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**S**ASMUAN, PAMPANGA — The “clinic on barge” of the Provincial Government of Pampanga set sail on March 19 for the coastal barangay of Malusac, Sasmuan.

What was once just a dream for coastal communities has now become a reality thanks to the care and cooperation of Governor Lilia “Nanay” Pineda and Vice Governor Dennis “Delta” Pineda.

The waters that once served as an obstacle to access free medical services will now serve as a bridge of hope through the floating clinic.

This is the first floating clinic in the country that can only be found in the province of Pampanga.

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Its goal is to tour coastal barangays to bring the services of the Capitol closer and directly deliver health services to residents under the “Alagang Nanay Preventive Healthcare Program.”

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## Converge propels PH as vital hub in global digital economy

**ANGELES CITY** — Converge ICT Solutions Inc. has completed its National Digital Infrastructure - a fully integrated, future-ready

architecture designed to support the company in bringing cutting-edge technologies across sectors - cementing the Philippines’ position as a vital hub in the global digital ecosystem.

The announcement was made Friday at the inauguration of the Converge Angeles Data Center, a scalable AI-ready facility designed to support the surging demand for content and cloud services. Crucially, this data center will house the Converge Cloud,

a sovereign cloud infrastructure.

“Amid the ongoing digital revolution, our capabilities must keep pace with emerging technologies. We have focused on building world-class, future-ready facilities so we can become the country’s leading provider of digital services. With this advanced infrastructure, Converge is now ready to power the digital journeys of every Filipino and make full use of the latest innovations to drive the nation forward,” Uy said.

The launch was supported by several government leaders, including First Lady Louise Araneta-Marcos,

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Leading the ribbon cutting signalling the opening of the Converge Angeles Data Center are (center) First Lady Liza Araneta Marcos and Converge co-founder and CEO Dennis Anthony Uy, along with (from left) co-founder and president Grace Uy, Pampanga Gov Lilia Pineda, DICT Secretary Henry Aguda and Angeles City Mayor Carmelo “Jon” Lazatin II.

## Genesis launches PITX–CRK bus service

**CLARK** — Genesis Transport Service Inc. has launched a direct bus service linking the Clark International Airport to the Parañaque Integrated Terminal Exchange (PITX), providing travelers from southern Metro Manila with a more convenient route to Central Luzon’s main aviation gateway.

The new service, operated by Genesis, runs daily trips between PITX and Clark International Airport via NAIA Terminal 3 and SM City Clark.

According to airport operator Luzon International Premiere Airport Development Corp., the route offers eight daily trips from PITX to Clark and another eight trips from Clark to PITX, providing passengers with a seamless land transport option to and from

the airport.

LIPAD President and CEO Noel Manankil said the new route supports the airport’s goal of improving accessibility for travelers.

“This new service is a testament to our promised accessibility, convenience, and seamless travel for our passengers. By bridging the distance between Southern Metro Manila and Clark, Genesis Transport is helping us bring the airport closer to the people,” Manankil said.

The launch comes as Clark International Airport continues expanding its domestic and international routes, with passenger traffic projected to increase by about 15 percent this year. The development also coincides with

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LIPAD President and CEO Noel Manankil, Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA) Vice President for Treasury and Project Finance Madonna Cinco, BCDA Vice President Atty. Maria Soledad San Pablo, PITX Chief Operating Officer Mohit Malhi, Genesis Transport Service Inc. President Riza Moises, PITX President Jaime Raphael Feliciano, and LTFRB Chairperson Vigor D. Mendoza II lead the ribbon-cutting ceremony of the PITX–CRK bus route.

# Mayor Jon thanks Angeleños for Angeles City’s new firetruck

**ANGELES CITY** — Mayor Carmelo “Jon” Lazatin II expressed his gratitude to Angeleño taxpayers as the city government formally unveiled and turned over a new fully equipped fire truck, reinforcing Angeles City’s emergency response capabilities.

Mayor Jon led the ceremonial “push-in” and traditional bottle-breaking rites, symbolizing good luck and safety as the new unit begins service for the city.

In attendance were Bureau of Fire Protection Region 3 Acting Regional Director FSSUPT Santos C. Gawangna, Pampanga Provincial Fire Marshal FSSUPT Amando C. Elevado Jr., City Fire Marshal FSUPT Bernard P. Dizon, as well as representatives from the Commission on Audit, General Services Office, Budget Office, Accounting Office, City Information Office, and the Angeles City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office.

Equipped with a high-capacity water pump, modern hoses, advanced safety features, and a fully automatic transmission

system, the fire truck is designed to enable faster and more efficient response during emergencies.

In his message, Mayor Jon underscored the vital role of taxpayers in making such initiatives possible, noting that their contributions continue to fund essential programs and services that benefit the community.

“This is for every Angeleño,” Lazatin said, emphasizing that the new fire truck will help ensure safer conditions not only for residents but also for neighboring communities and first responders.

He added that the city government remains committed to further strengthening disaster preparedness and response systems to better protect lives and properties.

With the addition of the new fire truck, Angeles City continues to enhance its readiness to respond swiftly and effectively to emergencies, ensuring the safety and well-being of all Angeleños.



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# Pampanga PDRRMC okays P90-M disaster fund

**CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, PAMPANGA**

— The Pampanga Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (PDRRMC) approved the utilization of a P90-million trust fund to boost the province’s preparedness for potential man-made disasters and economic disruptions linked to global tensions and rising oil prices.

Its approval was formalized through PDRRMC Resolution No. 2 during the council’s first quarterly meeting.

This amount forms part of the council’s accumulated trust fund from the previous year and will support the provincial government’s disaster preparedness and response initiatives.

In addition, the council noted that another P60 million from earlier trust funds remains available and may be tapped to augment resources for emergency response and preparedness activities.

PDRRMC Chair and Governor Lilia Pineda said the funding support is crucial as the province prepares for possible economic and social effects of instability in

the Middle East, particularly the potential spike in global oil prices.

“We need additional funds now because of the crisis we are facing in the Middle East. This will be a big help. The crisis we are confronting is not a typhoon or flood—it is a different kind of disaster that affects not only us but the entire world,” Pineda pressed.

She explained that the provincial government must ensure sufficient resources are readily available to assist Kapampangans who may be affected by disruptions in fuel supply, transportation, and basic services.

“We must study how we can survive and respond effectively because this situation could impact our economy and the daily lives of our people,” the local chief executive furthered.

As part of efforts to mitigate the impact of rising fuel prices and conserve energy, the Provincial Capitol has also implemented a four-day work

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The Pampanga Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council, chaired by Governor Lilia Pineda (right), approves Resolution No. 2, allowing the use of a P90-million trust fund to boost the province’s preparedness for potential man-made disasters and economic disruptions linked to global tensions and rising oil prices. (Pampanga PIO)

# Capitol, DENR secure land titles for 21 public schools

**CITY OF SAN FERNANDO** — After years of processing, 21 public schools under the Department of Education (DepEd) – Schools Division Office (SDO) of Pampanga have officially received their land titles through the collaborative efforts of the Provincial Government of Pampanga and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources – Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office (DENR-PENRO).

The ceremonial turnover of titles was led by Governor Lilia “Nanay” Pineda and

DENR-PENRO Officer-in-Charge Roger Incarnacion, with school principals and heads in attendance on March 18.

According to data from the Provincial Assessor’s Office, DepEd-SDO Pampanga manages a total of 535 school sites across the province. Of these, 59 sites remain without documentation, 237 are titled or tax-declared under local government units (LGUs), 60 are titled under DepEd, 123 are privately owned,

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# Mekeni at 40: Honoring people behind every favor

**PORAC** — Gratitude, pride, and heartfelt appreciation filled the air as Mekeni Food Corporation celebrated its 40th anniversary with a grand employee Thanksgiving on February 28, 2026, gathering more than 1,400 employees at the Laus Group Event Centre in a moving tribute to the people who have been part of the company’s journey.

With the theme “Pasasalamat: Apat na Dekadang Kwento sa Bawat Timpla,” the celebration honored the dedication, sacrifices, and shared stories of the Mekeni workforce—recognizing that behind every product, every flavor, and every milestone are the hardworking

men and women who helped build the company through the years.

For Mekeni President Pruds S. Garcia, the occasion was more than a corporate milestone—it was a moment to reflect on the people whose passion and perseverance carried the company through four decades.

“Our 40-year journey is truly a story of our people,” Garcia said. “Behind every product we create are the hands, hearts, and stories of the individuals who pour their dedication into their work every day. This celebration is our simple way of saying thank you

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# PLDT champions truth-driven communications

**CLARK** — Reinforcing its commitment to truth and transparency, PLDT continues to anchor its corporate work on the core values of journalism, according to its top communications executive.

PLDT First Vice President and Public Engagement Group Head Roby Alampay emphasized that his transition from media to the country’s integrated telco was guided by the same principles he upheld as a journalist—truth, accountability, transparency, and empowerment.

Speaking before officers of the Pampanga Press Club, led by president Lincoln M. Baluyut, during a gathering at Widus Resort and Casino at Hann Resorts, Alampay reaffirmed the company’s

alignment with the media community’s values.

“We’re just happy to align with you and to reaffirm with you that we stand for the same values,” Alampay said. “If you ever feel that we are straying or we are missing on certain values, or we are failing to live up on the values that I mentioned—the values of truth, accountability, transparency, and empowering our citizens.”

PPC Chairman Noel Tulabut welcomed the continued partnership, noting Alampay’s strong ties to the media and thanking PLDT and Smart for over two decades of collaboration with local journalists.

Looking ahead, Alampay shared

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PLDT First Vice President and Public Engagement Group Head Roby Alampay (center) gets a token of appreciation from Pampanga Press Club (from left) past president Perry Pangan, chairman Noel Tulabut, and current president Lincoln Baluyut.



## The second pandemic

Now, we are facing another pandemic of sorts... pandemic because it involves the entire globe once more. A pandemic of epic proportions if not solved immediately -- the War between Israel and the United States versus Iran.

What started as a confined war is now slowly getting out of hand. After the US and Israel bombed Iran's military and government sites, the country that was once called Persia launched missiles towards Israel as retaliatory attack and likewise launched suicide drones and missiles against US allies Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Kuwait to lure them into the Mideast war.

Oil Tankers were bombed and sunk by Iranian forces at the Strait of Hormuz, effectively blocking the only passage for middle eastern crude oil to the rest of the world. Ali Hosseini Khamenei, the Iranian Supreme Leader already killed -- his successor and son Mojtaba Khamenei is reportedly in critical condition, US and Israeli casualties are on a steady rise not to mention the death of civilians who have become the military conflict's collateral

damage.

As a result of this war, crude oil jumped to record high... in the Philippines, diesel prices are now being sold at a staggering price of more than P100 while unleaded is at around P98. Kerosene is pegged at more than P140 per liter and these prices are expected to jump further as the war in the Middle East rages on.

Oil price hike means rise in prices of all commodities as the means of transporting goods need fuel---the fuel that comes from the Middle East.

During the Covid 19 pandemic, basic commodities tripled in prices and in some occasion, these basic supplies were scarcely available resulting to panic buying (for those who have the money to panic-buy) and mendicancy for those who have to wait for government and private individual's assistance.

In this crisis that the global community is now facing, the Covid 19 scare can be regarded as a tiny setback compared to this crisis we are now facing---this is fiercer and scarier as this war spares no one. At least, with the Covid virus, you can save

yourself and your family by simply staying home and just wait for any assistance from anyone and a vaccine too to save every human being... but with the war that rages now, anyone can be annihilated wherever place they stay as missiles and bombs can hit any place.

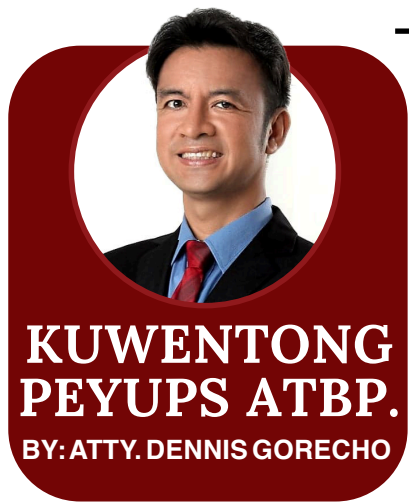
Little by little, Filipinos are now feeling the brunt of the war. It started with the overwhelming spike in fuel prices, and prices of commodities will surely follow and the rise in prices will likewise be mind-boggling too and will surely hit every Filipino hard.

The leadership of this country, and all local government units, must study and implement measures to cushion the impact of the impending super-crisis in our country and temporarily do away with politicking and grandstanding.

I just hope that this war would end as soon as possible to avoid a possible World War III or a nuclear war scenario. If that happens, humanity will suffer and experience the worse catastrophe since the extinction of Dinosaurs 65-million years ago.

**I**N 2020, the dreaded SARS (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome) Corona Virus 2019 swept the entire globe that resulted to the death of 14.9 million human beings. In the Philippines, a total of 66,864 deaths were recorded in the two-year span of this virus.

Well, Covid-19 is already a thing of the past as the entire world was able to recover from it. Vaccines like Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, Novavax, Sinovac, etc. were the answer and saviors.



## Mabining Mandirigma: A musical on women empowerment

actress to portray Mabini, which include Delphine Buencamino in 2015, Liesl Batucan in 2016, Hazel Grace Maranan in 2016 and Monique Wilson in 2019.

Maranan is a descendant of Mabini as her grandfather, the late Pablo Maranan, traces his roots to Mabini's mother, Dionisia Maranan.

I was able to watch two female Mabinis, Wilson in 2019 and now Opsimar.

The musical was written by Nicanor Tiongson, with music by Joed Balsamo and direction by Chris Millado.

Mabining Mandirigma is a steampunk musical that follows the life of Apolinario Mabini (1864-1903), who, through his intellect and principles, called on Filipinos to rise above class, region, and self-interest in order to build a nation.

The musical begins in 1898 with Mabini already serving as adviser to Emilio Aguinaldo (played by Arman Ferrer and David Ezra) and Cabinet president, and traces his conflict-ridden career marked by opposition to compromisers like Felipe Buencamino and Pedro Paterno, his fall from grace and break with the naïve Aguinaldo, exile to Guam and return to the country with principles intact. Mabini died of cholera just three months after he came

back to his native land, at 38.

He was legal and constitutional adviser to the Revolutionary Government in 1898 and the first Prime Minister of the Philippines upon the establishment of the First Philippine Republic in 1899.

Two of his works, El Verdadero Decálogo (1898) and Programa Constitucional de la República Filipina (1898), became instrumental in the drafting of the Malolos Constitution.

Mabini performed all his revolutionary and governmental activities despite having lost the use of both his legs to polio shortly before the Philippine Revolution of 1896.

Casting a woman as Mabini highlights his intellectual prowess over physical strength, as what Mabini lacked in physical prowess, he made up for in bravado and passion.

Opsimar expressed that portraying Mabini, a male historical figure, acts as a message of empowerment for women to stand up and not be belittled.

Performing the role carries a message of empowerment, Opsimar said in an interview adding "that a fire will be ignited in

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### "Mabining Mandirigma: A Steampunk Musical" by Tanghalang

Pilipino pays homage to women in celebration of Women's Month through the portrayal of Apolinario Mabini by a female actor.

The title role of Mabini is notably played by a female lead. This non-traditional casting choice has been a signature of the production, with several acclaimed actresses taking on the role across various runs.

Shaira Opsimar (2026) is the latest stage



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About 200 patients were immediately provided with services during its first deployment in the said barangay.

Services provided include Primary laboratory procedures (blood extraction, ECG, X-ray, ultrasound); OB-Gyne consultations; Minor medical procedures; Ophthalmology services; Dental services; and Pharmacy.

In each barangay it reaches, the floating clinic will remain for up to a week—or depending on the number of patients—to ensure that their medical needs are

met, especially in areas that are difficult to reach by regular health facilities.

Provincial officials and health leaders also extended support, including the leadership of the Jose B. Lingad Memorial General Hospital, members of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, and department heads of the Capitol.

The Kalingang Kapampangan Floating Clinic is a government-provided service to coastal communities. Because of Pampanga, no Kapampangan will be left behind.

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Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) Sec. Henry Aguda, Congresswoman Florabel Yatco, Pampanga Governor Lilia G. Pineda, Vice Governor Dennis Pineda, and Angeles City Mayor Carmelo Lazatin II.

A Full-Stack National Digital Infrastructure Together with its affiliates, the Converge National Digital Infrastructure encompasses the Converge Group's digital architecture, consisting of its extensive fiber backbone and satellite network, international subsea cable systems, cable landing stations, and scalable, future-ready data centers. These include the Converge Group's:

- Nearly 900,000 kilometers nationwide pure fiber footprint, complemented by its growing low earth orbit satellite network

- Bifrost Cable System and Southeast Asia-Hainan-Hong Kong Express Cable System (SEA-H2X) in addition to its current C2C-EAC cable system

- New Davao International Cable Landing Station and Converge La Union Cable Landing Station

- Data Center facilities Caloocan Data Center and Angeles Data Center on top of its existing Reliance Data Center and Clark Data Center

With these broader service capabilities, Converge is all set in scaling its services and fulfilling the burgeoning digital requirements of customers from residential, enterprises, and the public sector.

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and 56 are titled under various national government agencies (NGAs).

Governor Pineda stressed that the initiative was started by former Board Member Mylyn Pineda and the provincial government will continue taking proactive measures to address remaining gaps in land ownership.

She emphasized that strengthened coordination with LGUs and the enactment of relevant local ordinances will help expedite the processing and transfer of titles to DepEd.

"Dekada na kasing kani-kanino pa nakatitulo ang mga lupa. Kaya naisip ko na dapat mailipat na ang mga ito sa pangalan ng DepEd, mga National Government Agencies (NGA), o ng LGU. Kung

may mga pribadong pag-aari, saka na lang natin sosolusyunan ang mga isyu roon," the governor said.

DepEd expressed its appreciation to the Provincial Government of Pampanga, noting that securing land titles is a critical step in unlocking national funding for the construction of additional school buildings. The initiative is expected to help address the province's classroom shortage and enhance learning conditions for students.

The Provincial Government reaffirmed its commitment to supporting the education sector through sustained programs that promote infrastructure development and secure property ownership for public schools.

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to the employees who have helped shape Mekeni into what it is today."

The evening unfolded as a festive gathering of the Mekeni family, filled with laughter, music, and shared memories. Guest performers entertained the crowd, while employees celebrated not just the company's achievements but also the friendships and bonds built within the organization over the years.

One of the highlights of the program was the Service Awards, where long-serving employees were recognized for their loyalty and years of dedication. For many honorees, the recognition symbolized decades of hard work, perseverance, and personal stories intertwined with the growth of the company.

The celebration also marked the unveiling of Mekeni's renewed Vision, Mission, and Values, signaling the company's commitment to move forward while remaining grounded in the principles that shaped its success.

"Our new vision, mission, and values will serve as our compass as we move into the future," said Assistant Vice President for Marketing Kat Gomez-Schultz. "As Mekeni continues to grow, these guiding principles will remind us of who we are and the values that have carried us through the past 40 years."

Adding another meaningful highlight to the celebration was a special employee recognition initiative honoring individuals who took on challenging

targets and delivered exceptional results during Fiscal Year 2025. As a token of appreciation, these employees were rewarded with a celebratory Asian cruise from March 3 to 9, 2026, with stops in Ishigaki, Japan, and Keelung, Taiwan—a memorable experience recognizing their dedication and hard work.

Assistant Vice President for Human Resources and Exports Marilou Uy emphasized that the company's success has always been rooted in its people.

"At Mekeni, our greatest strength has always been our employees," Uy said. "Through initiatives like this Thanksgiving celebration and the employee cruise, we want them to feel how deeply valued they are. Their dedication and passion continue to drive the company forward."

As Mekeni looks back on four decades of growth, the Thanksgiving celebration served as a heartfelt reminder that the company's legacy is built not only on quality food products but also on the unwavering commitment of the people behind them.

Bound together by gratitude and shared purpose, the Mekeni family now moves forward with renewed inspiration—ready to write the next chapter of its story and continue creating moments, memories, and flavors that will last for generations to come.

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that PLDT is preparing for its centennial celebration in 2028, with plans to highlight stories from across the regions.

"We want the regions, we want the provinces. We want communities to also tell their stories about them—what telecommunications and communications meant in their history," he said.

Beyond storytelling, Alampay also promoted PLDT's disaster preparedness initiative under its

SAFEPPH advocacy, highlighting the company's role in building resilient communities.

Earlier, he also met with Mabalacat City Mayor Geld Aquino to discuss AI-driven governance, where PLDT donated an "AI in a Box" device.

Through these efforts, PLDT affirms that even in the corporate sphere, the enduring values of journalism

today goes beyond responding to natural hazards and must also include planning for economic and supply chain disruptions.

The provincial government remains committed to ensuring resources are available to respond quickly to emerging challenges and to protect the welfare of Kapampangans during times of crisis.

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week for provincial government offices by virtue of Executive Order No. 03 series of 2026.

Under this, provincial government employees will work from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM from Monday to Thursday, while ensuring public services remain uninterrupted.

Pineda emphasized that disaster preparedness

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the transfer of turboprop operations to Clark.

Four hybrid buses have been deployed for the new route, supporting more environmentally responsible transport while enhancing mobility

between Metro Manila and Central Luzon.

Airport officials said the route also allows for scalability, with additional trips expected to be added depending on passenger demand

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their hearts—and that they will act on it. Stand up. Don't be afraid to stand up."

Fernando Jose, TP's artistic director said that they opted for a woman to be the lead player due to technical, vocal and musical reasons.

"Mabini's voice should be entirely different from the predominantly "male" voices of Mabini's antagonists. Philosophically, Mabini is an "othered" human being, being physically challenged, coming from a poor family, and assigning the role to a female actor somehow implies that the woman in the human society is traditionally, an othered being, "babae lang", Josef said.

Josef added that the physically challenged, wheelchair bound character played by a woman actor "is the strongest, bravest, most principled, most respectable, admirable heroic person of integrity in the story."

Mabining Mandirigma is part of TP's tribute to three revolutionary heroes through a trilogy of musicals: "Pingkian" for Emilio Jacinto, "Gregoria Lakambini" for Gregoria de Jesus, and "Mabining Mandirigma" for Mabini.

In "Pingkian: Isang Musikal", Jose Rizal was portrayed by a woman, Kalki Teodoro.

All of the performers of "Gregoria Lakambini" are female, including those who portrayed Bonifacio and Nakpil.

Toym Imao, current dean of the

University of the Philippines College of Fine Arts, is the person behind the stage design since the musical was first shown in 2015.

"The scenic design of this year's MM pays homage to the original set design done in 2015. All the elements relate to contemporary teams, like industrialization, to today's disruptive technologies and how old systems of authoritarianism, imperialism, corruption, compromise, and shifting allegiances are represented in the visual metaphors of the productions set pieces," Imao said.

Imao added the humanist elements to serve as the bookend of the musical. It starts with "the duyan/ hammock as the womb that birthed Mabini and his journey through life, which in the finale transforms into a catafalque that brings him to his grave."

Originally staged in 2015 and recognized with 12 Gawad Buhay Awards, the musical returns for its 10th anniversary with shows that will run at the Cultural Center of the Philippines (CCP) Tanghalang Ignacio Jimenez until March 29, 2026.

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SEAN AARON SAGABAEN a.k.a.  
SEAN AARON SAGABAEN DELA CRUZ, SP. PROC. NO. G-26-2878  
Petitioner,

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RONNIE GUEVARRA DELA CRUZ, THE  
CITY CIVIL REGISTRY OF GENERAL SANTOS  
CITY, SOUTH COTABATO, THE PHILIPPINE  
STATISTICS AUTHORITY,  
Respondents  
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**ORDER**

Before this Court is a PETITION TO USE THE FATHER'S SURNAME under Rule 103 of the Rules of Court filed on 9 February 2026 by petitioner through counsel Atty. Rollo T. Arce.

The petitioner prays that, after due notice, and hearing judgment be rendered directing the Local City Civil Registrar of General Santos City, South Cotabato and the Philippine Statistics Authority to write/inscribe on petitioners Certificate of Live Birth his full name as SEAN AARON SAGABAEN DELA CRUZ. Essentially, petitioner prays that he be allowed to use the surname of his father and that his name be changed from "SEAN AARON SAGABAEN" to "SEAN AARON SAGABAEN DELA CRUZ".

Finding the Petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the same is hereby SET FOR HEARING on April 23, 2026 at 8:30 o'clock in the morning, to be conducted at the Hall of Justice, San Matias, Guagua, Pampanga, at which date, time, and place the petitioner shall appear and present evidence in support of the Petition.

All persons who may have any interest in the Petition are hereby directed to appear at the said hearing and show cause, if any they have, why the Petition should not be granted.

Let this Order be published before the scheduled hearing at the expense of the petitioners, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the province of Pampanga.

The petitioner is further DIRECTED to forthwith furnish the Office of the Solicitor General (OSG) with a copy of the Petition and its annexes, thereafter to submit to this Court proof of such compliance.

Let copies hereof be furnished the office of the Solicitor General (OSG), the Office of the Provincial Prosecutor, the petitioner and his counsel, the respondent Ronnie Guevarra Dela Cruz, Local City Civil Registrar of General Santos City, South Cotabato and the Civil Registrar General of the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), via registered and/or electronic mail.

SO ORDERED.

Guagua, Pampanga, February 27, 2026.

(SGD)  
EDWIN C. SIAPCO  
Acting Presiding Judge

# SEC, SCAD expand services in Subic, Clark with help desk



The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) Tarlac Extension Office together with the Subic-Clark Alliance for Development (SCAD) launch the SCAD-SEC Help Desk at Clark Freeport Zone which aims to cater locators and businesses in the Subic-Clark area. (SEC Tarlac Extension Office)

**TARLAC CITY** — The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) Tarlac Extension Office (TAREO) and the Subic-Clark Alliance for Development (SCAD) have provided an expanded and more convenient channel to deliver regulatory services in Subic-Clark corridor through the launching of the SCAD-SEC Help Desk.

The help desk, located in Clark Freeport Zone, aims to serve locators and businesses by

providing easier access to SEC services, including SEC registrations, compliance requirements, and other corporate regulatory concerns.

SEC TAREO Director Richard Laus emphasized that the initiative is important for improving service delivery and investor confidence in the area.

“The SCAD-SEC Help Desk brings SEC services closer to businesses in the Subic-Clark corridor, making it easier for corporations to comply with regulatory requirements and access timely assistance. Through this partnership with SCAD, we aim to enhance efficiency, strengthen investor confidence, and support the continued growth of businesses in the region,” he said.

Meanwhile, SCAD Executive Director Carminda Fabros said the help desk not only brings government regulatory services closer to investors and business owners but also strengthens inter-agency collaboration.

“This initiative embodies our shared commitment to advance ease of doing business, improve access to regulatory support, and foster the continued growth and development of enterprises in the corridor,” she added.

Locators and stakeholders may visit the SCAD-SEC Help Desk at the SCAD Office, G/F, Bldg. 2519-A, Samat St., Phil. Cyber Technopark Complex, Clark Freeport Zone, or contact them through 0945-395-2983 or via email at scad.sec.helpdesk@scad.gov.ph.

### NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ISSUE WITH SPECIAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of the late **VIRGINIA SIBUG MANALANG**, legally married to **MARCELO GARCIA MANALANG**, executed a **DEED OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH SPECIAL POWER OF ATTORNEY AND APOSTILLE** over her estate covered by **Transfer Certificate of Title (TCT) No. 98221**, containing an area of **TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED NINETY (25,590) SQUARE METERS**, more or less, before **Jonnifer M. Lacanlale**, as per Doc. No. 77; Page No. 79; Book No. XXVI; Series of 2026 and Apostille signed by Notary Public **NSW Yi Ern Phang**.

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# BFAR holds fish smoking training in N Ecija town

**NAMPICUAN, Nueva Ecija** — The Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) capacitated about 15 farmers and fisherfolks in Nampicuan, Nueva Ecija on the proper fish smoking techniques to boost their skills and provide additional livelihood opportunities.

Attendees were members of the Samahan ng Mangingisda at Magsasaka ng Nampicuan (SMMN) coming from Barangays Estacion, Southeast Poblacion, Cabaducan East, and Ambassador.

SMMN member Virgilio Tabelisma said the training, which is under BFAR's Special Area for Agricultural Development (SAAD) Program Phase II, helped them better understand the proper process of fish smoking.

“Dahil sa pagsasanay na ito, natutunan namin ang tamang paraan ng pagtitinapa at masisiguro namin na malinis at de-kalidad ang produktong aming magagawa (Through this training, we learned the proper way to smoke fish and can ensure our products are clean and high quality),” he said.

BFAR Region 3 SAAD Information Officer Pauline Carbonel said participants undergo hands-on training on proper fish

preparation, salting, drying, and smoking techniques to produce clean and high-quality smoked fish products.

“Most members of the association rely on farming as their primary source of income, while aquaculture serves as an alternative livelihood,” Carbonel shared.

She added that the group has started continuous production, recently producing 22 kilograms of tinapang bangus and 16 kilograms of smoked tilapia, sold during the 26th Moringga Festival of Nampicuan.

The SAAD program aims to improve the living conditions of vulnerable fisherfolk by providing sustainable livelihood opportunities, strengthening community-based fishery enterprises, and promoting food security in underserved communities.

Through these training activities, BFAR continues to equip fisherfolk and farmers with the skills, facilities, and support to grow their livelihoods, strengthen the local fisheries industry, and achieve sustainable income. (CLJD/MCAL, PIA Region 3-Nueva Ecija)



Members of the Samahan ng Mangingisda at Magsasaka ng Nampicuan participate in a hands-on fish smoking training by the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Regional Office III – Special Area for Agricultural Development Program Phase II in Nampicuan, Nueva Ecija. (BFAR Region 3)

# Bataan fisherfolk get support for sustainable buoy production

**BALANGA CITY** — Seven fisherfolk from Barangay Sisiman in Mariveles, Bataan, received raw materials from the Department of Labor and Employment's (DOLE) livelihood support program to produce buoys, helping them earn a steady income while practicing responsible fishing.

The initiative aims to improve the economic conditions of the beneficiaries while promoting sustainable fishing practices in the barangay.

DOLE Bataan Provincial Head Maylene Evangelista said the activity highlights the agency's commitment to providing assistance that can increase daily catch and strengthen local livelihoods.

“Through programs like this, we continue to empower our fisherfolk and enhance

livelihood opportunities within the community,” Evangelista added.

She also noted that the support complements other government efforts to develop local industries and improve quality of life of workers and their families.

The beneficiaries shared that the assistance would help them maintain a reliable source of income while ensuring their fishing practices remain environmentally responsible.

They also expressed hope that the program could be expanded to benefit more fisherfolk in the future.

DOLE's livelihood programs form part of the national government's broader effort to boost local industries, enhance the quality of life of Filipino workers, and promote sustainable economic growth in communities.



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THIRD JUDICIAL REGION  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE JUDGE  
Angeles City

**BDO UNIBANK, INC.,**  
Represented by **LEINE A DE CASTRO,**  
*Mortgagee,*  
- versus -  
**PATRICK JOSEPH N. SAMSON,**  
*Debtor/Mortgagor,*

FC Case No. 2025-0198  
**EXTRA JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF MORTGAGE UNDER ACT 3135 AS AMENDED**

### NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SALE

Upon extrajudicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended filed by the Mortgagee, BDO UNIBANK, INC., with office address at 33/F BDO Corporate Center Ortigas, No. 12 ADB Avenue, Wack Wack, Mandaluyong City, against the Debtor/Mortgagor **PATRICK JOSEPH N. SAMSON** with postal address/es at: (1) No. 10 Chronicle Street, West Triangle, Damayan, Quezon City; and (2) Lot 12 Block 5 Solana Frontera Angeles Pampanga, Barangay Sapa Libutad, Angeles City, Pampanga in order to satisfy the outstanding mortgage debt which as of November 17, 2025 amounts to **SIX MILLION FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY-TWO THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE PESOS AND EIGHTY-FIVE CENTAVOS (Php6,562,335.85)**, Philippine Currency, principal, including interest, penalty, and other charges allowed by law, the undersigned Sheriff IV hereby gives notice and announces that on **March 30, 2026 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning** at the Office of the Clerk Court, Regional Trial Court, Angeles City located at the Ground Floor of the Jose Abad Santos Hall of Justice, Brgy. Pulung Maragul, Angeles City, will sell at public auction for **CASH and MANAGER'S CHECK** and in Philippine Currency, the following parcels of land with all existing and future improvements thereon, to wit:

TCT NO. 045-2021000072

**LOT NO:** 12 BLOCK NO: 5 PLAN NO: PCS-03-021581  
**PORTION OF:** THE CONS/SUBD OF LOTS D & G (ROAD), PSD-03-074771 (AR) LOTS E & H (ROAD), PSD-03-074769 (AR), LOT D, PSD-03-075103 (AR) & LOT E, PSD-03-074767 (AR) (continued on next page)  
**TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION** (Continued from page 1)  
**LOCATION:** BARANGAY OF SAPA LIBUTAD, CITY OF ANGELES, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA, ISLAND OF LUZON  
**BOUNDARIES:**

LINE	DIRECTION	ADJOINING LOT(S)
1-2	SE	ROAD LOT 2, PCS-03-021581
2-3-4	SE, SW	ROAD LOT 4, PCS-03-021581
4-5	NW	LOT 10, BLOCK 5, PCS-03-021581
5-1	NE	LOT 11, BLOCK 5, PCS-03-021581

**TIE POINT:** BLLM NO. 6, ANGELES CADASTRE  
**AREA:** ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY SEVEN SQUARE METERS (187), MORE OR LESS

Prospective buyers/bidders may investigate for themselves the above-mentioned parcel/s 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 27, 2026 at same time and place** without further notice.

Angeles City, January 12, 2026.

(SGD)  
**YVES GABRIEL V. GADIA**  
Sheriff IV

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Republic of the Philippines  
City of Angeles  
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD  
20th Council

ORDINANCE NO. 761, S-2026  
(PO-533-01-26)

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 1, 2 AND 7 OF ORDINANCE NO. 574, 5-2019 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LYDC ORDINANCE.**

**WHEREAS**, Article 2 Section 13 of the 1987 Constitution states that, “the States recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual and social well-being. It shall inculcate in the youth, patriotism and nationalism and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs.”

**WHEREAS**, it is a declared policy of the locality to promote and protect the physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, cultural, and social well-being of the youth and to inculcate in them values of patriotism and nationalism and to encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs of the municipality,

**WHEREAS**, the Local Government of Angeles City ensures that the youth are given priority and that programs and policies will be truly beneficial to them.

**SECTION 1. NAME AND NATURE OF OFFICE.** The council shall be known *Angeles City Youth Development Council*. It shall be under the Office the Mayor an shall be headed by the City Sangguniang Kabataan Federation President as the Presiding Officer.

**SECTION 2. COMPOSITION.** The Angeles City Youth Development Council shall be composed of the following:

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| a. Hon Richard D. Gaza Jr.      | SK President                               |
| b. Hon. Dennis G. Duya          | SK Vice President                          |
| c. Mr. Amoah Prince DG. Mandani | OIC, Angeles City Youth Development Office |
| d. Members:                     |  |

Hon. Henry Carbungco	Representative, SK Federation-Angeles City
Ms. Alainah Kacey Ocampo	Representative, The Playhouse Project
Mr. Jaeriel Macapinlac	Representative, RAC Pampanga North
Mr. Daniel Jr. Dupaya	Representative, Bagani Pampanga
Ms. Jairen Lee Lopez	Representative, GRLLIS-SSLG
Mr. Prince Eros Pajanustan	Representative, Amsic Rainbow Youth Advocates
Mr. Jonard Cayanan	Representative, Young Heroes – Angeles City
Mr. David Daniel Astrero	Representative, CCA-CSC
Mr. Jimuel Lester Suarez	Representative, Kaya Natin Youth – Angeles City
Mr. Gian Mark Tutanés	Representative, SSCSP Pampanga
Ms. Jocelyn Miranda	Representative, PYAP-Angeles City

**SECTION 3. DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS.** The Angeles City Youth Development Council shall discharge the following duties and functions:

- Serve as the core group of the advocacy on youth participation in nation-building and youth empowerment
- Finalize the three (3) year Local Youth Development Plan that is anchored on the Philippine Youth Development Plan and the development plans of the local government units,
- Monitor and evaluate the implementation of the Local Youth Development Plan

**SECTION 4 SECRETARIAT.** The Local Youth Development Office (LYDO) shall serve as the Secretariat is the Angeles Cay Youth Development Council, facilitate the election of the ACYDC representatives and provide technical assistance in the formulation of LYDP

**SECTION 5. LOCAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PLAN.** The council shall finalize the Local Youth Development Plan initially drafted by the respective SK Federation, which shall be the basis for the implementation of Youth Development Programs and services in coordination with the concerned agencies.

These plans shall give priority to programs, projects and activities that will promote and ensure the meaningful youth participation in nation-building, sustainable youth development and empowerment, equitable access to quality education, environmental protection, climate change adaptation, disaster risk reduction and resiliency, youth employment and livelihood, health and anti-drug abuse, gender sensitivity, social protection, as well as capability building and sports development.

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**SECTION 6. TERM OF THE ANGELES CITY YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL.** The members of the ACYDC shall have for a term of three (3) years unless sooner removed due to dissolution of the youth organization or youth serving organization or voluntarily vacates the position as member of the ACYDC. A member who, during her/his term of office, shall have passed the age of thirty (30) years shall be allowed to serve the remaining portion of the term.

**SECTION 7. MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL.** The Council shall meet twice quarterly or as may be deemed necessary. The Chairperson shall preside in all council meetings.

**SECTION 8. REPEAL CLAUSE.** All other policies or laws creating organizations, councils or boards in the municipality which exist having similar programs with the Angeles City Youth Development Council are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 9. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** If any provision or part thereof is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

**SECTION 10. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE.** This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

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Sponsored by Councilors **Richard DC. Gaza, Jr., Arvin M. Suller, Alexander P. Indiongco, Raco Paolo S. Del Rosario,** and **Jezreel Aaron L. Pineda**

Seconded by Councilors **Maricel Morales-Agoncillo**

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UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED by the Members Present during approval: Councilors Arvin M. Suller, Joan Crystal DJ. Aguas, Marine D Bañola, Maricel Morales-Agoncillo, Edgardo D. Pamintuan, Jr., Jezreel Aaron L. Pineda, Alexander P Indiangco, Michelle M. Bonifacio, Jeselle Ann V. Dayrit, Raco Paolo S. Del Rosario, Danilo M. Nacu, Richard DC. Gaza, Jr. and Carlos P. Salvador during Regular Session No. 3 held on January 27, 2026.

Approved by His Honor, the City Mayor on **FEB 03 2026.**

APPROVED:  
(SGD)  
**CARMELO B. LAZATIN, II**  
City Mayor

(SGD)  
**AMOS B. RIVERA**  
City Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:  
(SGD)  
**ATTY. NOEL M. LUZUNG**  
City Administrator

(SGD)  
**ATTY. MARK PHILIP B. LUMBOY**  
City Secretary/Department Head II

# PPC trains 100 campus writers in Pampanga

By Arlyn Lukban | Photos by PPC

The Pampanga Press Club (PPC) concluded its 2026 Basic Journalism Training after mentoring nearly 100 campus writers from across the province through a series of workshops.

The free training program was held on March 14 at the Pampanga Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office Training Center located inside the Pampanga Engineering Office Compound.

Participants attended lectures and workshops covering basic newswriting, online reporting, and photography.

Serving as resource speakers were Ian Ocampo Flora of SunStar Pampanga, Ria de Fiesta of Pampanga News Now, Frederick Gonzales of Central Luzon Businessweek, and Jojo Due of Trends and Spots Blogmag.

The training program was organized by PPC under the leadership of its president, Lincoln Mendoza Baluyut, with support from the Pampanga Provincial Government, Philippine Sports Commission, Royce Hotel and Casino, and Orchids Bookstore.

The lecture series is one of the club's long-running initiatives and is conducted annually. It began in 2000 during the presidency of Bert Basa and continued in 2009 under the leadership of Peter Alagos.

The program was revived in 2019 during the presidency of Tonette Orejas, who now serves as training director, alongside current chairman Noel Tulabut.

"This lecture series is a commitment of the PPC to hone the skills of young writers, especially those who wish to enter the journalism practice," Orejas said.

Founded in 1949, the Pampanga Press Club is the second oldest press club in the Philippines.



**Congratulations from Pampanga Press Club and Philippine Sports Commission!**

