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TULFO QUESTIONS WHY OVP CONFIDENTIAL FUND RED FLAGS WENT UNCHECKED

MANILA – Senator-judge Raffy Tulfo on Monday questioned why apparent red flags in the Office of the Vice President (OVP) confidential fund records did not prompt its former special disbursing officer (SDO) to withhold transactions or seek further verification.

During the 17th day of Vice President Sara Duterte's impeachment trial, Tulfo pressed former OVP SDO Gina Acosta over acknowledgement receipts bearing unusual aliases and, in some instances, different names carrying the same signature.

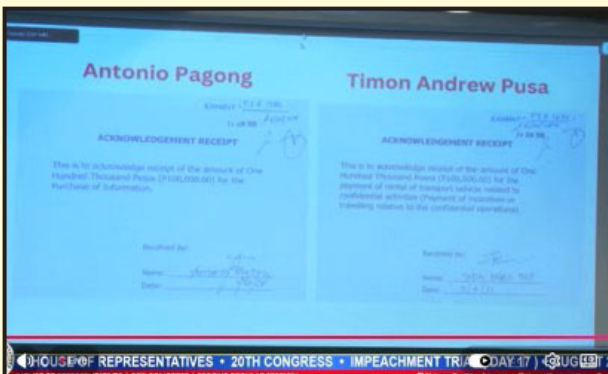
Receipts presented during the hearing showed Antonio Pagong purportedly receiving PHP100,000 for the purchase of information; Timon Andrew Pusa receiving PHP100,000 for the rental of a transport vehicle; Don Piang receiving PHP250,000 for transport rental; Shane Ngitngit for PHP150,000; and Xuniso P. Belat for PHP100,000.

"Kasi sa isang normal na tao, kapag siya'y binigyan bilang isang SDO tulad sa inyo, ng listahang pangalan ng mga informants na Belat, Pagong, at Pusa, papalag ka. Ano ba 'to, Colonel? Mukhang hindi ata tama 'to, bastusan na 'to. Hindi po ba (Because for a normal person, if you were given, as an SDO like you, a list of informants named Belat, Pagong and Pusa, you would object. What is this, Colonel? This does not seem right. Isn't that so?)" Tulfo asked.

Acosta acknowledged that the names would cause surprise but said she relied on documents submitted by then-OVP security officer Col. Raymund Dante Lachica. Tulfo then raised another record showing several informant names with what he described as the same signature, asking whether this should have prompted further scrutiny.

Acosta said she asked Lachica about the matter, but he told her the information was "sensitive and confidential."

"Pina-reply ko po yun, si Col Lachica, Your Honor. At ang sagot naman niya sa akin, Ma'am Gina, those are sensitive information, Ma'am Gina. At saka, confidential in nature po yun (I asked Col. Lachica about that,



RED FLAGS. Acknowledgement receipts bearing unusual names are presented during the 17th day of the impeachment trial of Vice President Sara Duterte on Monday (Aug. 24, 2026).

Your Honor. And his answer to me was, 'Ma'am Gina, those are sensitive information.' And those were confidential in nature)," she said.

Tulfo asked whether Acosta simply accepted Lachica's explanation despite the repeated signature appearing under different names.

Acosta said she relied on Lachica because he was the official tasked to implement confidential activities on the ground.

"Kasi siya po ang nag-implement sa mga confidential activities, Your Honor, on the grounds. Siya po ang inatasan na mag-implement. Siya po ang implementor po, Your Honor (Because he was the one who implemented the confidential activities, Your Honor, on the ground. He was tasked to implement them. He was the implementor, Your Honor)," she said.

Tulfo criticized what he described as Acosta's "blind loyalty," arguing that an accountable officer should have questioned irregular-looking records rather than merely defer to a superior's explanation.

Earlier in the trial, Acosta also testified that she had encountered aliases such as Mary Grace Piattos, Chippy McDonald, Pusa and Pagong, and maintained that these referred to real people, but these were not their true names. (PNA)

~ SOUL FOOD ~

*"I love the Lord, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy.
Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live"*

- Psalm 116:1-2 -



Metro Manila does not face a garbage crisis but a crisis in improper waste disposal, Executive Secretary Ralph Recto said as he called for a “culture of discipline” to prevent trash from clogging waterways and worsening floods.

Recto made the assessment after leading a meeting of key government agencies and local government representatives on Aug. 20 to accelerate clearing operations and pursue longer-term solutions to garbage and flooding.

“Lumalabas sa aming pagpupulong na walang garbage crisis sa Metro Manila, pero may krisis sa hindi wastong pagtatapon ng basura,” Recto said.

He said the government must stop garbage while it is still within communities, stressing that national agencies and local governments need the participation of residents.

“The message of the President is clear: isa itong suliranin na kailangan ng whole-of-society approach, kasama ang ating mga mamamayan,” he added.

Recto warned that improperly discarded waste is carried from streets and drainage systems into rivers and other waterways during heavy rains.

“Kapag ginawang basurahan ang kanal at mga kalye, nagiging expressway ng basura ang mga ilog pagbuhos ng malakas na ulan. Walang toll gate ang kalat, kaya tuloy-tuloy ang biyahe hanggang Manila Bay o sa mas malaking waterways natin.”

He called for wider observance of proper waste segregation and disposal.

“Kailangan nating magkaroon ng malawakang pagpapalaganap ng kultura ng disiplina. Sabi nga natin dati, ang basurang itina-pon mo nang

The government is also strengthening garbage collection, hauling and disposal systems, including the use of trash traps in waterways and the deployment of Estero Rangers and Environmental Monitoring Officers.

Other measures include the expansion of the Adopt-an-Estero Program and Bayanihan sa Estero or TUPAD initiative, procurement of solid waste management equipment for 16 local government units, and the proposed Cleanest Barangay Program.

The government is also studying the possible allocation of a portion of local governments’ National Tax Allotment for solid waste management projects.

Recto said pumping stations must remain operational and logistics strengthened to ensure faster collection, hauling and proper disposal of garbage.

“Ang Manila Bay ay hindi inidoro ng plastic,” he said.

Recto said Filipinos should show the same discipline in waste management at home that they observe when abroad.

“Hindi mahirap gawin ito dahil kapag nasa ibang bansa ang Pilipino, marunong tayong sumunod sa batas: sa oras ng koleksyon ng basura, sa pag-segregate at sa pagtatapon sa tamang lugar. May disiplina naman tayo, sana’y lalong ipamalas pag nasa sariling bayan,” he said.

The meeting was attended by Environment Secretary Juan Miguel Cuna, Human Settlements Secretary Jose Ramon Aliling, Public Works Undersecretary Charles Calima Jr. and MMDA Chairperson Romando Artes, as well as representatives of concerned agencies and local government leagues. **(By PTV NEWS-DAC)**

hindi wasto, babalik din sa iyo,” Recto said.

Key interventions

Under the Department of Public Works and Highways’ (DPWH) Oplan Kontra Baha, clearing, declogging and desilting operations are continuing in coordination with the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) and local government units.

PNP ORDERS CRACKDOWN, AIRTIGHT CASES VS ELECTRICITY THIEVES



PNA photo by Yancy Lim

MANILA – The Philippine National Police (PNP) has mobilized its nationwide commanders to build airtight cases against electricity thieves and facility pilferers to guarantee higher conviction rates in court.

Violators caught stealing electricity or vandalizing power infrastructure will face charges under Republic Act No. 7832, also known as the Anti-Electricity and Electric Transmission Lines/Materials Pilferage Act.

PNP chief Gen. Jose Melencio Nartatez Jr. said the campaign mirrors strategies used for focus crimes, aiming to deter future offenders by working closely with the Department of Justice to build strong cases that secure convictions.

“The certainty of arrest and punishment is also a strong crime prevention measure because it sends a strong message that the rule of law always prevails. This is what we in the PNP are also focusing on matters pertaining to theft and pilferage of electricity,” Nartatez said in a news release.

The PNP chief said protecting power distribution is vital to national security and the economy, warning that any disruption heavily impacts households, schools, and small businesses.

The intensified crackdown follows a recent agreement signed between the PNP and a major electric company to enhance coordination, information sharing and joint law enforcement efforts.

“Protecting power distribution and other critical infrastructures is part of the PNP mandate, we will make sure that this mandate is observed down to the municipal and city levels,” Nartatez added. **(Christopher Lloyd Calivan/PNA)**

AFP to China: ‘We will never abandon’ BRP Sierra Madre

The Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) rejected the Chinese Embassy’s latest claims regarding the BRP Sierra Madre at Ayungin Shoal, saying no binding commitment was made to remove the grounded Philippine Navy vessel from the disputed feature.

In a statement Saturday, AFP Spokesperson Rear Admiral Roy Vincent Trinidad (Ret.) said Beijing was attempting to “re-

write history” while overlooking what the military described as China’s own record of deceptive narratives in the West Philippine Sea.

Trinidad said, “The AFP rejects the recent statement from the Chinese Embassy in Manila attempting to rewrite history regarding the presence of the BRP Sierra Madre at Ayungin Shoal.”

He pointed to China’s occupation of Panganiban Reef, in-

ternationally known as Mischief Reef, in 1995.

China had initially described structures built on the feature as shelters for fishermen and said they had no military purpose, Trinidad said.

The structures have since been transformed into a large military installation with an airstrip, radar facilities and naval infrastructure.

He added, “Mischief Reef stands as a permanent, concrete

monument to their deceptive strategy in the West Philippine Sea.”

Trinidad maintained that the presence of the BRP Sierra Madre at Ayungin Shoal is a lawful sovereign deployment.

The Philippine Navy deliberately grounded the World War II-era landing ship on Ayungin Shoal in 1999 to serve as a military outpost.

China has repeatedly demanded the removal of the vessel

and claimed the Philippines had made commitments to do so, an assertion Manila has consistently denied.

“No binding commitment was made to remove the BRP Sierra Madre from Ayungin Shoal,” Trinidad said.

He cited the 2016 arbitral award, which ruled that Ayungin Shoal is a low-tide elevation within the Philippines’ exclusive economic zone.

The arbitral tribunal also ruled that China’s

sweeping claims to historic rights within the nine-dash line have no legal basis under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS).

“The AFP remains firm in executing its mandate to protect Philippine national sovereignty, uphold international law, and maintain our presence on Ayungin Shoal,” Trinidad said.

“We will never abandon BRP Sierra Madre.” **(By PTV NEWS-DAC)**

Job-related injuries during bad weather entitled to compensation —DOLE

The Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) on Friday reminded workers that those who suffer job-related injuries amid bad weather may avail of benefits and support services under the Employees' Compensation (EC) program.

Created under Presidential Decree No. 626 in 1974, the EC program provides financial, medical, and rehabilitation benefits to public and private-sector employees and/or their dependents, as well as self-employed workers, in the event of work-related sickness, injury, disability, or death.

In a DOLE news release, Employees' Compensation Commission (ECC) Executive Director Atty. Kaima Via Velasquez said that the compensation program extends beyond the workplace, noting that certain accidents that occur while workers are traveling to and from work may also be covered.

"Papunta sa traba-

ho at pauwi galing sa trabaho, covered na po ng Employees' Compensation Program," Velasquez said, citing as an example a worker who slips on a wet road while on the way to work or falls into an open manhole.

According to the ECC, qualified private-sector employees may avail of income replacement, a form of financial assistance that serves as a substitute salary for workers who are temporarily unable to report for duty due to job-related accidents or sickness.

Employees may also receive medical reimbursement of up to 60% of treatment and consultation expenses, provided that they present necessary hospital and medical receipts when processing their claims.

Private-sector employees may file EC claims through the Social Security System (SSS), while government workers seeking benefits may coordinate with their local



WEATHER HAZARDS. Pedestrians armed with umbrellas deal with intermittent rains in Pasay City on Aug. 4, 2026. The Department of Labor and Employment on Friday (Aug. 21) reminded workers who suffer injuries due to adverse weather conditions may be eligible for benefits and support services under the Employees' Compensation program. (Photo courtesy: Avito Dalan / PNA)

Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) office.

Self-employed workers, on the other hand, must submit their EC claims themselves through the SSS app.

Meanwhile, those who sustained injuries off-site or during commute have to submit valid documentation of the incident to the SSS or GSIS to establish their eligibility for benefits.

DOLE earlier issued an advisory stating that private-sector workers who refuse or fail to re-

port for work because of adverse weather conditions and similar events should not be subjected to any administrative sanctions.

The reiteration of the EC program and the updated advisory on the suspension of work in the private sector during weather disturbances form part of the Marcos Jr. administration's continuing efforts to prioritize the welfare and protection of Filipino workers, especially during emergencies and other disruptive events. **(By PTV NEWS - BJLC)**

DSWD delivers P1.09-B worth of aid to calamity-affected families

The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) continues to extend relief assistance to communities affected by the combined effects of the enhanced southwest monsoon and tropical cyclones Luis, Maymay, and Neneng.

Based on the 6:00 a.m. Disaster Response Operations Management, Information and Communication (DROMIC) report on Saturday, the DSWD has distributed 1.66 million family food packs (FFPs), 13,864 non-food items (NFIs), 22,993 ready-to-eat food (RTEF) items, and P2.76 million in financial aid to affected communities.

To sustain relief operations across affected regions, the DSWD maintains a strategic stockpile of 3.79 million FFPs, 275,983 NFIs, and 315,172 RTEF items

prepositioned in warehouses nationwide.

"Patuloy ang DSWD sa pakikipag-ugnayan sa mga lokal na pamahalaan para matukoy ang mga kinakailangang tulong at agad na maipadala ang mga karagdagang relief supplies," Assistant Secretary Irene Dumlao of the DSWD's Disaster Response Management Group said in a news release.

In line with President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.'s directive to ensure uninterrupted humanitarian aid during disasters through the Buong Bansa Handa (BBH) program, the DSWD remains on high alert to support displaced populations.

The total number of affected families stands at 2,128,890, as validated by local government units.

About 11,630 families, or 39,978 persons, are currently staying in



Department of Social Welfare and Development's (DSWD) food and non-food items and family kits lined up for distribution to flood-hit families in Calumpit, Bulacan on Aug. 20, 2026. (Photo courtesy: DSWD)

530 open evacuation centers.

Meanwhile, 19,834 displaced families, or 78,990 persons, staying outside evacuation centers continue to receive relief support from the DSWD.

Asec. Dumlao said the DSWD is committed to maintaining close monitoring and rapid resource mobilization until all affected families are fully recovered and returned to their homes.

"Sa ilalim ng ating

Buong Bansa Handa initiative, kami po sa DSWD ay ready all-year-round upang agad na makapag-abot ng kinakailangang tulong at relief augmentation support sa ating mga kababayan. Patuloy din tayong nagmomonitor at naghahanda para sa bagyo na maaaring pumasok at makaapekto sa ating bansa," she said.

Meanwhile, the Office of Civil Defense (OCD) said at least 29 individuals were re-

Logistics pact to boost provision of supplies, services between PH, Japan forces —DND



DEFENSE COOPERATION. Philippine Army and Japan Ground Self Defense Force soldiers huddle during the SALAKNIB Phase 2 of the Joint Pacific Readiness Center Exportable (JPMRC-X) Exercise at Fort Magsaysay, Nueva Ecija on May 13, 2026. The Department of National Defense on Saturday (Aug. 22) welcomed the entry into force of the Acquisition and Cross-Servicing Agreement (ACSA) between the Philippines and Japan, allowing for mutual logistics support between the two nations. (Photo courtesy: Philippine Army)

The Philippines and Japan's defense ties continue to deepen as the Acquisition and Cross-Servicing Agreement (ACSA) entered into force Saturday, establishing a framework for the reciprocal provision of supplies and services between the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and the Japan Self-Defense Forces (JSDF).

Signed in Manila last Jan. 15 followed by the exchange of diplomatic notes on July 23, the ACSA is intended to boost military interoperability and readiness between the two nations' armed forces.

The agreement was inked by Philippine Foreign Affairs Secretary Ma. Theresa Lazaro and Japanese Foreign Minister Motegi Toshimitsu.

ACSA enables the AFP and JSDF to exchange logistical support—such as fuel, food, transportation, medical services, and spare parts—during joint exercises, training, peacekeeping missions, or humanitarian operations.

In a statement, the Department of National Defense welcomed the entry into force of the ACSA, noting its "great impact" on bilateral activities and other mutually agreed engagements.

"This agreement also demonstrates the practical application of our comprehensive strategic partnership with Japan, characterized by mutual trust and our aspiration for a free and open Indo-Pacific region," the DND said.

Aside from the ACSA, the Philippines and Japan also entered into force their Reciprocal Access Agreement (RAA) in September 2025, streamlining procedures for the deployment of forces in each other's territories for cooperative activities.

Manila and Tokyo marked the 70th anniversary of the normalization of their diplomatic relations this year, which also saw the formal elevation of their bilateral ties to a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership during President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.'s state visit to Japan last May. **(By PTV NEWS - BJLC)**

ported killed due to landslides, rockslides, fallen trees, drowning, strong currents, and electrocution.

Of this number, 15 were recorded in Benguet, four in Rizal, four in Batangas, one each in Quezon, Puerto Galera, Cadiz in Negros Occidental, and La Union, and two in Calocan City.

The OCD said 19

individuals were also injured either from landslides, fallen trees, strong currents, or vehicular accidents.

The tropical cyclones and southwest monsoon had incurred damage estimated at PHP4.7 billion to infrastructure and P1.7 billion to agriculture. **(With a report from Joyce Ann Rocamora/PNA)**

DOH ramps up readiness for leptospirosis surge at San Lazaro Hospital



MANILA — The Department of Health (DOH) is enhancing its preparedness for a potential increase in leptospirosis cases, which may arise due to the flooding in many parts of Metro Manila and other parts of the country caused by the intense rainfall from the southwest monsoon in recent days.

Health Secretary Edwin Mercado visited the San Lazaro Hospital in Manila to ensure readiness of the hospital for the possible increase in leptospirosis cases following the rains and floods.

President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. earlier instructed the DOH to keep an eye on potential cases of leptospirosis and dengue, along with other illnesses, and to take prompt action to mitigate their spread and escalation.

According to Mercado, the Leptospirosis Express Lane has been activated for rapid treatment,

while the following are available at the DOH-San Lazaro Hospital.

- Leptospirosis Rapid Diagnostic Tests
- Medicines to include antibiotic
- Hemodialysis Units for moderate to severe cases

He also said DOH hospitals are prepared to ensure that surge capacity beds are available in anticipation of a potential rise in leptospirosis cases across the nation.

The DOH also reminds the public that consultations at their nearest DOH Health Facility and YAKAP Clinics are free.

The public is encouraged to adhere to the doctor’s recommendations regarding proper medication intake, particularly if they have been exposed to floodwaters, regardless of whether they are showing symptoms or not. **(JEG/PIA-NCR) (Photos courtesy of DOH)**

DepEd boosts partnerships to ensure safe, supportive learning spaces



Keeping Every Learner Safe: A Shared Responsibility

PASIG CITY — The Department of Education (DepEd) is actively enhancing its collaboration with various agencies and partners to guarantee a secure and nurturing learning environment, reflecting President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.’s emphasis on the crucial role of all sectors in safeguarding the youth.

Education Secretary Sonny Angara discussed with President Marcos Jr. the department’s steps to further strengthen school safety and preparedness in dealing with threats to the security of our youth.

“Checking in on our learners is an inherent strength of our educators, lalo na ang ating mga class adviser na nakakasalamuha nila araw-araw. Following President Bongbong Marcos’ mandate, we must ensure that our

teachers truly know their learners, that do not just teach, but also actively check on their learners’ well-being,” said Angara.

On strengthening prevention and preparation in schools, DepEd noted the need to increase school surveillance like installation of CCTVs and provision of metal detectors.

The conduct of national and localized school drills and classroom-based discussions on child protection are also highly encouraged.

In line with this, a Nationwide School Safety Drill is set on August 25 as part of DepEd’s continued strengthening of safety and preparedness in schools which also aligns with the directive of President Marcos Jr. for safer learning environments.

Students are also encouraged to actively participate in school clubs and organizations, while parents or guardians are advised to participate in the Parent Engagement Program led by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD).

To further protect and support learners, the Learners TeleSafe Contact Center Helpline is ready to listen, support, and assist learners and par-

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OFFICE OF THE EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF
CALOOCAN CITY – METRO MANILA

LAND BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES,
Mortgagee/Petitioner,

-versus-

SPS. ZENaida & JOSE I. CANDELARIO, THELMA I. CANDELARIO and RHETT G. IBABAO,
Mortgagors
X ----- X

EJF No. 10833 (2026)
(TCT No. C-21048-)
Extra-judicial Foreclosure of Real Estate Mortgage Under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118

NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed by **LAND BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES**, mortgagee/petitioner, with principal office at **Land Bank Plaza, 1598 M.H. Del Pilar, corner Dr. J. Quintos Street, Malate, Manila**, against **SPS. ZENaida & JOSE I. CANDELARIO, THELMA I. CANDELARIO**, mortgagors, with residence address at **209 F. Carillo St., Barangay Poblacion, Numancia, Aklan / Lot 1 Blk. 39 PHHC 1 Subd., Brgy. 174, Camarin, Caloocan City, Metro Manila**, and **RHETT G. IBABAO**, mortgagor, with residence address at **Brgy. Tigaygon, Kalibo, Aklan**, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of **April 15, 2026** amounts to **FOURTEEN MILLION FOUR HUNDRED THIRTEEN THOUSAND SIXTY SEVEN PESOS and 78/100 (Php14,413,067.78)** including/excluding penalties, interest, attorney’s fees plus sheriff’s fees and all other necessary expenses of Foreclosure and Sale, the undersigned Sheriff hereby gives notice to all interested parties and to the public in general that on **OCTOBER 7, 2026** at ten o’clock in the morning (10:00 am) or soon thereafter, in front of the main entrance of Judicial Complex located at 10th Avenue, Poblacion, Caloocan City, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the real estate property/ies with all the improvements existing thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. **C-21048-**

A parcel of land (Lot 1 Block 39 of the consolidation subdivision plan Pcs-5914 being a portion of the consolidated Lots 849 (Now) 850, 852 (Now) 853 and 1184 Tala Estate; C.L.R.O. Rec. No. 6563) situated in Camarin, Caloocan City. Bounded on the SW., along line 1-2, by Lot 12, Block 39; on the NW., along line 2-3 by Road Lot 13; on the N., & NE., along lines 3-4-5, by Road Lot 5, and on the SE., along line 5-1, by Lot 2, Block 39; all of the consolidation subdivision plan. x x x containing an area of TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY THREE SQUARE METERS AND FIFTY SQUARE DECIMETERS (283.50) x x x

Prospective buyers or bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title to the said property/ies and encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **OCTOBER 14, 2026** at the same time and place without further notice.

Caloocan City. August 7, 2026.

For the Ex-Officio Sheriff:

(Sgd.)
EMMANUEL N. GARCIA
Sheriff-In-Charge

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Direktang nakaugnay ang TeleSafe sa National Center for Mental Health (NCMH) para sa mga nangangailangan ng agarang propesyonal na tulong.

Kung may agarang panganib sa buhay o kaligtasan, tumawag agad sa 911.

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Meanwhile, DepEd also further strengthens coordination with the Philippine National Police (PNP) and local authorities for the security of learners. **(JEG/PIA-NCR) (Photos courtesy of DepEd)**

programs in school together with the Department of Health (DOH), the DSWD, and guidance counselor associations. The program aims to empower youth to be more active partners in reaching out, listening, and understanding their fellow students to create a safer, more caring, and supportive school environment.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION

Notice is hereby given that **OVERTURE MNL-SVS INC.** (the “Corporation”), a corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, with registered office at **6795 Level 40 PBCOM Tower, Ayala Ave. Cor. V.A. Rufino St., Bel-Air, Makati City, 1226, Philippines**, has shortened its corporate term and is in the process of closing its business and dissolving the Corporation effective **14 August 2026**, subject to the approval of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the completion of the necessary requirements with all relevant government authorities.

The foregoing action was approved by the Corporation’s Board of Directors and Stockholders at their Joint Meeting held on **4 May 2026**, pursuant to which the Corporation was authorized to amend its Articles of Incorporation to provide that its corporate term shall be until **14 August 2026**, and to undertake all necessary acts for its closure and dissolution.

This announcement serves as notice to all concerned of the business closure and dissolution of the Corporation.

(Sgd.)
JEFFREY UMALI INANDAN
President

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MPBW restores 30 million-liter daily output at SJDM water plant amid ongoing system rehabilitation



MPBW personnel conduct maintenance and cleaning of the raw water tank at Water Treatment Plant 2, removing accumulated sludge to improve water flow through the facility's filters and help increase water production.

More than 400 leaks repaired in nine weeks as interim operator works on treatment facilities and distribution network.

Metro Pacific Water (MPW), operating in San Jose del Monte through Metro Pacific Bulacan Water (MPBW), has restored water production at Water Treatment Plant 2 (WTP2) to its 30 million liters per day (MLD) design capacity following the completion of raw water tank cleaning on August 7, 2026. The additional 10 MLD was fully restored by August 8, 2026, after accumulated sludge had significantly reduced the tank’s usable capacity.

WTP2, which was designed to produce 30 MLD but is currently being operated at levels reaching 40 MLD, saw treated water produc-

tion decline to around 20 MLD amid accumulated sludge and maintenance issues. Following the cleaning works, MPBW restored production to as much as 30 MLD, recovering 10 MLD of treated water capacity for distribution to approximately 10,000 households in the higher-elavation areas of Mulawin, Guijo, Yakal, Narra, Poblacion, Poblacion 1, Sto. Cristo, Minuyan 1, Minuyan 2, Minuyan 3, Minuyan 4, and Minuyan 5.

“This is an important improvement, but it also shows the scale of the work ahead of us. We cannot solve San Jose del Monte’s water problems overnight. Years of stopgap measures and deferred maintenance contributed to the condition of the system we inherited. We need to reha-

bilitate the treatment plants while simultaneously fixing the distribution network so that the water we produce can actually reach San Joseños,” said Engr. Roldan Pineda, Chief Operating Officer of MPBW.

The raw water tank had last been cleaned in December 2024, before MPBW began interim operations in June 2026. Facilities of this type are recommended to be cleaned at least twice a year to prevent sludge buildup from reducing their storage and treatment capacity. MPBW is also addressing treatment constraints caused by increasingly challenging raw water conditions from Angat Dam. High levels of turbidity and manganese require additional treatment and operational adjustments because the existing plants were not originally designed to handle these conditions at current levels.

“We learned that in the past that the previous operator would simply stop the production when raw water conditions became difficult. Our approach is to keep the plant operating safely and consistently by improving treatment processes and rehabilitating critical equipment. The goal is not simply to pro-

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PHILIPPINE NATIONAL BANK,
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MORTGAGEE OF PNB SAVINGS
BANK,

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REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER
ACT 3135, AS AMENDED BY ACT 4118

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AND LOUIE FRANCIS C. EUSEBIO,
Mortgagor/s.

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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 PHILIPPINE NATIONAL BANK, IN ITS CAPACITY AS ASSIGNEE- MORTGAGEE OF PNB SAVINGS BANK, with office/business/residence address at PNB Financial Center, Pres. Diosdado P. Macapagal Boulevard, Pasay City, Metro Manila, against the Mortgagor/s/Debtor/s SPS. FERDINAND C. EUSEBIO AND RUSSELYN C. EUSEBIO AND LOUIE FRANCIS C. EUSEBIO, with residence/postal/ office address at (1) Blk. 1, Lot 12, Banawe (Banaue) Street, Bermuda Country Subd., Brgy. Pamplona, Las Piñas City (2) Unit 1203 (With Balcony), 12th Floor 2, South Residences, Alabang Zapote Road, Brgy. Almanza Uno, Las Piñas City, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of May 31, 2026 amounts to Php1,521,849.74 including/excluding interests, penalties, charges, attorney’s fees and expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned OIC/Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Sheriff of the Regional Trial Court of Las Piñas City or any of the Deputy Sheriffs will sell at public auction on **September 29, 2026** at 10:00 a.m. or soon thereafter at the ground floor (main entrance) of the Hall of Justice of Las Piñas 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:

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“SOUTH RESIDENCES “
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Las Piñas City, this 31st day of July 2026.

(Sgd.)
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Officer-In-Charge

(Sgd.)
DON LYNWEN ARON L. RAMOS
Deputy Sheriff

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duce more water, but to make sure the water remains compliant and can be distributed reliably,” Engr. Pineda added. Despite recovering an additional 10 MLD, some areas in higher elevation may continue to experience low pressure or intermittent supply because the total water available to the system remains insufficient to meet over-all demand. When multiple communities draw water simultaneous-

ly, available pressure drops further, particularly in higher-elevation areas. “This is why treatment facilities, the distribution network and available water sources all have to be improved together. That rehabilitation takes time, but we are working on these areas simultaneously,” Engr. Pineda said. Alongside improvements at WTP2, MPBW has repaired more than 400 pipeline leaks in

nine weeks, reducing water losses from damaged lines and helping more of the available supply reach consumers. MPBW is also advancing the Phase I Tanawin Reservoir-to-Igay Reservoir Transmission Project, targeted for completion by December 2026, to strengthen water delivery capacity and improve supply reliability across the network. **(Metro Pacific Bulacan Water).**

RCWI Open House brings research, creative support closer to Ateneo community

Research, creative work, and innovation can only go so far without the right support to help move ideas from concept to impact.

To make that support easier to find and access, the Ateneo de Manila University Office of the Assistant Vice President for Research, Creative Work, and Innovation (OAVP RCWI) brought together researchers, writers, artists, students, and project teams for the RCWI Open House on 12 August 2026 at Faber Hall 101 and the Rizal Mini-Theater.

The all-day event brought together the RCWI's various sub-offices, including the Ateneo de Manila University Press, the Ateneo Intellectual Property Office (AIPO), and the University Research Integrity Office (URIO). It gave members of the Ateneo community a one-stop venue to learn about the University's services for research, creative work, publication, innovation, intellectual property, research integrity, and public communication.

Visitors could speak directly with staff and specialists at service booths and consultations, while a full program of practical mini-talks tackled concerns that researchers and creatives regularly encounter in their work. Sessions covered spotting predatory journals, conducting impact-driven research,



The RCWI lent an open ear to thoughts and inquiries on finding support for Ateneo researchers' scholarly output, creative work, innovations, and other initiatives. PHOTO: Danika Geronimo

design thinking, intellectual property, research ethics, publication and creative work awards, publishing with the Ateneo Press, National Research Council of the Philippines membership, research communication, and conference presentation grants.

The Open House also introduced participants to the Ateneo's scholarly journals and the people behind them. At the Journals Booth, visitors traced the journey of a manuscript from idea to publication, tested their knowledge of academic publishing, asked journal editors questions, and explored how Ateneo journals help researchers and authors share knowledge with wider audiences. Free journal copies, a book sale, games, and other activities helped make scholarly publishing and research support more approachable and easier to understand.

The Open House sought to connect members of the Uni-

versity directly with the people and resources that can help them develop stronger research, creative work, and innovations—and, ultimately, help bring these beyond the Ateneo.

By making these support systems more visible and accessible, the event helped advance the larger University goal of ensuring that Ateneo-generated knowledge does not remain within laboratories, classrooms, studios, and academic journals, but reaches the communities and audiences that can benefit the most from it.

Through initiatives such as the RCWI Open House, the Ateneo de Manila University continues to strengthen the ecosystem behind its researchers and creatives while helping more Ateneo ideas move from research and creation to publication, innovation, communication, and impact. **(Ateneo Research Communications)**

Makati Chemotherapy Center opens to provide Free Chemotherapy to its residents

Cancer continues to be a leading cause of illness and death nationwide. According to the Philippine Statistics Authority, Cancer ranked as the second leading cause of death in 2025, accounting for 58,656 deaths, or 11.5% of all recorded deaths from January to October 2025.

Makati Chemotherapy Center, a subsidiary of We Hope Medical Group, has opened at JM Bldg1 Gate 4 1069 Arthur St. to address the rising demand for Free Chemotherapy treatment for Filipinos in Makati City, allowing them to focus on their treatment journey without the financial burden. The launch of the center was attended by Dr. Bernard See OIC of Makati City Health, who expressed their gratitude to We Hope Medical Group for expanding its services in Makati City. The center is staffed by licensed oncology doctors, equipped with modern treatment facilities. Services include Consultation, laboratory diagnostics, Free chemotherapy sessions covered by PhilHealth, Cancer assistance fund, and other LGU programs. The Center is open from Monday to Friday 8am – 5pm.

Health advocates emphasize the urgent need for expanded oncology infrastructure in Metro Manila, including more cancer centers, trained specialists, and accessible diagnostic services. Early detection programs and community-based awareness campaigns are also critical to reducing mortality rates. Despite the passage of the National Integrated Cancer Control Act (NICCA), many patients continue to struggle with late diagnosis, limited access to specialized care, and high out-of-pocket expenses. Chemotherapy alone can cost up to Php120,000 per cycle, with total treatment reaching Php5 million or more, pushing families into debt, asset liquidation, or treatment abandonment. With thousands of patients delaying or abandoning treatment due to cost, We Hope Medical Group is here to operate specialized medical facilities and programs that make treatments accessible, affordable, and sustainable. Through strong partnerships with LGU's, National Government, and communities.



The organization's rapid growth reflects a deep commitment to public health innovation, community partnership, and sustainable healthcare delivery. By targeting 100 operational centers by year-end, We Hope Medical Group is setting a new national standard—one where compassion meets innovation, and where healthcare systems are built around the needs of the people. The launch of these centers marks a historic milestone ensuring that financial barriers no longer stand between patients and life-saving treatment.

"Our mission is simple but powerful. No Filipino should ever have to choose between financial survival and life-saving cancer treatment," Dr. John Paul Aclan DBA. We Hope Medical Group proudly highlights the visionary leadership of the Chairman and CEO, whose bold vision and unwavering commitment to accessible healthcare have redefined cancer care for Filipino families. Through his pioneering efforts, the organization has opened state-of-the-art chemotherapy centers in Metro Manila, Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao, offering free chemotherapy services to Filipinos. **(We Hope)**



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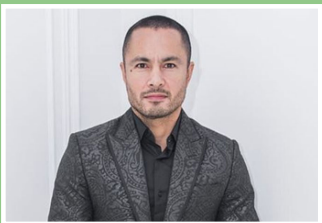
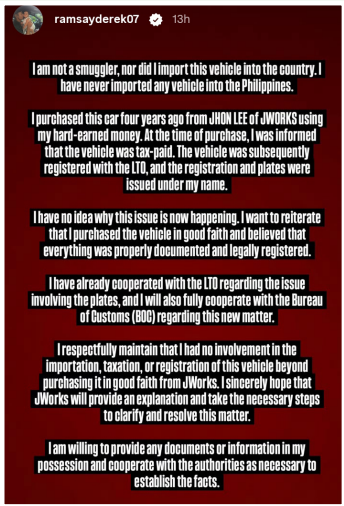
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SUE RAMIREZ
PAYS TRIBUTE TO HER LATE MOTHER

sueannadoodles Kung may mas mahaba pa sa habang buhay ganun kita katagal mamahalin, Mi. Ito ang sakit na hindi mawawala sa puso ko kailan man. Hindi ko alam kung anong gagawin, Mi. Hindi namin alam kung paano mabuhay sa mundo ng wala ka. Sana alam mo na mahal na mahal ka namin at napakalaki ng puwang na iwan mo saaming lahat. Ang pinakapinagpapasalamat ko sa buhay ay ikaw ang naging nanay ko. Wala nang mas masakit pa sa pagkawala mo. Salamat sa lahat, Mi. Para sa buhay na binigay mo, para sa lahat ng paglaintindi at pagpapasensya, sa mga lambing at tawa, sa pagmamahal mo na hindi kayang pantayan ng kahit sino. Hinding hindi kami titigil na pag-usapan ka at ipagmalaki sa lahat ng tao na anak kami ni Chit. Sobrang mamimiss kita, Mi.



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VANESSA BLANCA
MEMBER OF SUGARPOP, DIES DUE TO ACCIDENT

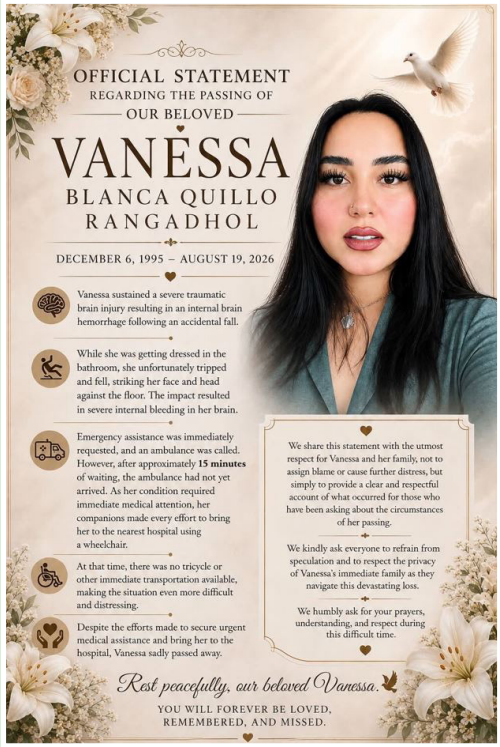


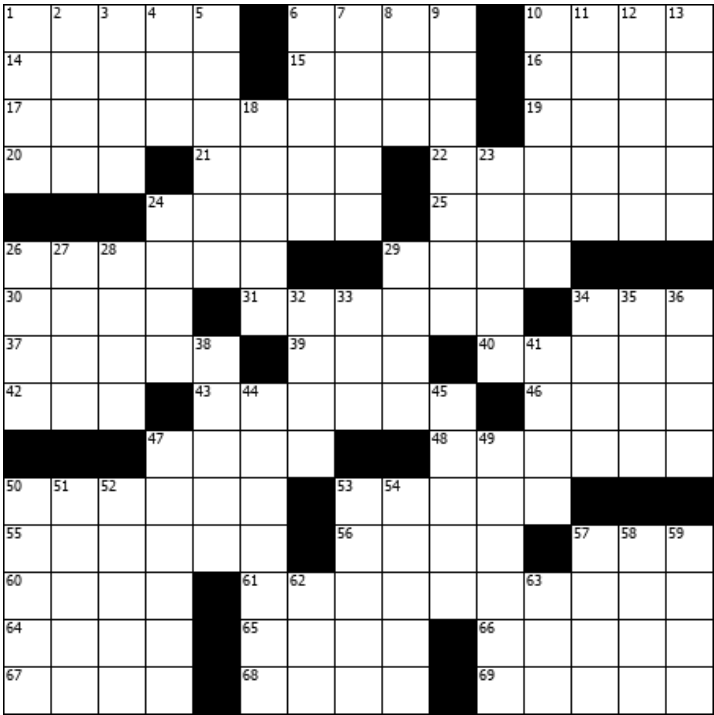
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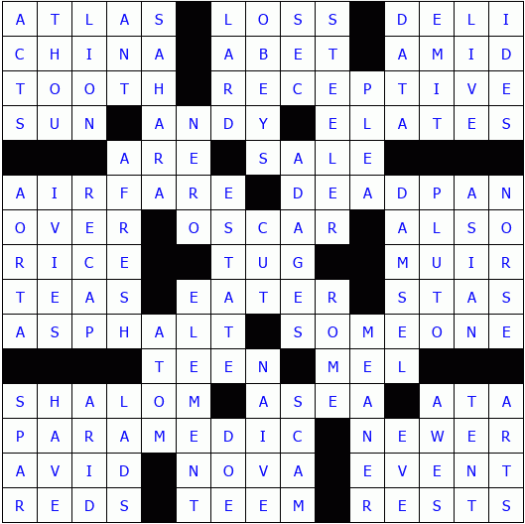
CROSSWORD PUZZLE

- Across**
- 1. Wanderer
 - 6. On a voyage
 - 10. Wood strip
 - 14. Banish
 - 15. Average grades
 - 16. Showed up
 - 17. Colony
 - 19. Burden
 - 20. Explosive letters
 - 21. Cut down
 - 22. Vouch for
 - 24. Restless
 - 25. Purple flowers
 - 26. Zone
 - 29. Space
 - 30. Repeat
 - 31. Repents
 - 34. Fore's opposite
 - 37. Explode
 - 39. Charged atom
 - 40. Church steeple
 - 42. Pirate's liquor
 - 43. Robin Hood, e.g.
 - 46. Adam's abode
 - 47. "Star ____"
 - 48. Deleted
 - 50. Groups of eight
 - 53. ____ Prize
- 55. Gratify
 - 56. Unlock
 - 57. Sis's counterpart
 - 60. Faucets
 - 61. Eye-opener
 - 64. Buffalo's canal
 - 65. Swerve
 - 66. Copper, e.g.
 - 67. June honorees
 - 68. She, in Madrid
 - 69. Foe



- Down**
- 1. Robin's home
 - 2. Draft animals
 - 3. Catcher's glove
 - 4. Computer key
 - 5. Part of FDR
 - 6. Summits
 - 7. Shabby
 - 8. Yet, to a poet
 - 9. Dancer Fred ____
 - 10. Nova ____
 - 11. Country roads
 - 12. Entertain
 - 13. Experiments
 - 18. Spare
 - 23. Curl
 - 24. Above
 - 26. Visionary
 - 27. Light tan
 - 28. Pal
 - 29. Novelist ____ Rice
 - 32. Clock sound
 - 33. Impressed utterance
 - 34. Helps
- 35. Complimentary
 - 36. Minister to
 - 38. Small pies
 - 41. Resound
 - 44. Set aside
 - 45. Revolt
 - 47. Tantalizes
 - 49. Retitle
 - 50. Chose
 - 51. Nurse ____ Barton
 - 52. Moderately warm
 - 53. Fictional book
 - 54. Musical drama
 - 57. Snack
 - 58. Wander
 - 59. Exclusively
 - 62. Moray
 - 63. Perfect gymnastics score

LAST WEEK'S ANSWER:



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LAST WEEK'S ANSWER:

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Blazers survive Chiefs in V-League Collegiate Challenge

KEY PLAYER. College of Saint Benilde outside hitter Rocky Motol (right) tries to score off Arellano University's Jiwen Sinuto in the V-League Collegiate Challenge at Gameville Central Park in Mandaluyong City on Sunday (Aug. 23, 2026). The Blazers won, 25-22, 22-25, 25-20, 22-25, 15-11, for a 2-0 card. (PVL photo)

MANILA – College of Saint Benilde outlasted Arellano University, 25-22, 22-25, 25-20, 22-25, 15-11, for its second straight win in the 2026 V-League Collegiate Challenge at Gameville Central Park in Mandaluyong City on Sunday.

Reymark Betco scored 27 points -- 25 on attacks -- while Rocky Motol added 24 for the Blazers, the reigning National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) champions.

The Blazers also beat the Mapua Cardinals, 19-25, 25-22, 25-21, 25-21, on Saturday.

Mike Adrian Balbacal had 13 points while Chris Villanueva orchestrated Benilde's offense with 30 excellent sets and two points.

"It's just a matter of mindset. After all, the kids are physically strong. It's about the mindset regarding how to respond to an uncomfortable situation," CSB coach Arnold Laniog said.

"I think the core group I had last year at the NCAA helped us win the fifth set."

Jiwen Sinuto finished with 18 points on 16 attacks and two blocks, while team captain Daniel Agovida chipped in 13 points on nine attacks and four blocks for the Chiefs.

On Aug. 29, Benilde will face Colegio de San Juan de Letran at 3 p.m. while Arellano, tied with Letran at 1-1, will meet University of Santo Tomas (0-2) at 5 p.m. **(PNA)**

PH SNAGS 2 BRONZE MEDALS AT CLOSE OF 4TH SEA OPEN WATER MEET

MANILA – Competing for international experience and with modest expectations, Jie Angela Mikaela Talosig surprised herself with a bronze at the close of the 4th Southeast Asia Open Water Championships off Boracay Newcoast in Aklan.

A mainstay of the De La Salle University varsity swimming team, the 20-year-old Talosig had a memorable international debut with a time of one hour, 18 minutes and 57 seconds for third place in the women's 20-years-and-above division.

"Honestly, I just wanted to experience competing at the international level so to win a bronze medal for my efforts and in front of a hometown crowd at that is a pleasant surprise," Talosig said.

"This is truly a nice feeling," added the swimmer, who won gold in the women's 800-meter freestyle and bagged two bronzes in the University Athletic Association of the Philippines Season 88 held at New Clark City Aquatics Center in Capas, Tarlac.

Indonesia's Nadya Sirasawati won in 1:07.23 while Thailand's Musikul Hirunhas (1:09.15) settled for silver.

Also bagging a bronze in the girls' 12-13 3km contest was Julia Jewels

Poblete, who clocked 50:40 behind Thais Kanchana Konsub (47:16) and Aliyah Sawangmun (49.48).

"This hosting was just a dress rehearsal for more international open water events," Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) Chair Patrick Gregorio said.

"What is important is that we not only provide a vehicle in promoting sports tourism but also expose our local athletes by competing with the best athletes from overseas as we have the hometown support to inspire them to do their best," he added.

Philippine Aquatics, Inc. secretary-general Eric Buhain thanked the PSC and all the participants for the successful three-day tournament.

"With the gloomy weather before the meet, we feel relieved that the elements cooperated and that we had three straight days of ideal sunny weather for our competition. We could not have asked for more," Buhain said.

"Our hats off to PSC Chairman Pato for fully supporting to stage the championships, opening opportunities for even bigger open water international swimming meets in the future." **(PSC Media)**



PH taekwondo association renews drive for excellence on 50th year



GOLDEN. The Philippine Taekwondo Association celebrates its 50th anniversary at Okada Manila in Parañaque City on Saturday night (Aug. 22, 2026). Among those in attendance are Philippine Olympic Committee president Abraham Tolentino, Philippine Sports Commission Chair Patrick Gregorio, Defense Secretary Gibo Teodoro Jr. and PTA president Rafael Alunan III (3rd, 4th, 6th, 7th from left). (PSC photo)

MANILA – The Philippine Taekwondo Association (PTA) is celebrating its golden year, described by President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. as a "significant milestone" for the sport that has brought pride and glory to the country on the international stage.

"It is a time to look back with gratitude at what has been accomplished and to look ahead with renewed determination to what more can still be achieved," the President said in his message delivered by Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) Chair Patrick Gregorio during the celebration at Okada Manila in Parañaque City on Saturday night.

"More than a sport, taekwondo has become a means of cultivating discipline, pursuing excellence and building character among generations of Filipinos."

The PTA makes sure grassroots development is on a high level, including talent identification and developing elite athletes for major international competitions.

"Every year, over a hundred competitions are conducted across the country, alongside grassroots initiatives, training programs, and other activities that bring taekwondo closer to our communities," the President said.

"Through these efforts, the sport has reached even our farthest areas and given thousands of Filipino children the opportunity to discover their potential, push their limits, and learn the value of hard work."

The PTA, currently led by Rafael Alunan III and its main driving force in Grandmaster Hong Sung-Chon, has always maintained strong relationships with the international community -- World Taekwondo, Asian Taekwondo Union, Kukkiwon ((World Taekwondo Headquarters) and other international partners.

With over a million

practitioners nationwide, the PTA has also provided for its network of coaches, trainers, referees, technical officials and administrators, resulting in the country's strong global representation.

Through the PSC, Marcos said the government will support the expansion of taekwondo programs, conduct of competitions, and the continuing development of our athletes and coaches.

A new National Taekwondo Center will rise inside the sprawling Rizal Memorial Sports Complex in Manila. The groundbreaking ceremony was held in March and completion is expected by December or early 2027. It can house 100 taekwondo jins and includes a competition venue, training grounds and stands that could host international events.

"After 20 years, our dream to have a new training center will soon be a reality. Thank you to the Philippine Sports Commission for spearheading the birth of the National Taekwondo Center, which aligns with our vision for Philippine taekwondo," Alunan said. **(PNA)**



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