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# COMELEC at ang Pamahalaang Lungsod ng Bacoor nag-organisa ng Command Conference



Photo from City Government of Bacoor Facebook page

Bacoor City, Philippines - Ang Commission on Elections (COMELEC) at ang Pamahalaang Lungsod ng Bacoor, sa pamumuno ni Mayor Strike B. Revilla, ang nag-organisa sa matagal nang inaasahang unang Command Conference para sa Paghahanda sa Plebisito ng Bacoor. Ginanap ang kumperensiya noong Hulyo 4, 2023, sa Fynn Boutique Hotel.

Layunin ng kumperensiya na magbigay ng malawak na pang-unawa sa mga stakeholder at sa publiko sa mga paghahanda na ginagawa

para sa nalalapit na Plebisito ng Bacoor na nakatakda sa Hulyo 29, 2023. Nagtipon ito ng mga pangunahing opisyal, mga eksperto, sibil na organisasyon ng lipunan, mga lider ng komunidad, at mga kinatawan mula sa mga barangay upang makibahagi sa makabuluhang talakayan at tugunan ang mga alalahanin kaugnay ng plebisito.

Sa panahon ng kumperensiya, nagbigay ng kaalaman si Chairman George Erwin Garcia ng COMELEC ukol sa proseso ng plebisito,

kung saan binigyang-diin ang legal na balangkas, proseso ng rehistrasyon ng botante, at ang kahalagahan ng pakikilahok ng mamamayan. Binigyang-diin niya ang kahalagahan ng isang malinaw at maayos na plebisito upang matiyak ang pagiging lehitimo ng resulta nito.

Inilahad ni Mayor Strike B. Revilla ang kanyang pasasalamat sa lahat ng mga kalahok at binigyang-diin ang kahalagahan ng Pamahalaang Lungsod ng Bacoor sa pagpapatupad ng isang patas at matagumpay na plebisito. Binigyang diin din niya ang importansya ng plebisito para sa kinabukasan ng lungsod at ang pangangailangan ng pagkakaisa at kooperasyon sa lahat ng mga stakeholder at mamamayan ng Bacoor.

Isinagawa ang iba't ibang sesyon sa kumperensiya upang talakayin ang mga tiyak na aspeto ng paghahanda sa plebisito. Tinatalakay ng mga sesyon na ito ang mga paksa tulad ng edukasyon ng botante at pagpapalaganap ng impormasyon, mga hakbang sa

seguridad, logistika, at ang papel ng media sa pagtataguyod ng kaalaman at pakikilahok.

Sa pagtatapos ng kumperensiya, ipinasa ang isang resolusyon na magpapatibay sa pangako ng lahat ng mga kalahok na suportahan at isulong ang isang mapayapa at matagumpay na plebisito. Binigyang-diin ng resolusyon ang kahalagahan ng pagtupad sa mga prinsipyo ng demokrasya, transparency, at integridad sa pagpapatupad ng plebisito.

Ang matagumpay na pagtatapos ng unang Command Conference para sa Paghahanda sa Plebisito ng Bacoor ay nagmarka ng isang mahalagang yugto sa mga pagsisikap ng Lokal na Pamahalaan ng Bacoor at COMELEC upang matiyak ang isang maginhawang at mapagkakatiwalaang plebisito. Sa aktibong pakikilahok ng iba't ibang mga stakeholder at sa pangako ng COMELEC at ng Pamahalaang Lungsod ng Bacoor, handa na ang Bacoor para sa isang patas at malinaw na plebisito sa Hulyo 29, 2023.



Davao del Norte 1st District Representative Pantaleon D. Alvarez (File photo)

## Solon wants regional empowerment to build disaster-resilient PH

By Filane Mikee Cervantes

MANILA – As the country celebrates National Disaster Resilience Month, a lawmaker on Tuesday emphasized the importance of empowering regions and local governments in disaster reduction and recovery by providing them with necessary information, resources and decision-making capabilities.

Davao del Norte Rep. Pantaleon Alvarez said accelerating the resilience-  
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## Party-list solon pushes for creation of OFW pension system

By Zaldo De Layola

MANILA – Kabayan Party-list Rep. Ron P. Salo on Wednesday underscored the importance of security and protection of overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) when their twilight years come.

“It is imperative to establish a separate and dedicated social security and pension system specifically tailored to the needs of our OFWs,” Salo said in a statement.

He said the system would provide comprehensive social protection, ensuring their overall well-being and offer

financial support “in the event of job loss, disability, or death, providing a safety net for our OFWs and their families during challenging times.”

Under House Bill (HB) 8574 or the Kabayan OFW Pension Act, Salo said the system will be mandated to craft guidelines for the OFW’s retirement benefits, monthly pension, death benefits, permanent disability benefits and funeral benefits.

“In our consultations with OFWs in different parts of the world, it has become apparent that the establishment of a unique pension system for OFWs is one  
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## New BJMP chief vows reforms, well-managed jail facilities

By Christopher Lloyd Caliwán

MANILA – Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) chief Jail Director Ruel Rivera pledged to fulfill the agency’s mandate of providing secure, reformation-oriented and well-managed jail facilities across the country as he was officially sworn in as the jail bureau’s new head on Wednesday

Rivera took his oath before Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Secretary Benjamin Abalos Jr. at the National Police Commission (Napolcom) building in Quezon City.

The new chief vowed to continue working on the BJMP’s J.A.I.L. Plan 2040, to support the “Buhay Ingatan, Droga’y Ayawan” (BIDA) Program of the DILG and the Marcos administration’s Philippine Development Plan 2023-2028

He plans to work closely with BJMP personnel, stakeholders and partners to uphold the BJMP’s commitment to professionalism, integrity and service excellence.

He will be leading the BJMP’s 20,813 personnel in taking care of 126,606 persons deprived of liberty (PDLs)  
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## Singapore hails PNP’s efforts vs. human trafficking

By Christopher Lloyd Caliwán

MANILA – The Singaporean government recognized the Philippine National Police (PNP) for its efforts in rescuing human trafficking victims in the recent series of raids on illegal Philippine offshore gaming operators (POGO) in Metro Manila.

In a statement Wednesday, PNP chief Gen. Benjamin Acorda Jr. thanked Singapore’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) for their expression of appreciation towards the police force’s efforts.

“This acknowledgment comes in response to the recent successful police operation conducted by the PNP, which resulted in the rescue of four Singaporean nationals among the 2,000 alleged victims of human  
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## Libreng Tuli na ginanap sa Brgy. Molino II, Covered Court

Noong July 4, 2023, pinangunahan ng City Government of Bacoor kasama ang City Health Office sa pamumuno ni Dr. Ivy Yrastorza ang Libreng Tuli na ginanap sa Brgy. Molino II, Covered Court.

Nasa higit isang daan na batang kalalakihan na may edad dose anyos pataas ang nagpatuli kung saan sila rin ay may libreng

gamot at reseta pagkatapos ng operasyon.

Nagbigay din ng supporta ang Cavite State University Bacoor Criminology Students sa pag-assist sa mga kakalalakihang nagpatuli at ang Brgy. Molino II Officials sa pamumuno ni Punong Brgy. Mike Saquitan sa programang handog ng Lungsod ng Bacoor.



(Photo from The City Government of Bacoor Facebook page)

## Pinaigting na pagpapatupad ng batas trapiko sa lungsod ng Imus

TINGNAN: Sinimulan na ng City of Imus Traffic and Management Unit (CITMU) ang pinaigting na pagpapatupad ng batas trapiko sa kahabaan ng Emilio Aguinaldo Highway.

Ilan sa kanilang binantayan ay ang:

- No Helmet, No Drive Policy;
- No Seatbelt, No Trip Policy;
- Tricycle Ban on National Highways;
- No E-bike on Highways;
- at iba pang batas trapiko na ipinapatupad sa lungsod

Patuloy ang pakikipagtulungan ng CITMU sa Highway Patrol Group Cavite tungo sa mas disiplinadong motorista sa mga pangunahing daan sa Imus.



(Photos by: City of Imus Traffic and Management Unit)

## MMDA...



**M U S T - U S E GADGETS.**

Metropolitan Manila Development Authority enforcers demonstrate the use of body-worn cameras for traffic management and enforcement operations during a meeting at the MMDA building in Pasig City on Wednesday (July 5, 2023). The meeting presided over by MMDA acting chair Don Artes tackled with stakeholders the drafted rules on the use of the device that will ensure transparency and eliminate paying or taking bribes as all moves will be recorded during apprehensions. (PNA photo by Joan Bondoc)

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Inputs from the stakeholders will be consolidated and presented to the Metro Manila Council, the governing and policy-making body of the MMDA, whose members are the 17 Metro Manila mayors.

Artes said the body-worn cameras, designed to

capture and record the entire conduct of the operation, are similar to gadgets being used in the United Kingdom. The gadgets have six to eight hours of battery life.

Initially, 120 body cameras will be distributed to traffic enforcers who are authorized to issue citation tickets to traffic violators. (PNA)



**MEETING WITH STAKEHOLDERS.** Metropolitan Manila Development Authority acting chair Don Artes (middle) presides over a consultation meeting with leaders of transport groups and other stakeholders on the use of body-worn cameras at the MMDA in Pasig City on Wednesday (July 5, 2023). The body cameras with video and audio recording feature would protect both the traffic enforcers and the motorists being apprehended. (PNA photo by Joan Bondoc)

## Australia...

collaboration," Australian Ambassador HK Yu said Thursday.

A Track 1.5 dialogue preceded the discussions with both the foreign ministries and partner institutions such as the University of the Philippines Institute for Maritime Affairs and Law of the Sea for the Philippines and La Trobe Asia for Australia taking the lead.

For Ponce, the partnership sets the trend towards a "fuller realization of the role maritime security and cooperation plays in the bilateral agenda -- which is only natural given that both the Philippines and Australia are maritime nations."

The Australian delegation also visited the headquarters of the PCG and the National Coast Watch Center Operations Room and went aboard the 56-meter Search and Rescue Vessel (SARV) BRP Batangas, one of the eight SARVs made by the Australian company Tenix Defence Systems and turned over to the PCG in the early 2000s.

The PCG noted that these Tenix-made SARVs were

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their workhorse in maritime safety, maritime security and law and enforcement, search and rescue, and marine environmental

protection. The delegations of the Philippines and Australia expect to meet again at the 4th Philippine-Australia Maritime Dialogue in 2024. (PNA)



Philippine Maritime and Ocean Affairs Office Assistant Secretary Angela Ponce and Australian Department of Foreign Affairs, US and Indo-Pacific Strategy Division First Assistant Secretary Peter Sawczak (Photo courtesy of DFA)

## New...

confined in 479 jails nationwide.

In his message, Abalos expressed his full trust and confidence in Rivera's leadership.

"General Rivera has become the bridge that connects the previous and recent administrations. He is the continuity of excellence in service," Abalos said.

"Without any doubt, I am sure that he will continue to blaze the trail for the Bureau to become better," he added.

Rivera was appointed by President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. as the 10th chief of the BJMP, effective June 25, following the retirement of outgoing chief Jail Director Allan Iral.

An accomplished jail officer, Rivera obtained his public safety degree from the Philippine National Police Academy (PNP) and is a member of the Philippine National Police Academy (PNPA) Patnubay Class of 1995.

He has a Master's degree in Public Administration from the Batangas State University and acquired Doctorate units in Philosophy on Educational Management at the University of Rizal System.

Throughout his career, the new BJMP chief has consistently demonstrated exceptional leadership skills, strategic thinking, and a deep understanding of the complexities and challenges faced by the bureau.

He played a vital role in implementing innovative programs and initiatives aimed at enhancing the effectiveness of the BJMP's operations and the rehabilitation of PDLs.

In his 28 years in public service, Rivera brings a distinguished career in jail

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management to this position. With his years of experience in various capacities within the BJMP, he displayed exemplary dedication and commitment to the bureau's mission of ensuring safe and humane custody of PDL.

He never shied away from being deployed to various regional offices as a staff officer, regional chief of Directorial Staff and assistant regional director, until his eventual ascent to the seat of the regional director of BJMP-Mimaropa from 2013 to 2014.

Rivera also served as the national headquarters' chief of the Finance Service Office, director for Investigation and Prosecution, director for Logistics, and director for Comptrollership, before joining the BJMP's Command Group, the decision-making body of the Jail Bureau, serving as the chief of Directorial Staff in 2017, Deputy Chief for Operations in 2018, Deputy Chief for Administration in July 2019, and acting chief of the BJMP on March 27. (PNA)



Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Secretary Benjamin Abalos Jr. and BJMP chief, Jail Director Ruel Rivera (right) (Photo courtesy of BJMP)

## Solon...

building efforts at the local and regional levels would allow for prompt disaster response to natural hazard events.

"Dapat mas palawigin pa natin ang kakayahan ng mga lokal na gobyerno na magsagawa ng mga hakbang upang tugonan ang epekto ng kalamidad sa kanilang sinasakupan (We need to strengthen the capacities of local governments to manage natural disasters within their localities). Let's help them stand on their feet when times get rough. Hindi yun iiwan natin sila sa ere kapag nagka problema na. Mali yun (We should not leave them hanging in the face of the problem. That's wrong)," Alvarez said.

Alvarez pointed out that a shift to federalism will empower regions and local governments by giving them the ability to address adequately their local concerns.

The legislator said enhancing disaster awareness while also reinforcing risk management is crucial to promote a resilient Philippines, which is one of the world's most disaster-prone countries.

"Layunin nito na mabuklod ang mga ahensya at tao sa pagharap at pag-kilos sa mga kalamidad sa bansa para sa epektibong aksyon tugon sa kalamidad. Mahalaga na

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malaman at maunawaan natin ang kahalagahan nito upang maging handa at magkaroon ng tamang pagresponde sa kalamidad (Our goal is to coordinate the efforts of the agencies and the public in the face of natural disasters for a more efficient disaster response. We need to understand the importance of this to effectively prepare for and respond to disasters)," Alvarez said.

He said the observance of National Disaster Resilience Month 2023 helps ensure the preparedness and effective response of the national and local governments on their road to recovery from the devastating impact of hazards and disasters.

The Philippines kicked off its National Disaster Resilience Month observance in July with month-long activities themed, "BIDAng Pilipino: Building a Stronger Filipino Well-Being towards Disaster Resilience."

The observance is being spearheaded by the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) and the Office of Civil Defense (OCD).

The NDRM kickoff activity started with a simultaneous "Run For Resilience" on July 1 in all the regions. (PNA)

## Resolusyon aprubado ng Sangguniang Panlungsod ng Imus

Ilang resolusyon ang inaprubahan ng Sangguniang Panlungsod ng Imus sa pagdaos ng ika-27 sesyon nitong Lunes ng umaga, Hulyo 3, 2023.

Kabilang na rito ang resolusyong nagpapahintulot kay City Mayor Alex "AA" L. Advincula na pumasok sa isang Memorandum of Agreement kasama ang Dangerous Drugs Board para sa pagtanggap ng tulong pinansyal na nagkakahalagang P5 milyon para sa pagpapatayo ng Rehabilitation Center ng Pamahalaang Lungsod ng Imus.

Aprubado na rin ang isang resolusyon para sa pagtanggap ng fleet cards mula sa Maynilad Water Services Inc., na gagamitin ng mga water tanker sa kanilang paghahatid ng tubig sa mga kabahayan.



(Photos by: Imus CIO)

## Singapore...

trafficking discovered in a POGO establishment that was raided last week," Acorda said.

He added that they are very grateful to Singapore's MFA for its unwavering support and recognition of the Philippines' efforts in the spirit of ASEAN solidarity against transnational and cross-border crime.

Both the Philippines and Singapore are founding members of the ASEAN Chiefs of National Police (ASEANAPOL), now comprising all national police forces of 10 ASEAN member states.

"This operation highlights the importance of international cooperation in combating human trafficking and ensuring the safety of individuals

From page 1 affected by this heinous crime. The successful rescue of the four Singaporean nationals is a testament to the dedication and professionalism of the PNP," Acorda said.

Singapore's MFA has officially verified the identities of the four rescued Singaporeans, confirming their status as POGO workers who fell victim to this crime.

"Understanding the importance of providing immediate assistance, consular services were promptly extended to these individuals through the Singaporean embassy in Manila, ensuring their welfare and offering comprehensive support during this challenging time," Acorda said.

He added that the

collaboration between the PNP and the MFA of Singapore signifies the commitment of both nations to combating human trafficking and protecting the rights of individuals affected by such crimes.

This joint effort demonstrates the collective determination to address transnational criminal activities through international cooperation and mutual support.

Acorda said the PNP would continue to uphold its resolve to eradicate human trafficking and dismantle illegal operations like the one uncovered in this case.

He added that the police force is dedicated to ensuring the safety and security of all individuals, regardless of their nationality. (PNA)

## Loan...

provinces to 45 minutes, way faster than the current five-and-a-half hours' travel time.

However, the BCIB shall be divided into seven contract packages – the 5-km. Bataan Land approach, the 1.35-km. Cavite Land approach, the 20.65-km.-long North and South marine viaducts, the 2.15-km. North Channel Bridge, the 3.15-km. South Channel Bridge, and the project-wide ancillary works



LOAN AGREEMENT. Public Works Secretary Manuel Bonoan (center) meets with representatives of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and other stakeholders to discuss crucial preparations for the loan agreement for the Bataan-Cavite Interlink Bridge project, during the two-week discussion from June 16 to July 5, 2023. The DPWH said it seeks to secure a loan approval by November. (Photo courtesy of DPWH)

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The DPWH said the initial project construction is targeted for the first quarter of 2024, with its completion projected until mid-2028.

The BCIB project is considered a part of the administration's "Build Better More" program.

President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. earlier expressed his optimism on the magnitude of benefits that the BCIB project can provide for Filipinos.

He noted that with the completion of the interlink bridge,

the prices of commodities and other services could drop with the expected decline in transportation costs.

On March 31, Marcos led the ceremony for the BCIB's DED at the Maritime Academy of Asia and the Pacific in Mariveles, Bataan.

The DED helped the government consider and resolve technical challenges, including "severe seismic loads, wind speeds, need for navigation channels for large cargo vessels, seabed depth for caisson foundation, and effects of climate change." (PNA)



The design of the Bataan-Cavite Interlink Bridge project (Photo courtesy of DPWH)

## Party-list...

of their most enduring and urgent aspirations," Salo said.

He added that after years of toiling in foreign lands and diligently sending their hard-earned money to their loved ones in the Philippines, they find themselves without adequate social protection in their twilight years.

Currently, Salo said the Social Security System allows OFWs to become voluntary members through specific schemes, an approach which he said does not fully resonate with the OFW community.

"The clamor of our OFWs is for a specific and distinct social security system designed for them which acknowledges the unique circumstances and vulnerabilities they face as migrant workers," Salo said.

The system, he continued, would establish a

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retirement fund, enabling OFWs to secure social and financial protection in their old age, and granting them the dignity and peace of mind they deserve.

"Our OFWs are vital contributors to our development and fabric as a nation through their hard work, remittances and sacrifices," he said.

"It is the State's duty to provide them humane and adequate social protection when they choose to finally retire after facing unique challenges and vulnerabilities while working abroad. This is our OFW's aspirations that we will collectively achieve," he added.

He said providing retirement benefits and pension to OFWs is one of the most tangible means of showing the country's genuine gratitude for their sacrifices working in foreign shores. (PNA)



## Binay...

it really happens -- marketing campaigns fail. In DOT's case, it's best to move forward from failure and save the brand at all costs. We cannot afford to put to waste everything that we built for Philippine tourism. Let's do the right thing to protect the integrity of the brand," Binay said.

"Tourism is a sensitive market. Political unrest, negative media and people's perceptions influence travelers' decisions. Dahil nga sa nangyari, headline na tayo sa buong mundo. Naging laughing stock na ang slogan, at masyado ng tinamaan ang campaign. Nakakalungkot dahil sa unang tapak pa lamang, imbes na umarangkada ay umatras tayo (Because of what happened, we became the headline of the world. The slogan became a laughingstock and the campaign was damaged. It's sad because its first step brought the campaign backward)," she added.

According to Binay, it is not wise for the DOT and the

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people behind the marketing campaign to insist on continuing with "Love the Philippines" given the negative impact brought by the video fiasco.

The goals set by the DOT, she said, has already "tilted and shifted," noting that it may look good on paper, but the campaign was beaten and battered in the real world.

"The DOT's enhanced campaign has lost the persuasion game. We all can sense the discombobulating algorithms which carry promotion-limiting consequences. The campaign has lost its redeeming value and has become unsalvageable. I hope the DOT is level-headed enough to accept this," she said suggesting to just bring back the "It's more fun in the Philippines" slogan.

DOT's first "Love the Philippines" tourism promotion video received flak after the discovery that it featured clips shot in Thailand, Indonesia and United Arab Emirates. (PNA)

## MTRCB...

the entire South China Sea (SCS) region, including the zone along the West Philippine Sea (WPS).

In an interview with CNN Philippines, Senator Francis Tolentino warned that allowing the local screening of the film will only lead to "injurious" consequences to the prestige of the Philippines.

"This will not just be an injurious to the Republic of the Philippines but would be contrary to what our country fought for and achieved under that Arbitral Ruling in 2016," Tolentino said.

"What the effect would be? Something that would dilute our sovereignty," he added.

In 2016, The Hague Tribunal invalidated Beijing's "nine-dash line" claim over the entire

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SCS region following an arbitration case filed by the Philippine government on January 22, 2013. China's nine-dash line unilaterally encroached on territories of other member-states of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).

"The Arbitral Ruling clearly stated that the claim of China here has no legal basis," Tolentino stressed.

The Vietnamese government already decided to ban the screening of Barbie following a review, in which, the depiction of the nine-dash line scene was first noticed.

In 2022, the Philippines banned the movie "Abominable" and "Uncharted" for the same reason. (PNA)

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### EDITORIAL

## Inflation decreases deflation

Despite the slight drop, this meant prices of commodities detailed by the Department of Trade and Industry were up.

Money is a subject that can give ordinary folks a headache. In others, the topic can very well cause depression. Income, profit, loss, gain — the world revolves around the subjects of the economy and financial need as it does around other social issues.

The majority of people live to survive or simply keep up, and very few are able to progress by leaps and bounds. In 2023, under the 17th President of the Philippines, it appears that people are still “running just to stay in place.”

Lewis Carroll’s line that goes, “My dear, here we must run as fast as we can, just to stay in place. And if you wish to go anywhere you must run twice as fast as that,” holds true for many.

Although the Red Queen was referring to another kind of situation in “Alice in Wonderland,” that phrase is the essence of many woes in the real world, where the struggle for a better life never seems to end. Post-pandemic, the government has worked on strengthening the economy after it suffered intense blows from the halt in business operations, among other factors affecting global movements.

Inflation in January was at 8.7 percent and slid in February to 8.6 percent. Despite the slight drop, this meant prices of commodities detailed by the Department of Trade and Industry were up — another blow to consumers whose pockets were getting depleted by lower income and higher prices of goods.

Months later, inflation dropped to 3.2 percent, later settling at 5.4 in June from 6.1 in May and 6.1 in June last year.

Reports show that consumers will feel this reprieve in goods like “alcoholic beverages and tobacco, 11.6 percent from 12.3 percent; furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance, 6.0 percent from 6.2 percent; health, 3.9 percent from 4.1 percent; recreation, sports and culture, 4.8 percent from 4.9 percent; and restaurants and accommodation services, 8.2 percent from 8.3 percent.” On the other hand, the Philippine Statistics Authority says, “The index of personal care and miscellaneous goods and services exhibited faster year-on-year growth during the month at 5.8 percent from 5.7 percent in May 2023.”

The average Pinoy would likely get a headache trying to absorb the numbers and percentages in reports coming out in glowing terms lately, but what is important for them to understand is that this “downtrend in inflation” was due mainly to the slower movement in the prices of food and non-alcoholic beverages. This, in turn, is because of the same trend in prices of meat and other agricultural goods, including sugar.

Another reason for the downtrend is the decrease in transport costs, due to the lower prices of gasoline and diesel fuel.

Meanwhile, PSA said, “Housing, water, electricity, gas, and other fuels was the third main source of deceleration of the headline inflation in June 2023 with 5.6 percent annual growth rate from 6.5 percent in May 2023.”

Lest we get veins pulsing on some people’s foreheads, let this be good news for all: this consistent decline in inflation, experts believe, should further lower inflation “back within the government’s 2 percent to 4 percent target range by yearend.”

As National Economic and Development Authority Secretary Arsenio M. Balisacan assured in a statement, “We are making progress in managing inflation and we can expect that it will decline to within 2 (percent) to 4 percent by the end of the year. The government remains committed to protecting the purchasing power of the Filipino people by ensuring food security, reducing transport and logistics costs, and lowering energy costs for Filipino households.”



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Sunud-sunod ang kontrobersya ngayon tungkol sa mga patalastas na tinawag nang “rasista.” Una ang sa BAYO, sumunod ang sa Belo Medical Group, at humabol ang sa Executive Optical. Sa tatlo, malinaw ang pagbibigay-halaga sa Kanluraning modelo ng kagandahan at ang pagwawalang-halaga naman sa Pilipinong kulay at itsura. Magkakaiba rin naman ang kulay at itsurang tinatawag na “Pilipino” bagamat mas tumatampok ang pagkakatulad kapag inihambing sa Kanluranin.

Maaaring hindi sinadya ang mga kontrobersya: Baka matapang lang na naipahayag ang pagpapahalaga na malay na tinatanganan pero itinatago o hindi malay na tinatanganan pero namumuo. Maaari rin namang sinadya: Dahil publikidad pa rin ng produkto o serbisyong ibinebenta ang kontrobersya. Kung sinadya man, malinaw ang iniisip ng mga promotor: Hindi makakasama sa matagalan sa kikitang tubo mula sa produkto o serbisyo kahit ang negatibong reaksyon sa rasistang patalastas.

Ang sigurado, hindi lahat ng kumondena sa mga rasistang patalastas, at sa gayo’y lumikha ng kontrobersya hinggil sa mga ito, ang kumondena rin sa mga sumusunod:

- Sa larangang militar, sa pag-iisip ni Pang. Noynoy Aquino na humiling sa

US na magpalipad ng mga eroplanong pang-espiya sa pinaglalamanang teritoryo sa South China Sea – laban sa Tsina, syempre. Na sinagad ni Sen. Gringo Honasan sa pagpanawagang mga tropang Kano ang aktwal na dalhin sa naturang teritoryo, para kunwari’y maging “barangay tanod” ang mga ito. Gusto ng gobyerno na maging matikas laban sa Tsina, pero ang paraan nito, todong pagsandig sa US.

- Salarangangekonomiya, sa “pagpapautang” ng Pilipinas ng \$1 Bilyon sa International Monetary Fund, sa batayan, ayon kay Gob. Armando Tetangco Jr. ng Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, na “Miyembro tayo ng pandaigdigang komunidad ng mga bansa...” na dinodomina syempre pa, ng pinakamalalakas na bansa – ang mga abanteng kapitalistang bansa, pangunahin ang US. Katunayan, ang gamit ng gobyerno sa “pandaigdigang komunidad” ay pamalitalita lang sa “US.”

- Sa pagyayabang ng gobyernong Aquino, sa pagtuntong nito ng dalawang taon sa pwesto, na “Kinatangian ang dalawang taong ito ng tunay, makabuluhang pagbabago: sa pagpapatakbo ng gobyerno, [at] sa kung

paano tinitingnan ang bansa ng internasyunal na komunidad...” Karugtong nito ang diskursong nagsasabing kapag may tiwala ang ibang bansa – katunaya’y ang pinakamayayamang bansa – sa Pilipinas, dadaloy ang pamumuhunan at kasunod ang empleyo at kaunlaran.

Ang kailangang ilinaw: ang rasismo, tulad ng iba pang isyung pangkultura, ay hindi lang isyung pangkultura. Nakaugat ang pagiging dominante ng Kanluraning modelo ng kagandahan sa aktwal na dominasyon ng Kanluran sa ekonomiya, pulitika, at militar ng mundo. Sa aktwal na tinakbo ng kapitalismo, mga makapangyarihang bansa sa Kanluran ang naging dominante, at sa batayan ng pagiging dominante nila naipataw-ipinataw ang kanilang kultura at modelo ng kagandahan.

Dahil sa kolonyalismo at imperyalismo, ang mga matang gamit natin sa pagtingin ng “maganda” ang siya ring gamit natin sa pagtingin ng “maunlad,” “mahusay,” at maging “demokratiko.” Hangga’t hindi lumalaya ang bansa sa dominasyon ng mauunlad na bansa sa Kanluran, pangunahin ang US, lagi’t laging may rasismo, iwawalang-halaga ang kulay na kayumanggi at itsurang Pilipino.

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SECURITY BANK CORPORATION,  
Mortgagee.

-versus- Foreclosure No. 2023-150

For: Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of Real Estate Mortgage

KENVY LAO LAROCO Doing Business Under the Style Name "GOLDENSTATE Online Shop",  
Mortgagor.

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#### NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE

Upon Extra-judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135 as Amended by Act 4118 filed by the mortgagee, SECURITY BANK CORPORATION at Security Bank Centre Building, 6776 Ayala Ave., Makati City, and against the mortgagor, KENVY LAO LAROCO Doing Business Under the Style Name "GOLDENSTATE Online Shop" at 868A Champaca Street, Marcelo Green Paranaque City; Lot 6 Block 5 via Cacciola, Citta Italia Phase 2, Palladio Roma, Brgy. Mambog III (Molino), Bacoor City, Cavite; Room 407 CYA Land and Properties, corner Celle Street, Brgy. 75 EDSA, Pasay City and Corinthians Villa Mayor J., Posadas Avenue, Sucat, Muntinlupa City, to satisfy the mortgagee indebtedness which as of May 19, 2023, amounts to NINE MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE PESOS & 72/100 (P9,721,275.72), Philippine Currency, inclusive of interest, and penalty charges but exclusive of other fees incident to this foreclosure, the undersigned or her duly authorized representative will sell at the public auction on July 27, 2023 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter, at the main entrance of the Hall of Justice of Bacoor City, Cavite, to the highest bidder for CASH and In Philippine Currency, the following described property with all the improvements thereon, to wit;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. (057-2020005994)  
167-2022000310

"A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 6, BLK. 5 OF THE CONS./SUBD. PLAN, PCS-04-016652, BEING A PORTION OF LOT 4697, IMUS ESTATE, RS-04-002652 & LOT 1, BLK. 24, PCS-04-015051, L.R.C. REC. NO. ), SITUATED IN BO. OF MOLINO, MUN. OF BACOR, PROV. OF CAVITE, IS. OF LUZON. X X X, CONTAINING AN AREA OF TWO HUNDRED FIFTY ONE (251) SQ. M."

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

"In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on August 3, 2023, without further notice."

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

City of Bacoor, June 19, 2023.

MELY C. HERMOSURA-VISTA  
Clerk of Court VI  
By:  
REGIDOR R. VISMANOS  
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NATIONAL HOME MORTGAGE FINANCE CORP.,  
Mortgagee.

-versus-

Foreclosure No. 2023-174

For: Extra-judicial Foreclosure of Real Estate Mortgage

RIZALDO DEL MUNDO married to ARLENE  
DEL MUNDO,  
Mortgagors.

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#### NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE

Upon Extra-judicial for Sale under Act 3135 as Amended by Act 4118 filed by the mortgagee-assignee, NATIONAL HOME MORTGAGE FINANCE CORP., at 4th Floor Filomena Bldg., 104 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Village, Makati City, and against the mortgagors, RIZALDO DEL MUNDO married to ARLENE DEL MUNDO at Camella Homes Springville 2 Ph.4 Lot 13, Block 01, Bo. Molino, Bacoor, Cavite / 1752 G. Santiago St., Tondo, Manila, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of May 31, 2023, amounts to ONE MILLION NINE HUNDRED SEVEN THOUSAND FORTY PESOS & 28/100 (P1,907,040.28) Philippine Currency, inclusive of interest and penalty charges, but exclusive of other fees incident to this foreclosure, the undersigned or her duly authorized representative will sell at the public auction on August 8, 2023 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter, at the main entrance of the Hall of Justice of Bacoor City, Cavite, to the highest bidder for CASH and In Philippine Currency, the following described property with all the improvements thereon, to wit;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-394753

"A parcel of Land (Lot 13 Blk. 1 of the subd. Plan. Psd-04-050693, being a portion of Blk. 12, Psd-04-048519, LRC Rec. No. ), situated in the Bo. Of Molino, Mun. of Bacoor, Prov. Of Cavite. X x x, containing an area of EIGHTY EIGHT (88) SQUARE METERS."

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

"In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on August 15, 2023, without further notice."

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

City of Bacoor, July 3, 2023.

MELY C. HERMOSURA-VISTA  
Clerk of Court VI

By:  
ELIAS E. ESCALA  
Sheriff IV

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ATTY. NESTOR A. FORMARAN  
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## Special task forces in Calabarzon formed to address hazards

By Patricia Bermudez

CALAMBA CITY – Regional disaster officials in Region IV-A on Thursday, July 6 have created special task forces that will address hazards specific to the Calabarzon region.

This follows the Office of Civil Defense Memorandum 484 requiring the creation of task forces to address complex hazards, consistent with the whole of government approach of the national government.

As the Regional Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (RDRRMC) chair, the OCD will lead all 11 task forces while another government agency with direct jurisdiction over a specific hazard will act as the co-chair.

Based on RDRRMC Memorandum No. 92, the hazards include typhoons; fire incidents; earthquake; emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases; pest and diseases for crops and livestock; armed conflict; air asset crash; and chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and high yield explosives.

Each task force will oversee the implementation of RDRRMC activities, particularly on disaster preparedness and response and ensure that the response clusters are organized and operationalized from the pre-impact,

impact, until post-impact phases.

The council also formed task forces that will focus on the Taal Volcano and maritime incidents such as oil spills and sunken vessels.

OCD Calabarzon OIC and council chair, Reyan Derrick Marquez said the task forces were created based on the region's risk profile.

"It is envisioned that we will include local government units, until the level of the cities and the municipalities. We will ensure that the mechanisms of the RDRRMC are operationalized in the phases of disaster response," Marquez added.

Meanwhile, Marquez clarified that the newly created regional task force does not change the composition, roles and responsibilities of the Calabarzon RDRRMC.

Located in the south-western part of Luzon, the Calabarzon region consists of various land forms, including coastal areas and mostly upland interior areas with plains, mountains, and the Taal volcano. Surrounded by the Philippine Sea in the east, the Verde Island Passage in the South and Luzon Sea on the west, the region is vulnerable to natural calamities such as typhoons and volcanic eruption, as well as man-made disasters such as oil spills. (PB)



The Calabarzon disaster risk council creates special task forces to address complex hazards like the Taal Volcano eruption. The council recently inspected the Taal Volcano Island amid reported human activities around the lake. File photo by Mark Bryan I. Lito

Life is like the waves  
on the ocean,  
it keeps going.

# Word Search Puzzle

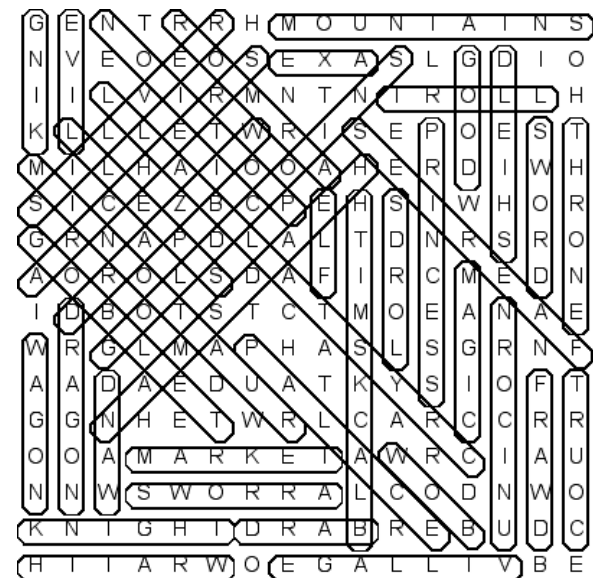
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Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid.  
The remaining letters spell a common farm animal.

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- COW
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- DOG
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- FENCE
- FERTILIZER
- GOATS
- GRAIN
- HARROW
- HARVEST
- HAY
- HEN
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- HOUSE
- LIVESTOCK
- MILK
- PASTURE
- PIG
- PLOW
- PRODUCE
- ROOSTER
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- SOIL
- SOWING SEED
- STABLES
- TRACTOR
- TROUGH
- TURKEYS
- WEATHERVANE
- WEEDS
- WELL
- WHEAT

## Sagot sa nakaraan



# Sudoku

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## Sudoku hint

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Fill in the blank squares so that each row, each column and each 3-by-3 block contain all of the digits 1 thru 9.  
 If you use logic you can solve the puzzle without guesswork.  
 Need a little help? The hints page shows a logical order to solve the puzzle. Use it to identify the next square you should solve. Or use the answers pag if you really get stuck.

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## Binay tells DOT to 'move forward, save the brand at all costs'

By Wilnard Bacelonia

MANILA – Senator Nancy Binay on Wednesday urged the Department of Tourism (DOT) to accept the fact that not all marketing campaigns succeed and just move forward from the ad fiasco.

Binay, who chairs the Senate Committee on Tourism, said she appreciates the actions taken by the DOT against the ad agency DDB PH but is wondering whether or not it should continue with its "Love" campaign.

"We need to accept that  
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Senator Nancy Binay (PNA file photo)

## MTRCB urged to ban 'Barbie' film in PH

By Wilnard Bacelonia

MANILA – A senator urged the Movie and Television Review and Classification Board (MTRCB) on Wednesday to block the upcoming screening of Warner Bros. Pictures' "Barbie" movie after the film's digital illustration of a scene with the so-called "nine-dash line" claim of the Chinese government of their supposed militaristic expansion in  
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Ryan Gosling (left) and Margot Robbie (right) in the trailer of "Barbie" movie by Warner Bros. Pictures. (Screenshot from Youtube)

## PAG SUPORTA SA PLEBISITO PINAKITA NG MGA TAGA BARANGAY SALINAS 2,3,4

Kahapon, ginanap ang "Barangay Pulong Pulong" ng Barangay Salinas 2, Salinas 3, Salinas 4, sa covered court ng Salinas 2 kung saan ipinakita ng mga residente ang pag suporta sa magiging Plebisito sa July 29, 2023 sa Lungsod ng Bacoor.

Dinaluhan naman ng Bacoor Comelec sa pangunguna ni Atty. Jastine Dela Cruz ang pulong ng mga residente at nagbigay narin ng kaalaman tungkol sa magaganap na botohan sa Plebisito. Ipinaliwanag ni Atty. Jastine ang oras at kung paano boboto ng tama para hindi masayang ang mahalagang gagawin sa araw ng Plebisito.

Ipinakita naman ng Sangguniang Panlungsod

Members ang kanilang suporta sa Plebisito dahil isa ito sa napaka halagang City Ordinance na makakatulong sa hindi lang sa Barangay maging sa mga residente ng Barangay.

Nagbigay naman ng mensahe sila Councilor Engr. Levy M. Tela, Councilor Mike Solis, Councilor Alex Gutterierrez, Councilor Karen S. Evaristo, Councilor Pres. ABC Kap. Monching Bautista at si Councilor Rey Palabrica na siyang nagpaliwanag kung gaano kahalaga ang Plebisito sa mga Bacoreño.

Sa mensahe naman ni Mayor Strike B. Revilla nagpasalamat ito sa mga taga Salinas 2,3 at 4 sa suportang ipinakita sa papalapit na PLEBISITO.

## MMDA starts drafting rules on use of body cams

MANILA – The Metropolitan Manila Development Authority on Wednesday met with stakeholders to discuss drafted rules on the use of body-worn cameras for traffic management and enforcement operations, ensuring transparency in carrying out apprehensions of violators.

MMDA acting chair Don Artes said the body cameras with video and audio recording feature would protect both the traffic enforcers and the motorists being apprehended.

"The use of body-worn cameras will prevent traffic enforcers from taking bribes and motorists offering bribes since the Metrobase will record the apprehension process. The footage may serve as evidence,"

Artes said in a news release.

The procedure includes what traffic enforcers should say when motorists object to being recorded and if motorists invoke their right to privacy.

"We want to hear the comments and suggestions of the stakeholders before its full implementation," Artes said.

The meeting, presided over by Artes, was attended by other agency officials, 1-Rider Party-List Rep. Bonifacio Bosita, public transport groups, motorcycle riders' associations, automobile associations, Philippine National Police-Highway Patrol Group, Metro Manila local government units and concerned government agencies, among others.

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## Australia vows to maintain presence in South China Sea

By Joyce Ann L. Rocamora

MANILA – Australia will maintain its presence in the region, including the South China Sea, as it cites its stake in the vital sea lane.

The statement was made during the 3rd Philippine-Australia Maritime Dialogue held on July 5 in Manila, which was co-led by Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) Assistant Secretary Maria Angela Ponce and Australia's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade First Assistant Secretary for US & Indo-Pacific Strategy Division Peter Sawczak.

Australia will continue promoting the international law and a rules-based regional order, Sawczak said in his remarks, reiterating support for the arbitral ruling that invalidated China's sweeping claims over the vital sea lane in 2016.

"In 2013, the Philippine government took the significant step of initiating arbitral action under UNCLOS. Nearly seven years have passed since the 2016 South China Sea Arbitral Award was issued. Australia reaffirms that this award is final and binding on the parties," he said.

"It remains as important as ever that the parties abide by



## Loan approval for Bataan-Cavite Interlink Bridge eyed by November

By Stephanie Sevillano

MANILA – The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) said Thursday it aims to secure the loan approval for the Bataan-Cavite Interlink Bridge (BCIB) project by November.

In a statement, the DPWH cited the end of its two-week discussion with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) fact-finding mission.

"ADB, together with Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), has earlier committed to co-finance the civil works construction of the Bataan-Cavite Interlink Bridge Project targeted to start by 2024," it said.

The discussions from June 16 to July 5 paved the way

for the overall preparation of stakeholders before the launch of the BCIB project loan agreement.

"The meetings were participated by the Detailed Engineering Design (DED) consultant TY Lin International, Ltd. in joint venture with Pyungwha Engineering & Consulting Co., Ltd. hired by the government for preparation of the project," the DPWH added.

Under the PHP175.6 billion BCIB project, a four-lane 32.15-km. bridge shall be established from Barangay Alasin in Mariveles, Bataan to Barangay Timalan Concepcion in Naic, Cavite.

It is expected to reduce the travel time between the two  
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the award and that we continue to uphold and promote international law, particularly UNCLOS."

He noted that Australia, like all states, has a "vital stake in the openness and stability" of the area and is committed to continuing its "longstanding presence in the region, including in the South China Sea".

This week alone, the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) reported that two of its vessels were "constantly followed, harassed and obstructed" by Chinese vessels off Ayungin Shoal.

The DFA did not indicate the specific topics during

the meeting but said "regional threats and challenges" were both discussed.

Discussion also focused on opportunities to improve bilateral maritime cooperation, including maritime safety and security, marine environmental protection, and defense cooperation.

"The third Philippine-Australia Maritime Dialogue further strengthened our maritime partnership framework. We discussed emerging regional trends, shared responses to challenges and new opportunities for Australia-Philippines  
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