

11TH MANDAGAT OLYMPICS 2026 — CELEBRATING THE 355TH FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY OF BACOR



SSS PAYS TRIBUTE TO PENSIONERS WITH ANNUAL PENSIONERS' DAY



Social Security System (SSS) Executive Vice President for Branch Operations Sector Antonio S. Argabioso (2nd from left) explains the rationale behind the SSS' conduct of Pensioners' Day activities at various venues nationwide during the Pensioners' Day at NCR North Division held at the SSS Main Office in Quezon City on 11 September 2026. Also in the photo are Social Security Commissioner Roy G. Padiernos (3rd from left), SSS Senior Vice President for NCR Operations Group Benjamin M. Dolindo Jr. (right), and SSS Senior Vice President for Fund Management Group Rentony C. Gibe (left).

QUEZON CITY, 18 September 2026 – The Social Security System (SSS) honored nearly 4,000 pensioners at its annual Pensioners' Day celebration on 11 September 2026, held in 19 selected venues nationwide as part of the pension fund's 69th anniversary.

SSS President and Chief Executive Officer Robert Joseph M. de Claro said the event recognizes pensioners' years of hard work and contributions to the Philippine economy.

"We institutionalized this activity as an expression of gratitude to them for their significant contribution to our society," de Claro said, describing pensioners as pillars of nation-building.

The celebration carried the anniversary theme, "Bawat Isa Protektado, Bawat Bukas Sigurado", which underscores the SSS' commitment to protecting

workers, members and pensioners against life's uncertainties while helping secure their families' future.

Pensioners urged to avail of Pension Loan Program

De Claro encouraged retiree and surviving spouse pensioners to avail of the Pension Loan Program (PLP) to help meet their immediate financial needs.

The SSS launched the PLP in September 2018 to provide retiree pensioners with access to low-interest loans without requiring ATM cards as collateral. In September 2025, the program was expanded to include surviving spouse pensioners, giving them access to safe and affordable credit.

"The SSS pension loan is a secured cash loan with a transparent interest rate of 10% per year, computed based on a diminishing principal balance," de Claro

said.

Qualified retiree pensioners may borrow an amount equivalent to three, six, nine, or 12 times their Aggregate Monthly Pension, subject to a maximum loan amount of ₱300,000. Available repayment terms are six, 12, and 24 months. "For qualified surviving spouse pensioners, the loan amount is equivalent to 50% of their Aggregate Monthly Pension multiplied by three, six, nine, or 12 months, subject to a maximum of ₱150,000. Available loan terms are six and 12 months," he added.

The Aggregate Monthly Pension consists of the basic monthly pension and the ₱1,000 additional benefit. A dependent's pension is excluded from the computation.

He said the SSS ensures that pensioner-bor-

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SINBANALI COVERED COURT, September 25, 2026 — The 11th Mandagat Olympics 2026 was held yesterday, September

24, 2026 at the Sinbanali Covered Court as part of the celebration of the City of Bacoor's 355th Founding Anniversary and the annual Bakood Festival.

Organized by the City Government of Bacoor through the City Agriculture Office, the event was carried out in partnership with Barangay Sinbanali, the Mamamayan Para sa Lambat at Dagat Multi-Purpose Cooperative, the Philippine Coast Guard, Maynilad, and various civic organizations.

Leading the gathering was Mayor Strike B. Revilla, joined by Councilor Karen S. Evaristo, Councilor Adriel Gawaran, Board Member Alde Pagulatan, and City Agriculture Head Mr. Allan Chua. Also present were Atty. Paul Michael San-

galang — Vice President for Corporate Affairs of the Frabelle Group of Companies — Barangay Captain Caridad Sanchez and the Sinbanali Barangay Council, together with representatives from all partner agencies and cooperatives.

Fisherfolk and coastal residents from Bacoor's seven coastal barangays — Maliksi, Talaba, Kaingin-Digman, Poblacion (formerly Taging Dagat), Sinbanali or Sitio Alima, Singuelasan, and Banalo — took part in the celebration. The program honors the skills, strength, and unity of Bacoor's coastal workers, preserves maritime traditions, and highlights the vital role of the fishing community in the city's economy and culture.

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HANDOG NG PANGULO BRINGS GOV'T SERVICES CLOSER TO 5,000 CAVITEÑOS

TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite (PIA) — With a goal to bring essential government services closer to the public, the Cavite leg of the Han-

dog ng Pangulo served more than 5,000 residents and locators in the province.

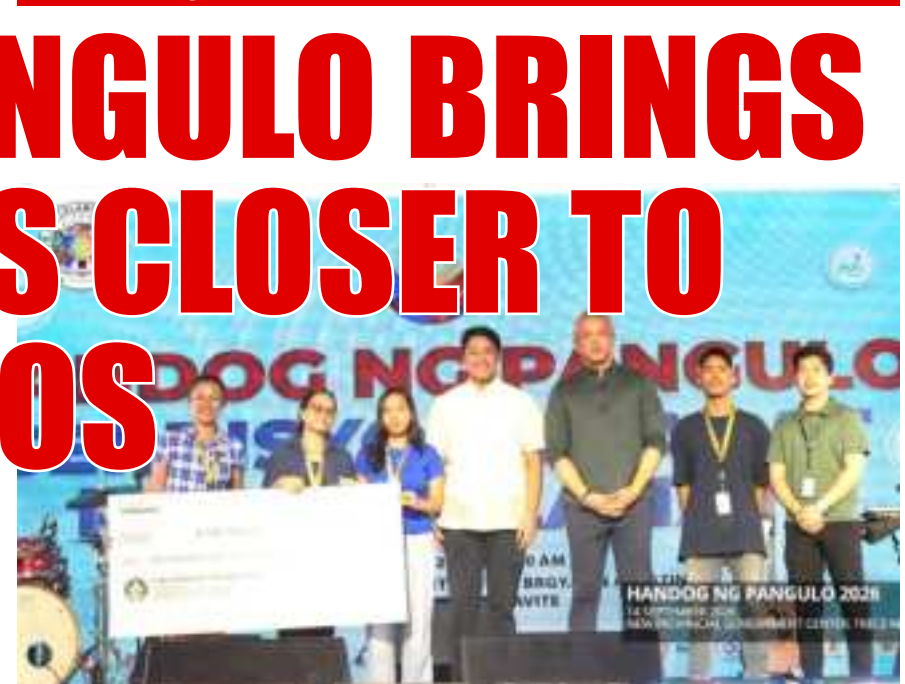
Held simultaneously nationwide last

September 14, Handog ng Pangulo was part of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.'s birthday celebration, which aimed to

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DPWH FLOOD MITIGATION SUMMIT CALLS FOR COORDINATED FLOOD PROJECTS IN CAVITE PROVINCE



GRAND OPENING AND BLESSING OF THE TMC SNED CENTER



LIBRENG BIGAS PARA SA MGA TODA NG TAGAYTAY CITY, BATID NG BAWAT BAYAN MAKIKINABANG RICE PROGRAM



Sa pagpapatuloy ng Bawat Bayan Makikinabang program sa lungsod ng Tagaytay, muling tumanggap ng tig-10 kilong bigas ang mga miyembro ng Tricycle Operators' and Driv-

ers' Association (TODA) ngayong araw, Setyembre 22.

Bilang bahagi ng Bawat Bayan Makikinabang Rice Assistance Program, layon ng

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DPWH FLOOD MITIGATION SUMMIT CALLS FOR COORDINATED FLOOD PROJECTS IN CAVITE PROVINCE

KAWIT, Cavite (PIA) — Highlighting the importance of a coordinated flood mitigation program between the national and local governments, the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH)

launched the Cavite leg of the Flood Mitigation Summit 2026 to help create policies that will solve flooding in the province's first district.

Last September 14, officials from the local government units and na-

tional government agencies including the DPWH, Office of Civil Defense, and the Department of Labor and Employment, joined in the discussions on national government interventions to address the flooding concerns.

The Summit focused on the risks and solutions in addressing the perennial flood problems in the province, as well as projects slated for low-lying areas. The DPWH also rehashed the Oplan Kontra Baha (OKB) Framework,

waterway connectivity, and other flood mitigation initiatives.

Representative Jolo Revilla noted the importance of the Summit in identifying priority interventions in the province.

“Lisa ang ating layunin: ang magkaroon ng mas malinaw at koordinatong hakbang laban sa pagbaha—mula sa dredging at clearing ng mga waterways, deployment

ng equipment, pagpapalakas ng drainage at flood control infrastructure, hanggang sa pagtukoy sa priority intervention areas sa Cavite.”

In a statement, the DPWH CALABARZON emphasized the importance of coordinated policies to address flooding

in the region.

“Patuloy na tinututukan ng DPWH ang mga suliranin sa pagbaha sa pamamagitan ng pinaigting na koordinasyon at pagpapatupad ng mga nararapat na hakbang, bilang tugon sa direktiba ni Pangulong Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. at DPWH Secretary Vince Dizon, tungo sa mas ligtas at matatag na komunidad.”

To recall, Secretary Vince Dizon led a series of inspections of government infrastructure in Cavite Province, including roadwork projects in the province's first district.

(PB-PIA CALABARZON, with reports from DPWH Region IV-A)

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qualified because of fraud committed against the SSS.

De Claro said that PLP applications can be filed either over-the-counter through the E-Centers of any SSS branch/service office, through E-Partners or online using the My.SSS account.

“Pension loan proceeds will be credited to the borrower's existing pensioner disbursement account or to another account enrolled through the Disbursement Account Enrollment Module,” he added. #

HANDOG NG PANGULO BRINGS GOV'T SERVICES CLOSER TO 5,000 CAVITEÑOS

bring a caravan of government services and benefits across all sectors.

For its Cavite leg, Interior and Local Government Secretary Juanito Victor Remulla and Governor Abeng Remulla led the activity, and were joined by local chief executives and district representatives.

Handog ng Pangulo brought together various national government agencies, which provided to the beneficiaries their frontline services, livelihood and agricultural assistance, educational support, legal services, healthcare, employment opportunities, and other government programs.

The Provincial Government also brought its flagship medical and dental consultation program and job fairs.

In a statement, the Office of the Provincial Information Officer (OPIO) underscored that the Handog ng Pangulo highlights the Marcos Jr. administra-

tion's committed to bring services closer to the people through a coordinated, one-stop delivery of programs and assistance.

“Through the convergence of the PGC and participating NGAs, Caviteños gained easier access to services supporting their health, livelihood, education, agriculture, employment, legal concerns, and overall welfare.”

Based on reports by the OPIO, Handog ng Pangulo also awarded sector-specific assistance and livelihood projects.

The Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) distributed allowances, training support funds, starter toolkits, and scholarship vouchers, while the National Irrigation Administration (NIA) Cavite-Batangas awarded livelihood projects, including a ₱300,000 Rice-Duck Farming Livelihood Project, ₱210,000 High-Value Crop Pro-

duction with Drip Irrigation System Project, and ₱500,000 RTL Chicken Project for the CY 2026 Most Outstanding Irrigators Association at the regional level.

The Department of Agriculture provided ₱4,034,902 worth of agricultural programs and services, while the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI)-Cavite awarded ₱673,000 for an Ideation, Design, and Development Laboratory and ₱580,000 for a Coffee Roasting Facility.

For education and migrant assistance, the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) RO IV-A granted ₱1.86 million in UniFAST assistance to qualified Cavite State University grantees, while the Department of Migrant Workers (DMW) RO IV-A extended ₱8.1 million through the AKSYON Fund for overseas Filipino workers in need.

Meanwhile, the Bureau of Fisheries and

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rowers retain a net take-home pension of at least 40% of their Aggregate Monthly Pension once monthly loan amortizations begin.

Eligibility and application

Retiree pensioners applying for the loan must be registered on the SSS website with updated contact information and an enrolled disbursement account. They must be 85 years old or younger at the end of the loan term, have no deductions from their monthly pension and have no exist-

ing advance pension under the SSS Calamity Loan Package.

They must also have been receiving an active monthly pension for at least one month and must not have been disqualified because of fraud committed against the SSS.

Surviving spouse pensioners must have an SS number and be registered on the SSS website with updated contact information and an enrolled disbursement account. Those who are not SSS members must

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HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND
(otherwise known as Pag-IBIG Fund),
Mortgagee,

EJF NO. TG-23-087
FOR: Extra Judicial Foreclosure of
Real Estate Mortgage under Act No.
3135, as amended by Act No. 4118

LOIDA A. ARCE MARRIED TO REYNALDO PALACOL ARCE, JR.
Borrower/s-Mortgagor/s.

DANTE REGENCIA ANCIRO, JR. MARRIED TO AVIGAIL LOYOLA ANCIRO,
Co-Borrower/s.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act No. 4118, filed by mortgagee HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (otherwise known as Pag-IBIG Fund), a government financial institution duly organized and existing under and by virtue of Republic Act No. 9679 with principal office at the BDO Life Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen. Gil. Puyat Avenue, Makati, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Loan and Mortgage Agreement executed and notarized on November 28, 2013 by mortgagor/s LOIDA A. ARCE married to REYNALDO PALACOL ARCE, JR, both of legal age, Filipino citizens, with address at 466 Litlit, Silang, Cavite and co-borrower/s DANTE REGENCIA ANCIRO, JR. married to AVIGAIL LOYOLA ANCIRO, both of legal age, Filipino citizens and with address at 62-C A. Luna St., Project 4, Quezon City, represented by attorney-in-fact Avigail L. Anciro, per Special Power of Attorney executed and notarized on October 8, 2013, in favor of the mortgagee, over a real estate property including improvements thereon, described in and covered by ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. OP-7657 of the Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City, in order to satisfy the outstanding loan obligation of the mortgagor/s in the amount of ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED FORTY-EIGHT THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY-SEVEN PESOS AND 03/100 (Php1,548,877.03), inclusive of interest and other charges, as of August 17, 2023, the undersigned Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff of the Regional Trial Court of Cavite thru her deputy, Oliver N. Mendoza, will sell at public auction on November 5, 2026 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter, at the New Hall of Justice of Tagaytay City, to the highest bidder, for Cash or Manager's Check and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all its improvements thereon, to wit;

ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO.
OP-7657
Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND
NATURAL RESOURCES
REGION NO. IV
RESIDENTIAL FREE PATENT NO. 042118-11-26
TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL
COME, GREETINGS:

LOIDAA. ARCE, Filipino and a resident of #466 Litlit, Silang, Cavite possessing all the qualifications and having fully complied with all the conditions and require-

ments of Republic Act No. 10023 is hereby granted this Residential Free Patent situated in Barangay Litlit, Silang, Cavite with an area of ONE HUNDRED SIXTY THREE (163) square meters, more or less and more particularly bounded and described at the back hereof.

Lot No. 851-D, Csd-04-038086-D

Beginning at a point marked "1" of lot 851-D, Csd-04-038086-D; being S. 59- 47' W., 4043.78 m. from BLLM # 1, Cad-452-D, Silang Cadastre; thence

N. 76 deg. 25' E.,	15.47 m. to point 2;
S. 18 deg. 34' E.,	5.18 m. to point 3;
S. 31 deg. 21' E.,	4.10 m. to point 4;
S. 70 deg. 49' W.,	8.66 m. to point 5;
S. 14 deg. 42' E.,	0.18 m. to point 6;
S. 67 deg. 29' W.,	8.45 m. to point 7;
N. 14 deg. 38' W.,	11.39 m. to point of beginning;

containing an area of ONE HUNDRED SIXTY THREE (163) SQUARE METERS.

All points are indicated on the plan and marked on the ground by P.S. cyl. Conc. Mons. 15x60 cm.
Bounded on the NW., along line 1-2 by lot 851-E, csd-04-038086-D; on the NE., along lines 2-3-4 by lot 851-F, Csd-04-038086-D (Right of Way); on the SE., along line 4-5-6 by lot 851-B, Csd-04-038086-D; along line 6-7 by lot 851-A, Csd-04-038086-D; and on the SW., along line 7-1 by lot 852, Cad- 452-D.

Bearings grid.

This lot was surveyed in accordance with law and existing regulations promulgated thereunder by Danilo S. Capili, Geodetic Engineer on September 20, 2010 and approved on November 9, 2010.

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **November 12, 2026** without further notice.

Prospective bidders or buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate and verify for themselves the ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. OP-7657 the encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

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

Tagaytay City, Philippines, September 21, 2026

ATTY. VARBRA ANN A. VARIAS-DIMAYUGA
Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff

OLIVER N. MENDOZA
Sheriff-in-Charge

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FM Tacurong City as the Best Media Personality in Mindanao.

SSS also gave Special Citations to the following for their various contributions to promoting SSS programs and services: Development Bank of the Philippines (Government Securities), First Metro Investments Corporation (Corporate Bonds), Land Bank of the Philippines (Partner in Various SSS Transactions), DoubleDragon Corporation (Contribution Subsidy Provider), Department of Foreign Affairs (Partner Government Agency), and Commission on Filipinos Overseas (Partner Government Agency).

The annual SSS Balikat ng Bayan Awards, established in 1995, acknowledges the valuable contributions of individuals and organizations in helping SSS deliver quality services and programs to its members here and abroad. The awarding ceremony is one of the major highlights of SSS anniversary celebrations every September. #

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pamahalaang pambansa sa pangunguna ni Pangulong Ferdinand Marcos Jr. na makapaglaan ng bigas para sa mga sektor na higit na nangangailangan.

Sa isang social media post, siniguro naman ni Mayor Brent Tolentino

ang pagtutulongan ng lokal na pamahalaan, mga boluntaryo, at mga barangay upang maging maayos at tuloy-tuloy ang paghahatid ng tulon sa kanilang mga kababayan. | via Brent Tolentino

ASIA'S HERO OF EXCELLENCE IN LOCAL GOVERNANCE AND PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD



Sa fb post ni Mayor jon-Jon Ferrer sinabi niya na “Lubos po akong nagpapasalamat at mapagkumbabang tinatanggap ang ASIA'S HERO OF EXCELLENCE IN LOCAL GOVERNANCE AND PUBLIC SERVICE AWARDHindi ko po ito itinuturing na personal na parangal, kundi pagkilala sa sama-samang pagsisikap ng ating mga lingkod-bayan at ng buong GenTriseño community.

Maraming salamat po sa inyong tiwala at patuloy na inspirasyon. Lalo po itong nagbigay sa akin ng lakas na maglingkod nang mas mahusay at may higit na malasakit para sa bawat GenTriseño.”

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IN THE MATTER OF CANCELLATION/
CORRECTION OF ENTRIES IN THE
CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH OF MINOR
CHLOE SHANEL CASTRO RESQUIR with
Registry No. 2018-2728

SPECIAL PROC. NO.: BSP-2026-28
For: CORRECTION OF ENTRY in
The Certificate of Live Birth of
Chloe Shanel Castro Resquir with
Registry No. 2018-2728

MARINEL FLORES aka
"MARINEL FLORES CASTRO",
Petitioner,

- versus

CIVIL REGISTRAR OF BACOR CITY,
PROVINCE OF CAVITE, THE CIVIL
REGISTRAR GENERAL, OFFICE OF THE
SOLICITOR GENERAL, and JEFREY
SANCHEZ RESQUIR, AND ALL PERSONS/
ENTITIES WHO WHICH MAY BE
AFFECTED THEREBY,
Respondents.

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INITIAL ORDER

In a Verified Petition, petitioner Marinel Flores, a.k.a. "Marinel Flores Castro," in representation of her minor child, Chloe Shanel Castro Resquir, prays that the Local Civil Registrar of Bacor City be directed to correct the entries in the Certificate of Live Birth of the minor, with Registry No. 2018- 2728, as follows: (1) The maiden name of the petitioner appearing in Entry No. 7 of the Certificate of Live Birth of the minor, from "MARINEL FLORES CASTRO" to "MARINEL FLORES," without a middle name; (2) The middle name of the minor appearing in Entry No. 1, from "CHLOE SHANEL CASTRO RESQUIR" to "CHLOE SHANEL FLORES RESQUIR"; and (3) The name of the informant appearing in Entry No. 22, from "Marinel F. Castro" to "Marinel Flores."

Considering the foregoing, let the initial hearing of the Petition be set on **November 9, 2026 at 9:30 in the morning.**

Petitioner is directed to bring the person of the prospective ward in court at the said hearing date.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN and all interested persons are directed to appear and show cause why the same should not be granted.

Let this Order be published once a week for three consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the Province of Cavite.

Send notice to the parties.

The Notice of Appearance & Deputation Letter both dated August 03, 2026, filed by the Office of the Solicitor General, which were received by the court on August 12, 2026, are **NOTED.**

In light of the foregoing, the **Office of the City Prosecutor of the City of Bacor, Cavite**, is hereby authorized to appear and represent the Republic in this case. Let copies of orders, resolution and other court processes be furnished to the Office of the City Prosecutor

and Office of the Solicitor General.

Further, the counsel for petitioner is directed to comply with Part I, **Section 4 of A.M. No. 10-3-7-SC and A.M. No. 11-9-4-SC, pursuant to OCA Circular No. 272-2024.**

SO ORDERED.

August 27, 2026. City of Bacor, Cavite, Philippines.

MARISSA P. ESTABAYA
Presiding Judge

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5. **PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY** - SA Complex, East Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City.

6. **JEFREY SANCHEZ RESQUIR (Respondent)** - No. 149 Zapote 1, City of Bacor, Cavite

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SSS confers awards on top employers, banks, media partners in 2026 Balikat ng Bayan Awards

QUEZON CITY, 22 September 2026 – The Social Security System (SSS) yesterday recognized outstanding employers and partners that have helped the agency provide social security protection to Filipino workers, whether locally employed or overseas, and their beneficiaries, during an awarding ceremony held at the SSS corporate office in Quezon City.

SSS President and Chief Executive Officer Robert Joseph M. de Claro said this year's Balikat ng Bayan Awards celebrated the exemplary contributions and steadfast commitment of employers and partner organizations in supporting SSS mission to ensure that every member is protected

today and every family's future is secured.

De Claro said SSS paid tribute to two top employers, four collection partners, four disbursement partners, three accredited partner agents, and 11 media organizations, while giving special citations to six other partners during the ceremony.

"The success of the SSS in protecting the welfare of the Filipino workforce is anchored on its strong ties with employers and partners," de Claro said. "Through their continued support, we are able to provide vital social security benefits and services to our members and their beneficiaries."

He added that the Balikat ng Bayan Awards is SSS way of acknowl-

edging their indispensable role in promoting social security protection for all.

SSS named Golden Arches Development Corporation and Lachi's Dessert Bakery, Inc. as this year's Top Employer Award winners for the Large Accounts and Branch Accounts categories, respectively.

"The Top Employer winners were chosen based on their compliance with the provisions of Republic Act No. 11199, or the Social Security Act of 2018, such as the online submission of employment reports, correct and up-to-date payment of contributions, proper remittance of member loan payments, and timely filing of sickness and maternity notifications. They are also active participants in SSS digital services, and their human resources personnel are well-versed in SSS and its programs," de Claro said.

Meanwhile, the Best Collection Partner awardees are Union Bank of the Philippines (Universal/Commercial Bank), Rang-ay Bank, Inc. (Thrift/Rural Bank), CIS Bayad Center, Inc. (Non-Bank), and Ventaja International Corporation (Overseas Partner).

De Claro explained that these banks and payment channels topped their respective categories for implementing efficient collection schemes for contributions and salary loan payments.

For Best Disbursement Partners, BDO Unibank, Inc. was named Best Universal/Commercial Bank, Philippine Savings Bank earned Best Thrift Bank, BDO Network Bank, Inc. received Best Rural Bank, and Rizal Commercial Banking Corpo-

ration's DiskarTech was recognized as Best Digital Bank.

De Claro said these banks were recognized based on their performance in serving SSS pensioners and members through the timely release of benefits and monthly pensions.

The Best Accredited Partner Agents are the Local Government Unit of Valencia as Best KaSSSangga Collect Partner, First Community Cooperative as Best Cooperative Partner, and Community Saving and Credit Association Farmers as Best AlkanSSya Program Partner.

These SSS-accredited partner agents were selected for their active participation in SSS programs that helped the pension fund expand its coverage and extend services to workers such as the self-employed, land-based OFWs, and voluntary members.

Best Media Partner awards were given to seven media organizations and four reporters/anchors. Philippine Daily Inquirer was named Best Print Media Partner – NCR, Laguna Courier as Best Print Media Partner – Luzon, and Negros Now Daily as Best Print Media Partner – Visayas.

The Best Broadcast Media Partner winners are DZMM TeleRadyo in NCR, CARE 104.3 DWAY FM in Luzon, 91.7 Ben FM in Visayas, and 91.1 Max FM Tacurong City in Mindanao.

Arlie Calalo of The Manila Times was named Best Media Personality in NCR. Geronimo Dig of 104.9 XFM Santiago City received the Best Media Personality in Luzon. Iannes Omang of DYVL Aksyon Radyo Tacloban emerged as the Best Media Personality in Visayas, and Reynaldo Pallorina of 91.1 Max

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PhilHealth and Saint Louis University–Sacred Heart Medical Center Formalize Partnership Through Memorandum of Agreement



The Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) and Saint Louis University–Sacred Heart Medical Center (SLU-SHMC) have formalized their partnership through the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), strengthening their shared commitment to advancing accessible, affordable, and

quality healthcare.

PhilHealth Acting President and Chief Executive Officer Dr. Beverly Lorraine C. Ho and SLU-SHMC President Rev. Fr. Gilbert B. Sales, CICM, PhD, graced the signing ceremony, marking an important step toward deeper collaboration between the national health insurer and the private health-

care sector.

As part of the partnership's commitment to expanding access to quality care, SLU-SHMC will allocate at least ten percent (10%) of its total bed capacity, equivalent to 18 beds, for ward accommodations. These designated beds will provide eligible PhilHealth members with covered services without



co-payments, helping reduce financial barriers to necessary medical care.

Following the signing ceremony, Dr. Ho and the PhilHealth delegation conducted a site visit at Saint Louis University, providing an opportunity to further engage with the institution and gain insights into its healthcare facilities,

services, and initiatives. The visit also underscored the importance of continued collaboration in identifying opportunities to strengthen healthcare delivery and improve access to quality services for PhilHealth members.

Through this partnership, PhilHealth and SLU-SHMC reaffirm their shared vision of

a more responsive, equitable, and accessible healthcare system. The collaboration highlights the growing role of public-private partnerships in strengthening the country's national health insurance program, improving healthcare delivery, and ensuring that more Filipinos have access to quality and affordable healthcare.

200 PAMILYANG 4Ps, KINILALA SA PUGAY-TAGUMPAY CEREMONY



Kinilala ang 200 pamilyang nagtapos sa 4Ps sa Pugay-Tagumpay Ceremony nitong September 17, 2026 sa Naic Covered Court. Nakisa rin si Mayor Rommel Magbitang sa pagbibigay-inspirasyon sa mga nagsipagtapos.

Bilang suporta sa kanilang bagong simula, ₱10,000 na panimulang puhunan ang ibibigay sa bawat kwalipikadong grad-

uate, mula sa ₱2 milyong pondong inilaan ng Lokal na Pamahalaang Bayan ng Naic. Kinilala rin ni DSWD Secretary Rex Gatchalian ang commitment ng Bayan ng Naic na maglaan ng ganitong tulong-puhunan para sa mga 4Ps graduates.

Patuloy naman ang verification ng mga bagong benepisaryo batay sa 2023 Census at validation process.





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GRAND OPENING AND BLESSING OF THE TMC SNED CENTER



Isang makabuluhang araw para sa ating mga mag-aaral ang pagbubukas ng TMC Special Needs Education (SNED) Center sa Command Center, Barangay Conchu.

Sa pamamagitan ng programang ito sa ilalim ng pamumuno ni Mayor Gemma Lubigan kasama si Vice Mayor Bobby Montehermoso, patuloy na isinusulong ang ating lungsod ng Trece Martires na patuloy na makapagbigay ng pantay na pagkakataon, angkop na suporta, at dekalidad na edukasyon para sa bawat learner.

Buong pasasalamat din ni Mayor Lubigan sa mga nakasama sa programang ito: mga City Officials, Department Heads, PDAO personnel, mga guro, at sa lahat ng naging bahagi ng pagbubukas ng ating SNED Center.

Sama-sama nating bubuun ang isang mas inklusibong Trece Martires—kung saan ang bawat bata ay may pagkakataong matuto, umunlad, at maabot ang kanilang buong potensyal.

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EARNING HOPES FOR EVERY KILO



Rieze Joy Ebuena, 31, from Jaro, Iloilo City, owns a small stall where neighbors and community members buy vegetables for their everyday meals.

CARD Bank

A Microfinance-Oriented Rural Bank

Bukas, para sa lahat

In a suburban area of Iloilo City, a woman is trying to make ends meet for her children and family by selling every kilo of vegetables in her market stall. But before she had this opportunity to sustain her daily needs through this livelihood, she went through many trials and attempts.

Rieze Joy Ebuena, 31, formerly from Oton, Iloilo, has faced life's challenges. She was unable to finish high school, reaching only her third year due to the family's financial constraints. At 18, she entered into a relationship and had her first child. A year later, in 2014, she moved to Manila to work as a saleslady. While working, she observed her employer and learned how to manage a business.

In 2019, she moved to Jaro, Iloilo City, with her husband. While her husband started working as a driver for a consumer food company, she began thinking of other ways to earn income. Drawing from what she had learned from her employer, she opened a sari-sari store at their home.

However, in 2020, the pandemic forced them to close their sari-sari store. Despite this setback, Rieze did not want to stop earning. She began thinking of a business that was not yet present in their barangay.

Back in 2021, a neighbor introduced her to CARD Bank, Inc., a microfinance-oriented rural bank. Reize became interested in how it promotes savings. She was also drawn with the benefit that being a client of the bank automatically enrolls members in life insurance through CARD Mutual Benefit Association (CARD MBA), the microinsurance company of CARD

MRI. Considering her partner's work as a driver and her own goal of starting a savings fund, Reize became a client of CARD Bank the same year.

Being a client paved the way for her to open the business she had wanted when her sari-sari store closed at the height of the pandemic. In 2023, she started selling vegetables using a PHP 5,000 loan from CARD Bank as her initial capital. Offering leafy green, fruit-bearing, root, and stem vegetables, she utilized the former space of their sari-sari store for this new business.

As a client, she has also been able to save despite a tight budget and feels secure with insurance from CARD MBA, CARD MRI's microinsurance company, as a member.

Aligned with Rieze's newly started business, her mother also sells vegetables in the market. On days when her mother is unavailable, Rieze takes over selling at the stall by bringing her own vegetables. Eventually, they agreed on an alternating schedule in the market. Rieze now sells at the market four days a week and, on the remaining days, sells from their home.

Every day, she patiently offers her vegetables to passersby, marketgoers, and neighborhood customers. She knows that these sales will sustain her each day and allow her to continue striving in the days to come. When she is at the market, her two children help manage their store at home.

But in this business, she also faces challenges, such as customers purchasing on credit and not paying immediately. Although she finds this difficult, she continues to treat her customers with kindness and respectfully encourages them to settle their payments.

Currently, she earns around PHP 3,000 to PHP 4,000 per day when selling in the market, and about PHP 1,000 per day when selling from home. It may not be as much as others earn, but when Reize looks back, it is at least far from having nothing. Through this income, she continues to support her children's education; one is currently a high school student, and the other is in kindergarten.

Rieze now owns a sidecar to help transport her vegetables. She continues to work hard and remains focused on growing her business while sending her children to school.

Given everything she has been through, Rieze advises her fellow business owners to think and manage their businesses carefully. "Be more patient," she said, "because you will encounter different kinds of people."

Rieze's story reflects how patience can carry a person from having nothing to continuously fighting and striving. She has learned to hold on to every kilo of vegetables, each one carrying hope, each one a step toward another day.