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Solemn Eucharistic Celebration and Dedication of Pisamban Maragul

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Candaba Third Viaduct now open



Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation (MPTC) PCOO Arrey Perez (extreme left) conducts a briefing for President Ferdinand Bongbong Marcos during the opening of Candaba Viaduct 3. Looking on are MPTC Chairman Manuel V. Pangilinan, House Speaker Ferdinand Martin Romualdez and Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) Sec. Manuel Bonoan.

PRESIDENT FERDINAND BONGBONG MARCOS JR. officially opened the North Luzon Expressway (NLEX) Candaba 3rd Viaduct on December 10, 2024 in Pulilan, Bulacan.

A landmark project under the Administration's "Build Better More" infrastructure program, the viaduct is set to improve transportation efficiency and support economic growth.

inaugural drive-through were key officials, including Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) Secretary and Toll Regulatory Board (TRB) Member Manuel Bonoan,

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Provincial Capitol honors MOKA awardees; Ms Mabalacat is Mutya ning Kapampangan

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO — The provincial government has honored the Most Outstanding Kapampangan Awardees in ceremonies held at the Kingsborough International Convention Center in this city on Dec. 11, 2024.

The awardees are Apung Monica De Minalin Multipurpose Coop. (Institutional

Category for Social Services); ArtiStaRita (Institutional Category For Performing Arts); Dr. Anton Victorio Lugue Jr. (Medicine); Elena Tesoro (Social Services); Peter Alagos (Mass Media); Noelynna Ramos (Science & Technology); Nicolas Lugue (Visual Arts); Abigail Danica Adriano

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Bishop Ampo named new Cardinal

Kalookan Bishop Pablo Virgilio David received the red biretta from Pope Francis, marking his elevation as the 10th Filipino cardinal.

The consistory, held at St. Peter's Basilica on December 7, 2024, officially honored David, president of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines (CBCP).

Pope Francis encouraged the group of 21 new cardinals from across the globe to "walk in the way of Jesus:

together, with humility, wonder and joy."

Presiding at Holy Mass for the Ordinary Public Consistory for the Creation of New Cardinals in St. Peter's Basilica, the Pope reminded the prelates receiving the red hat, that just as Jesus' ascent to Jerusalem was not an ascent to worldly glory but to the glory of God, they too must put the Lord at the center and be builders of communion and unity. (Vatican News)



OFW Hospital to expand services

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO — The OFW Hospital in this city — the first facility dedicated to Overseas Filipino Workers and their dependents — will soon expand services with the Bagong Pilipinas Cancer Care Center, providing OFWs and their dependents chemotherapy.

The OFWs thanked the government for building the facility, which has been

offering free consultations, lab tests, and medicines since 2022.

President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. reaffirmed the commitment to support OFWs, honoring the legacy of the late Secretary Susan Ople.

The P80-million cancer center will be completed by 2025 and operational in 2026.



MOKA 2024. Gov. Dennis Pineda and Vice Gov. Lilia Pineda with the MOKA 2024 Awardees. (Ric Gonzales)



MNK2024. Natalya Margaret Lindsay of Mabalacat City was hailed Mutya Ning Kapampangan 2024. (Pampanga PIO)

Converge launches digital privacy advocacy for students

With the growing presence of young Filipinos on social media, Converge ICT Solutions Inc., a leading fiber broadband and technology provider, has introduced an advocacy program aimed at promoting digital literacy and online privacy awareness among school children.

The initiative, called Project PIGLET (Privacy Integration through Guided Learning of Emerging Technologies), was launched by the company's Corporate Governance and Data Privacy (CGDP) Group. Its goal is to teach students about safeguarding their personal information in the digital space.

To kick off the program, Converge partnered with Francisco Legaspi Memorial School (FLMS) in Pasig City, engaging pupils from Grades 2 to 6 in an interactive and age-appropriate discussion on responsible online behavior.

"Our goal is to raise awareness about the potential risks of the internet, especially since children are exposed to gadgets and social media at an early age," said Converge Senior Vice President and Corporate Compliance and Data Protection Officer Atty. Laurice Esteban-Tuason. "Educating kids to be vigilant online, both at home and in school, is crucial in helping them avoid falling victim to online threats."

The program's launch featured a storytelling session attended by students, parents, and teachers. Using the

adventures of the fictional **Astro Kids** in the "Internet Universe," Converge highlighted the dangers of sharing personal information online. In the story, the Astro Kids face deceptive monsters who attempt to trick them into revealing sensitive details like their full names, addresses, and birthdays.

With guidance from the hero **Captain Conrad**, the Astro Kids learn to avoid sharing personal information and to report suspicious online activity to trusted adults. This approach encouraged students to be cautious online while emphasizing the importance of involving parents and teachers in ensuring their safety.

"As technology evolves, it's vital for everyone to stay informed and vigilant. Through this program, we aim to contribute to safer online experiences for all," Esteban-Tuason added.

Converge plans to expand Project PIGLET in 2024, targeting students at different academic levels and rolling out the campaign to more schools nationwide.

This advocacy is part of Converge's broader efforts to foster safe online environments. In 2022, the company partnered with the UK-based Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) to combat the distribution of child sexual abuse materials. Additionally, Converge joined forces with the Stairway Foundation to raise awareness about protecting children from online exploitation.

AUF inaugurates 'Emmanuel Y. Angeles Center for Learning and Innovation'

The Angeles University Foundation (AUF) marked a historic milestone on December 4, 2024, with the inauguration of the Emmanuel Y. Angeles Center for Learning and Innovation (EYACLI).

The event honored University Chancellor Emeritus Dr. Emmanuel Y. Angeles and coincided with the 117th birth anniversary of University Founder Dr. Barbara Y. Angeles.

Former Philippine President and AUF Board of Trustees Chairperson, Hon. Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, joined university officials, faculty, alumni, and students in celebrating the legacies of these two pivotal figures in AUF's journey toward academic excellence.

The inauguration featured a ribbon-cutting ceremony and a solemn blessing led by Archbishop Emeritus Most Rev. Paciano B. Aniceto, D.D. Distinguished members of the AUF Board of Trustees, the Angeles family, university officials, faculty, staff, and student leaders were in attendance, reflecting the community's shared pride and commitment.

The Emmanuel Y. Angeles Center for Learning and Innovation is envisioned as a hub for research, collaboration, and knowledge exchange, underscoring AUF's dedication to progressive education. It houses five colleges: College of Arts and Sciences, College of Criminal Justice

Education, College of Computer Studies, College of Education and College of Engineering and Architecture.

Equipped with state-of-the-art research laboratories, collaborative learning spaces, and digital resource hubs, the facility is designed to meet the demands of 21st-century education and foster innovation among students and faculty.

As the AUF community celebrates this milestone, the new center is expected to nurture future leaders and innovators, carrying forward the legacy of Dr. Emmanuel Y. Angeles and Dr. Barbara Y. Angeles in advancing education and nation-building.



Former President and AUF Board of Trustees Chairperson, Cong. Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, leads the inauguration of the EYACLI, together with university officials.

CIAC focuses on future growth

The Clark International Airport Corporation (CIAC) is not only addressing large-scale developments, but also smaller, immediate projects to support long-term growth.

Newly-appointed CIAC President Joseph Alcazar outlined several initiatives to be completed by year-end, including road rehabilitation, upgrades to parks, infrastructure designs, improvements to Clark Picnic Grounds, and better street lighting within the Clark Aviation Complex.

"These projects will lay the foundation for bigger developments to come," Alcazar said.

He also emphasized the vision to make Clark a leading economic hub, with plans for the Clark National Food Hub, World Convention and Events Hub, Multi-Mobility Hub, second runway, and direct airport access in the works.



Newly installed CIAC President Joseph Alcazar

Angeles City gets back-to-back SGLG

ANGELES CITY — For the second consecutive year, this city received the Seal of Good Local Governance (SGLG) from the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) on December 10, 2024.

This is the first time Angeles City has achieved back-to-back SGLG awards.

The recognition, received by Mayor Carmelo "Pogi" Lazatin, Jr. and DILG-Angeles City Director Yvette Cosio at the Manila Hotel, highlights the city's continued commitment to excellence in governance.

Mayor Lazatin expressed that the SGLG is the most prestigious of DILG's awards, affirming the city's commitment to providing high-quality public service to the Angeleños. He thanked all city employees for their hard work and dedication.

The SGLG evaluates LGUs based on criteria including financial management, disaster preparedness, health services, education, business competitiveness, and more.



Mayor Carmelo "Pogi" Lazatin Jr. receives the Seal of Good Local Governance award at the Manila Hotel





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Seafarers with heart ailments as 'walking time bombs'

A seafarer with a heart illness is considered a "walking time bomb ready to explode towards the end of his employment days."

Thus declared the Supreme Court in the case of Leoncio v. MST Marine Services Phils. (G.R. No. 230357, December 06, 2017) involving a seafarer who was medically repatriated due to coronary artery disease (CAD) and hypertensive cardiovascular disease (CVD).

Time and again, the Supreme Court has held that CVD, CAD, and other heart ailments of seafarers are work-related and, thus, compensable.

Seafarers have a higher rate of mortality, injuries, and illnesses than their counterparts ashore due to their particularly risky working conditions.

Seafarers have to brave storms, typhoons and high waves during the vessel's journey plus the sudden change of climate and temperature as the vessel crosses territories.

Heart ailments of seafarers can be triggered or aggravated by their working conditions aboard the vessel as they can be subjected to physical and mental stress and strain.

Under the POEA Standard Employment Contract, CVD events that are considered as occupational illness include heart attack, chest pain (angina), heart failure or sudden death.

Other common CVDs include coronary heart diseases/ ischemic heart disease, cerebrovascular accident or stroke, and hypertension or elevated blood pressure.

A seafarer with heart illness may claim compensation if the following conditions are met: (a) when the heart disease was aggravated by reasons of the nature of the seafarer's work, (b) the severity of the strain of the work

may be sufficient and followed within 24 hours by clinical signs of cardiac insult, and (c) signs and symptoms of cardiac injury appeared during his work and the same persisted.

In most cases, the employer denies its liability for disability compensation by arguing that the seafarer failed to prove the causal connection between his heart diseases and work aboard the vessel. They usually attribute that his medical condition to poor lifestyle choices and health habits and was not indicative of work-relatedness.

In the Leoncio case, the Court noted that the seafarer worked with the company for almost two decades and later as a Chief Cook.

The Court stressed that "it is more than reasonable to conclude that the risks present in his work environment precipitated the onset of the acute exacerbation of his heart condition. It is likewise a matter of judicial notice that seafarers are exposed to varying temperatures and harsh weather conditions as the ship crossed ocean boundaries. Worse, they are constantly plagued by homesickness and worry for being physically separated from their families for the entire duration of their contracts. Undoubtedly, this bears a great degree of emotional strain while making an effort to perform their jobs well."

In granting disability benefits, the Supreme Court acknowledged that seafarers working for companies for long period of time is normally saddled with heavy responsibilities relative to navigation of the vessel, ship safety and management of emergencies. (Magsaysay Mitsui vs. Bengson, G.R. No. 198528, October 13, 2014)

One's responsibilities may cause heavy burdens on a seafarer's shoulders all these years, and certainly may have contributed to the development of his illness. Any

kind of work or labor produces stress and strain normally result in wear and tear of the human body.

Notably, an overseas worker, having to ward off homesickness by reason of being physically separated from his family for the entire duration of his contract, bears a great degree of emotional strain while making an effort to perform his work well. The strain is even greater in the case of a seafarer who is constantly subjected to the perils of the sea while at work abroad and away from his family. (Fil-Pride Shipping v. Balasta G.R. No. 193047, March 3, 2014)

A seafarer normally spends much of his productive years with the company under several employment contracts that were continuously renewed. His years of service certainly will take a toll on his body, and he could not have contracted his illness elsewhere except while working for the company.

In Paringit vs. Global Gateway Crewing (G.R. No. 217123, March 28, 2019), the Court awarded disability benefits as it attributed to the seafarer's diet the heart diseases he suffered. The fats and chemicals in frozen and preserved meats congested his arteries.

Companies will no longer hire a seafarer with medical conditions, especially the high risk of having heart failure or stroke in the future.

From the business point of view, re-employment will be risky since the harsh working environment might only aggravate his fragile condition and in the end expose the company to more serious insurance liabilities.

(Atty. Dennis R. Gorecho is the Junior partner who heads the seafarers' division of the Sapalo Velez Bundang Bulilan law offices. For comments, e-mail info@sapalovelez.com, or call 09088665786.)

Gov. Delta to SK Officials: Continue serving as advocates

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO — Governor Dennis "Delta" Pineda commended Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) officials for their commitment to serve as advocates for the youth in their respective barangays.

"Pasalamat kaming Vice Governor Nanay keng serbisnyung bibie yu keng barangay. Asahan yu ing suporta na ning provincial government kekayu," said Gov. Delta.

The statement was made during the briefing titled "Empowering SK Officials for Safe and Secured Communities."

"Dapat pane kayung makaadya para mamie serbisyu, at dapat taus keng pusu yu ing pamanyaup yu kareng tau," Gov. Delta told the SK officials, emphasizing that their responsibilities extend beyond addressing youth concerns to serving the entire community.

According to the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), the briefing aimed to guide youth leaders in focusing on preventing youth involvement in crime, illegal drugs, and other harmful activities.

During the activity, Vice Governor Lilia "Nanay" Pineda also urged the SK officials to identify indigent youth who aspire to

finish their education. She explained that the Guru sa Nayon Program, which employs over a thousand teachers, can assist these individuals through the Alternative Learning System (ALS).

"Pasaup ku kekayu banta lang makapagaral detang anak a kalulu a manintun saup. Paobra ke kekayu yan. Kalupa yu lang kayanakan, dapat dinan talang suporta," she said.

The briefing also coincided with the distribution of cash assistance, chickens, and hotdogs to 4,989 SK officials. The event was attended by members of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (PDRRMO) Chief and Special Assistant to the Governor Angelina Blanco, and Pampanga DILG Director Myra Moral-Soriano.



Governor Dennis "Delta" Pineda

Korean community leader optimistic about stronger ties in Central Luzon

by Arlyn E. Lukban

Jong Phil Choi, president of the Korean Community Association for Central Luzon, expressed optimism about fostering deeper cooperation between Korean residents and local leaders during the Hanbi Cultural Festival held recently at Royce Hotel, Pampanga.

The event, attended by 600 South Korean nationals and graced by Vice Governor Lilia Pineda, Board Member Ananias Canlas, and Philippine National Police officials, also served as the association's annual general assembly.

Choi emphasized the importance of cultural exchange and collaboration, highlighting the contributions

of both Koreans and Filipinos to the region's progress and safety. He praised local government efforts to protect Korean nationals and pledged to encourage more business and tourism opportunities in Central Luzon.

The association also presented plaques of appreciation to the PNP and local government units for their support. "We hope to strengthen our ties and create more avenues for cultural exchange," Choi said, noting that over 15,000 Koreans in the region actively contribute to tourism and business.



COMMUNITY TIES. Korean Community Association for Central Luzon president Jong Phil Choi with Vice Gov. Lilia Pineda during the Hanbi Cultural Festival held at Royce Hotel and Casino recently.

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Cebu Pacific celebrates 250 millionth passenger milestone

Cebu Pacific, the Philippines' leading airline, has achieved a major milestone, flying its 250 millionth passenger. The event highlights the airline's commitment to providing affordable and meaningful travel experiences.

The celebration took place on December 11, 2024, at Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) Terminal 3, where Singapore-based overseas Filipino worker Russel Capaniarhan, originally from Bacolod, was recognized as the milestone passenger. Returning home for the holidays after 11 years, Capaniarhan arrived on Flight 5J 814 from Singapore to Manila.

She was greeted by CEB President and Chief Commercial Officer Xander Lao and Chief Marketing and Customer Experience Officer Candice Iyog. To commemorate the occasion, Capaniarhan was awarded PHP 250,000 in cash and 25 free round-trip

tickets to any Cebu Pacific destination, including those across the Philippines, Asia, Australia, and the Middle East.

"This milestone is a testament to the trust and loyalty of every Juan who flies with us. It represents countless reunions and memorable journeys. We remain committed to making travel accessible and unforgettable for everyone," said Lao during the event.

The festivities started earlier at Singapore Changi Airport with passengers of Flight 5J 814 enjoying games, prizes, and a photo wall. Upon arrival in Bacolod, Capaniarhan received another warm welcome, with local representatives joining the celebration.

This milestone underscores Cebu Pacific's dedication to connecting people and places, offering millions of passengers memorable travel experiences over the years.



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House Speaker Martin Romualdez, Metro Pacific Investments Corporation (MPIC) Chairman and Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation (MPTC) Chairman and CEO Manuel Pangilinan, and Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation (MPTC) President and COO Arrey Perez.

The NLEX Candaba 3rd Viaduct, a 5-kilometer structure constructed between two existing bridges connecting Pulilan, Bulacan, and Apalit, Pampanga, aims to alleviate congestion on the older viaducts, particularly during peak travel periods. Completed ahead of schedule after breaking ground in June 2023, the project is a vital addition to the NLEX network, which links the National Capital Region (NCR) to Central and Northern Luzon.

By enhancing mobility for commuters, businesses, and tourists, the viaduct strengthens regional connectivity while boosting motorist safety. This critical infrastructure project is expected to play a significant role in driving economic progress and advancing the Administration's vision for a modern, interconnected Philippines.

"This viaduct represents progress and is a testament to our vision of a better-connected and more prosperous Philippines," President Marcos said during the ceremony.

The Candaba 3rd Viaduct stands as a symbol of the government's dedication to delivering impactful projects that address the nation's growing infrastructure needs while fostering inclusive development.

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(Performing Arts); Lisset-Laus Velasco (Business); Edgardo Yambao (Posthumous Category-Government Service); Thea Maria Rica Del Rosario (Government Service); Gian Christopher Santos (Sports); and Enrique Baking (Education).

The event was graced by Gov. Dennis "Delta" Pineda, Vice Gov. Lilia "Nanay" Pineda and other provincial officials.

Meanwhile, Miss Mabalacat Natalya Margaret Lindsay was crowned Mutya ning Kapampangan during the MNK Grand Coronation Night on Dec. 10.

1st Runner-Up was Rose Marie Jamandre Medina (City of San Fernando), 2nd Runner-Up was Gwanaelle Tuazon (Guagua), 3rd Runner-Up Czarina Guiao (Sto Tomas), and 4th Runner-Up was Glennice Turla (Sasmuan).

Governor Pineda and Vice Gov. Nanay were joined by First Lady Yolly Pineda along with MNK Chairman Atty. Ananias Canlas Jr., provincial board members, local leaders, and tourism officers from various towns.

Governor Pineda commended all participants, emphasizing the significance of representing one's hometown.

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Angeles City

BDO UNIBANK, INC., represented by MARY JANE B. MATILLANO,

Mortgagee,

- versus -

NAPOLEON V. DA JOSE,

Debtor/Mortgagor.

EXTRAJUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT NO. 3135 AS AMENDED
F.C. CASE NO. 2024-0148

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Upon extrajudicial application for sale under Act 3135, as amended filed by the Mortgagee, **BDO UNIBANK, INC., represented by MARY JANE B. MATILLANO with office address 33rd Floor BDO Corporate Center Ortigas, No. 12 ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City,** against the Debtor/Mortgagor, **NAPOLEON V. DA JOSE, with postal address at No. 19-8 Banahaw St., Diamond Subdivision, Brgy. Balibago, Angeles City, Pampanga and Lot 53, Blk. 24, Phase 1, Mansfield Residences, Fil-Am Friendship Highway, Sto. Domingo, Angeles City, Pampanga.** In order to satisfy the mortgage debts which as of October 28, 2024 amounting to **FOUR MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE THOUSAND EIGHTY-THREE PESOS AND FIFTY-SIX CENTAVOS (4,761,083.56),** Philippine Currency, principal balance including interest, penalties and other legal charges allowed by law, the undersigned Sheriff IV hereby gives notice and announces that on **March 12, 2025 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at the Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court, Chief Justice Jose Abad Santos, Hall of Justice Building, Pulung Maragul, Angeles City, Pampanga** will sell all public auction for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following parcel of lands with all the existing and future improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 045-2021000866

"A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 53, BLK 24 OF THE SUBDIVISION PLAN PSD- 03-191646, BEING A PORTION OF LOT 787-A-5 PSD-03-167023 (L.R.C) REC. NO.) SITUATED IN THE BARANGAY OF STO. DOMINGO, MUNICIPALITY OF ANGELES, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA, ISLAND OF LUZON. BOUNDED ON THE SE., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY ROAD LOT 21 (8.00 M.WIDE); ON THE SW., ALONG LINE 2-3 BY LOT 52, BLK 24 OF THE SUBDIVISION PLAN.; ON THE NW., ALONG LINE 3-4 BY EXISTING ROAD AND ON THE NE., ALONG LINE 4-1 BY LOT 54, BLK 24 OF THE SUBDIVISION PLAN. xxx CONTAINING AN AREA OF SEVENTY (70) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS. xxx"

AREA: FORTY FIVE SQUARE METERS (45), MORE OR LESS

Prospective buyers/bidders may investigate for themselves the above-mentioned parcel of land for their information and protection.

All sealed bids 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 April 16, 2025 at the same place without further notice.

Angeles City, November 18, 2024.

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

Mortgagee,

-versus-

JR S. REGALA,

Mortgagor.

FC CASE NO. 2024-0095

Extrajudicial Foreclosure of Real Estate Mortgage under Act 3135, as Amended by Act No. 4118

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Upon extrajudicial petition for sale under Act 3135 as amended, filed by the above-named Mortgagee against the Mortgagor **JR S. REGALA** with postal address at **Blk. 112 Lot 9 22 St., PH II, Madapdap Resettlement, Mabalacat, Pampanga 2010** and **Lot 31 Blk. 38 Fiesta-Dapdap, Mabalacat, Pampanga 2010,** to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of August 31, 2024, amounts to **SIX HUNDRED FIFTY-TWO THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FORTY-THREE PESOS AND SIXTY-SIX THOUSAND PESOS (P 652,943.66),** Philippine Currency, inclusive of interest and other charges thereto, the undersigned Sheriff IV, will sell at public auction on **January 22, 2025 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at the Municipal Trial Court in Cities (MTCC), Branch I, Mabalacat City [located at Bldg. 2, Unit 32-35, Great Mall of Central Luzon, Xevera Tahun, Mabalacat City, Pampanga]** to the highest bidder, for cash or manager's check and in Philippine currency, the following parcel of land with all its improvements, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 042-2010000996

LOT NO: 31 **BLOCK NO.** 38 **PLAN NO:** PSD-03-223839
PORTION OF: LOT 1, BLOCK 58, PSD-03-217084
LOCATION: BARANGAY OF DAPDAP, CITY OF MABALACAT, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA, ISLAND OF LUZON

BOUNDARIES:

LINE	DIRECTION	ADJOINING LOT (S)
1-2	NE	LOT 30, BLOCK 38, PSD--03223839
2-3	SE	LOT 33, BLOCK 38, PSD--03223839
3-4	SW	ROAD LOT 41, PSD--03223839
4-1	NW	LOT 29, BLOCK 38, PSD--03223839
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AREA: FORTY FIVE SQUARE METERS (45), MORE OR LESS

Prospective buyers may investigate for themselves the above-described properties and encumbrances thereon, if there be any. All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above-stated time and date.

In the event the public action should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **February 26, 2025 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning** without further notice.

Angeles City, October 31, 2024.

Mary Annabelle P. Cumagun
MARY ANNABELLE P. CUMAGUN
Sheriff IV

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ENGR, DANILO P. CATOLOS
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Hard Rock Café rocks way into Clark



Arlyn E. Lukban

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Hard Rock Cafe, the globally renowned music-themed restaurant and bar, has officially opened its 120th branch in the world at Hann Casino and Resort in Clark Freeport, its third location in the Philippines.

Celebrating 53 years of serving iconic food and music-inspired experiences since its founding in 1971, Hard Rock Cafe continues its legacy of bringing people together. The new branch in Clark offers the perfect mix of world-class dining, live entertainment, and memorabilia that has become synonymous with the brand.

"We are glad to open the 3rd Hard Rock Cafe in the Philippines welcoming Clark to the Hard Rock family. We are ready to make a positive impact on the hospitality and entertainment sector of Central Luzon by offering yet another wonder for tourists and locals to visit this part of the Philippines," said Tom Perez, Vice President of Franchise Operations, Hard Rock International.

The 125-seater cafe offers a unique blend of rock music memorabilia, delicious American cuisine, and a lively atmosphere, making it a popular destination for both locals and tourists.

The Rock Shop of Hard Rock Cafe, an integral part of all branches worldwide, features a wide range of collectible merchandise with unique city items for those who want to grab that last-minute souvenir from Clark before their flight or add new

items to their collection.

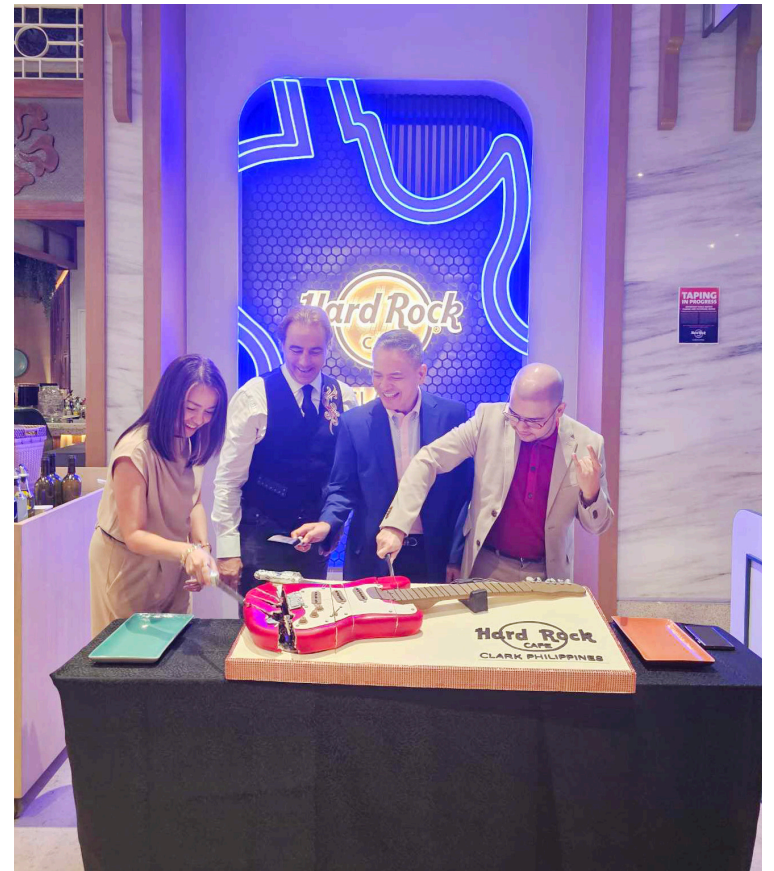
The opening at Clark Freeport not only showcases the expansion of Hard Rock Cafe but also highlights the vibrant growth of the area as a culinary and entertainment destination.

Clark itself was a former U.S. military base turned into a thriving hub known for its modern amenities, expansive parks, and rich history, including the iconic Mount Pinatubo's eruption that reshaped the region.

Additionally, the province of Pampanga hosts the annual Philippine International Hot Air Balloon Festival, a colorful event that attracts aviation enthusiasts and tourists alike, featuring breathtaking hot air balloon displays and aerial exhibitions against the backdrop of the scenic landscape. Its proximity to Manila makes it a popular getaway spot, combining the thrill of gaming, dining, and live music.

This milestone comes ahead of Hard Rock Cafe's ambitious plan to open 21 new locations worldwide in 2025, further cementing its status as a global lifestyle brand.

Whether you're a rock music fan, a foodie, or a traveler looking for a unique experience, Hard Rock Cafe Clark promises an electrifying addition to the region's dining and entertainment scene.



The Unseen Challenges of an English Teacher in Tarlac

by MARY GRACE I. MANZANO

In the heart of Tarlac, an English teacher faces the daily struggle of helping students who find it difficult to communicate in the language they are expected to master. For this teacher, the classroom is more than just a place to teach grammar and vocabulary; it's a place where she fights against the odds to bridge the gap between her students' native dialects and the English language.

Most of the students in her class come from rural backgrounds, where Ilocano, Tagalog, or other regional languages dominate the home environment. As a result, English is often a secondary language, and many students struggle to even form basic sentences, let alone engage in meaningful conversations or write coherently. For these students, English is not just a subject; it's an obstacle.

"Most of my students come from families that speak only their local dialects," the teacher explains. "For them, English isn't a language they use in their daily lives, and that's where the challenge lies." Without consistent practice and exposure to English outside the classroom, many students feel alienated by the language and discouraged by their inability to grasp it quickly.

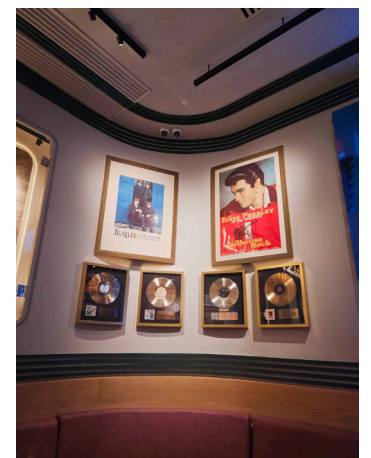
However, the teacher's work extends beyond just teaching words and rules. It's about creating an environment where students feel comfortable and motivated to use English, even when they struggle. "I know it's frustrating for them when they can't express

themselves, but I remind them that making mistakes is part of the process," she says. To make the lessons more engaging and less intimidating, she uses creative strategies such as group activities, storytelling, and interactive exercises. She incorporates familiar elements from their culture, including local stories or songs, to make the lessons more relatable and fun.

Despite her efforts, there are numerous challenges. Limited resources, such as textbooks and internet access, make it difficult for the teacher to provide her students with the materials they need to enhance their English skills. Many students also face personal challenges at home, which can affect their ability to focus and learn in class. "It's hard when they come to school tired or distracted, with no one at home to help them with their homework," she explains.

Yet, in the face of these obstacles, she remains hopeful. Every time a student gains the confidence to read or write a simple English sentence, it feels like a small victory. For this teacher, the struggle is real, but so is the reward—the hope that, through her hard work, her students will gain the skills they need to succeed in an increasingly globalized world.

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The Challenge of Learning English in an Ilocano-Speaking Community

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In Tarlac, a province with a rich cultural heritage, Ilocano remains a dominant language spoken in many households. While it plays a vital role in preserving local culture, the widespread use of Ilocano can have a profound impact on students' ability to communicate effectively in English. As English proficiency is essential for academic success, the challenge of transitioning from a local dialect like Ilocano to English in both written and spoken communication is an issue that many students in Tarlac face. This begs the question: How does the use of the Ilocano dialect affect students' English communication skills, and what can teachers do to address this challenge?

The Ilocano language, with its distinct phonetics, sentence structure, and vocabulary, significantly influences how students approach English. Ilocano speakers often encounter challenges when learning English because the two languages differ greatly in pronunciation, word order, and grammar.

Moreover, the influence of Ilocano can make it difficult for students to think and express themselves naturally in English. Students may find themselves relying on their local dialect during conversations or when writing,

leading to code-switching or improper sentence construction. In classroom settings, this can hinder participation, as students might struggle to articulate their thoughts in English, resulting in reduced confidence and engagement.

Teachers in Tarlac play a critical role in helping students overcome these challenges. First and foremost, teachers must recognize the importance of Ilocano as a part of the students' identity and culture while simultaneously emphasizing the significance of mastering English. Teachers can introduce activities that allow students to see the relationship between their local dialect and English, helping them identify similarities and differences between the two languages. For example, teachers can use Ilocano words and translate them into English, demonstrating how sentence structures differ and encouraging students to practice using both languages in parallel.

In addition, teachers can focus on targeted language instruction, such as phonetic exercises that address common pronunciation challenges and grammar lessons that highlight differences between Ilocano and English sentence structures. Interactive activities like role-playing,

debates, and group discussions in English can provide students with the opportunity to practice and build confidence in using English in real-life contexts.

Ultimately, the role of the teacher is not just to teach English but to bridge the gap between Ilocano and English. By creating an environment where both languages are valued and by providing students with the necessary tools to navigate between the two, teachers can equip them to become proficient and confident English speakers while maintaining a strong connection to their cultural roots.

The prevalence of Ilocano in Tarlac may pose challenges for students in acquiring strong English communication skills, but with the right strategies and support from teachers, these challenges can be overcome. Teachers must embrace their pivotal role in guiding students through this linguistic transition, ensuring that they succeed academically while respecting their local dialect.

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Solemn Eucharistic Celebration and Dedication of Pisamban Maragul



Apostolic Nuncio to the Philippines, Most Rev. Charles John Brown, D.D., together with Archbishop of San Fernando, Pampanga, Most Rev. Florentino G. Lavarias, D.D. and Archbishop-Emeritus of San Fernando, Most Rev. Paciano B. Aniceto, D.D. led on December 7 the Solemn Eucharistic Celebration and Dedication of our Pisamban Maragul, Holy Rosary Parish Church.



The celebration commemorated the restoration and reinforcement of the church following the damage caused by the 6.1 magnitude earthquake that struck Luzon on April 2019. It also served as a symbol of the community's resilience in overcoming the significant challenges brought about by the pandemic.

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