to immediately report any suspicious activities or fraudulent schemes directly to the Office of the President so that appropriate action can be taken to stop the abuse and protect beneficiaries.

“Kapag may ganyan po na mga problema, isangguni lamang po ninyo, ipagbigay alam po ninyo mismo sa amin, sa aming opisina, para po ito ay makontrol at mahinto ang ganitong mga klase ng pang-aabuso,” Castro added. (PND)

PPA wins key government support for modernization push on 50th anniversary

MANILA — Marking five decades of community-based corrections, the Parole and Probation Administration (PPA) secured strong support from top government leaders for the passage of the PPA Modernization Act as it celebrated its Golden Founding Anniversary and the 32nd Probation and Parole Week.

In a video message, President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. conveyed his administration’s unwavering support for the PPA’s mission to rehabilitate parolees, prevent repeat offenders, and uphold restorative justice across the nation.

“Because of your efforts, countless lives have been redeemed, families have been reunited, and communities have been made safer for everyone,” President Marcos told the PPA workforce.

Commending the agency’s long-standing impact, he urged personnel to draw strength from the lives they have uplifted as they look toward the future.

“In this era of Bagong Pilipinas, I trust that you will remain steadfast in advancing restorative justice and in creating meaningful pathways for persons deprived of liberty to reintegrate into society,” the President added, assuring the agency that his administration stands alongside them in building a more just, peaceful, and inclusive nation.

Through a holistic approach combining therapeutic community programs, restorative justice, and volunteerism, the PPA has kept its average recidivism rate at a remarkably low 1.72 percent from 1978 through the first quarter of 2026.

This sustained success is driven by a nationwide network of 212 offices, over 1,000 personnel, and more than 6,000 Volunteer Probation Assistants working directly within local communities to guide serving individuals toward full reintegration.

The PPA is accelerating its modernization through a forward-looking Strategic Roadmap designed to transform community corrections.

By upgrading its Case Management Information System and deploying modernized investigation tools, the agency aims to streamline caseloads while expanding tech-driven livelihood opportunities in collaboration with the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), and local government units.



House Committee on Justice Chairperson and Batangas 2nd District Rep. Gerville Reyes-Luistro pledges the committee’s full backing for the passage of the PPA Modernization Act during the Parole and Probation Administration’s 50th Golden Founding Anniversary celebrations. (Photo by: Angel Porta/PIA-NCR)

Department of Justice (DOJ) Secretary Frederick A. Vida expressed his full support for the agency’s strategic direction, affirming the department’s commitment to providing the guidance and resources required to realize the PPA’s tech-driven transformation.

“As Secretary of Justice, I assure you the Department of Justice remains steadfast in supporting the continued growth of the Parole and Probation Administration,” Secretary Vida said.

He emphasized that despite technological advances, the core mission of community corrections must always remain centered on human dignity and evidence-based rehabilitation.

“The justice we pursue must always remain humane. Behind every case is a person, behind every decision is a family whose future may be changed forever. Behind every successful rehabilitation is a community made stronger because someone was given the opportunity to begin again,” Secretary Vida added, urging the agency to pursue programs grounded in research, compassion, and integrity amid digital transformation.

Supported by key measures introduced in Congress—including House Bill No. 2343 introduced by House Committee on Justice Chairperson Rep. Gerville Reyes-Luistro—the pending PPA Modernization Act seeks to reform the agency’s institutional framework under the Department of Justice.

If enacted, the measure will expand rehabilitative services, help decongest correctional facil-

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Abroad nga ang pupuntahan pero palipat-lipat ng sasakyan?

Kadalasan sa mga illegal na trabaho abroad, ang mga trafficker ay hindi nagbibigay ng tiyak na destinasyon.

Aabisuhan kayong pumunta muna sa isang bansa bago kayo makarating sa inyong destinasyon. Sasabihan din kayong makipagtagpo sa kanilang mga “contact” na maghahatid sa inyong destinasyon. Kadalasan din, gumagamit sila ng mga mas maliit na transportasyon upang madala kayo sa ibang lugar.

Kung ang alok na trabaho sa abroad ay nagbibigay sa inyo ng hindi tiyak o tamang impormasyon ng inyong biyahe at pupuntahan, iyan ay maaaring ilegal at baka maging biktima ka ng human trafficking!

Siguraduhing kumpleto at hawak ninyo ang inyong mga travel documents (pasaporte, visa, airline ticket, atbp.) para sa mas ligtas na biyahe.

Tandaan, ang legal na trabaho abroad ay maaaring maberipika sa opisyal na website ng Department of Migrant Workers (DMW), www.dmw.gov.ph.

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ities, and upgrade benefits for probation and parole personnel nationwide.

Representative Reyes-Luistro pledged the committee’s full backing for the passage of the landmark bill to advance a more humane, restorative justice framework.

“In recognition of the hard work and commitment of the PPA, I wish to express my strongest commitment to help the agency in passing the bill on the modernization of the Parole and Probation Administration,” she stated.

A key pillar of the PPA’s Modernization Strategic Roadmap focuses on enhancing investigation and supervision efficiency so that officers can dedicate more time to client rehabilitation. Central to this effort is a simplified Post-Sentence Investigation Report (PSIR) form—approved by the DOJ in December 2024—which has significantly reduced report preparation time despite rising caseloads over the past decade.

To further streamline field operations, the PPA is currently updating its official Service Manual. Concurrently, the agency is bolstering community reintegration through its Livelihood and Education Access Program (LEAP), empowering clients through vocational and skills training delivered in partnership with TESDA, DOLE, DepEd, Bayan Academy, and local partners. (JMP/PIA-NCR)

METRO PACIFIC WATER BREAKS GROUND ON MULTI-MILLION PIPELINE PROJECT, BENEFITTING MORE THAN 15,000 HOUSEHOLDS IN SAN JOSE DEL MONTE



From left: Joshua Crisostomo, President of SJDM HOA Confederation; Atty. Roberto Rob S. Rodrigo (MPW Assistant Vice President for Legal); Roldan Pineda, Chief Operations Officer, Metro Pacific Bulacan Water; Jonet S. Sanalila (MPW Assistant Vice President for Corporate Development and Communications); Cong. Arthur B Robes (Representative, Lone District of San Jose del Monte); Mayor Florida “Rida” Robes (Mayor, City of San Jose del Monte); Rosemarie Galvez, General Manager, SJDM Water District; Aurelio Jose Jr., Chairman, SJDM Water District; JM Lazo, Chief Finance Officer, Metro Pacific Water; Arvin Joson, SJDM City Engineering Office

Metro Pacific Water (MPW), which operates in San Jose del Monte, Bulacan as Metro Pacific Bulacan Water (MPBW), has broken ground on its P70 million-worth Phase I Tanawin Reservoir to Igay Reservoir Transmission Project, a major water infrastructure initiative that will deliver an additional 15 million liters per day (MLD) of treated water and expand reliable water service to approximately 15,000 additional households across the city.

The project forms part of MPBW’s efforts to strengthen San Jose del Monte’s water supply system, which has been strained by aging and deteriorated facilities inherited from the previous operator, high water losses, and the continuing impact of the El Niño dry spell on Angat Dam that is expected to last until the first quarter of 2027.

“MPBW only began interim operations in June, but we are already implementing both emergency measures and the long-term plan needed to build a more reliable and resilient water system for San Jose del Monte. This project is a critical step in that direction because it expands our capacity to move around 15 MLD treated water to 15,000 households, improving service reliability to residents who have

endured years of low pressure and interruptions,” Andrew Pangilinan, President and CEO, said.

“We welcome this infrastructure project from our interim service operator because San Joseños need both immediate relief and long-term solutions. This project will help improve water access for thousands more households while strengthening the city’s water infrastructure. The City Government will continue working closely with MPBW, the San Jose del Monte Water District, and national agencies to ensure that critical projects like this move forward while we continue addressing the urgent needs of affected communities,” Mayor Florida “Ate Rida” Robes said.

The transmission project involves the construction of a 3.4-kilometer, 400-milimeter-diameter pipeline that will transfer treated water from Bulacan Bulk Water to the Igay Reservoir. Once completed, the project will improve reliable water service to residents in Kaypian, Sto. Cristo, Caybanban, San Roque, Paradise III, San Isidro, Yakal, Guijo, Poblacion, Poblacion I, and Mulawin.

Pipelaying works are scheduled to begin in August 2026, with project completion targeted by December

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IN RE: PETITION UNDER
SEC.107 OF PD 1529 FOR
THE SURRENDER OF THE
OWNER’S DUPLICATE OF
TRANSFER CERTIFICATE
OF TITLE (TCT) NO. (184803)
085616

ALMA EMPALMADO
NAVARRO,

Petitioner,

LRC CASE NO. 26-046

-versus-

REBECCA DERIQUITO,
Respondent.
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ORDER

Before the Court is a petition for the Surrender of the Owner’s Duplicate of Transfer Certificate of Title (TCT) No. (184803) 085616 under Sec. 107 of the Property Registration Decree filed by petitioner Alma Empalmado Navarro, through counsel.

Petitioner Alma Empalmado Navarro, alleged among others: that petitioner is the widow of the late Aguedo Navarro, who was the registered owner of the real property denominated as Lot 157-A-2-B-2 of the subdivision plan Psd-13-019335, 157 square meters situated in Alabang, Muntinlupa and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title (TCT) No. (184803) 085616 registered with the Registry of Deeds of Muntinlupa City; that in 1996, petitioner contracted a loan worth Php250,000.00 from Roel D. Jimena with an agreed annual interest of Php22,831.00 and the said title as a guarantee that petitioner will pay her obligation. Their agreement, however, was not reduced to writing. It was the TCT itself and not the property that Jimena demanded. As such, no real estate mortgage agreement was executed; that in 2000, Jimena informed the petitioner that the property will be mortgaged to a certain Daniel Terrago, who will be collecting petitioner’s payment on Jimena’s behalf; that on October 16, 2000, petitioner started paying to Terrago monthly installment of Php2,000.00. However, on February 2002, Terrago’s son, Daniel Terrago Jr., who collected payment and by then, petitioner had already paid around Php100,000.00; that subsequently, petitioner was no longer able to locate Terrago and her title. It was only in 2018 that petitioner learned from a certain David Genove where Terrago could be found; that petitioner and Genove went to Terrago’s place, but the petitioner was not able to talk to Terrago, instead Genove told her that she should just apply for the issuance of a new owner’s duplicate of the TCT; that on January 2023, petitioner learned from her friend Marina Graviador that the TCT was in Deriquito’s possession. Upon meeting Deriquito on January 21, 2023, petitioner demanded that the TCT be turned over to her, however, Deriquito refused to return the same until petitioner pays her Php500,000.00; that despite such demand and without authority, respondent failed to return and kept in her custody the Owner’s Duplicate Certificate of Title of the subject property; and that on December 16, 2025, petitioner and her

children, executed an Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate of the late Aguendo Aquino Navarro, with the intention of transferring the registration of the property to their names as heirs. However, they could not complete the transfer as the TCT is still in the possession of the respondent. Petitioner thus prays that the respondent be directed to surrender the owner’s duplicate copy of Transfer Certificate of Title No. (184803) 085616 to the petitioner.

Finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the same is set for hearing on September 10, 2026 at 8:30 in the morning before this Court sitting at Room 302, 3rd Floor, Hall of Justice, National Road, Tunasan, Muntinlupa City where all interested parties are directed to appear and to show cause why the petition should not be granted.

Let a copy of this Order be published at the expense of the petitioner in a newspaper of general circulation, once a week for two (2) consecutive weeks. For this purpose, petitioner is directed to coordinate with the Office of the Clerk of Court, Muntinlupa City. Likewise, let a copy of this Order be posted by the Sheriff of the Court at the Bulletin Boards where this Court is situated, in the City Hall, Muntinlupa City and the Barangay where the property is located.

Furnish with copies of this Order together with the petition and its annexes the Land Registration Authority and the Registry of Deeds of Muntinlupa City for their information and comment.

SO ORDERED.

Muntinlupa City
July 15, 2026

(Sgd.)
MYRA B. QUIAMBAO
Presiding Judge

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The project comes as the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS) has warned of a possible reduction in the water supply allocation for the San Jose del Monte Water District due to the continued decline of Angat Dam’s water level, which may require operational adjustments across the city’s water distribution system.

“While we are starting the long-term infrastructure work now, we are also implementing a 45-day emergency response to address the immediate effects of El Niño and the reduced Angat supply. Our priority is to maximize every available source of water, reduce system losses, and provide additional support to the most affected communities,” Pangilinan added.

As part of its immediate response, MPBW is fast-tracking the detection and repair of

pipe leaks across the city. To date, it has repaired 206 identified leaks, helping reduce water losses and improve the volume of supply reaching consumers. The interim service operator is also working on the reactivation of deep wells in Francisco Homes–Guijo, Yakal, and Kaypian; the construction of communal shallow wells in Graceville, Muzon East, and Citrus; the installation of modular treatment plants and static water tanks in various barangays; and the continued deployment and coordination of water delivery operations in affected communities.

“These emergency measures and the Tanawin-to-Igay transmission project are part of one direction: stabilize supply now while building the infrastructure needed for a stronger system in the future,” Pangilinan added. **(Bulacan PIO)**

Pag-IBIG Fund earns COA's highest audit opinion for 14th straight year



Pag-IBIG Fund has once again earned an unmodified opinion from the Commission on Audit, marking the 14th consecutive year that the institution received the state auditors' highest audit opinion, officials announced Friday, July 31.

In a letter dated June 18, COA said its auditor expressed an unmodified opinion on the fairness of presentation of the financial statements of the Home Development Mutual Fund, more popularly known as Pag-IBIG Fund, for the years ended Dec. 31, 2025 and 2024.

An unmodified opinion means that the auditor concluded that the financial statements were presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework. The COA report covered Pag-IBIG Fund's audited financial statements, audit observations and recommendations, and the status of implementation of prior years' audit recommendations.

Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development Secretary Jose Ramon P. Aliling, who also serves as Chairperson of the 11-member Pag-IBIG Fund Board of Trustees, said the latest audit opinion affirms Pag-IBIG Fund's commitment to sound financial management, good governance, transparency, and accountability in public service.

"This latest recognition from COA affirms that Pag-IBIG Fund continues to uphold the highest standards of professionalism, prudence, and integrity in managing the

hard-earned savings of Filipino workers," Aliling said. "It also shows that strong governance enables Pag-IBIG Fund to remain financially sound and responsive to the needs of its members, while supporting President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.'s directive to make homeownership more accessible to Filipino families through the Expanded Pam-bansang Pabahay para sa Pilipino Program, or Expanded 4PH."

COA previously issued unqualified opinions on Pag-IBIG Fund from 2012 to 2017 and unmodified opinions from 2018 to 2025. With this latest result, Pag-IBIG Fund has now received COA's highest audit opinion for 14 straight years, placing it among a select group of Philippine government agencies and government-owned and controlled corporations that have sustained a decade-long track record of fiscal discipline, transparency, and accountability.

The latest COA opinion comes as Pag-IBIG Fund delivered another milestone year in 2025, with total assets reaching P1.23 trillion, members' savings collections of P160.41 billion, housing loan releases of P140.54 billion, short-term loan releases of P94.16 billion, net income before MP2 returns of P65.28 billion, and dividends declared for members totaling P64.34 billion.

Pag-IBIG Fund Chief Executive Officer Marilene C. Acosta said the recognition is especially meaningful as Pag-IBIG Fund's strong performance in 2025 continues into 2026 through the sustained delivery of its mandates to Filipino work-

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MARIE SOLEIL C. CASCON,
Petitioner,

SPEC. PROC. CASE NO.
R-QZN-26-04913-SP

- versus -

For: Petition for Recognition of Foreign Divorce based on Article 26 (2) of the Family Code and Cancellation of Entry in the Civil Registry based on Rule 108 of the Rules of Court

SILVIO HITOSHI TAHARA,
PHILIPPINE STATISTICS
AUTHORITY, THE CIVIL
REGISTRAR GENERAL, and
the LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRY
OF QUEZON CITY,
Respondents.

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ORDER

In her verified Petition, Marie Soleil C. Cascon ("petitioner") prays, among others, that after due hearing, a judgment be rendered judicially recognizing the foreign divorce decree between her and private respondent Silvio Hitoshi Tahara ("private respondent") registered pursuant to Japanese laws, ordering the Office of the Civil Registrar and the Philippine Statistics Authority to annotate the *Divorce Decree in the Report of Marriage* of the parties and correct/annotate the entry of marriage in such document and their official records.

Petitioner claims that she met the private respondent in 2006 while working as an entertainer in a club in Japan. They got married on 09 April 2007 in Kani City, Gifu, Japan. They got along well during the first years of their marriage. However, the difference between the Japanese and Filipino culture became evident in their marriage which resulted in disappointments affecting their marriage hence, they agreed to file for divorce.

Thereafter, on 05 April 2016, a Certificate of Acceptance of Divorce was issued by the Office of the Mayor of Kani City, Gifu Prefecture, Japan. The Notification of Divorce was likewise issued stating that the parties were divorced on 5 April 2016.

The *Petition*, being sufficient in form and substance, is hereby given due course and set for initial hearing on **9 September 2026 at 8:30 in the morning** before this court sitting at Room 409, 4th Floor, Hall of Justice Annex Building, Quezon City Hall Compound, Quezon City, at which date, time and place, all interested persons are required to appear and show cause why the Petition should not be granted.

WHEREFORE, let copies of this Order be published at the expense of the petitioner at least once a week

for three (3) consecutive weeks prior to initial hearing in a newspaper of general circulation. Accordingly, let a copy of this Order be forwarded to the Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court, Quezon City for raffle to pick from among the newspapers or periodicals which will publish the judicial notices as prescribed under P.D. 1079.

Likewise, let copies of this Order together with the Petition and its annexes, be furnished the Office of the Solicitor General, the Office of the City Prosecutor of Quezon City, the Philippine Statistics Authority, the Civil Registrar of Quezon City, and the Civil Registrar General for their information and comment.

SO ORDERED.

Quezon City, Metro Manila, 15 June 2026.

(Sgd.)
ROCHELLE S. MANUEL
Presiding Judge

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Quezon City

SACP ULRIC Q. BADIOLA
Public Prosecutor, Quezon City

OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT (*for publication purposes*)
Regional Trial Court, Quezon City

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ers.

"Pag-IBIG Fund achieved another milestone year in 2025, with record levels in assets, income, and dividends for our members," Acosta said. "This 14th consecutive unmodified opinion from COA affirms that we achieved these strong results while upholding the highest standards of integrity, accountability, and transparency in public service."

Acosta said Pag-IBIG Fund remains focused on sustaining this momentum in 2026 by helping members grow their savings, access

affordable cash loans, and achieve homeownership through its housing loan programs, including its support for President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.'s Expanded 4PH Program.

"This recognition assures our members that their savings are safe, protected, and responsibly managed. It also inspires us to work even harder to deliver programs and services that help Filipino workers save more, earn more, and achieve their dream of homeownership," Acosta said.

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Mortgagee,

- versus -

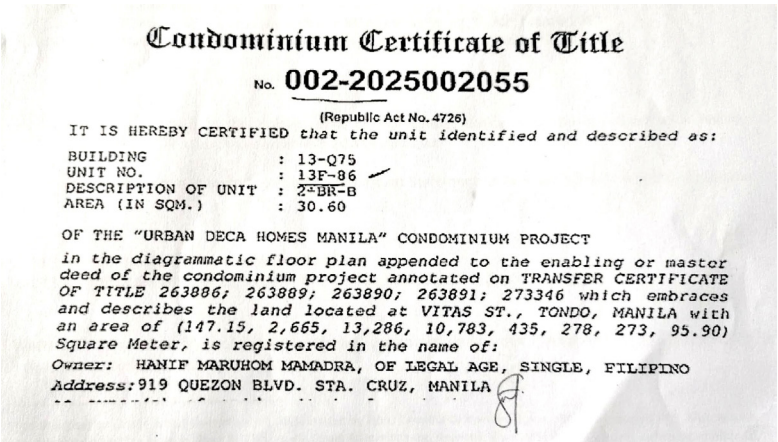
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HANIF MARUHOM MAMADRA,
Debtor/Mortgagor.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed on June 16, 2026, against the mortgagor, **HANIF MARUHOM MAMADRA**, with postal addresses at: (1) 919 Quezon Boulevard, Sta. Cruz, Manila, (2) Unit 9F-2 Building 13-Q75 Urban Deca Homes Manila Vitas Street, Tondo, Manila 1012, and (3) Unit 14F-86 Building 13-Q75 Urban Deca Homes Manila, Vitas Street, Tondo, Manila 1013, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which, as of June 4, 2026, amounts to **PESOS: ONE MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED TWO THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED ONE AND 19/100 (Php1,802,901.19)**¹ pursuant to the **Uniform Loan and Mortgage Agreement**², the undersigned Acting Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff of the Regional Trial Court, Manila, through her deputy, **Sheriff Miller B. Guillen**, will sell at public auction on **August 20, 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 of 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:



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 **August 31, 2026** without the need of further notice.

City of Manila, Philippines, June 29, 2026.

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

(Sgd.)
MILLER B. GUILLEN
Sheriff-in-Charge

Copy furnished:

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2 Unit 9F-2 Building 13-Q75 Urban Deca Homes Manila Vitas Street,
Tondo, Manila 1012
3 Unit 14F-86 Building 13-Q75 Urban Deca Homes Manila, Vitas Street,
Tondo, Manila 1013

Note/s: Failure to attend at the auction sale, despite proper notice, shall be construed as a waiver. Accordingly, the auction sale shall be held as scheduled.

The mortgagee is required to submit an updated Statement of Account before the schedule auction sale.

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DATES OF PUBLICATION : **July 21, 2026, July 28, 2026 and August 4, 2026**

¹ Annex "D" of the Petition.
² Notarized on November 30, 2023 and March 12, 2025.
³ 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, Court Administrator, Supreme Court of the Philippines, dated December 10, 2024.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE
PETITION FOR THE RE-
ISSUANCE OF NEW OWNER'S
DUPLICATE COPY OF
TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF
TITLE NO. 003-2020000032
ISSUED BY THE REGISTRY OF
DEEDS FOR PASAY CITY, IN
LIEU OF THE LOST OWNER'S
DUPLICATE COPY,

LRC Case No. R-PSY-26-01570-LR

JASON AVES GUY,
Petitioner.

-versus-

REGISTRY OF DEEDS FOR
PASAY CITY, LAND
REGISTRATION AUTHORITY,
Respondents.

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ORDER

Before this Court is a verified Second Amended Petition filed by petitioner, through counsel on 13 July 2026, through counsel, praying that after due notice and hearing, judgment be rendered, granting the instant petition and accordingly, an Order be issued directing the Register of Deeds of Pasay City to re-issue an owner's duplicate copy of Transfer Certificate of Title No. 003-2020000032 under the same terms and conditions as the original thereof.

Finding the Petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the Court hereby set the same for hearing on **24 September 2026 at 8:30 in the morning** at the 34 Floor, No. 105 JGG Building, Pasadeña St., Pasay City.

Let this Order be published in a newspaper of general circulation once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks, to be selected by raffle pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 1079, and posted by the Branch Sheriff in three (3) conspicuous places in Pasay City.

The Sheriff / Process Server of this Court is directed to furnish the Registry of Deeds for Pasay City and Land Registration Authority with a copy of this Order and the Petition with annexes.

SO ORDERED.

16 July 2026, Pasay City.

(Sgd.)
RONALD AUGUST L. TAN
Presiding Judge

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Respondent
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IRISH CLABELLE DOMINISAC,
Petitioner,

- versus -

OFFICE OF THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF MANILA, THE OFFICE OF THE PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY, MARILOU SAGUILLO DOMINISAC, DINDO EDGARDO SALA, SCOTT DENMARK DOMINISAC SALA, AND ALL PERSONS/ENTITIES WHO/WHICH MAY BE AFFECTED THEREBY,
Respondents.

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ORDER

Before this Court is an Amended Petition for Correction/Cancellation of Entries as to Certificate of Birth filed on 1 July 2026.
Petitioner seeks the following corrections:

1) Provide the full name of petitioner as **IRISH CLABELLE DOMINISAC** instead of Irish Clabelle Dominisac Sala;

2) Entry as to the information as Petitioner’s father be cancelled; and

3) Entry as to the date and marriage of Petitioner’s parents be cancelled.

Finding the Amended Petition to be sufficient in form and substance, let the instant case be set for hearing on **3 September 2026** and **17 September 2026** both at **8:30 o’clock in the morning**, of which date and time the interested parties may appear and show cause, if any, why this Amended Petition shall not be granted.

The petitioner is ordered to serve a copy of this Order and the Amended Petition to the Office of the Solicitor General, Local Civil Registrar, Philippine Statistics Authority, and the private respondents through the authorized modes of service and submit her compliance hereto before the scheduled hearing on 3 September 2026.

Likewise, petitioner is hereby directed to cause the publication of this Order once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation selected by raffle, provided that the last publication be not later than 19 August 2026.

The Local Civil Registrar of Manila, private respondent, or any person having or claiming interest under the entry whose change or correction is sought may, within fifteen (15) days from notice of the Amended Petition, or from the last date of publication of such notice, file their objection thereto before this Court.

Let a copy of this Order be furnished to the petitioner and her counsel for their

compliance and to the Office of the Clerk of Court - Regional Trial Court of Manila for the inclusion of this case to the publishers’ raffle.

SO ORDERED.

Given this 3rd day of July 2026, in the City of Manila, Philippines.

(Sgd.)
CZARINA E. SAMONTE-VILLANUEVA
Presiding Judge

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Raising Confident Yet Respectful and Humble Children

As a parent, one of my greatest hopes is not that my children become the smartest in the room, the most talented on the field, or the most successful in their careers. While those accomplishments are admirable, they are not the qualities I pray for most. I pray that they grow into adults who are confident without being proud, respectful without being fearful, and humble without thinking less of themselves.

In a world that often celebrates self-promotion and instant recognition, raising children with strong character has become both more challenging and more necessary. The goal is not simply to prepare children for school or for a career, but to prepare them for life—to become people who know their worth, value others, and walk with integrity.

Confidence Begins with Knowing They Are Loved
True confidence does not come from trophies, grades, or applause. Those things can disappear overnight. Real confidence begins at home. Children who know they are loved unconditionally are more willing to try new things, make mistakes, and persevere through failure. They understand that their value is not measured by performance but by who they are.

As parents, we should praise effort more than outcomes. Instead of saying, “You’re so smart,” we can say, “I’m proud of how hard you worked.”

Instead of celebrating only victories, we should also celebrate perseverance, honesty, and kindness.

When children believe that love is earned only through achievement, they become afraid of failure. But when they know they are loved regardless of success or failure, they develop the courage to face life’s challenges.

Teach Them to Speak with Confidence and Listen with Respect
Confidence should never mean dominating conversations or believing one’s opinion is always right. We should encourage our children to ask questions, express their ideas, and stand up for what is right. At the same time, they must learn to listen carefully, even when they disagree.

Respect is demonstrated not only in how we speak but also in how we listen. A respectful child says “please” and “thank you,” but respect goes much deeper. It means allowing others to finish speaking, treating service workers kindly, honoring teachers, showing courtesy to grandparents, and recognizing that every person deserves dignity.

Children learn respect primarily by watching their parents. If we constantly interrupt others, speak harshly, or belittle people, our children will likely do the same. They imitate our example long before they follow our instructions.

Humility Is Knowing That Everything Is a Gift
Humility is often misunderstood. It does not mean pretending we have no talents or abilities. It does not mean lacking confidence. Humility means recognizing that our gifts, opportunities, and successes are not reasons to look down on others. Every child has strengths. Some excel academically. Others are gifted in music, sports, leadership, or creativity. Rather than telling children they are better than others, we should teach them that their abilities are gifts to be developed and used to serve others.

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Marcos Jr. expands Metro Manila's IT investment opportunities

MANILA — President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. has authorized the processing of applications for new Information Technology (IT) Centers and IT Parks in Metro Manila, a move aimed at attracting more investments, creating employment opportunities and reinforcing the National Capital Region's role as the country's leading information and communications technology (ICT) hub.

Through Administrative Order (AO) No. 45, Marcos exempted applications for IT Centers and IT Parks from the existing moratorium on new economic zone applications in Metro Manila under Administrative Order No. 18, as amended by Administrative Order No. 11.

The order recognizes the continued contribution of the services sector, particularly information and communications technology, to the country's economic growth.

"The services sector, which includes information and communications, remains to be a reliable source of economic activity in the country, with Metro Manila registering the biggest share," the Administrative Order stated.

The President said allowing new IT Centers and IT Parks in the capital region is expected to encourage more investors to establish operations, generate additional employment and strengthen Metro Manila's position as the country's premier ICT hub.

"Allowing the processing and evaluation of applications for the establishment of Information Technology (IT) Centers and IT Parks will attract more investors, generate more employment, and strengthen Metro Manila's position as the leading information and communications technology hub in the country," the order stated.

The policy supports the Marcos administration's 8-Point Socio-Economic Agenda, which seeks to promote investments that improve productivity and expand employment opportunities for Filipinos.

"The Administra-

tion's 8-Point Socio-economic Agenda aims to bolster employment opportunities for the Filipino people through the promotion of investments that boost productivity," the order noted.

Under AO No. 45, the Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA) Board has been directed to accept, process and evaluate all applications for IT Centers and IT Parks in Metro Manila.

"Applications for the establishment of IT Centers and IT Parks in Metro Manila shall be excluded from the moratorium imposed by AO No. 18, as amended. For this purpose, the PEZA Board is directed to accept, process and evaluate all applications for IT Centers and IT Parks in Metro Manila," Section 1 of the order stated.

The order, however, maintains the moratorium on all other economic zone applications in Metro Manila.

"The moratorium on the processing and evaluation of all other economic zone applications in Metro Manila under AO No. 18, as amended, shall continue to be in effect," Section 2 stated.

The President also instructed the PEZA Board to formulate and issue the implementing guidelines needed to carry out the new policy effectively.

AO No. 45 takes effect immediately upon its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Officials said the measure forms part of the Marcos Jr. administration's broader strategy to strengthen the country's digital economy by encouraging high-value investments, expanding employment opportunities and supporting the continued growth of the ICT sector.

They said that by allowing more IT developments in Metro Manila, the administration aims to enhance the country's competitiveness as an investment destination while creating more jobs for Filipino workers and sustaining economic growth. **(JCO/PIA-NCR)**

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SP. PROC. NO.
R-MNL-26-04306-SP

IN THE MATTER OF THE CORRECTION OF ENTRIES IN THE CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTHS OF JANNAH CATHALIA ASUNCION DAVID, AS REPRESENTED BY HER MOTHER JOSEPHINE ASUNCION DAVID:

1) IN ENTRY NO. 01 OF HER CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH, BY CHANGING HER MIDDLE NAME FROM "PRUDENCIO" TO "ASUNCION";

2) IN ENTRY NO. 06 OF THE CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH OF JANNAH, BY CHANGING HER MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME: MIDDLE NAME FROM "ASUNCION" TO BLANK; LAST NAME FROM "PRUDENCIO" TO ASUNCION";

JANNAH CATHALIA PRUDENCIO DAVID
a.k.a. JANNAH CATHALIA ASUNCION DAVID, AS REPRESENTED BY HER MOTHER JOSEPHINE ASUNCION DAVID,

Petitioners,

-versus-

THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF MANILA, CIVIL REGISTRAR GENERAL, NATIONAL STATISTICS OFFICE, OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR GENERAL, PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY, JOMAR AÑOVER DAVID and all other persons having interest therein,

Respondents.

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AMENDED ORDER

Upon perusal of the records of this case, it appears that a portion of the case caption was inadvertently omitted from the previous Order dated July 16, 2026. As such, the said Order is hereby amended as follows:

SP. PROC. NO.
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Petitioners,

- versus -

THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF MANILA, CIVIL REGISTRAR GENERAL, NATIONAL STATISTICS OFFICE, OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR GENERAL, PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY, JOMAR AÑOVER DAVID and all other persons having interest therein,

Respondents.

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ORDER

Before this Court is a verified petition filed by Jannah Cathalia Prudencio David a.k.a. Jannah Cathalia Asuncion David, represented by her mother, Josephine Asuncion David praying for the correction of entries in her Certificate of Live Birth. Specifically, she prays that: a) in Entry No.1, her middle name be changed from "Prudencio" to "Asuncion"; and b) in Entry No. 7, her mother's middle name be changed from "Asuncion" to Blank and the last name be changed from "Prudencio" to "Asuncion".

Finding the verified petition to be sufficient in form and substance, let the initial hearing on the instant petition be set on **October 15, 2026 at 8:30 in the morning** at the Session Hall of the Regional Trial Court of Manila, Branch 10, 4th Floor, City Hall, Manila, at which date, time and place, any interested party may appear and show cause, if any, why the petition should not be granted.

Let a copy of this Order be published in a newspaper of general circulation to be chosen by raffle, to be conducted by the Executive Judge of this Court, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks at the expense of petitioner.¹

Likewise, petitioner is directed to furnish a copy of this Order together with copies of the petition and its annexes to respondents Jomar Añover David, the Local Civil Registrar of Manila, the Civil Registrar General, the National Statistics Office, the Office of the Solicitor General and the Philippine Statistics Authority.

SO ORDERED.
Manila, Philippines. July 16, 2026.

SO ORDERED.
Manila, Philippines. July 22, 2026.

(Sgd.)
LADY ROCHELLE S. SAYMO-LLABRES
Presiding Judge

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ADDENDUM TO THE EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE INTESTATE ESTATE OF PATRICIA JOSEFA MAGALLANES CERVANTES WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

NOTICE is hereby given that in a document entitled "**Addendum to the Extrajudicial Settlement of the Intestate Estate of Patricia Josefa Magallanes Cervantes with Waiver of Rights**," (the "Addendum") executed by **Modesto Navarra Cervantes, Michael Magallanes Cervantes, Jonathan Alvin Magallanes Cervantes, and Rosemarie Judith Magallanes Cervantes (the "Heirs")**, the Heirs declared the following:

- (i) **Patricia Josefa Magallanes Cervantes** died intestate on **06 November 2025**, leaving as her only heirs the above-named Heirs;
- (ii) On **09 March 2026**, the Heirs executed an **Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate**, entered in the notarial register as **Doc. No. 484; Page No. 98; Book No. 1; Series of 2026**;
- (iii) The Heirs subsequently discovered additional properties belonging to the estate consisting of **shares of stock in Magallanes Realty & Agro Dev. Co., Inc. (16,887), Victorias Milling Co., Inc. (4,020), SM Prime Holdings, Inc. (21,816), Ayala Land, Inc. (356), Benpress Holdings Corp. (now: Lopez Holdings Corporation) (22,000), Petron Corporation (3,000), and Sun Life Financial Inc. (256)** as well as a **Metrobank Security Deposit** amounting to **Php1,137,855.66**;
- (iv) Pursuant to **Rule 74, Section 1 of the Rules of Court**, the heirs executed the Addendum to extrajudicially settle, divide, and adjudicate the foregoing additional properties among themselves.

The **Addendum** was executed in **Makati City** and notarized before **Atty. Gregorio B. Velasquez Jr.**, Notary Public for Makati City, and entered in his notarial register as **Doc. No. 697; Page No. 36; Book No. 2; Series of 2026**.

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THE SLOUGH OF DESPOND: When Your Journey to Christ Begins with a Struggle

“Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” — Matthew 11:28 (ESV)

One of the most memorable scenes in *The Pilgrim’s Progress* is Christian’s encounter with the **Slough of Despond**. Shortly after leaving the City of Destruction, he falls into a deep, muddy swamp. Instead of finding immediate relief after deciding to follow God, he finds himself trapped, burdened, and unable to move forward. The image is powerful because it reflects the experience of many people who begin seeking Christ.

Many imagine that coming to God instantly solves every problem. They expect peace to replace anxiety overnight, joy to erase sadness, and certainty to eliminate every doubt. Yet for many, the opposite seems to happen. As God’s truth begins to illuminate the heart, people become more aware of their sin, failures, guilt, fears, and need for forgiveness. Rather than feeling lighter, they initially feel heavier. This is the Slough of Despond.

John Bunyan describes the Slough as the place where “the scum and filth” flowing from the conviction of sin collect. It represents the discouragement, shame, fear, and confusion that often accompany an awakened conscience. It is not the destination of the Christian life, but it is frequently the first difficult stretch of the journey.

When We Finally See Ourselves

Before a person encounters the holiness of God, it is surprisingly easy to believe that everything is fine. We compare ourselves with others and conclude that we are “good enough.” We excuse our anger, justify our pride, overlook our selfishness, and minimize our need for grace.

But God’s Word functions like a mirror. James 1:23–24 compares hearing God’s Word to looking into a mirror. For the first time, we see ourselves as we truly are—not merely as imperfect people, but as sinners in need of a Savior.

This realization can be painful. Many people become overwhelmed by questions.

“Can God really forgive someone like me?”
“I’ve made too many mistakes.”
“I’ve wasted so many years.”
“I’m too broken to change.”

These thoughts are the muddy waters of the Slough of Despond. They are not proof that God has abandoned us. Rather, they often reveal that God is exposing the very things He intends to redeem.

Christians Visit the Slough More Than Once

Although Bunyan places the Slough near the beginning of Christian’s journey, believers often find themselves there repeatedly.

A Christian may return to the Slough after falling into sin.

A parent may enter it after losing a child.
A husband or wife may find it during marital conflict.
A young adult may enter after repeated failures.
A pastor may stand there after spiritual exhaustion.
A believer battling depression may feel as though every step sinks deeper into the mud.

The Christian life does not guarantee freedom from seasons of discouragement. Scripture is filled with faithful servants who experienced profound despair.

David cried, “Why are you cast down, O my soul?” (Psalm 42:5).
Elijah prayed that he might die (1 Kings 19:4).
Job questioned the purpose of his suffering.
Even the Apostle Paul wrote that he was “so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we despaired of life itself” (2 Corinthians 1:8).

Despondency itself is not evidence of weak faith. Remaining there without looking to Christ is the greater danger.

The Enemy Loves the Slough

Discouragement is one of Satan’s most effective weapons.

If he cannot prevent someone from seeking Christ, he will attempt to convince them they are beyond Christ’s mercy.

He whispers:
“You’ll never change.”
“God is tired of forgiving you.”
“You’ve failed too many times.”
“Real Christians don’t struggle like this.”

These lies sound convincing because they appeal to our feelings rather than God’s promises.

The gospel never says that worthy people are saved. It declares that guilty people who trust Christ are saved by grace.

If salvation depended upon our worthiness, no one would be saved.

The Hand That Lifts Us Out

In Bunyan’s story, Christian does not rescue himself. A man named Help reaches down and lifts him out.

The symbolism is beautiful.
We cannot save ourselves from guilt.
We cannot erase our own sins.
We cannot make ourselves righteous before God.
Salvation has always been God’s work.
Jesus did not come merely to improve good people. He came to rescue lost people.

Romans 5:8 reminds us:
“But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”
Christ entered the deepest pit so that we would not remain there.

For Those Seeking Christ

If you are exploring Christianity and feel overwhelmed by your failures, take heart. The conviction you feel is not necessarily a sign that God has rejected you. It may be evidence that He is drawing you to Himself. Jesus never turned away those who came to Him with humble hearts. The tax collector who cried, “God, be merciful to me, a sinner,” went home justified. The thief on the cross received paradise. Peter, who denied Christ three times, was restored. Paul, once a persecutor of Christians, became one of Christ’s greatest servants. Grace has always reached farther than human failure.

For Christians Walking Through the Slough Again

Perhaps you have followed Christ for years, yet today you feel stuck.
Prayer feels dry.
Sin feels stronger.
Hope seems distant.
You wonder whether God still sees you.
Remember that your standing before God rests not on the strength of your grip on Christ, but on His unwavering grip on you.
The same Savior who called you at the beginning of your journey continues to sustain you today.
Your feelings may fluctuate.
Your circumstances may change.
But the promises of God remain constant.
The mud beneath your feet does not determine your future. Christ does.

Looking Beyond the Mud

The Slough of Despond is not the end of *The Pilgrim’s Progress*. It is only the beginning. Beyond the swamp lies the Wicket Gate. Beyond the gate lies the cross. Beyond the cross lies forgiveness. Beyond forgiveness lies a lifelong journey of transformation.
And beyond that journey awaits the Celestial City.
Every believer, at some point, walks through muddy ground. Some remain there longer than others. Yet the hope of the gospel is that Christ does not abandon those who call upon Him.
He reaches into the deepest places of guilt, despair, fear, and shame, not merely to comfort us, but to bring us safely home.
So if today you find yourself in the Slough of Despond, do not mistake the mud for your destination. Lift your eyes to Christ. The One who began the good work in you is faithful to complete it, and the path that seems impossible today may one day become a testimony of His grace.

COA auditor: Sara Duterte only VP.... (From P.1)

ining confidential and intelligence funds.

The circular was jointly issued by COA, the departments of Budget and Management, Interior and Local Government, National Defense and the Governance Commission for Government-Owned or Controlled Corporations. The circular states

that “the confidential nature of the funds requires strong internal controls and strict accounting and auditing rules to prevent their mishandling or improper application.”

Section 4.8 limits its confidential-fund spending to specified purposes. These include purchasing information relevant

to national security and peace and order; renting vehicles for confidential activities; maintaining safe houses; obtaining supplies and equipment for confidential operations; and paying qualified rewards to non-employee informers under stated conditions.

He also cited the

rule allowing rewards to informers only with the approval of the agency head, documentary evidence of successful information-gathering or surveillance, and a direct link to a specific confidential activity.

Section 4.11 prohibits the use of confidential funds for government salaries,

wages, overtime, additional compensation, allowances and fringe benefits, except when authorized by law.

It also bars their use for representation, consultancy or entertainment expenses and for constructing or acquiring buildings or housing structures.

The prosecution

presented Wamil to identify and authenticate audit records covering PHP500 million in OVP confidential funds from the fourth quarter of 2022 through the third quarter of 2023; and PHP112.5 million in DepEd confidential funds during the first three quarters of 2023. (PNA)



LAW A WEEK

BY: ATTY. SARAH JEANE CARDONA ANTOLIN

Renting a Property in the Philippines: What Every Landlord and Tenant Should Know

Renting a house, apartment, condominium, office, or commercial space is one of the most common transactions in the Philippines. Yet many disputes between landlords and tenants arise because one or both parties do not fully understand their rights and obligations. Fortunately, Philippine law provides clear rules that protect both sides and encourage fairness in every lease agreement.

The primary law governing the rental of properties is the Civil Code of the Philippines, particularly Articles 1642 to 1688, which define the nature of a lease, the rights and obligations of landlords and tenants, and the remedies available when either party fails to comply with the agreement. Residential units covered by the Rent Control Act are also subject to special rules on rent increases and eviction, in addition to the Civil Code.

A lease is a contract where the owner of a property, known as the lessor or landlord, allows another person, called the lessee or tenant, to use and enjoy the property for an agreed period in exchange for rent. The lease may be for a fixed term, such as one or two years, or for an indefinite period if the parties so agree. Regardless of its duration, the lease creates legally enforceable obligations for both parties.

Many people believe that once a landlord collects rent, the landlord’s obligations end. This is incorrect. Under Article 1654 of the Civil Code, the landlord has three fundamental duties. First, the property must be delivered in a condition suitable for its intended use. A landlord cannot rent out a house that is unsafe or uninhabitable while expecting the tenant to shoulder all necessary repairs. Second, the landlord must make the repairs needed to keep the property fit for its intended purpose unless the parties have validly agreed otherwise. Third, the landlord must allow the tenant to peacefully enjoy the property throughout the lease period. This means the landlord cannot arbitrarily interfere with the tenant’s possession or repeatedly enter the premises without lawful justification or the tenant’s consent.

On the other hand, tenants also have important responsibilities. Their most obvious obligation is to pay rent on time and in the manner agreed upon in the lease contract. They must also use the property with reasonable care, avoid causing unnecessary damage, and use it only for the purpose agreed upon. For example, if a residential unit is leased as a family home, the tenant generally cannot convert it into a commercial warehouse without the landlord’s permission. Likewise, if urgent repairs become necessary or another person claims ownership of the property, the tenant should promptly inform the landlord so appropriate action can be taken.

One common misunderstanding involves repairs. Not every repair is automatically the landlord’s responsibility. Major structural repairs, such as fixing a leaking roof, repairing damaged plumbing within the walls, or restoring electrical systems that fail through ordinary use, generally fall on the landlord unless the contract provides otherwise. However, damage caused by the tenant’s negligence or misuse may properly become the tenant’s responsibility. Similarly, ordinary wear and tear resulting from normal use should not automatically be charged against the tenant at the end of the lease.

Another area where disputes frequently arise concerns security deposits and advance rentals. These payments are intended to secure the landlord against unpaid obligations or property damage, but they should not become an excuse to withhold money indefinitely after the lease ends. Once the tenant has vacated the premises, settled all legitimate obligations, and returned the property in acceptable condition, the remaining balance of the security deposit should be refunded within the period provided in the lease agreement. Clear documentation, such as an inspection report and receipts for repairs, helps prevent disagreements.

Some landlords believe they can immediately remove a tenant who fails to pay rent or violates the lease agreement. In reality, Philippine law generally requires landlords to follow the proper legal process. Self-help measures, such as changing

the locks, removing the tenant’s belongings, or forcibly evicting the tenant without a court order, may expose the landlord to legal liability. When a tenant refuses to vacate despite legal grounds for termination, the proper remedy is usually an ejectment case filed before the appropriate court after complying with the required procedures.

Likewise, tenants should understand that signing a lease agreement is a serious legal commitment. A tenant cannot simply stop paying rent because of minor disagreements with the landlord. Unless the law or the contract allows it, withholding rent may itself constitute a breach of the lease. The better approach is to communicate concerns promptly, document issues in writing, and seek an amicable resolution before resorting to legal action.

The written lease agreement remains one of the most important documents in any rental transaction. Although Philippine law recognizes oral leases in some situations, a written contract provides certainty regarding the rental amount, payment schedule, lease term, security deposit, repairs, maintenance obligations, renewal provisions, grounds for termination, and other important conditions. A carefully drafted lease agreement minimizes misunderstandings and serves as valuable evidence if a dispute later arises.

Ultimately, the law seeks to balance the interests of landlords and tenants. Landlords have the right to receive rent and protect their property, while tenants have the right to safely occupy the premises without unnecessary interference. When both parties understand their legal rights, fulfill their contractual obligations, and communicate in good faith, most rental disputes can be avoided before they reach the courts.

Disclaimer: This article is intended for general information only and should not be considered legal advice. Rental disputes often depend on the specific terms of the lease agreement and the facts of each case. When significant legal issues arise, consultation with a Philippine lawyer is advisable.

Raising Confident Yet Respectful and... (From P.7)

The truly humble child does not constantly ask, “How can I shine?”

Instead, the humble child begins asking, “How can I help?”

Let Them Fail Safely

One of the hardest responsibilities of parenting is allowing children to experience disappointment.

We naturally want to rescue them.

We want to solve every problem, remove every obstacle, and soften every consequence.

But children who never fail rarely develop resilience. Failure teaches perseverance.

Losing teaches sportsmanship.

Making mistakes teaches wisdom.

Apologizing teaches responsibility.

The goal is not to prevent every fall but to help them learn how to get back up.

When children discover that failure is not the end of the story, they become both stronger and more compassionate toward others who struggle.

Teach Gratitude Before Entitlement

Children naturally ask for more.

More toys.

More screen time.

More privileges.

Gratitude, however, must be intentionally cultivated.

Simple family habits can shape grateful hearts.

Praying before meals.

Writing thank-you notes.

Serving others together.

Giving to those in need.

Talking about blessings instead of complaints.

Grateful children eventually become generous

adults because they understand that what they have is something to appreciate, not something to take for granted.

Correct Behavior Without Attacking Identity

Discipline should shape character, not damage self-worth.

There is a significant difference between saying, “You made a poor choice,” and saying, “You’re a bad child.”

Children need correction.

They also need reassurance that mistakes do not define them.

When discipline is rooted in love, children learn accountability without shame.

They begin to understand that while actions have consequences, they are never beyond forgiveness or growth.

Model the Character You Want to See

Perhaps the greatest lesson parenting has taught me is this:

Children notice everything.

They notice how we treat our spouse.

How we speak to waiters.

How we respond when frustrated.

Whether we admit our mistakes.

Whether we apologize.

Whether we keep our promises.

We cannot consistently teach humility while living proudly.

We cannot teach respect while speaking disrespectfully.

We cannot expect confident children if we constantly criticize them or ourselves.

Our lives will always be louder than our words.

A Christian Parent’s Perspective

As Christians, our ultimate goal is not merely to raise successful children but faithful ones.

Scripture presents a beautiful balance between confidence and humility.

Children should know that they are wonderfully made in the image of God and deeply loved by Him. This gives them confidence.

At the same time, they should remember that every good gift comes from God and that greatness is measured not by status but by service. This cultivates humility.

Jesus Himself embodied both qualities perfectly. He possessed complete authority, yet He washed His disciples’ feet. He spoke with confidence, yet He lived with perfect humility. He welcomed children, showed compassion to the weak, confronted injustice with courage, and loved without condition.

If our children become more like Christ, we will have succeeded far beyond what any report card, trophy, or résumé could ever measure.

The Legacy That Matters Most

Years from now, my children may forget the toys I bought, the vacations we took, or even many of the lessons I tried to teach.

But I hope they remember this:

That they are loved.

That every person deserves respect.

That humility is strength, not weakness.

That confidence is rooted in character, not popularity.

And that the greatest people are not those who seek to be served, but those who gladly serve others.

If they carry these truths into adulthood, I will consider my role as a parent richly blessed.

TSP SHOWBIZ ROUND-UP

JOBERT SUCALDITO
PASSES AWAY



OOTD Jobert and Chaps Channel
Sa aming mga minamahal na manonood at tagasuporta,

Lubos po naming ipinapaalam na ang aming pinakamamahal na Nanay Jobert Sucaldito ay mapayapang pumanaw ngayong Agosto 2, 2026.

Maraming salamat sa inyong walang sawang pagmamahal, suporta, panalangin, at pagtangkik sa kanya sa paglipas ng mga taon. Ang kanyang mga alaala, kabutihan, at mga naiwan niyang kwento ay mananatiling buhay sa aming mga puso.

Hinihiling po namin ang inyong panalangin para sa kanyang walang hanggang kapahingahan at para sa aming pamilya sa panahong ito ng matinding pagdadalamhati.

Paalam, Nanay Jobert. Hanggang sa muli.

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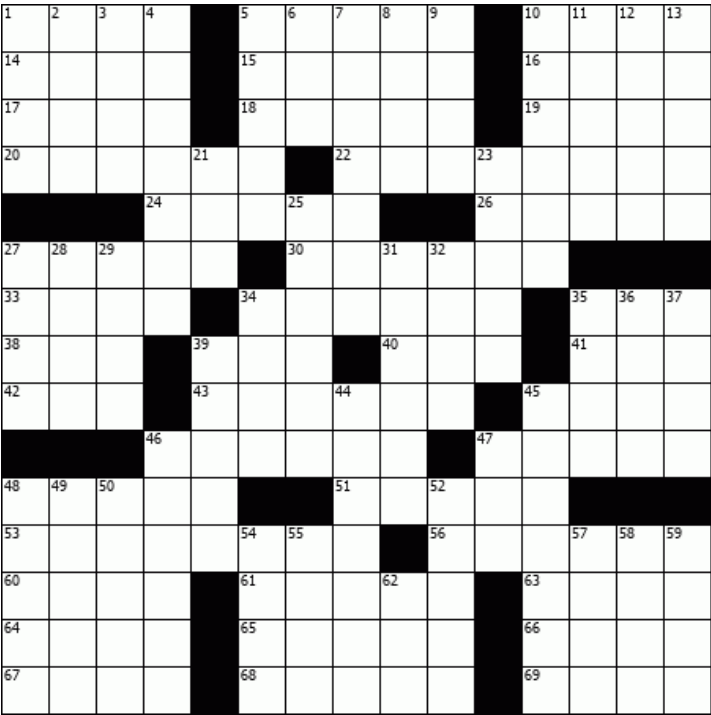
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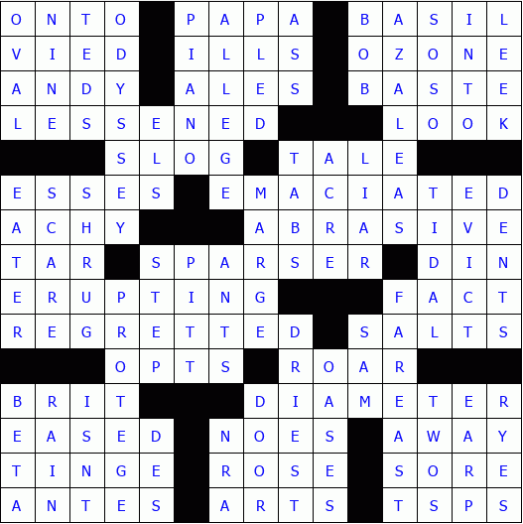
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Magnolia blasts Ginebra; ROS notches 4th straight win



(PBA Images)

MANILA – Magnolia turned what was expected to be a close fight into a statement rout, pulling off an 88-73 victory over Barangay Ginebra in the PBA Season 50 Governors' Cup Group B eliminations at Smart Araneta Coliseum in Quezon City on Sunday.

Knowing the Gin Kings would make them bleed for every point, Magnolia coach LA Tenorio told his Hotshots to return the favor: Make Ginebra work for everything.

After a tight 25-24 opening quarter, the Hotshots dominated the second, anchored on a Xavier Lucero barrage to build a 53-43 halftime lead they would never relinquish. The lead ballooned to as many as 20 in the second half.

After an alarming 1-3 start to the conference, Magnolia caught up with its rival at 2-3, but is still chasing pacesetters Phoenix (4-1) and first-game winner Rain Or Shine (4-2).

Tenorio, a longtime Ginebra floor general, is now 2-1 against his former ballclub since taking over the Magnolia bench.

Lucero, who poured in 22 of his game-high 24 points in the first half, got plenty of help from import KJ Buffen, who muscled his way to 23 points, and veteran Ian Sangalang who added 16.

The usually explosive Ginebra offense was held to 73 points -- its lowest output in the conference. Stephen Holt led the Gin Kings with 17 points, while import Lewis Grigsby was held to just 15.

In the first game, Rain Or Shine beat Meralco in its own defensive game, 85-83, for its fourth straight win.

Import Aaron Fuller made up for an otherwise error-filled game by

notching eight of his game-high 25 points in the fourth period, which he capped with a layup for the go-ahead basket, still 38 ticks left.

The Bolts had the chance to send the game into overtime when Adrian Nocum committed a penalty foul on Bong Quinto, just 2.5 seconds left. But Quinto muffed his first charity and intentionally missed his second with the hope his team would snare the offensive board.

Instead, Fuller hauled down his 13th rebound, sealing the Elasto Painters' victory.

"Ito siguro ang isa sa pinakamasmang laro namin (It was one of our worst games), but we found ways in the endgame to carve out a win," coach Yeng Guiao said after the match that saw his side make only five tries from beyond both arcs and miss 14 free throws.

Rain Or Shine, however, clamped up on defense the most in the fourth period, where it forced Meralco to 3-of-19 field shooting and to commit eight of its total 15 turnovers.

"So it's not really a nice game to watch: Low scoring, maraming mga (lots of) messy plays," Guiao said, although still thankful that they limited the Bolts to 36 percent from the field.

The loss was Meralco's third straight, dropping it to 2-4.

The Bolts played minus the injured CJ Cansino and Raymond Almazan, as well as Jason Brickman, who was key in their 122-114 win over the E-Painters the first time they met July 18.

Chris Newsome notched 16 points, Antonio Hester 15 points and 13 boards, Javee Mocon had his own double-double of 14 points and 10 rebounds, and Cliff Hodge also tallied 14 points. (PNA)

PH, Timor-Leste forge new path in sports cooperation

COLLABORATION. Philippine Sports Commission Chair John Patrick Gregorio (right) meets with Timor-Leste Ambassador to the Philippines Marciano Octavio Garcia Da Silva at the PSC Villa inside the Philsports Complex recently. The PSC invited Timor-Leste to join the 2027 Tour of Luzon and the first Mindanao Youth Games in Tubod, Lanao del Norte. (PSC photo)



MANILA – The Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) has invited Timor-Leste to join next year's Tour of Luzon and the first Mindanao Youth Games in Lanao del Norte.

PSC Chair John Patrick Gregorio made the invitation during the meeting with Timor-Leste Ambassador to the Philippines Marciano Octavio Garcia Da Silva at Philsports Complex in Pasig City recently.

The Mindanao Youth Games in Tubod will feature 10 sports for athletes aged 8 to 18 March 17 to 21, 2027.

"This is more than just competition. It is about building bridges, discovering talent and using sports as a platform for peace and development," Gregorio said in a news release Saturday. "Timor-Leste's participation will enrich the Games and strengthen our ties as ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) neighbors."

The multi-stage Tour of Luzon, founded in 1955, draws parallels with Tour de Timor, an international mountain bike race that started in 2009.

"Sports is a universal language. By joining these events, Timor-Leste and the Philippines are not only competing

but also sharing culture, friendship, and mutual respect," Da Silva said.

Beyond competitions, the PSC is exploring collaboration programs with Timor-Leste in arnis, the Philippines' national martial art, and football, Timor-Leste's most popular sport.

Proposed initiatives include coaching exchanges, technical training and grassroots development programs.

"Arnis represents our heritage, while football is deeply rooted in Timorese culture. By sharing expertise, we can learn from each other and elevate both sports across our nations," Gregorio said.

The PSC is coordinat-

ing with the Department of Foreign Affairs to pursue a memorandum of understanding (MOU) on Sports Cooperation between the Philippines and Timor-Leste.

The proposed MOU would cover community-based sports programs, healthy lifestyles, grassroots management, governance and athlete development.

"This agreement will institutionalize our cooperation. It will ensure continuity, sustainability, and shared growth in sports development," Gregorio said.

The meeting also highlighted sports tourism as a platform for cultural exchange and economic growth. Both sides agreed that hosting events and sharing best practices can stimulate local economies while strengthening people-to-people ties.

Timor-Leste became the ASEAN's 11th full member on Oct. 26, 2025.

"As we prepare for our ASEAN Chairmanship in 2029, partnerships like this with the Philippines will help us showcase our identity and strengthen our role in the region," Da Silva said. (PNA)

PH, TAIWANESE PAIRS KEEP HILADO CROWNS; KOREAN RETAINS SINGLES TITLE

MANILA – Stefi Marithe Aludo and Louraine Jallorina downed Koreans Lee Yerin and Park Seojin, 6-3, 6-2, Sunday in the girls' doubles final of the Oscar J. Hilado J60 World Tennis Championship Week 2 at Rizal Memorial Tennis Center in Manila.

It was the second doubles title for the Filipino duo after beating Ai Sin Huang of Chinese Taipei and Han Frida Siu of Hong Kong, 6-1, 6-1, in the first leg last week.

Meanwhile, Lee repeated against Aludo, 6-3, 6-1, to secure her second singles title in the event offering World Tennis (formerly International Tennis Federation) points.

Lee scored a 6-3, 6-0 victory over Aludo in the first round finals last week.

In the boys' division, Chinese No. 2 seed Huang Jian defeated Indian No. 4 seed Yashwin Dahiya, 6-3, 6-0, to pocket the singles title.

Second seeds Weibo Huang and Bing-Huan Tsai of Chinese Taipei won the doubles after prevailing over second seeds Huang and Dahiya, 3-6, 6-2, 10-6.

The Taiwanese pair also bagged the first leg crown over local tandem John Kendrick Bona and Stephen Yu Fuertes, 5-7, 7-5, 10-5.

Now on its 18th edition, the annual tournament's past champions include Alexandra Eala, Francis Casey Alcantara, John Bryan Otico, Arthur Craig Pantino, Khim Iglupas and Tennielle Madis. (PNA)



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