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Medical City Clark among 2026 world best hospitals



CLARK — The Medical City Clark has earned global recognition after being included in Newsweek's 2026 World's Best Hospitals list, ranking 15th among hospitals in the Philippines and emerging as the only hospital from Pampanga to make the prestigious list.

The annual ranking by Newsweek is considered a credible international benchmark, drawing from peer recommendations of medical professionals, patient experience data, and key quality performance indicators across thousands of hospitals worldwide.

For Central Luzon, the recognition marks a significant milestone. Long accustomed to traveling to Metro Manila for specialized and tertiary care, patients in Pampanga and nearby provinces now have access to globally recognized healthcare closer to home. Over the years, The Medical City Clark has steadily expanded

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BWH backs PH expansion via Savers Group Holdings

ANGELES CITY — Global hospitality group Best Western Hotels & Resorts and its luxury arm WorldHotels have reaffirmed their support for expansion in the Philippines, particularly to Savers Group Holdings Inc, which is the exclusive developer for BWH in the country.

The commitment was announced during the BWH Asia-Pacific (ASPAC) Regional Conference held in Bangkok, where top executives from both global brands met with Savers Group leadership to discuss growth strategies and pipeline developments in the Philippine market.

Leading the Philippine delegation were Savers Group Holdings Inc. Chairman Jack Uy and Executive Vice President Justine Shaun Uy, who engaged with key BWH officials

including WorldHotels President Ron Pohl, APAC Vice President Olivier Berrivin, Managing Director, Operations Asia Fraser McKenzie, and Managing Director, Sales Asia Cyrill Czerwonka.

During the conference, BWH executives expressed strong confidence in the Philippine market, citing its continued tourism growth and strategic importance in the region. The partnership reinforces Savers Group's role in driving the expansion of BWH brands nationwide, including Best Western and WorldHotels properties.

Savers Group said the strengthened collaboration is expected to accelerate hotel developments across key destinations in the Philippines, aligning with the company's long-term vision to elevate the country's hospitality

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From Left to Right: Fraser Mckenzie- Managing Director, Operations Asia, Cyrill Czerwonka, Managing Director, Sales Asia, Olivier Berrivin-Vice President, APAC, Jack Uy- Chairman/CEO Savers Group Holdings, Ron Pohl, President, World Hotels, BWH International and Justine Shaun Uy-EVP, BW ADO Philippines

JDN rolls out EV charging stations in Nepo properties



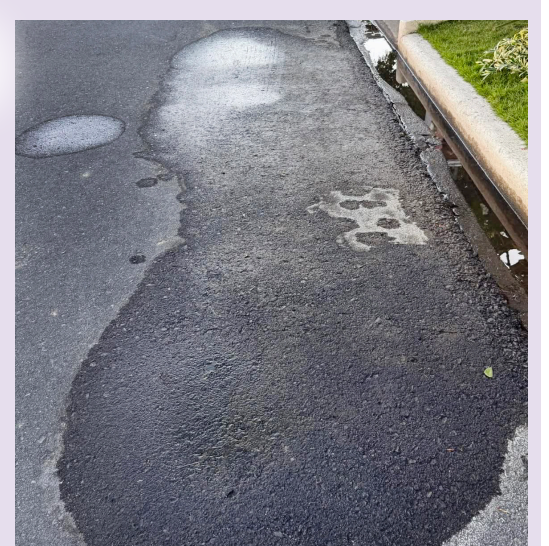
The ribbon-cutting ceremony for the EV charging station was led by Martin Kyle Wilkerson, Sustainability Officer; Engr. James Balboa, Facilities Manager; Arni N. Valdes, Chairman of JDN Realty Group; and Trixie N. Valdes, EHS Senior Manager.

ANGELES CITY — The JDN Realty Group has launched N-Charge, its electric vehicle (EV) charging stations now available across several Nepo properties.

The stations are currently located at Newpoint Mall and eNtec 1 in Nepo Center, Angeles City, as well as Nepo Mall and Nepo Mart in Pangasinan. The rollout reflects the growing shift toward electric mobility in the Philippines. By integrating EV charging into its developments, JDN Realty brings this infrastructure closer to where people spend their day, making it more convenient for users to charge while working, shopping, or running errands.

For the initial rollout period, N-Charge will be available free of charge.

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WASTED WATER. Ongoing water wastage has been observed due to a leak in the pipes of PrimeWater. Despite being reported months ago, no action has been taken, raising concerns about the company's apparent disregard for conserving our natural resources.

'Byahe Kalinga' brings relief to riders amid rising fuel costs

In the quiet hours before dawn, long lines of riders began to form outside the headquarters of Beautéderm Corporation—some arriving as early as 11 p.m. the night prior — carrying with them not just empty fuel tanks, but the weight of rising costs and uncertain days ahead.

On Saturday, March 28, hope came in the form of "Byahe Kalinga," a fuel assistance initiative led by Beautéderm Founder, President and CEO Rei Anicoche-Tan, in partnership with the Rotary Club of Balibago and BeautéDerm ContriBeaut Foundation Inc.

Around 200 transport workers—including riders from Grab, Foodpanda, and Lalamove,

as well as tricycle drivers from various TODA groups—received much-needed support. The first 100 beneficiaries were given full-tank fuel, while the next 100 received ₱500 worth of gasoline and five kilos of rice. The assistance was distributed on a first-come, first-served basis, with fuel claimed at a SEAOL station in Sto. Domingo.

For many of the beneficiaries, the aid meant more than just fuel—it was a lifeline.

Anicoche-Tan said the program was her way of reaching out to those hardest hit by the continued surge in fuel prices, driven by global tensions.

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Beautéderm president and CEO Rei Anicoche-Tan has given away gas vouchers to riders and tricycle drivers amid the rising cost of fuel

CIAC caps Fire Prevention Month with safety awareness seminar

The Clark International Airport Corp. (CIAC) recently conducted its Fire Prevention Orientation and Safety Awareness for CIAC personnel from various departments in observance of the Fire Prevention Month.

The event was organized by the CIAC

Safety and Environmental Management Unit with representatives from the Bureau of Fire Protection as resource speakers.

The activity aimed to enhance employees' knowledge of fire prevention, workplace safety practices, and proper emergency response procedures.



DTI: No automatic price freeze

The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) wishes to assure the Filipino public that the supply and prices of basic necessities and prime commodities (BNPCs) remain stable nationwide.

Following the issuance of Executive Order No. 110, which declares a State of National Energy Emergency, the DTI clarifies that an automatic nationwide price freeze under the Price Act (R.A. 7581) is not currently in effect.

The Department emphasizes the following points to guide consumers and retailers:

Targeted Nature of EO 110

Executive Order No. 110 is a strategic measure specifically designed to address potential disruptions in the global oil supply chain. It activates the UPLIFT (Unified Package for Livelihoods, Industry, Food, and Transport) Program, which provides targeted subsidies to the transport and agriculture sectors. By stabilizing the cost of moving goods, the government is proactively preventing the very inflationary pressures that would otherwise necessitate

a price freeze.

Voluntary Private Sector Commitment

In recent consultations with the DTI, 21 major manufacturers of essential goods—including canned sardines, bread, bottled water, instant noodles, and coffee—have formally pledged to maintain their current prices for the next 30 to 60 days.

This industry-wide cooperation ensures that prices remain fair without the need for mandatory government intervention.

Adequate Inventory Levels

Our latest monitoring shows that inventory levels for basic necessities remain sufficient. There is no shortage of supply that would justify artificial price spikes.

Vigilant Monitoring

While a formal "freeze" is not in place, the DTI's consumer protection teams are on heightened alert. We continue to check compliance with the Suggested Retail Price (SRP) bulletin and monitor BNPCs without SRP.

Any retailer found engaging in profiteering (raising prices by more than 10% without justification) or hoarding will face the

Best Western Clark now 4-Star Hotel

CLARK — Best Western Plus Metro Clark proudly celebrates a significant milestone as it is now officially recognized as a 4-Star Hotel by the Department of Tourism (DOT).

The award was conferred on March 27, 2026, during the DOT Region 3's Tourism Recognition for Enterprises and Stakeholders (TRES) Awards Night, held

at the hotel's very own Premier Ballroom. This recognition reflects Best Western Plus Metro Clark's unwavering commitment to excellence in service, comfort, and elevated guest experiences. As we celebrate this achievement, we continue to raise the bar for hospitality in Clark and beyond.



Cong Pogi wants 'milk banks' in all health centers nationwide

ANGELES CITY — In time for Women's Month Celebration this year, Congressman Carmelo "Pogi" Lazatin, Jr. filed House Bill No. 8811 on March 30, 2026, which mandates the establishment of lactation (breastfeeding) stations in Rural Health Units (RHU) and Barangay Health Centers (BHC), and providing for human milk banks meeting standards by the Department of Health (DOH).

Under HB 8811, lactation stations shall be established by all Local Government Units in RHUs and BHCs to provide private, clean, and accessible areas conducive for nursing mothers to feed their children. Notably, the lactation stations shall not be located in the toilet, and the LGUs may provide additional suitable

amenities subject to DOH standards.

Likewise, HB 8811 mandates the establishment of human 'milk banks' in RHUs and BHCs; provided that no human milk bank shall operate unless accredited or licensed by the DOH, in accordance with standards set in R.A. 10028 or the Expanded Breastfeeding Promotion Act of 2009.

"Despite existing laws and initiatives, breastfeeding support remains uneven at the primary care level. As frontline community health facilities, RHUs and BHCs should be equipped with the appropriate facilities," Lazatin explained.

During Lazatin's time as Angeles City Mayor, the Angeles LGU

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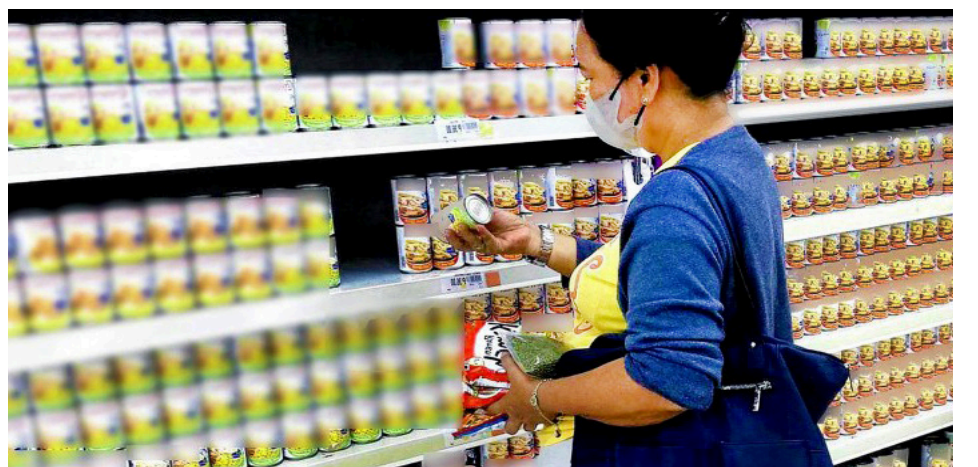
File photo shows Lazatin during the Blessing and Inauguration of the breastfeeding station at the Angeles City Hall.

full force of the law, including administrative fines and potential imprisonment.

The DTI remains committed to balancing the interests of consumers with the economic realities of our local

manufacturers.

We encourage the public to remain calm and report any unreasonable price increases to the DTI Consumer Care Hotline at 1-384 (1-DTI).





KUWENTONG PEYUPS ATBP.
BY: ATTY. DENNIS GORECHO

Sunflower as symbol of fight against misogyny

within the legal profession, notably unanimously disbaring lawyer Lorenzo “Larry” Gadon on June 2023 for profane and sexist remarks against journalist Raissa Robles.

“There is no room in this noble profession for misogyny and sexism. The Court will never tolerate abuse, in whatever form, especially when perpetrated by an officer of the court,” the SC said in its decision.

UP President Angelo Jimenez stressed that the sunflower is fast becoming UP’s second symbol, after the Oblation.

“Both bend toward the light,” Jimenez said. Sunflowers, in order to grow, need full sun, just as every student treat every experience inside the university as necessary for their individual growth.

Women empowerment is also embodied in the giant sunflower lanterns that participants carried around the academic oval.

Sunflower pins were worn by women in Kansas as they campaigned for the right to vote in 1867. While the Kansas referendum failed, yellow remained a color of the suffrage movement through the 20th century.

In the Philippines, April 30, 1937, marked the first time Filipino women exercised their right to vote after an overwhelming 447,725 Filipino women voted in a plebiscite in favor of their right to vote in political elections under Commonwealth Act No. 34.

“Just like sunflowers that always turn toward the light, women in our communities stand tall, resilient, and full of warmth—guiding the next generation toward a better tomorrow,” said Atty. Vien Tiempo Mendez.

The event also gave tribute to UP female athletes with participants from badminton, basketball, beach volleyball, chess, football, swimming, as well as Filipiniana along with varsity pep squad and drummers.

Since 1938, UP women’s teams were champions for 22 seasons in swimming, 12 in Judo, 10 in badminton, eight in volleyball, seven in basketball, six in table tennis, five in fencing, four in softball, two in chess, two in taekwondo kyorugi, one in football, and one in taekwondo poomsae.

“This event is more than just a gathering or a simple activity. It is a symbol of unity, empowerment,

and support for women who nurture, protect, and motivate our children every single day. women play a vital role in shaping the hopes and dreams of the young,” Mendez said.

“Sunflower parade” aims to remind the world that women and children have rights that need and deserve to be protected, and to exemplify the truth that these Filipino women are not alone.

To defend women’s rights is to fight misogyny in all its forms, demand accountability from those who perpetuate it, and challenge the social order that keeps women vulnerable, silenced, and exploited.

The event was led by UP-based women groups which include UP Delta Lambda Sigma Sorority, UP Portia Sorority, UP Women in Law, Women Lawyers Circle as well as UP Concert Chorus and their respective alumni associations, Philippine Association of University Women (PAUW)-UP Chapter, IBP Quezon City, Kontra GaPi, Maritime Law Association of the Philippines and Celebrity Club.

The founders of the event are Atty. Gancayco, Atty. Mendez and the author.

(Peyups is the moniker of the University of the Philippines. Atty. Dennis R. Gorecho heads the Seafarers’ Division of the Sapalo Velez Bundang Bulilan Law Offices. For comments, e-mail info@sapalovelez.com, or call 0908-8665786.)

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UP, Converge raise data center competency for university IT leads

ANGELES CITY — The country’s premier university, the University of the Philippines (UP), in partnership with leading fiber broadband and technology provider Converge ICT Solutions Inc., is training the information technology leads of UP campuses nationwide at the newly-inaugurated Converge Data Center in Angeles City, Pampanga, concretizing the collaboration between the two institutions under their memorandum of understanding signed on September 29, 2025.

The three-day program covers data center operations, server infrastructure, cloud and artificial intelligence technologies, cybersecurity, and sustainable technology practices. It is structured around the UP Data Center Staff Competency Framework — a nine-domain professional development framework the UP Office of the Vice President for Digital Transformation (UP OVPDx) released in November 2025 to professionalize IT operations across the UP System.

“The training directly addresses at least six of the framework’s nine domains — from governance and compliance to emergency response and business continuity,” said Prof. Peter Sy, Vice President for

Digital Transformation, University of the Philippines System.

The Converge Angeles Data Center, inaugurated last March 20, is the Converge Group’s largest facility — a Tier III-certified complex designed for continuous uptime even under infrastructure stress. UP participants are touring its Security Operations Center, Data Command Center, Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) and Battery Room, Power House, and Satellite Earth Station. The data center followed international and industry best practices including ASHRAE, ANSI/TIA-942, and Uptime.

“The program offers something rarer than a signed agreement: a working model. Institutional IT partnerships typically stall between intent and execution — between the MOU and the measurable outcome. Here, UP personnel are not in a seminar room reviewing slides about data centers — they are standing inside one. That distinction is what separates digital transformation policy from operational readiness,” Sy pointed out.

“This training is proof that the UP–Converge partnership is not a ceremonial exercise,” said Sy. “Our people are inside



Three-day immersion in the Converge Angeles Data Center Tier III facility advances the growing collaboration under the UP–Converge MOU, structured around the UP OVPDx Data Center Staff Competency Framework

a working data center, learning from the engineers, executives, and professionals who operate it every day. That is how we build real institutional capability — not through frameworks on paper, but through practice.”

Organized under the Converge University with support from the Converge Corporate Communications and Public Relations (CCPR) team, senior Converge executives led the training sessions

together with outside experts, with support from global technology leaders H3C and Dell Philippines.

“Converge is committed to building digital capability not just within our company but across institutions that shape the country’s future,” said Converge CEO and Co-Founder Dennis Anthony Uy. “Working with UP — the national university —

Yap honors triathlete sisters

TARLAC CITY — Tarlac City Mayor Susan Yap on Monday led a recognition ceremony for sisters Aira Lopez and Alou Lopez following their strong finish at the Ironman 70.3, where they secured qualifying slots for the Ironman 70.3 France set in September 2026.

The Lopez sisters impressed in the grueling race that combines a 1.9-kilometer swim, 90-kilometer bike ride, and 21.1-kilometer run, showcasing endurance, discipline, and consistency against a competitive field of local and international athletes.

Their qualification for the France leg

marks a significant milestone, as Ironman 70.3 events serve as global platforms for elite and rising triathletes, with limited slots awarded only to top performers in each category.

Mayor Yap praised the sisters for bringing pride to Tarlac City and inspiring fellow Tarlaqueños through their dedication to the sport.

The recognition ceremony highlighted the city government's continued support for local athletes who excel on the national and international stage, underscoring the values of perseverance, hard work, and community pride.



Tarlac City Mayor Susan Yap poses with sisters Alou (left) and Aira Lopez, who both competed at the Ironman 70.3 in Davao, where they secured qualifying slots for the Ironman 70.3 France set in September 2026.

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its capabilities in critical areas such as cardiology, oncology, intensive care, and emergency medicine.

The distinction also builds on the hospital's earlier achievement of securing Joint Commission International (JCI) accreditation, a globally recognized standard for patient safety and clinical quality held by only a select number of

hospitals in the country.

Together, these recognitions affirm The Medical City Clark's growing reputation as a leading healthcare institution in the region, reflecting its continued commitment to delivering world-class medical services in Central Luzon.

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landscape through globally recognized brands.

The ASPAC conference serves as a platform for aligning regional

strategies, strengthening partnerships, and unlocking new opportunities across Asia-Pacific, with the Philippines positioned as a priority growth market.

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The initiative aims to help EV users manage costs amid ongoing global uncertainties and economic pressures, while also encouraging the adoption of more sustainable transportation.

N-Charge operates on a regulated charging system designed to manage usage across locations. This allows more users to access charging throughout the day while maintaining a smooth and consistent experience.

The launch was marked by a ribbon-cutting ceremony

attended by Martin Kyle Wilkerson, Sustainability Officer; Engr. James Balboa, Facilities Manager; Arni N. Valdes, Chairman of JDN Realty Group; and Trixie N. Valdes, EHS Senior Manager.

With N-Charge in place, JDN Realty continues to adapt its spaces to evolving mobility needs, aligning its developments with the growing demand for practical and more sustainable transportation solutions.

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"Sa panahon ngayon, hindi puwedeng manahimik lang tayo. Kailangan nating umabot at tumulong sa abot ng ating makakaya—lalo na sa mga rider at driver na araw-araw lumalaban para sa kanilang pamilya," she said.

Funds for the initiative were raised through an online auction of her pre-loved personal items from her signature brands—turning personal treasures into collective relief.

In a gesture that drew cheers from the crowd, the first tricycle driver beneficiary also received a ₱3,000 cash bonus and a starter livelihood package for his wife to begin selling Beautéderm products.

Many of the riders, visibly moved, expressed gratitude to Anicoche-Tan, describing her as a modern-day "Good Samaritan" in a time of need.

Even as she extended help, the lady CEO called on fellow business leaders to do the same. "Kung sama-sama tayo, kahit maliit na tulong, malaking ginhawa ang maibibigay natin sa sektor na ito," she said.

As engines roared back to life that morning, so did a renewed sense of hope—proof that compassion, even in small acts, can carry people forward.

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established the first-ever breastfeeding station inside the Angeles City Hall on March 30, 2023, under the supervision of then Executive Assistant IV Reina Manuel and then Gender and Development Officer-in-Charge Mina Cabiles.

It can be recalled that on October 28, 2025, Lazatin also filed House Bill No. 5702, which seeks to include mammography services in public hospitals and examinations

for breast cancer in rural health centers.

HB 5702 mandates the provision of mammography services, either annually or as medically necessary, in qualified public hospitals and in coordination with the DOH.

Further, it mandates that regular monthly breast examinations be provided by qualified medical practitioners assigned to every rural health center.

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allows us to contribute directly to the next generation of Filipino technology leaders."

While deepening the UP-Converge MOU collaboration, the immersion also advances two priorities under UP President Angelo A. Jimenez's Strategic Plan 2023-2029 — Flagship Program No. 6 (Active and Collaborative Partnerships) and No. 10 (Digital Transformation).

It contributes to the UP OVPDx's mandate of system-wide upskilling, structured around the Data Center Staff Competency Framework — an IT governance instrument aligned with ISO/IEC 38500 principles, that positions industry partnerships as essential to building institutional capacity in

an increasingly digital higher education environment.

Anchored in the Framework, the immersion delivered concrete, measurable outcomes such as completed role-based certifications, established refresher training cycles, initiated paired skill audits and compliance reviews, and a regularly updated documentation system.

For Converge, the collaboration signals an expanding institutional role — from telecommunications provider to active contributor in national digital human capital development, as the Group expands its data center operations nationwide.

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During a workshop for the Transformation Program in the province, Angelito Creencia, chief social insurance officer of the PhilHealth Local Health Insurance Office in Gapan City, stated that this initiative is part of the government's socio-economic support for FRs and their families.

"This means we will personally visit your communities. We will bring our computers, printers, blank forms, and ID materials so we can process your registration and issue your PhilHealth IDs right in your community," Creencia explained.

He said FRs who register through the program will be classified as indirect or subsidized members, meaning the national government will cover their contribution fees, allowing them to receive PhilHealth coverage at no cost.

To enhance inclusivity, PhilHealth has relaxed certain documentary requirements, especially for residents of geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas, as well as indigenous communities.

With support from the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP), barangay certifications and endorsements from tribal chiefs may serve as supporting documents for applicants who lack birth certificates or identification cards.

Local government units are also encouraged to deploy representatives from municipal social welfare offices during registration activities to certify financially incapable beneficiaries on-site, further speeding up the enrollment process.

Aside from registration, PhilHealth also conducts information and education campaigns in communities to explain members' rights, benefits coverage, and how to avail of

healthcare packages under the program.

"Healthcare costs can be a major burden, especially for families already struggling with their daily needs. Through PhilHealth, we hope to help ease that worry and ensure that medical services become accessible to them," he said.

PhilHealth already started registering some FRs in the province, including officers of the New Hope, an FR people's organization, in October last year through on-site registration.

Sponsored memberships are valid until December 31 each year and may be renewed annually through coordinated submissions of application forms by the FR people's organization.

Through the PhilHealth on Wheels initiative, the agency aims to ensure that FRs and their families gain reliable access to healthcare protection as they reintegrate into their communities.

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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METROPOLITAN BANK & TRUST COMPANY.

Mortgagee,

-versus-

LIBRADA V. GUILLERMO (now MRS. LIBRADA V. GUILLERMO-HUDGINS), Borrower/Mortgagor.

F.C. CASE NO. 2025-0214
EXTRAJUDICIAL FORECLOSURE SALE PROCEEDINGS OF MORTGAGED REAL PROPERTY/IES

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SUZETTE P. GUILLERMO,
Co-Borrower.

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Upon extrajudicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended filed by the Mortgagee, METROPOLITAN BANK & TRUST COMPANY, with principal business office at GT TOWER INTERNATIONAL, 6813 AYALA AVENUE CORNER H. V. DELA COSTA STREET, BARANGAY BEL-AIR, MAKATI CITY against the Borrower/Mortgagor, LIBRADA V. GUILLERMO (now MRS. LIBRADA V. GUILLERMO-HUDGINS), with postal address/es at (1) Lot 2, Block 3 Main Road corner Calachuchi Street, Grandview Heights 2, Brgy. Mawaque, Mabalacat, Pampanga 2010, (2) Lot 4, Block 3, Grandview Heights 2, Brgy. Mawaque, Mabalacat, Pampanga 2010, and (3) No. 15 Iriga Street, Sta. Mesa Heights, Brgy. Sta. Teresita, Dapitan, Quezon City 1114, and Co-borrower, SUZETTE P. GUILLERMO, with postal address at 2E 3rd Avenue Street, Camp, Crame, Quezon City 1111 in order to satisfy the mortgage debts which as of November 14, 2025 amounts to SIX MILLION TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE PESOS AND 54/100 (P6,267,375.54), Philippine Currency, as principal balance including interest and penalty and other legal charges allowed by law, the undersigned Sheriff IV hereby gives notice and announces that on April 15, 2026 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at the Municipal Trial Court in Cities, Mabalacat City, located at Bldg. 2 Unit 33, Great Mall of Central Luzon, Tabun, Mabalacat City, Pampanga, will sell at public auction for CASH or MANAGER'S CHECK and in Philippine Currency, the following parcel of land with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 045-2021000109

"A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 2 BLOCK 3 OF THE CONSOLIDATION AND SUBDIVISION PLAN PCS-03-015485, BEING A PORTION OF THE CONSOLIDATED LOT 12, PCS-03-002527 (OLT) AND LOT 13-B, PSD-03-082370, L.R.C. REC. NO.), SITUATED IN THE BARRIO OF MAWAQUE, MUN. OF MABALACAT, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA, BOUNDED ON THE SW., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 1, BLK. 3; ON THE NW., ALONG LINES 2-3-4 BY ROAD LOT 4: ON THE NE., ALONG LINE 4-5 BY ROAD LOT 1; AND ON THE SE., ALONG LINE 5-1 BY LOT 4, BLK. 3, ALL OF THE CONSOLIDATION-SUBDIVISION PLAN. x x x CONTAINING AN AREA OF ONE HUNDRED TWENTY SEVEN (127) SQUARE METERS. x x x

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on May 14, 2026 at the same time and place without further notice.

Angeles City, January 14, 2026

(SGD)
NELSON V. MANARANG
Sheriff IV

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Preschoolers explore simple machines at NEUST museum

CABANATUAN CITY — Ten preschoolers from Cambridge Child Development Centre observed mechanical tools, equipment, and historical artifacts at the Nueva Ecija University of Science and Technology (NEUST) University Museum during an educational fieldwork activity.

The young visitors, accompanied by guardians, explored real-life examples of simple machines and became the museum's youngest guests to date.

They also toured the College of Engineering laboratory, where faculty member Albert Tinio introduced them to modern machines.

NEUST University Museum Curator Ofelia Martin-Bawan said such activities benefit young learners by providing tangible examples of classroom concepts while limiting social media exposure.

"Malaking tulong ang ganitong activity dahil sa murang edad ay nakikita nila ang real examples ng simple machines na tinatalakay nila sa school, at nakakatulong din ito upang maiwasan ang sobrang exposure sa social media (Activities like this are a

big help because at a young age, they get to see real examples of the simple machines they discuss in school, and it also helps prevent excessive exposure to social media)," she emphasized.

Cambridge Child Development Centre School Administrator Maribel Go, on the other hand, mentioned that they selected NEUST after researching sites featuring actual machines related to the children's lesson.

"Nag-search kami ng mga maaaring i-visit for simple machines, at nakita namin na mayroon sa NEUST na mga old machineries na ginagamit, kaya akma ito sa topic namin ngayon with the kids (We searched for possible places to visit for simple machines, and we found that NEUST has old machineries that were used, so this fits our current topic with the kids)," she shared.

Additionally, Go conveyed the school's interest in future visits to the university with senior nursery students for similar fieldwork activities.

The activity showcases NEUST facilities bringing simple machines lessons to life for preschoolers through hands-on exploration.



The Nueva Ecija University of Science and Technology accommodates 10 preschoolers from Cambridge Child Development Centre, together with their guardians and school personnel, to explore simple machines at the University Museum. (NEUST)

Tarlac students integrate tech to modernize heritage exhibits



Tarlac State University College of Architecture and Fine Arts students Christian Jay Mayo (middle), Kelly Shaye Pamintuan (right), and Kerby Dave Tanglao (second from right) together with faculty member Kenneth Leo Pamlas (left) and Acting Provincial Tourism Officer Diogenes Simbol (second from left), lead the pilot presentation of the Near-Field Communication technology integration in the dioramas at Diwa ng Tarlac. (Tarlac Tourism)

TARLAC CITY — Students from Tarlac State University (TSU) College of Architecture and Fine Arts (CAFA), in coordination with the Tarlac Tourism Office, have integrated Near-Field Communication (NFC) technology into selected dioramas at the Diwa ng Tarlac cultural center to enhance visitor engagement and boost tourism in the province.

The said project, made by TSU CAFA students Christian Jay Mayo, Kelly Shaye Pamintuan, and Kerby Dave Tanglao, allows visitors to access historical narratives, images, and other materials by tapping NFC-enabled smartphones to the embedded NFC tags in dioramas.

Mayo said the project aims to make museum visits more interactive in support of the tourism of the province.

"Makakatulong po ito sa turismo ng Tarlac kasi mas nagiging modern at mas engaging ang museum experience (This is will help the tourism of Tarlac because museum experience becomes modern and more engaging)" he said.

Mayo added that the technology could serve as an added feature to attract more visitors.

The NFC system was applied to dioramas featuring the province's cultural and historical highlights, including churches, traditional dances and performances, and notable events such as the Capas Death March.

The technology was also integrated into exhibits featuring historical sites such as the Ferro-Carril de Tarlac and the Casa-Real de Tarlac

Acting Provincial Tourism Officer Diogenes Simbol said the project introduces modern technology in presenting local heritage.

"Yung project ng mga bata na NFC dito sa museo ng kanlahai ay napakalaking tulong sa amin kasi dinadala niya yung maka bagong teknolohiya sa aspeto ng culture and heritage (The NFC project of the students here in Museo ng Kanlahi is a huge help for us because this brings modern technology in culture and heritage)," he stated.

Simbol also added that the system improves accessibility, particularly for persons with hearing impairments, as they can access information independently through their mobile devices without the need for a tour guide.

The integration of NFC technology to the exhibits inside the museum supports the ongoing efforts of the Tarlac Tourism Office to strengthen cultural and historical tourism of the province.

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CHINA BANK SAVING, INC.,
Mortgagee,

- versus -
CATHERINE JASMINE R. RICAFORT,
Mortgagor/Borrower.

Extra Judicial Foreclosure of Real Estate Mortgage Under Act No. 3135 as Amended
FC Case No. 2026-0004

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Upon extrajudicial Application for sale under Act No. 3135, as Amended filed by the mortgagee, **CHINA BANK SAVING, INC.**, with principal place of business at 12th Floor, China Bank Saving, Inc. Building, No. 314 Sen. Gil J. Puyat Avenue, Makati City, against the mortgagor/borrower, **CATHERINE JASMINE R. RICAFORT**, of legal age, Filipino Citizen and with postal address/es at: (1). Block 24, Lot 52, Phirst Park Homes Magalang PH 1A, B4 Barangay Sto. Rosario, Magalang, Pampanga; (2). No.19 Natividad Street, Christine Village, Dela Paz, Pasig City, in order to satisfy the mortgage debt therein which as of 30 December 2025, amounts to **One Million Six Hundred Forty-Six Thousand One Hundred Ninety-One Pesos and Fifty-Four Centavos (Php1,646,191.54)**, Philippine Currency, excluding interests, penalties and additional daily interest and penalties up to the date of sale, in addition attorney's fees and other charges all secured by this mortgage, the undersigned Sheriff IV hereby gives notice and announces that on **5th May 2026 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at the Municipal Trial Court, Magalang, Pampanga located at ground floor, Magalang Legislative building, San Nicolas 1, Magalang Pampanga**, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for **cash or manager's check and in Philippine Currency**, the following parcel of land with all the improvement existing thereon:

TCT NO. 045-2024017954

A parcel of land situated in BARANGAY OF SANTO ROSARIO, MAGALANG, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA, ISLAND OF LUZON, BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

LOT NO: 52, BLOCK NO: 24, PLAN NO: PCS-03-023814
PORTION OF: CONNS-SUBD OF LOTS A,B,C,D,E,F,G, PSD-03-154386 (AR), LOTS A,B,C, PCS-03-015233 (AR) & LOT 458, MAGALANG CAD

LOCATION: BARANGAY OF SANTO ROSARIO, MUNICIPALITY OF MAGALANG, PAMPANGA, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA, ISLAND OF LUZON.

BOUNDARIES:

LINE	DIRECTION	ADJOINING LOT (S)
1-2	SW	Lot 90, MAGALANG CADASTRE
2-3	NW	Lot 53, Block 24, PCS-03-023814
3-4	NE	ROAD Lot 26, PCS-03-023814
4-1	SE	Lot 51, Block 24, PCS-03-023814

AREA: FIFTY-TWO (52) SQUARE METERS, more or less.

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

In the event that the scheduled public auction should not take place, the same will be conducted on **26th May 2026** at the same time and place without further notice. Angeles City, 2nd February, 2026.

(SGD)
GARRY M. PANGILINAN
Sheriff IV

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PhilHealth on Wheels to ease membership of former rebels in NE

PALAYAN CITY — Former rebels (FRs) rebuilding their lives in Nueva Ecija can now access government health insurance more easily through the PhilHealth on Wheels initiative of the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth).

The mobile registration

program brings PhilHealth services directly to communities, eliminating the need for beneficiaries to travel to government offices to enroll in the national health insurance system.

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PHILHEALTH



Angelito Creencia, the chief social insurance officer of the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) Local Health Insurance Office in Gapan City, explained the benefits of the PhilHealth on Wheels program during a workshop on the Transformation Program in Nueva Ecija. He highlighted the initiative's efforts to facilitate free registration for health insurance for former rebels and their families. (PIA 3)

ERRATUM

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REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
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Guagua, Pampanga

BDO UNIBANK, INC. represented by
LEINE A. DE CASTRO,

Mortgagee,

- versus -
JIMMY BARITUA RAMOS,
Mortgagor/s.

FREM CASE NO. G-26-2553

For: EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT NO. 3135, AS AMENDED

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

WHEREAS, upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 as amended by Act 4118 filed by BDO UNIBANK, INC., herein represented by **LEINE A. DE CASTRO**, mortgagee, a universal banking corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, with principal address at 33rd Floor, BDO Corporate Center, Ortigas, No. 12 ADB Avenue, Wack-Wack, Mandaluyong City, against mortgagor/s, **JIMMY BARITUA RAMOS**, with residence and postal address at (1) San Roque, Dau 1st, Lubao, Pampanga, (2) 1206 Kundiman St., Sampaloc East, Manila, (3) Lot 3306-A-2 Along 3302 (Existing Road) Brgy. San Roque, Dau, Lubao, Pampanga and (4) Lot 6-B Along Lot 16 (Road) Brgy. San Roque, Dau (now) Brgy. San Roque Dau 1st. Lubao, Pampanga, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness mentioned which as of January 23, 2026, amounts to **TWO MILLION NINE HUNDRED EIGHT THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY FOUR PESOS & 79/100 CENTS ONLY (P2,908,184.79)** Philippine currency, including interest thereon, but exclusive of penalties and other charges, plus daily interest and expenses thereafter, the undersigned will sell at public auction on **April 14, 2026, at 10:00 o'clock in the morning** or soon thereafter at the entrance/lobby of the Municipal Trial Court, Lubao, Pampanga, to the highest bidder in cash or manager's check and in Philippine currency the herein-below described real property/ies with all existing improvements thereon, to wit:

The management regrets the error.

7 Things You Don't Need with a DJI Neo 2 Drone

Text and Photos by Jan Darren Guiwan



Traveling across all 82 provinces of the Philippines taught me to efficiently pack light, and flying a drone used to mean hauling bulky bags and memorizing complicated maneuvers to achieve that cinematic effect. I spent flying almost two years using my DJI Mini 4 Pro. That drone requires a dedicated remote control and constant practice. Then I got to try the DJI Neo 2. I flew it for almost four solid months already. The experience changed my perspective on aerial documentation during my travels.

If you are a first-time flier, you want simplicity. You want to capture your trips without hassle. The DJI Neo 2 strips away the hard parts of flying. It focuses entirely on getting the shot.

Here are the actual realizations from my four months of using the DJI Neo 2. I call these the “no needs” of drone flying.

The “No Needs” of the DJI Neo 2 Drone

No need for a dedicated remote control - You do not have to buy the full combo. You can purchase the aircraft by itself. The DJI Mini 4 Pro forced me to pack a heavy remote everywhere I went. The DJI Neo 2 fits in your palm and operates without one.

No need to learn technical controls - First-time fliers often fear crashing. You skip the learning curve. You use hand gestures to direct the flight path. The drone reads your palm to take off and land. The Follow Me Mastershot keeps you centred in the frame all the time.

No need to wait for a signal - Older drones make you stand around waiting for GPS satellites to connect. The DJI Neo 2 skips this delay. It can automatically fly the moment you long press the Take-off button. You capture the moment instantly.

No need for a travel companion to

document your trip - Traveling solo is great until you want a video of yourself. You can rely on the DJI Neo 2 to be your personal camera crew. You take advantage of the master shots to get cinematic footage. Just verify you have permission to fly over the property first.

No need to think of a separate memory card - Forgetting an SD card ruins a shoot. You avoid this problem. The drone records directly to its internal 50GB memory. You just transfer or back up your files after your coverage ends.

No need to bring a bulky or small tripod - Tripods take up valuable bag space. You leave them at home. You take advantage of the intelligent selfie shot mode instead. The drone hovers and take shots at your predetermined angles via the DJI Fly App. You can take a wide or tight shot. If you are traveling with a group, no more handheld “groupies”, everyone is in the frame.

No need to go to physical stores - Buying drone gear used to mean driving to camera or tech shops. You can order the DJI Neo 2 directly through official online apps and stores. It ships straight to your door.

You want to travel light, also. You want to record a good clip. The DJI Neo 2 Drone gives you both without the headache of complex controls. Stop packing bulky drone bags. Go to the official camera online stores such as Altitude, DJI's official TikTok account and catch its Live Selling to score discounts or physical DJI or Altitude stores. Order the DJI Neo 2 aircraft and pack it for your next trip. If you are ready to level up your flying skills, you can complete the Fly More Combo anytime.

The Neo 2 doesn't try to replace pro-level control. It removes barriers.

For beginners, that's the real value. Less setup. Less learning curve. More actual use.



DJI Neo 2 Drone

