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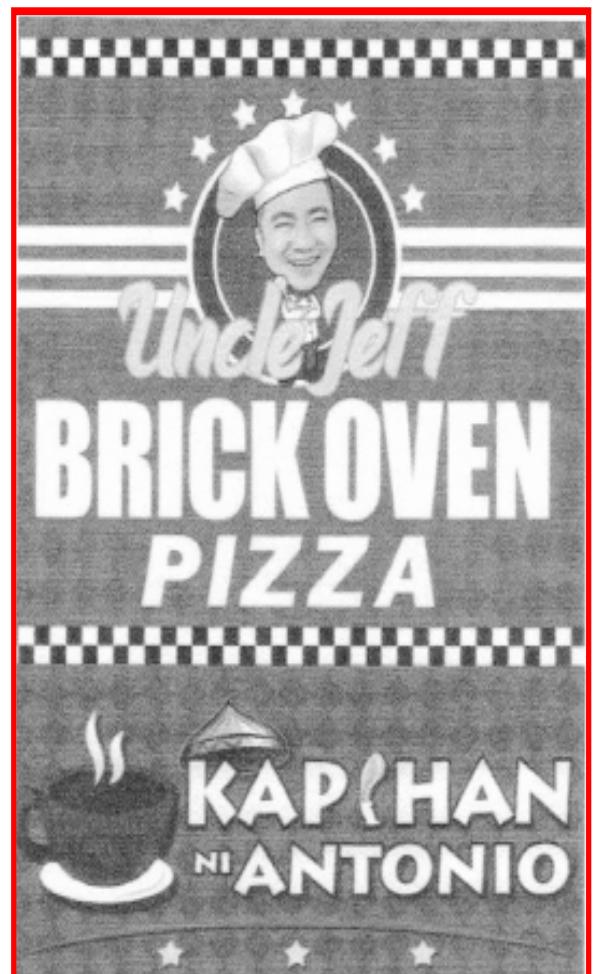
James I was the first English monarch to use the fork.

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## MPTC GEARS UP FOR UNDAS 2025

Enhanced traffic management, shoulder lane regrading, and motorist assistance set across MPTC expressways



Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation (MPTC) is reactivating its "Biyaheng Arangkada" Motorists Assistance Program to ensure safe and convenient travel during the Undas season. With an expected surge in traffic across NLEX, SCTEX, NLEX Connector, CALAX, CAVITEX, and CCLEX, MPTC is intensifying operations through increased personnel deployment, 24/7 traffic monitoring, and quick-response teams.

Free towing for Class 1 and Class 1M (for CCLEX) vehicles to the nearest exit will be available from 6:00 AM of October 30 to 6:00 AM of

November 3 to assist motorists, while roadworks will be suspended from October 29 to November 3, except for emergency repairs, to keep traffic flowing smoothly.

To reduce bottlenecks, NLEX Corporation has regraded shoulder lanes in key areas to support counterflow operations. Motorists are advised to plan their trips ahead and avoid peak hours, particularly during the following periods:

Afternoon of October 29

Afternoon of October 30 to evening of October 31

Morning of No-

November 1  
 Afternoon of November 2

Morning until noon of November 3

Around 2,000 traffic, toll, and emergency personnel will be on duty across MPTC expressways, in coordination with the PNP, LGUs, and key agencies. At CAVITEX, "Biyaheng Arangkada" will be implemented with PEA Tollway Corporation, a subsidiary of the Philippine Reclamation Authority.

Motorists can use the MPT DriveHub app for real-time traffic updates, RFID reloading, and assistance. As part of the MVP Group's efforts,

MPTC is the tollways infrastructure unit of the Manuel Pangilinan-led Metro Pacific Investments Corporation.

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# Yorme Rommel Magbitang, Dumalo sa Mayors...

Sa bawat pirma ng panata, malinaw ang layunin - serbisyo para sa tao, hindi para sa sarili. Iyan ang tunay na diwa ng mabuting pamamahala: ang paglilingkod na tapat, bukas, at

may malasakit sa kapwa.

Ang mabuting pamamahala ay hindi lamang tungkulin, ito ay isang pamana - isang legacy of trust and action. Sa bawat desisyon

Soon to rise:  
Ateneo de Ma-  
nila campus in  
Cavite

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Ateneo de Manila University has signed

a Memorandum of

Agreement (MOA) with GT Capital Holdings, Inc. (GT Capital) for the establishment of a new Ateneo campus in Riverpark, a flagship township development of Federal Land, Inc., GT Capital's wholly owned property subsidiary, located in General Trias City, Cavite.

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## "UGNAYAN SA BARANGAY"...



(from p. 1)

Dinala ng Pamahalaang Panlalawigan ng Cavite, sa pamumuno ni Governor Abeng Remulla, ang programang "Ugnayan sa Barangay" sa Barangay Pag-Asa II, Imus noong Oktubre 21. Ito ay bahagi ng kanilang pagsisikap na direktang pakikipag-ugnayan sa mga mamayahan.

Kasama ni Governor Abeng sina Vice Governor Ram Revilla Bautista, 3rd District Board Members Lloyd Jaro at Arnel Cantimbuhan, City Mayor Alex Advincula, Vice Mayor Homer Saquilayan, at ang mga City Councilors ng Imus.

Pinalakas ng programang ito ang ugnayan ng pamahalaang panlalawigan sa mga lokal na komunidad sa pamamagitan ng direktang pakikipag-ugnayan sa mga residente. Ipinapakita nito ang dedikasyon ng probinsya sa responsibo at inklusibong pamamahala, na tinitiyak na ang mga serbisyo, suporta, at pag-unlad ay umaabot sa bawat komunidad sa buong probinsya.

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**MAKATANG KABITENYO**  
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MAKATANG KABITENYO 1999  
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DOCTOR OF HUMANITIES (HONORIS CAUSA)  
**DR. AURELIO PAREDES BAUTISTA**

## PAGHIHIGANTI

1. Ang mabuting gawa may buting biyaya,  
May ganting parusa ang masamang gawa,  
Ganyan yaong aral mula pa nang bata,  
Sabi'y lahat galing sa ating Bathala.

2. Kung may naapi at nais ay ganti,  
Napipinsala rin pag ating namuni,  
Ang naghihiganti kahit pa naapi,  
Pag lihis sa batas, sama ay dadami.

3. Ang paghihiganti ay uso nang una,  
Bahagi nang unang ugaling minana,  
Edukasyon itong nagtulak mag-iba,  
Kaya't tao'y sunod sa batas ang porma.

4. Pag sinaling itong taong masasaktan,  
Sa una ay galit ang mararamdaman,  
Sa sulsol ng iba ngitngit makakamtan,  
Sa huli'y higanti ang hiyaw ng angkan.

5. Dahil di lang ngitngit nitong isang tao,  
Kundi ngitngit ito nitong kanyang grupo,  
Ang paghihiganti ang nagiging takbo  
Ng mga usapang puno ng silakbo.

6. Nguni't alam natin na paghihiganti,  
Lilikha ng higit na samang marami,  
Hindi matatapos ang palitang imbi,  
Sa dami ng taon di rin bumubuti.

7. Subali't sumapit itong edukasyon,  
Mainit na kape'y lumamig sa gayon,  
Sa aral nalaman na ang ganting layon,  
Hindi ang marapat na balik sa buhong.

8. Kaya sa batas na ipinabahala,  
Ang parusang laan sa ginawang sama,  
Sa gayon lipunan nagtulong sa gawa  
Na tao'y may ugít tungo sa payapa.

# Tinapang Salinas: A Cultural Treasure and Booming Industry in Cavite



R O S A R I O ,  
CAVITE (PIA) — Every  
year, the coastal town  
of Rosario bursts with  
color and celebration as  
it holds the Tinapang  
Salinas Festival, a joyful  
tribute to the sea's abundant  
harvest. The annual  
festivity, filled with  
lively performances and  
traditional rituals, also  
coincides with the 180th  
founding anniversary of  
the Diocesan Shrine and  
Parish of Our Lady of  
the Holy Rosary Reina  
del Caracol—a testament  
to the town's deep  
faith and vibrant heritage.

A Legacy of Smoke and Flavor

The tinapa (smoked fish) industry has long been the lifeblood of Rosario. Passed down through generations, the art of smoking fish has transformed from a humble livelihood into a thriving local enterprise recognized across the country and even abroad. For many families, tinapa has not only brought sustenance but has also paved the way for better education and improved living conditions.

Though the smoky aroma of burning wood

is ever-present in the air, locals say it's a scent of hard work—and even believe the smoke drives away diseases and pests. It symbolizes perseverance, pride, and hope for a better future for their children.

The Town that Smokes Prosperity

Rosario, formerly known as Salinas, is home to the largest fish port in Region IV and a growing industrial hub thanks to the Export Processing Zone Authority (EPZA) located within its borders. Yet amid modernization, traditional tinapa-making remains a cornerstone of community life.

Prominent families have long sustained this craft. In Barangay Bagbag-I, families like Ayot Sayay, Baby Reyes, Katche Mata, and Nancy Patiga are well-known for their smoky kilns. Over in Bagbag-II, the families of Aida Delos Santos and the Palag clan continue to keep their fires burning, while in Ligtong-IV, other tinapa makers proudly uphold the trade.

Among the most prominent are Corazon C. Concha, Melinda C.

Guijo, Gemma Villanueva, Mayeth Caballero, Rebecca Mosse, Liberty Alvarez, Benigno Pascual, Elena Alfaro, Chona Convento, Evelyn Mendoza, Nita Molina, Rosario Guevarra, Hermie Torres, Florinia Caarian, Victor Francisco, Jorma Castillo, and Aling Carmen Barrera, who owns the town's largest tinapa factory.

The Secret of Salinas

The town's old name, Salinas, comes from the Latin word for salt. Long before tinapa became its signature product, Rosario was

known for its salt-making industry, with an Irasan or salt factory that thrived during the hot months of March to May. Today, that legacy continues in the distinct, salty-sweet flavor of Tinapang Salinas, made from fish such as galunggong, salinase, tilapia, bangus, tamban, and lawlaw.

Locals proudly say that the unique taste of Tinapang Salinas cannot be replicated elsewhere—it's the blend of skill, tradition, and the spirit of Salinas that makes it special.

A Celebration of Sea and Spirit

The Tinapang Salinas Festival is more than a showcase of local products; it's a celebration of identity. The festivities feature a Karakol procession in honor of Poong Nuestra Señora Del Rosario, drawing throngs of devotees. Nights come alive with free concerts at the town plaza, where locals and visitors dance, sing, and celebrate their shared pride.

Sustaining Heritage and the Sea

Rosario's local government continues to support programs that protect the sea and sustain the tinapa industry. Artificial coral reefs have been planted in nearby waters to preserve marine life, ensuring the town's livelihood endures for generations.

Indeed, the tinapa industry mirrors the resilience and unity of the people of Rosario—from the salty air of the past to the smoky prosperity of today. Tinapang Salinas remains not just a delicacy but a symbol of Caviteño culture, craftsmanship, and community pride.

Camp BGen Pantaleon Garcia, Imus City, Cavite — The Cavite Police Provincial Office (PPO) under the leadership of PCOL ARIEL R RED, Acting Provincial Director, is now on full alert status as it implements its comprehensive security and public safety plan for the observance of "Undas 2025."

As part of "Oplan Kaluluwa 2025," Cavite PPO has mobilized its personnel from the 23 Police Stations, Provincial Mobile Force Battalion, Provincial Headquarters, and Tourist Police Unit to ensure peace and order across the province during the long weekend.

Police personnel will be strategically deployed in cemeteries, memorial parks, transport terminals, and major thoroughfares to ensure smooth traffic flow and the safety of the public. Motorist Assistance Centers (MACs) and Police Assistance Desks (PADs) will be established in key areas to provide immediate assistance and respond to any emergencies or security concerns.

PCOL Red has di-

rected all chiefs of police to conduct round-the-clock police visibility, implement traffic management and crowd control plans, and coordinate closely with Local Government Units (LGUs), the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), rescue teams, and force multipliers to maintain public safety and order.

In his statement, PCOL ARIEL R RED, Acting Provincial Director of Cavite PPO, said: "Ang ating kapulisan sa Cavite ay naka-heightened alert status upang matiyak ang kaligtasan at kaayusan ng ating mga mamamayan sa paggunita ng Undas 2025. Patuloy ang ating pakikipag-ugnayan sa mga lokal na pamahalaan, force multipliers, at iba pang ahensya ng gobyerno upang maging maayos, ligtas, at mapayapa ang pagdalaw ng ating mga kababayan sa mga sementeryo at iba pang lugar ng pagdagsaan. Hinihikayat natin ang publiko na maging mapagmatayag at makipagtulungan sa ating mga pulis para sa isang ligtas na paggunita ng Undas."



steadfast in its commitment to deliver secure, efficient, and compassionate police7 service under the banner of "Ligtas Undas 2025," en-

suring a peaceful and orderly observance of All Saints' and All Souls' Day throughout the province.

MARGIE BAUTISTA

**HUMANITY TRIVIA**  
(IT TELLS THE DATES OF INVENTION, PLACES OF PLANT ORIGIN AND CURES OF DISEASE)

ENGR. VIR CAMPANA BAUTISTA (TWIN BROTHER OF VER)

**47. Harvester - 1858**  
**Lock - 1865**  
**Macadamia - Australia**  
**Royal palm - Cuba**  
**Olive - Southern Europe**  
**Pine - Europe**  
**Loquat - hemorrhage**

## Kaunlaran Caravan goes to Palompon, Leyte



*Kalabasa chips making was one of the activities held during the Kaunlaran Caravan in Leyte on July 16, 2025.*

Hosted by CARD RBI on its fourth run this year, CARD Mutually Reinforcing Institutions' (CARD MRI) Kaunlaran Caravan was held in Palompon, Leyte on July 16, 2025.

The Kaunlaran Caravan is an initiative of CARD MRI, aimed at bringing community development programs to different provinces across the Philippines.

"Through this initiative, we aim to assist better Filipinos, especially economically challenged individuals and their families.

## Agri Trucks, PUVs to Enjoy 90-Day Toll Reprieve as CAVITEX Implements New Rates

MANILA, October 24, 2025 — The Toll Regulatory Board (TRB) has approved the toll rate adjustments for the Manila-Cavite Expressway (CAVITEX) following petitions filed by joint venture partners CAVITEX Infrastructure Corporation (CIC) and Philippine Reclamation Authority (PRA) in 2020 and 2023. The new rates will take effect on October 28, 2025.

To help ease the impact of the toll increase, CAVITEX' "Abante Program" will be reactivated — a toll reprieve initiative allowing registered public utility vehicles (PUVs) and agricultural trucks to continue paying old toll rates for 90 days from implementation.

Transport groups not yet enrolled may contact 1-35000 or email [customerservice@mptc.com](mailto:customerservice@mptc.com) to know more about the program and how to avail.

"We appreciate the government's affirmation to honor its contractual obligations with the Private Investors and Toll Operators," said CAVITEX management. "While the rate adjustments are neces-

sary to ensure continued maintenance, safety, and improvement of the expressway, we also recognize the need to support sectors most affected by rising transport costs. The toll reprieve initiative seeks to strike a fair balance between infrastructure sustainability and public welfare.

**New Toll Rates**  
The TRB resolution grants the 2020 and 2023 petitions, authorizing the implementation of provisionally approved toll rates to support ongoing upgrades and maintenance activities.

**CAVITEX R1 Portion (Seaside to Zapote) – VAT-inclusive rates effective October 28, 2025:**  
Class 1: ₱35 → ₱39  
Class 2: ₱70 → ₱78  
Class 3: ₱104 → ₱117

**CAVITEX R1 Extension Segment 4 (Zapote to Kawit):**  
To moderate the impact on motorists, the rate adjustment will be implemented in two tranches (2025 and 2026). First tranche rates are as follows:

Class 1: ₱73 → ₱88  
Class 2: ₱146 → ₱176  
Class 3: ₱219 → ₱264  
Infrastructure Improvements

CIC and PRA completed major infrastructure projects to ensure the expressway's safety and efficiency, even prior to the approval of toll petitions, including:

**Expansion Joint**

**Replacement at the Paranaque Segment**

**Bridges and Imus Viaduct**, enhancing ride comfort and structural reliability

**Upgraded RFID**

**systems and installation of Automatic License Plate Recognition (ALPR) technology for faster and more seamless transactions**

**Ongoing pavement rehabilitation works in critical portions of both the Kawit and Paranaque segments**

**CIC and PRA reaffirm their commitment to deliver safe, reliable, and efficient expressways that support economic growth and regional connectivity.**

**Note: Due to adjustment at CAVITEX R1 portion, CAVITEX C5 Link Segment 2 (Sucat Interchange) toll rate will also be adjusted accordingly to the new VAT-inclusive rates: ₱38 (Class 1), ₱76 (Class 2), and ₱114 (Class 3).**



### CAVITEX NEW TOLL FEES EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 28, 2025

ENTRY / EXIT POINT	ROXAS BLVD.	ZAPOTE	KAWIT	SUCAT RD. / DR. A. SANTOS AVE.
CLASS 1		39.00	127.00	38.00
	ZAPOTE	39.00	88.00	38.00
	KAWIT	127.00	88.00	126.00
	C-5 ROAD EXT. C.P. GARCIA	38.00	38.00	126.00
CLASS 2	ROXAS BLVD.	78.00	254.00	76.00
	ZAPOTE	78.00	176.00	76.00
	KAWIT	254.00	176.00	252.00
	C-5 ROAD EXT. C.P. GARCIA	76.00	76.00	252.00
CLASS 3	ROXAS BLVD.	117.00	381.00	114.00
	ZAPOTE	117.00	264.00	114.00
	KAWIT	381.00	264.00	378.00
	C-5 ROAD EXT. C.P. GARCIA	114.00	114.00	378.00

**HOTLINE: 1-35000**



*Present during the Outstanding BSP Stakeholders Appreciation Ceremony held on July 18, 2025, were (from left to right) CARD SME Bank President Julius Adrian Alip and CARD SME Bank Senior Adviser Mary Jane Perreras.*

## BSP recognizes CARD SME Bank as an Outstanding Stakeholder

CARD SME Bank, a thrift bank under CARD Mutually Reinforcing Institutions (CARD MRI), was recognized by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) as one of its 18 outstanding institutional partners during the 2025 Outstanding BSP Stakeholders Appreciation Ceremony (OBSAC) held on July 18, 2025. The award underscores the bank's ongoing commitment to financial inclusion and empowering MSMEs through responsive banking services.

Started in 2004, OBSAC is BSP's initiative to honor institutions that significantly contribute to its advocacies that include financial inclusion, price stability, and a secure financial system. CARD SME Bank's rec-

ognition shows its support for these advocacies through its effective and efficient banking programs for MSMEs.

"This award reflects our dedication to providing inclusive and responsible banking. Whether reaching MSMEs in far-flung areas or introducing digital financial tools, we remain steadfast in

## Palarong Pinoy Treceño! 2025

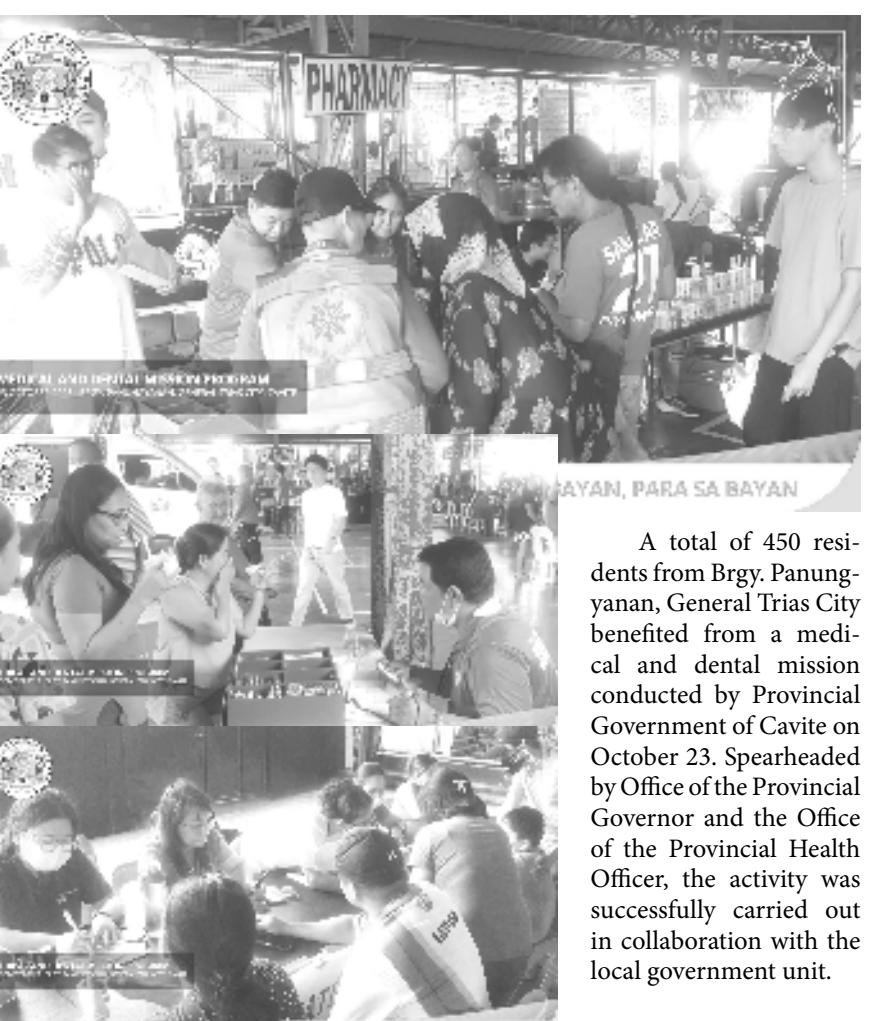


## Imus LGU at PNP, nag-ikot sa mga sementeryo sa Imus bilang paghahanda sa Undas 2025



Binisita ng mga department head at kawani ng Pamahalaang Lungsod ng Imus, katuwang ang Imus PNP, ang mga pangunahing sementeryo ng lungsod gaya ng Imus Public Cemetery, Tahanik Cemetery, Eden Cemetery, Alapan Public Cemetery, at Rita Samson Memorial Garden bilang paghahanda ngayong Undas 2025. Layunin ng inspeksyon na tiyakin ang kalinisan, kaayusan, at kahandaan ng mga pasilidad upang maging ligtas at maayos ang pagdalaw ng publiko sa kani-kanilang mga yu-maong mahal sa buhay.

### Gentriseños receive free health services during PGC's Medical Mission



Isang araw ng halakhakan, pawis, at tunay na pagkakaisa ng mga Treceño! Sa gitna ng init ng araw, nagtagisan ng lakas, bilis, at diskarte ang ating mga barangay sa mga larong Kadang-kadang, Hilahang Lubid, Karera sa Sako, Palosebo,

## BSP recognizes CARD SME Bank ... (from p. 3)

serving Filipinos with integrity," said CARD SME Bank President Julius Adrian Alip.

Founded in 2011, CARD SME Bank provides savings, deposits, and loan services. In addition to offering financial products, the bank promotes financial literacy and discipline to empower individuals and businesses toward achieving long-term success.

To learn more about CARD SME Bank's programs and how it supports communities through inclusive banking, visit [www.cardsmebank.com](http://www.cardsmebank.com) or follow them on Facebook at [@CARDSMEBankOfficialPage](https://www.facebook.com/CARDSMEBankOfficialPage).

### Gentriseños receive free health services during PGC's Medical Mission



Maraming salamat sa lahat ng lumahok, sumuporta, nagorganisa at nagbigay-buhay sa ating Palarong Pinoy 2025 kung saan ang mga manlalaro ay walang talo dahil sa bawat tawa, bawat sigaw ng suporta, at bawat patak ng pawis, tunay na makikita ang diwa ng bayanihan at pagmamahalan ng mga Treceño!



## Step into the beary best time of the year!

A Beary Merry March Christmas at SM City Dasmariñas is now open — featuring our Big Bear Marching Band bringing magical music, cozy feels, and the happiest holiday vibes! March with us and make this season truly beary merry!

## Gentriseños receive free health services...

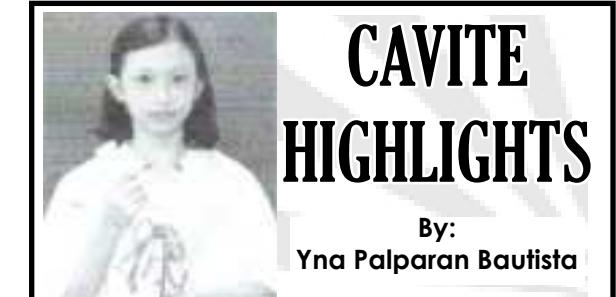
Of the total beneficiaries, 339 individuals received medical consultations and treatments, while 69 availed the free dental extractions, 11 underwent x-rays and 31 received ECG services. Additionally, maintenance medicines and essential supplements were distributed to help support the overall health and well-being of the recipients.



ents.

Sixth District Board Member Kerby Salazar graced and supported the event, together with City Councilor Kyle Salazar.

The initiative underscores the commitment of the provincial government in delivering accessible healthcare services to its constituents.



**Hugo Perez-** Isa siyang Doktor na ipinanganak sa Binondo, Manila at lumaki sa Cavite. Nadawit siya sa tangkang pag-aalsa dahil isa siyang Freemason. Siya ay pinahirapan upang isigaw ang mga kasama at dito nabuo ang listahan ng mga naging 13 Martyrs of Cavite.

**Ginawaran ng Special Citation Award ang Office of the City Agriculturist ng Philippine Rice Research Institute (Phil-Rice) noong Oktubre 8, 2025, bilang pagkilala sa epektibo at masigasig nitong pagpapatupad ng Rice Competitiveness Fund – Seed and Extension Programme para sa 2024 Wet Season at 2025 Dry Season.**

Ang nasabing parangal ay iginawad bilang pagkilala sa pagsumukip ng tanggapnan na supertahan ang pagtatanim ng palay ng mga magsasaka sa lungsod.

Patunay ito sa patuloy na dedikasyon ng Pamahalaang Lungsod ng Imus sa pagsuporta sa sektor ng agrikultura.

## Kaunlaran Caravan... (from p. 6)

making was attended by 35 participants, aiming to empower the community by teaching them valuable skills to generate additional income and improve their livelihoods.

Furthermore, a total of 365 attendees benefited from free medical, dental, and optical check-ups, while 75 received massages, 60 had haircuts, and 55 were treated to manicures and pedicures, all for free. To combat hunger, the event also included a feeding program, serving champorado to over 100 people.

Kaunlaran Caravan is a CARD MRI initiative that brings various community development services to different areas, with the goal of uplifting and empowering local communities.

The fifth leg of the caravan is set to take place in Polomolok, South Cotabato, on August 20, 2025.

## Office of the City Agriculturist,...

A livelihood training on Kalabasa Chips