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# NLEX-C5 Northlink Section Nears Completion, Enhancing Road Connectivity







Motorists from North and Central Luzon and western Metro Manila can look forward to faster, more convenient access to Quezon City as the NLEX-C5 Northlink Mindanao Avenue to Quirino Highway section nears completion, with construction now at 96% on the 2-kilometer section.

The new all-weather elevated expressway is designed to give motorists with a safer and more convenient travel experience. It will be equipped with CCTV and speed management systems; advanced RFID readers and Neology antennas for toll collection; roadway lighting, traffic signs, pavement markings, and protective barriers and reflective safety devices to enhance road safety, visibility, and traffic management. The segment will extend NLEX eastward to Quirino Highway, providing motorists with a direct alternative to Mindanao Avenue.

With construction now in its final stages, work is focused on finishing the installation of concrete barriers and expansion joints along the mainline, completing the westbound and eastbound Quirino Highway on- and off-ramps, and carrying out the remaining civil works needed to prepare the new segment for operations.

Once operational, the new segment will operate 24/7, accommodate all vehicle classes, and serve approximately 11,000 vehicles daily. It will provide motorists from Quirino Highway access to NLEX via the NLEX-C5 Northlink, with onward connections to the NLEX Connector toward Manila, the University Belt, and Makati, or northbound on NLEX toward Central and North Luzon. The new segment will provide an additional route option for motorists traveling between Quezon City and these destinations.

NLEX President and General Manager Luis S. Reñon said the company is accelerating construction to deliver infrastructure that will help motorists save both time and travel costs amid unpredictable fuel prices.

"We want to give motorists greater freedom not only in how they travel, but also in how they spend their time and money. While fuel prices and other travel-related costs are beyond our control, we can provide reliable road infrastructure that helps people reach their destinations more efficiently. That is the value we aim to deliver through this project," Reñon said.

The 2-kilometer Segment 8.2 Section 1A is part of the 11.3-kilometer NLEX-C5 Northlink Project, which will connect Mindanao Avenue to C5/C.P. Garcia near Katipunan Avenue, strengthening links between Metro Manila and Central and North Luzon through the NLEX network.

NLEX Corporation is a subsidiary of the Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation (MPTC), the toll road arm of the Metro Pacific Investments Corporation (MPIC).

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## DE CLARO'S LEADERSHIP LIFTS SSS TO ITS STRONGEST-EVER FINANCIAL STANDING

QUEZON CITY, 13 October 2026 — Social Security System (SSS) President and Chief Executive Officer Robert Joseph Montes de Claro will leave the SSS with its strongest financial position to date, marked by record-high asset levels, a growing investment reserve, and improved

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# DE CLARO'S LEADERSHIP LIFTS SSS TO ITS STRONGEST-EVER FINANCIAL STANDING

earnings performance.

Under de Claro's leadership, SSS has remained financially resilient and well-positioned to sustain the delivery of benefits to its members, pensioners, and their families.

As of June 2026, SSS total assets reached ₱1.35 trillion, an increase of 7.6% or ₱94.9 billion from ₱1.25 trillion as of December 2025. The growth reflects the continued strengthening of the pension fund's financial base and its capacity to meet long-term benefit obligations.

De Claro also steered SSS past the ₱1-trillion milestone in its Investment Reserve Fund (IRF). For the first six months of 2026, the IRF stood at ₱1.31 trillion, up 6.6% from ₱1.23 trillion at the end of 2025. The increase underscores the continued accumulation of reserves needed to support future pension and benefit payments.

Benefit disbursements likewise expanded during the period. From January to June 2026, SSS released ₱173.45 billion in benefits, 19.0% higher than the ₱145.73 billion paid out in the same period last year. The increase indicates greater claims activity, driven in part by more retirees and beneficiaries accessing pensions and other social security benefits.

At the same time, contribution collections continued to improve. Members' contributions reached ₱200.32 billion in the first half of 2026, up 6.9% from ₱187.44 billion in the comparable period of 2025. The growth reflects stronger compliance, expanded coverage, and a growing base of contributing members and employers.

SSS expects to post more than ₱100 billion in net income by the end of 2026, putting it on track to deliver another year of strong financial performance. The agency also projects its total assets to reach ₱1.5 trillion by December 2026.

Throughout his tenure, de Claro oversaw the management of SSS investments through prudent risk management, disciplined asset allocation, and regular portfolio reviews. He ensured that investment decisions remained consistent with Republic Act No. 11199, or the Social Security Act of 2018, and with SSS's internal governance policies. The law directs that the IRF be managed and invested with skill, care, prudence, and diligence to support the fund's long-term viability.

With its strongest financial standing yet, SSS is better equipped to continue providing timely and reliable benefits to members, pensioners, and their families while safeguarding the pension fund's ability to meet its long-term obligations.

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# PHILHEALTH, BJMP SEAL PARTNERSHIP TO EXPAND HEALTH-CARE ACCESS FOR PERSONS DEPRIVED OF LIBERTY

The Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) and the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) have signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to ensure that Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDLs) across the country are registered with PhilHealth and can access comprehensive healthcare benefits.

This agreement is expected to strengthen healthcare delivery for more than 80,000 PDLs in 28 BJMP facilities nationwide through the accreditation of BJMP clinics and the provision of PhilHealth benefits including services under the YAKAP program.

The MOA was signed by PhilHealth Acting President and Chief Executive Officer Beverly Lorraine C. Ho, MD, MPH, and BJMP Jail Director Efren A. Nemeño, DPA, TLPE, underscoring the commitment of both institutions to advancing health equity and improving healthcare access for one of the country's most vulnerable sectors. "Universal Health




Care means every Filipino, including those in detention. Through partnerships like this, PhilHealth is working alongside our fellow government agencies to make sure that no Filipino is left outside the reach of care," said PhilHealth APCEO Dr. Beverly Ho.

Reinforcing the significance of the partnership, Jail Director Efren A. Nemeño said that "By ensuring the automatic enrollment of our PDLs under the National Health Insurance Program and facilitating seamless health care access across our facilities, PhilHealth has helped bridge long-standing gaps in public health service for one of our nation's most vulnerable populations".

The PhilHealth-BJMP partnership marks a significant step toward providing equitable access to healthcare and reinforcing the government's commitment to safeguarding the health and welfare of all Filipinos, including those in custodial facilities. Through this collaboration, both agencies aim to strengthen healthcare delivery in jail facilities and contribute to the realization of a more inclusive and responsive health system under Universal Health Care.

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**HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (PAG-IBIG FUND),**
Mortgagee,

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For: Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of Real Estate Mortgage under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118

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**MARIO LOPEZ BAUTISTA married to FE MARIÑAS BAUTISTA**
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**NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE**

Upon Extra-judicial foreclosure sale under Act 3135, as Amended by Act No. 4118, filed by Mortgagee, **HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (PAG-IBIG FUND),** a government financial institution duly organized and existing under and by virtue of Republic Act No. 9679 with principal office and place of business at The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Loan and Mortgage Agreement ("MORTGAGE") executed and notarized on November 17, 2017 Mortgagor, **MARIO LOPEZ BAUTISTA married to FE MARIÑAS BAUTISTA**, both of legal age, Filipino citizen, with postal residence and postal address at PUROK MANSANAS ST., BRGY. SABANG, NAIC, CAVITE, in favor of the Mortgagee, over a real estate property including improvements thereon, described in and covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE No. 057-201812030** of the Registry of Deeds for Province of Cavite, in order to satisfy the outstanding loan obligation of the Mortgagors in the amount of **FOUR HUNDRED FORTY NINE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY ONE PESOS & 449,521/100 (P13.449,521)** inclusive of interest, penalties and other charges, as of March 31, 2023, the undersigned Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff of the Regional Trial Court of Cavite thru his deputy, Janelle V. Lagadon, will sell at public auction **November 10,2026 at 9:00 o'clock in the morning** or soon thereafter, at the Office of the Ex-Officio Sheriff at the Hall of Justice formerly Mayor Macario B. Pena Memorial Hall, Naic, Cavite, to the highest bidder, for Cash or Manager's Check and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all its improvements thereon, to wit:

**TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO.057-201812030**
Registry of Deeds for Province of Cavite

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in SABANG (FORMERLY TIMALAN), NAIC, CAVITE, LUZON, bounded and described as follows:
LOT NO:2 BLOCK NO:19 PLAN NO:PCS-04-030597
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**LOCATION:** SABANG (FORMERLY TIMALAN), NAIC, CAVITE, LUZON (Continued on next page)
TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION (Continued from page 1)

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| 3-4 | SW | LOT 3, BLOCK BLK 19, PCS-04- 030597 |
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In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **November 17,2026** without further notice.

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Naic, Cavite, Philippines**, October 2, 2026.**

**JANELLE V. LAGADON, MBA**
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# CAVITE HIGHLIGHTS

**By: Yna Palparan Bautista**

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**Siya ang Capitan Municipal ng Dasmariñas noong sumiklab ang himagsikan.Lumahok siya sa rebolusyon sa ilalim ng Magdalo Council. Sumama siya sa Nacionalista Party noong kumandidato si Quezon bilang Pangulo ng Commomwealth. Namatay siya noong1937.**

**ERRATUM**

This is to correct the error made by this publication dated **SEPTEMBER 28, OCTOBER 5 & 12, 2026** in NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE filed by **HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (otherwise known as Pag-IBIG Fund)** versus **LOIDA A. ARCE MARRIED TO REYNALDO PALACOL ARCE, JR. Borrower/s-Mortgagor/s.**
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## Philippine Dental Association - Cavite Chapter & Philippine Pediatric DentalSociety's 2nd Scientific Seminar

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Nagtipon ang mahigit 250 dentists mula sa buong Probinsya ng Cavite para sa kanilang continuing professional development at higit na pagpapahusay ng serbisyo sa mga pasyente.

Tampok sa talakayan, na ginanap sa General Trias Cultural & Convention Center, ang preventive dental care para sa mga bata, kabilang ang mga paraan para maiwasan ang dental problems at mapanatili ang mas maayos na oral health sa kanilang paglaki.

## Cavite records fastest...

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at 15.5 percent. This was followed by public administration and defense; compulsory social security at 10.5 percent, and other services at 8.7 percent.

The PSA also reported that Cavite's per capita GDP reached PhP 181,561 in 2025, representing a 4.6-percent increase from the previous year.

Also featured during the forum were presentations on development plans and initiatives of participating agencies. Mr. Michael R. Lavadia of the Department of Economy, Planning and Development (DEPDev) and Engr. EnP Lorna R. Leyran, Provincial Planning and Development Coordinator presented their respective agencies' plans, programs, and development initiatives.

The dissemination forum provided a venue for government planners, development stakeholders, private sector representatives, and media partners to gain a clearer understanding of Cavite's latest economic performance and use the data in planning, policy development, program implementation, and investment-related initiatives.

The latest PPA figures underscore Cavite's continued economic expansion, with broad-based growth recorded across key sectors of the provincial economy.---

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# Medical Mission Serves 519 Patients in Burol II, Dasmariñas City



The Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC), through the Office of the Provincial Governor (OPG) and the Office of the Provincial Health Officer (OPHO), conducted a medical mission in Barangay Burol II, Dasmariñas City, on October 9, 2026, providing essential healthcare services to 519 patients.

The medical team of the General Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital (GEAMH) provided medical consultations and diagnostic screening services, while OPG staff distributed maintenance medicines to beneficiaries. Of the total patients served, 405 received medical consultations, 36 underwent electrocardiogram (ECG) examinations, and 78 availed themselves of fasting blood sugar (FBS) testing.

Barangay Chairperson Edwin C. Unlayao graced the activity and expressed his support for the initiative, highlighting the importance of collaboration between the provincial and barangay governments in bringing essential healthcare services closer to the community.

The medical mission reaffirmed the Provincial Government's commitment to promoting accessible healthcare, encouraging early detection of potential health concerns, and supporting the well-being of Caviteños through community-based medical outreach.--- OPIO

# IKATLONG BATCH NA NG PAMAMAHAGI NG LIBRENG BIGAS SA CARMONA CITY !

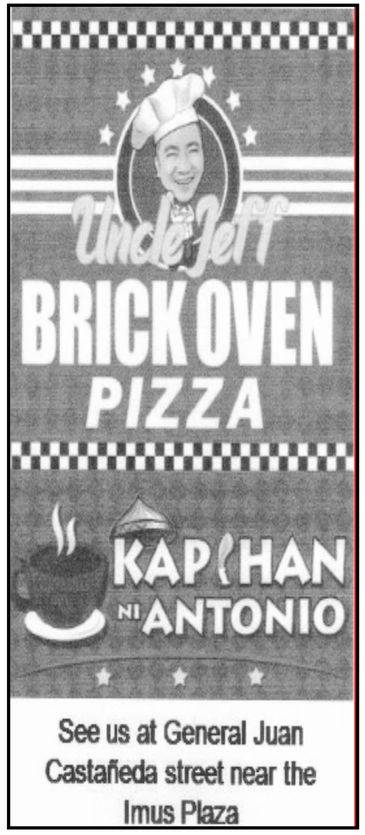


Carmona City --- Tuloy-tuloy ang pamamahagi ng libreng 10 kilong bigas para sa mga residente mg Carmona City.

Ngayong araw, Oktubre 13, muling namahagi ng Libreng Bigas si Carmona City Mayor Dahlia Loyola para naman sa mga residente ng Barangay Mabuhay, Phase 3 at Phase 4 Milagrosa, Sitio Paligawan Matanda, Davilan at Barangay Lantic Proper.

Malaking tulong ang libreng bigas lalo na sa panhon ngayon na patuloy ang pagtaas ng bilihin.

Anunsyo ni Mayor Dahlia, antabayan laman ang mga susunod na batch at barangay, lahat ay magkakaroon at walang iiwanan.







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# BACOOR, MULING KINILALA SA NUTRISYON






Isang karangalan para sa City Government of Bacoor ang muling pagkilala sa ating mga natatanging Nutrition Councils sa 2026 CALABARZON Regional Nutrition Awarding Ceremony (RNAC) na ginaganap ngayong October 15, 2026sa Hotel Casiana & Events Center, Tagaytay City.

Ang City of Bacoor ay tumanggap ng 3rd Year Green Banner Seal of Compliance (GBSC) Award for the 4th consecutive year bilang pagkilala sa patuloy na mahusay na pagpapatupad ng mga programa at inisyatiba para sa nutrisyon at kalusugan ng ating mga Bacooreño sa pamumuno at direktiba ni Mayor Strike Revilla.

Ito ay dinaluhan ni Vice Mayor Rowena Bautista-Mendiola, Vice-Chair ng Bacoor City Nutrition Committee, kasama ang masisipag na Barangay Nutrition Council representatives at Barangay officials mula sa:

Barangay Sinbanali – Hon. Caridad J. Sanchez

Ms. Cristirose B. Raagas - 2nd Placer in the Search for the Regional Outstanding Barangay Nutrition Scholar (ROBNS)⊠Barangay Molino 1 – Hon. Jeo M. Dominguez

Finalist in the Search for Regional Outstanding Barangay Nutrition Committee (ROBNC)

Ang pagkilalang ito ay bunga ng sama-samang pagsisikap ng City Government of Bacoor, City Nutrition Committee, mga Barangay Nutrition Councils, Barangay officials, Nutrition Program Coordinators, at mga katuwang sa pagpapatupad ng mga programang pangnutrisyon.

Isang espesyal na pagkilala rin kay Ms. Cristine O. Elalto -Finalist in the Search for the Regional Outstanding City Nutrition Action Officer (ROCNAO) at ni Ms. Rosalie T. Regulacion - Finalist in the Search for the Regional Outstanding City Nutrition Program Coordinator (ROCPNC).

Nutrisyon ay puhunan sa malusog, masigla at mas maunlad na Bacoor! ***City Government of Bacoor***

# GROUNDBREAKING NG CONVENTION CENTER AT MULTI-PURPOSE EVACUATION CENTER, MATAGUMPAY!






Isinagawa ang groundbreaking ceremony ng Convention Center at Multi-Purpose Evacuation Center ngayong October 14, 2026, sa Timalan Balsahan, Naic, Cavite, sa pangunguna ni Mayor Rommel Magbitang kasama si Congresswoman Aniela Tolentino at mga Konsehal ng Bayan.

Ito ang kauna-unahang Convention Center at Multi-Purpose Evacuation Center ng Bayan ng Naic, na magsisilbing pagdarausan ng mga aktibidad ng bayan at ligtas na evacuation center para sa mga Naicqueño sa panahon ng pangangailangan.

***Municipality of Naic***

# Cavite records fastest economic growth in CALABARZON at 6.7% in 2025



Cavite posted the fastest economic growth among the provinces in the CALABARZON region in 2025, expanding by 6.7 percent, according to the latest Provincial Product Accounts (PPA) released by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA)

The figure was presented during the Provincial Product Accounts Dissemination Forum held on October 6, 2026, at Elijah Hotel and Residences in the City of Dasmariñas, which brought together planning and development officers from various local government units, members of the Provincial Statistics Committee, representatives of national government agencies, private companies, and media partners.

The province's 2025 growth rate increased from 5.2 percent in 2024, with its Gross Domestic Product (GDP) reaching an estimated PhP 875.67 billion, up from PhP 820.76 billion in 2024 and PhP 779.91 billion in 2023, at constant 2018 prices.

During the forum, Ms. Charito C. Armonia, Regional Director of the Philippine Statistics Authority – Regional Statistical Services Office IV-A (PSA-RSSO IV-A) CALABARZON, was present to lend her support to the dissemination of the latest Provincial Product Accounts (PPA) results. Her presence underscored the PSA's commitment to strengthening the dissemination and use of reliable, timely, and relevant economic statistics as a basis for development planning and policy formulation across the region.

Meanwhile, Mr. Claire Dennis S. Mapa, PhD, National Statistician and Civil Registrar General of the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), delivered a video message to the participants. In his message, he emphasized the importance of the PPA in providing stakeholders with comprehensive and reliable information on the economic performance of provinces. The data serve as an important reference for local government units, national government agencies, the private sector, and other stakeholders in assessing economic trends, identifying development priorities, and formulating evidence-based plans and programs.

His message also highlighted the value of collaboration among statistical agencies, local governments, and other stakeholders in ensuring that official statistics are effectively communicated, understood, and utilized in advancing local and regional development.

Ms. Raquel C. Ronario, Supervising Statistical Specialist and Officer-in-Charge of PSA-Cavite, presented the province's 2025 Economic Performance, highlighting the growth of various industries that contributed to the province's economic expansion.

Among the industries, human health and social work activities posted the highest growth

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# CAVITE COOPERATIVE MONTH CELEBRATION OPENING SALVO





The Cavite Cooperative Month Celebration Opening Salvo was successfully conducted on October 2, 2026 at the S.T.R.I.K.E. Gymnasium, City of Bacoor, Cavite, bringing together around 2,300 cooperative members and leaders from different cooperatives across the Province of Cavite.

The event was organized and facilitated by the Provincial Government of Cavite through the Office of the Provincial Cooperatives Development Officer (OPCDO), in partnership with the Provincial Cooperative Development Council (PCDC), as part of the province-wide celebration of Cooperative Month.

Gracing the Opening Salvo were Governor Francisco Gabriel D. Remulla, Vice Governor Ram Revilla Bautista, SP Chairperson, Committee on Cooperatives Hon. Lloyd Emman D. Jaro, and Hon. Alde Joselito Pagulayan, Representative of Bacoor City Mayor Strike B. Revilla. Congresswoman Lani Mercado-Revilla also shared her warm greetings and support through a video message prepared especially for the Opening Salvo. Also joining the celebration were Cooperative Development Authority Chairperson Usec. Alexander Raquepo, Provincial Cooperatives Development Officer Ms. Myrachel P. Cuadra, and Cavite PCDC Chairperson Atty. Alex Nicole V. Salvador. The event was further honored by the presence of Senator JV Ejercito as the Keynote Speaker.

Adding excitement and energy to the celebration were the various activities that showcased the unity, creativity, camaraderie, and sportsmanship of Cavite's cooperative sector. Cooperatives proudly competed in the Best Coop Council Chant and Best Coop Council Uniform, bringing their unique spirit and identity to the celebration.

The event also featured the much-awaited 2026 Koop Prince and Princess, celebrating the confidence, personality, and participation of the province's cooperative members. Meanwhile, the Coop Cup Games brought cooperatives together in friendly competition, demonstrating that beyond business and economic development, cooperativism is also about teamwork, mutual support, and working together toward a common goal. Anchored on this year's theme, "Matibay na Kooperatiba: Nagkakaisang Pamayanan para sa Kapayapaan at Kaunlaran," the celebration truly reflected the heart of cooperativism. From chants and creative expressions to friendly competition and sportsmanship, every activity highlighted how Cavite's cooperatives can come together as one united community.



# CARD MRI, nakiisa sa kauna-unahang Yakap Lawa Festival sa San Pablo City

Nakibahagi ang CARD Mutually Reinforcing Institutions (CARD MRI) sa kauna-unahang Yakap Lawa: City of Lakes Festival ng lungsod ng San Pablo, Laguna sa pamamagitan ng isang simbolikong fish lantern na itinampok sa parada noong Mayo 9, 2026.

Layunin ng naturang kapistahanna kilalanin at ipagdiwang ang pitong lawa ng San Pablo City at ang mayamang yamang-tubig nito. Ito rin ang unang taon ng pagdiriwang na inilunsad ng lokal na pamahalaan bilang bagong tradisyon ng lungsod upang higit na mapalalim ang pagpapahalaga ng mamamayan sa kalikasan at mapatatag ang koneksyon ng komunidad sa kanilang kapaligiran.

Pinangunahan ng CARD MRI Hijos Tours ang paglahok ng organisasyonkatuwang ang CARD-MRI Development Institute (CMDI) San Pablo Campus. Sa pamamagitan ng kanilang fish lantern entry, ipinakita ng CARD MRI ang suporta nito sa adbokasiya ng lungsod para sa pangangalaga sa kalikasan at pagpapanatili ng kultura at pagkakakilanlan ng San Pablo.

Ayon kay Marilyn M. Manila, Presidente ng CARD MRI Hijos Tours, espesyal ang kahalagahan ng San Pablo City sa organisasyon. "Bago namin binuksan ang aming tour services sa iba't ibang bahagi ng bansa, dito muna nagsimula ang Hijos Tours sa San Pablo. Ang pagsali namin sa pagdiriwang ay paraan ng pagbabalik-tanaw at pasasalamat sa lungsod at sa mayamang kultura nito na naging bahagi ng pagbuo ng tour company ng CARD," ani Manila.

Karamihan sa mga lantern entry sa parada ay gumamit ng disenyo ng tilapia, ngunit pinili ng CARD MRI Hijos Tours at CMDI na gamitin ang isdang biya bilang pangunahing simbolo ng kanilang likha. Ang biya ay isang maliit na isdang likas na matatagpuan sa Laguna at kilala sa pagiging matatag at madaling makaangkop sa kabila ng simpleng anyo nito.

Ipinaliwanag naman ni Dr. Edzel Ramos, Presidente ng CMDI, na ang pagpili sa biya ay kaugnay ng isa sa mga pangunahing pagpapahalaga ng CARD MRI. "Sa pamamagitan ng biya, nais naming bigyang-diin ang isa sa core values ng CARD MRI, ang pagpapakumbaba," saad ni Dr. Ramos.

Dagdag pa niya, ang isda ay sumisimbolo rin sa lakas at tibay ng mga komunidad na patuloy na umaangat sa kabila ng iba't ibang hamon. Para sa CARD MRI, mahalagang maipakita na ang simpleng bagay ay maaari ding maging simbolo ng pagkakaisa, pag-unlad, at malasakit sa komunidad.



*Bitbit ng mga mag-aaral ng CMDI San Pablo ang fish lantern habang nakikilahok sa parada, kasama sina CMDI Principal Lorelie Aguilar (kaliwa) at Hijos Tours Tour Manager Ruben Cuerdo (kanan). Tampok ang fish lantern entry ng CARD MRI na itinanghal sa Sampaloc Lake Boardwalk bilang bahagi ng pagdiriwang.*

Ibinahagi rin ni Manila na naging inspirasyon nila ang kahalagahan ng biya sa kabuhayan ng mga mamamayan sa lugar. "Ang biya ay sumasalamin sa lakas at simpleng katangian na malapit din sa pagkakakilanlan ng CARD. Naniniwala kami na ito ang tamang simbolo upang katawanin ang CARD habang nagbibigay-pugay rin sa San Pablo," dagdag niya.

Mahigit 20 mag-aaral mula sa performing arts group ng CMDI San Pablo Campus ang nagtulungan upang buuin ang fish lantern. Samantala, pinangasiwaan naman ng CARD MRI Hijos Tours ang koordinasyon at pagsasagawa ng aktibidad.

Nasa school break noon ang mga estudyante bago magsimula ang susunod na taong panuruan. Nang malaman nila ang pakikipagtulungan ng CMDI at Hijos Tours para sa festival, boluntaryo silang tumulong sa paggawa at pagpapakita ng lantern sa parada.

Ang lantern ay pinintahan ng kulay asul, kahel, at dilaw upang kumatawan sa makulay na kultura ng San Pablo at sa yaman ng mga lawa nito. Upang higit pang maipakita ang tibay at katatagan ng biya, anim na magkakaparehong fish lantern ang ginawa ng mga estudyante sa salit-salitang kulay asul at kahel. Pinagdugtong-dugtong din ang mga lantern sa buong parada bilang simbolo ng pagkakaisa at sama-samang pag-unlad ng komunidad.

Ayon kay Dr. Ramos, higit pa sa isang dekorasyon ang layunin ng kanilang fish lantern. "Ang biya fish lantern na ito ay sumisimbolo sa aming paninindigan sa CARD para sa pangangalaga sa kalikasan at pagpapanatili ng kulturang Pilipino. Sa pamamagitan nito, nais naming hikayatin ang komunidad ng San Pablo na magpatuloy sa pag-unlad habang pinahahalagahan ang kanilang pinagmulan," aniya.

Itinampok ang fish lantern sa parada mula Rizal Avenue hanggang sa boardwalk ng Sampaloc Lake sa city plaza. Habang bitbit ng mga estudyante ang lantern, gumalaw sila nang tila alon upang gayahin ang paglangoy ng mga isda sa lawa. Matapos ang parada, nanatili ring naka-display ang lantern sa ginanap na evening celebration sa lake boardwalk.

Sa pamamagitan ng kanilang paglahok sa kauna-unahang Yakap Lawa Festival, ipinakita ng CARD MRI ang suporta nito sa mga programang nagpapahalaga sa kalikasan, kultura, at pagkakaisa ng komunidad. Inaasahan ding magpapatuloy ang ganitong mga aktibidad upang higit pang mapalakas ang ugnayan ng mga institusyon at mamamayan sa mga susunod na taon.