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Under US-led Pax Silica initiative

BCDA eyes AI industrial hub in New Clark City

NEW CLARK CITY — The Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA) is eyeing a 4,000-acre site in New Clark City as a new industrial hub to host the Pax Silica Coordination Office that will connect technology firms, research institutions, and government agencies to build a robust artificial intelligence (AI) ecosystem, expedite innovation, and attract high-value investments.

This plan follows the Philippines' entry into the Pax Silica Declaration, a United States (US)-led initiative designed to build a secure, resilient, and innovation-driven supply chain for AI and key technologies.

Finance Secretary Frederick Go underscored that the country's participation in the Pax Silica Declaration indicates an intent to play a more active role in the evolving AI and semiconductor landscape.

"By joining Pax Silica, the Philippines is ensuring that our mineral resources and strategic location are

not simply supporting global industries from the margins, but are actively harnessed to build the industries of the future," he said.

Planned for construction within the Luzon Economic Corridor, the coordination office is designated as a "Golden Node" that represents a new model for AI-native investment acceleration hubs intended to transform the country into a key global player in emerging technologies.

United States Undersecretary of State for Economic

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Philippine Ambassador to the United States Jose Manuel Romualdez (left), Finance Secretary Frederick Go (second from left), United States Undersecretary of State for Economic Affairs Jacob Helberg (middle), Bases Conversion and Development Authority President and Chief Executive Officer Joshua Bingang (second from right), and Department of Trade and Industry Undersecretary for Industry Development and Trade Policy Group Ceferino S. Rodolfo (right) lead the planning of the Pax Silica Coordination Office in New Clark City under the Pax Silica Declaration. (DOF)

BOC Clark intercepts ₱33.9-M shabu

CLARK — The Bureau of Customs (BOC) – Port of Clark, in coordination with the Clark Inter-Agency Task Force Against Illegal Drugs (CRK-IATFAID), has foiled an attempt to smuggle nearly ₱33.945 million worth of suspected shabu concealed in five separate parcels.

The operation, aligned with the directive of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. to intensify the campaign against illegal drugs, led to the seizure of approximately 4.992 kilograms of Methamphetamine Hydrochloride.

All parcels underwent standard clearance procedures, including X-ray scanning under the BOC's X-ray Inspection Project, which flagged

suspicious images. A K-9 sniff test conducted by the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) further indicated the possible presence of illegal substances, prompting a full physical inspection by Customs examiners. Authorities found white crystalline substances in all five shipments.

The first parcel, which arrived on March 30 from South Africa and was bound for Batangas City, was declared as "Air Filters." Inspection revealed four plastic pouches concealed inside the filters, weighing about 2,004 grams and valued at ₱13.627 million.

A second parcel from Uganda, which arrived on March 31 and was destined for Dasmariñas City, was

declared as "Textbooks and Briefcase." Authorities discovered contraband hidden in carbon paper inside a black leather case, weighing around 582 grams and worth ₱3.957 million.

Two more parcels from Zimbabwe, both arriving on April 2 and bound for Las Piñas City, were declared as "Documents." These contained carbon paper-wrapped packages hidden in leather cases, with a combined weight of approximately 2,170 grams and an estimated value of ₱14.756 million.

The fifth parcel, which arrived on April 8 from Delaware, USA and was bound for Taguig City, was declared as "Polyester Clothing."

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BM Lim to be moved to Valenzuela jail

CITY OF FERNANDO

San Estelito "Shiwen" Lim is set to be transferred from the Pampanga Provincial Jail to a detention facility in Valenzuela City as he continues to face charges of large-scale estafa.

The transfer follows the order of Judge Mary Jane Dacara-Buenaventura, who upheld the referral

of Lim's cases to another jurisdiction. In a March 12 directive, the judge endorsed the 10 criminal cases to the nearest judicial region, identified as the Regional Trial Court in Valenzuela City.

A subsequent order issued on March 17 finalized the referral, paving the way for Lim's transfer and continued detention in Valenzuela while legal proceedings move forward.

AC gets Seal of Child-Friendly Local Governance

ANGELES CITY — Angeles City has been conferred the Seal of Child-Friendly Local Governance after successfully passing the 2025 Child-Friendly Local Governance Audit conducted by the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) and

the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD).

Mayor Carmelo “Jon” Lazatin II received the formal recognition, highlighting the city government’s continued commitment to promoting the welfare, rights, and safety of Angeleño children.

The recognition reflects the LGU’s sustained implementation of programs focused on children’s development, including initiatives in education, health, protection, and overall well-being, aimed at building a more progressive and inclusive future for the city.



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Capitol distributes 3rd batch of barangay patrol tricycles

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO — The Provincial Government of Pampanga has successfully rolled out the third batch of Barangay Patrol tricycles, with 51 additional units deployed to further strengthen peace and order initiatives across communities in the province.

The program is spearheaded by Governor Lilia “Nanay” Pineda in partnership with the Livelihood Program of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), under the leadership of Regional Director Venus Rebulde.

Municipal mayors and barangay captains from participating local government units formally received the patrol units during the turnover

ceremony held at the Capitol Compound. The distribution included 11 units for the Municipality of Minalin, 12 for the Municipality of Apalit, 7 for the Municipality of Santo Tomas, and 21 for the Municipality of Bacolor.

According to Minalin Mayor Philip Naguit, the patrol tricycles provide timely assistance to barangays, particularly amid rising fuel costs.

“Napalaking tulong nito and it is very timely dahil nasa crisis tayo at napakamahal ng gas. Yung mga barangay service na four-wheel vehicles ay medyo malaki ang konsumo nila sa fuel,” he said.

With this latest distribution, a total of 247 patrol units have now been deployed out of the 505

barangays targeted under the program. The total value of the distributed units is estimated at ₱29.6 million.

The initiative aims to enhance mobility and improve the response capability of barangay officials and tanods, thereby reinforcing peace and order at the grassroots level.

Also present during the ceremony were Provincial Board Members Atty. Claire Lim, Dra. Kaye Naguit, Fritzie David-Dizon, Atty. Vince Calara, Christian Halili, Lucky Labung, Mymy Gonzales, and Executive Assistant IV Angelina Blanco. Joining them were Apalit Mayor Jun Tetangco, Bacolor Mayor Eduardo Datu, and Sto. Tomas Mayor John Sambo, along with department heads from the Provincial Capitol.



Gov. Lilia Pineda leads the distribution of the third batch of Barangay Patrol tricycles, further strengthen peace and order initiatives across communities in the province. (Photos by Pampanga PIO) Gov. Lilia Pineda leads the distribution of the third batch of Barangay Patrol tricycles, further strengthen peace and order initiatives across communities in the province. (Photos by Pampanga PIO)

1,324 young PWDs, kids get financial aid from Capitol

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO — A total of 1,324 young persons with disabilities (PWDs) and children of PWDs received financial assistance from the provincial government as part of its continuing support program for vulnerable sectors.

Among the beneficiaries was 10-year-old Angela Fabian, who shared her dream of becoming a doctor despite her young age. Angela, the child of a PWD community worker

diagnosed with scoliosis, said she hopes to help and care for others in the future, inspired by her personal experiences at home.

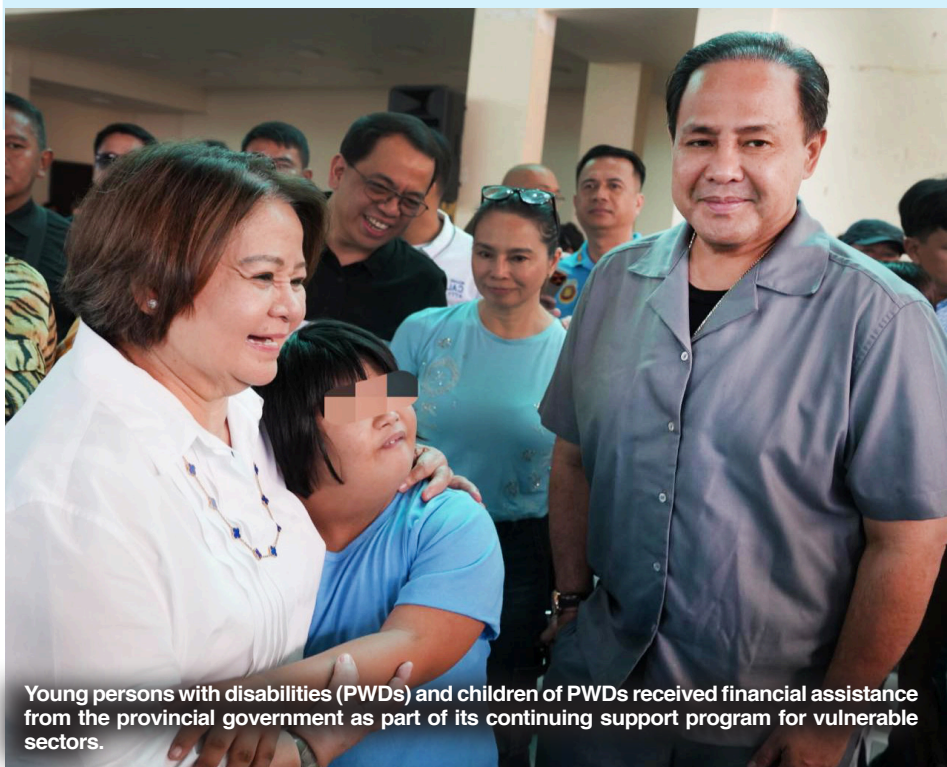
The assistance distribution was led by Gov Nanay Pineda and Vice Governor Delta Pineda, together with members of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan and Apalit Mayor Jun Tetangco.

Each beneficiary received ₱2,500 in cash assistance and food packs provided by the

provincial government.

Provincial officials said the program is part of ongoing efforts to support the education and daily needs of PWD families, with commitments to further expand financial assistance in the future.

According to the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office (PSWDO), more than 5,000 young PWDs and children of PWDs are regularly receiving support from the provincial government.



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Business leaders converge at Rockwell for MACCII induction rites

ANGELES CITY — Leaders of JDN Realty Group joined business executives and chamber members during the General Membership Meeting and Induction Ceremonies of the Metro Angeles Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Inc. (MACCII) held at the Rockwell Nepe Clubhouse in Nepe Center.

Representing JDN Realty Group were Chairman Emeritus Engr. Peter G. Nepomuceno, Chairman Arni Valdes, President and CEO Aaron Jeffrey Montenegro, and Assistant Vice President

for Administration Maribel Ronquillo, underscoring the company’s continued active engagement with the local business sector.

In his opening remarks, Valdes — who also serves as MACCII chairman — emphasized the chamber’s ongoing efforts to expand its membership base, particularly by bringing in more small and medium enterprises to strengthen collaboration and create wider growth opportunities for the business community.

He also provided updates on JDN Realty Group’s partnership with Rockwell, highlighting

continued cooperation between key players in the local property and development sector.

The event gathered industry leaders for the induction of MACCII’s newly appointed officers and directors, reinforcing its role as a platform for networking, leadership development, and cross-industry collaboration in the region.

JDN Realty Group said its participation reflects its sustained commitment to supporting initiatives that foster business linkages and contribute to regional economic growth.



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Kadiwa Store ng Bigas 3.0 benefits 1.5K Masantol folk

MASANTOL — Around 1,500 residents benefited from the successful staging of the KADIWA Store ng Bigas 3.0, which offered affordable rice at ₱20 per kilo, allowing each beneficiary to purchase up to 10 kilograms.

The program was held at the Bebe Matua Covered Court and catered to

residents from Right Bank barangays.

The initiative was made possible through the coordination of Mayor Dan Guintu with the Department of Agriculture Central Luzon and the Provincial Government of Pampanga, in partnership with the Provincial Public Employment Service Office (PESO)

and the Provincial Agriculture Office.

Local officials said the activity is part of continuing efforts to provide accessible and affordable rice to families in Masantol through government support programs, especially amid efforts to ease the burden of rising food costs.





OMNIA IN BONUM
ATTY. PAUL YUSI

The Spirit of PamCham: How it Began, How it Persists

As we approach the 25th legal founding and silver anniversary of the Pampanga Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Inc. (PamCham) on October 3, 2028, this piece seeks to revisit what has been forged and already written in the past, yet remains relevant today.

In October 1988, the then San Fernando Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SFCCI) was born—a fledgling organization that would eventually grow into PamCham as we know it today.

At the helm was prime mover and founder Liberato “Levy” P. Laus and a handful of pioneering officers. Their inaugural induction ceremony took place in the newly opened Tire City in the neighborhood of Dolores, San Fernando.

In its infancy, the SFCCI tackled the everyday concerns of local traders—from navigating taxes to understanding government policies, all the way to maintaining peace and order. But as time went on, a bigger dream began to unfold—a vision of transforming the once-sleepy

capital town of San Fernando into a vibrant business center at the heart of Central Luzon.

Before long, this dream found a focal point in “Dolores City,” a burgeoning growth enclave that soon had everyone talking. The chamber’s first notable initiative was the lighting of the MacArthur Highway and the Gapan–San Fernando–Olongapo Road in Dolores. It was more than just a lighting project—it was an invitation to the community. It encouraged residents to become aware, to step into the light—literally and figuratively—and to take an active role in the transformation of their hometown.

The deep grounding of SFCCI in the development of San Fernando led to a change in the organization’s identity into something as endearing as its new name conveyed: the Lugud San Fernando Movement. Eventually, this grounding would be tested by the biggest and most daunting challenge ever to face the capital town since its founding nearly 250 years ago. The cataclysmic eruption of Mt. Pinatubo in 1991 inevitably pushed Lugud into a more critical role—not only in promoting business in the capital town but also in protecting it from the adversities brought about by the massive calamity.

At first, the group focused on the forefront of inviting businessmen, allaying fears

that lahar would pose a real problem to the community. At the same time, it kept a close watch on the lahar situation in close coordination with concerned agencies, particularly the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PHIVOLCS). When the lahar problem became a real threat to the community, Lugud leaders felt that promoting business development was already a losing proposition. The community had to be saved from lahar devastation first before anything else.

In the face of this daunting challenge, Lugud transformed into a new organization—the Save San Fernando Foundation, Inc. Save spearheaded a multi-sectoral campaign to protect the town and nearby municipalities from lahar destruction. It managed to raise ₱20 million from various sectors to fund emergency activities and projects, including engineering interventions against deadly lahar flows. Eventually, its relentless advocacy helped pave the way for the construction of the multi-billion 54-kilometer FVR Megadike that finally stopped lahar flows from engulfing the capital town and downstream communities.

The SFCCI had always been deeply rooted in the life of the capital town. Over time, this grounding reshaped the organization’s identity into

something warmer and more human, reflected in its new name: the Lugud San Fernando Movement—“lugud” meaning love or compassion.

But destiny had a far greater test in store. In 1991, the cataclysmic eruption of Mt. Pinatubo shook Central Luzon to its core, unleashing devastation unseen in centuries. For San Fernando, then nearly 250 years old, it was the most daunting challenge in its history.

At first, Lugud sought to steady nerves, reassuring businessmen that lahar—the deadly volcanic mudflow—would not cripple the community. Its leaders worked hand in hand with agencies like PHIVOLCS, monitoring the threat and keeping the public informed. Yet as lahar descended and the danger became undeniable, the group realized that business development could no longer be its foremost mission. Before commerce could thrive, the town itself had to be saved.

Thus, Lugud transformed into the Save San Fernando Foundation, Inc. (The Foundation) This was no mere rebranding—it was a rallying cry. Save spearheaded a multi-sectoral campaign, uniting citizens, businesses, and institutions in a common cause: to shield San Fernando

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THE GLOBAL BEAT
BY GERALD LACUARTA

Pax Silica in New Clark City: Promise or Familiar Risk?

NEW CLARK CITY is about to become something it was never quite designed to be: a frontline in the global war over who controls the materials that run the world.

On April 16, 2026, the Philippines became the 13th partner in Pax Silica, a US-led initiative to build a secure supply chain for semiconductors, critical minerals, and AI infrastructure that doesn’t run through Beijing. The centerpiece on our end is a 4,000-acre Economic Security Zone in Tarlac—billed in the language of press releases as the first “AI-native industrial acceleration hub” in the alliance.

Four thousand acres. That’s not a pilot program. That’s a commitment.

I want to be honest about two things simultaneously, because too much of the public conversation is picking a lane and staying in it.

First, the opportunity is real. The Philippines sits on enormous deposits of nickel and copper, the exact materials the global tech economy desperately needs and currently processes mostly in China. We have a young, English-speaking workforce with demonstrated capacity in electronics manufacturing. And the Luzon Economic Corridor, which frames this deal, has been in development since 2023 trilateral talks with the US and Japan. This didn’t come from nowhere. If the investment flows and the upskilling happens the way proponents describe, this could mean a genuine industrial upgrade: not just assembling other people’s chips, but processing the raw materials that go into making them.

This could be transformative for communities like ours here in Central Luzon—and for the young people finishing school right now, who deserve real opportunities at home.

But the second thing I want to be honest about is that the questions

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KUWENTONG PEYUPS

BY: ATTY. DENNIS GORECHO

UP Fair pays tribute to indigenous peoples through music

SUPPORT for the indigenous people’s struggles and their defense of ancestral lands took centerstage during final night of the annual fair at Sunken Garden of the University of the Philippines (UP Fair) in Diliman Quezon City.

The stage during the UP Fair is never just a stage, as the week-long event serves as a platform for artists to combine music with social activism, calling for action against corruption and injustice.

The theme for 2026 is “Rak Kontra Korap” that aims to give awareness on specific social issues each day: Kalye Tunes on Wednesday for urban struggles and the rights of the marginalized; Quest on Thursday for queer empowerment and women’s rights; Elements on Friday for peasant rights and agrarian reform; and Rev on Saturday for ancestral land defense.

The Saturday segment (Rev) coincided with the celebration in Manila of the 42nd Cordillera Day at the Quezon Memorial Circle in honor of slain tribal leader Macliing Dulag.

It was in the evening of April 24, 1980 when soldiers fired at two houses in the village of Bugnay, Tinglayan, Kalinga that caused Macliing’s death from multiple gunshots.

He was one of the leaders of the Kalinga tribes opposing the World Bank-funded 1,010-megawatt Chico River Basin Hydroelectric Dam Project of the late dictator Ferdinand Marcos.

Despite the lack of a formal

education, Macliing knew that the project would eventually displace thousands of his people from their ancestral lands and destroy million worth of fruits, vegetables, and grains.

Macliing was killed by government forces in an attempt to silence him but his murder was a catalyst that united the peoples of the Cordillera in opposition against the dam.

One of his famous quote on the people’s reverence for the land, affirming their right to stay, states: “You ask if we own the land and mock us saying, ‘Where is your title?’ When we ask the meaning of your words, you answer with taunting arrogance, ‘Where are the documents to prove that you own the land?’ Titles? Documents? Proof of ownership. Such arrogance to speak of owning the land when we instead are owned by it. How can you own that which will outlive you? Only the race owns the land because the race lives forever.”

The Cordillera People’s Alliance (CPA) said that “Cordi day carries with it the historical advances of the mass movement for self determination and national democracy.”

I joined in the 1990s three Cordillera Day celebrations: two in Benguet (Itogon and Mankayan) and another in Sagada, Mountain Province.

“The indigenous peoples’ struggle for their rights has long been enduring. Their struggle for the recognition of their rights to land and self-determination is rooted in their effort for cultural and human survival. We should honor the struggle of our people,” according to my UP Law professor and now Supreme Court Associate Justice Marvic Leonon in the case of Sama vs People (G.R. No. 224469, Jan. 05, 2021).

Originally held in September, UP Fair started in the early 1980s as an avenue or dissent against the Martial Law era of then dictator Ferdinand Marcos

Sr.

It was in 1984 when the UP fair was institutionalized as a fundraising activity by student organizations led for the University Student Council (USC) and considered the biggest student-initiated activity in UP Diliman.

What started as a simple “perya-like” event, the UP Fair was moved to February and has evolved into a full-blown celebration of Philippine art, music, and culture as well as a platform for change.

UP Fair has promoted several bands and talents, homegrown and non-UP alike, which include The Jerks, The Dawn, Buklod, Moonstar88, Yano, Sinaglahi, Patatag, Ebe Dancel, Lola Amour, Sponge Cola, Morissette and Eraserheads being the most famous among them.

The Eraserheads made their first performance at the UP Fair on February 1991 which came two

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Photo of the mural of the Manila celebration of Cordillera Day

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Affairs Jacob Helberg clarified that the Golden Node does not focus on recreating the factories from the previous years.

"It is about building the manufacturing ecosystems of the next century—Alternative from day one, anchored in the rule of law, and integrated into a network of trusted nations that will define global supply chain resilience for decades to come," he emphasized.

Meanwhile, BCDA

President and Chief Executive Officer Joshua Bingcang noted that the initiative establishes New Clark City as the center of a pivotal transformation for a future-ready Philippines.

"By establishing this Golden Node, we stand to position New Clark City as a vital link in the global supply chain for advanced technologies and next-generation manufacturing. On the ground, this will translate into more quality

job opportunities for Filipinos and greater participation of local enterprises in the growing innovation-driven economy across the globe," he said.

The initiative is aligned with President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.'s National Strategy Roadmap, which aims to introduce the Philippines as a regional AI powerhouse.

To support the development of economic cooperation between the

Philippines and the US, a two-year grace period on lease payments will be provided as an in-kind contribution once the hub is built.

Beyond the coordination office, the BCDA is currently working to develop New Clark City as the country's first smart, disaster-resilient, and green metropolis by advancing the city as a competitive AI hub to attract a wide range of technology-driven industries.

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It yielded about 236 grams of suspected shabu concealed inside a box, valued at ₱1.604 million.

Initial testing using a Rigaku Spectrometer confirmed the substances as Methamphetamine Hydrochloride, a dangerous drug under Republic Act No. 9165. Samples were forwarded to PDEA for confirmatory testing.

A Warrant of Seizure and Detention was issued for violations of provisions under Republic Act No. 10863, in relation to the country's anti-drug law.

Customs Commissioner

Ariel F. Nepomuceno highlighted the role of technology in enforcement efforts, citing the effectiveness of advanced X-ray systems in detecting concealed contraband.

Meanwhile, Port of Clark District Collector Jairus S. Reyes reiterated the agency's commitment to strengthening border protection and sustaining its crackdown on drug smuggling.

The BOC said it remains steadfast in safeguarding the country's borders and protecting the public from the dangers of illegal drugs.

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and its neighboring towns from devastation. Through sheer determination, the foundation raised ₱20 million, funding emergency engineering works and community-driven defenses against lahar's advance.

The movement's relentless advocacy bore fruit. Its voice helped push forward the construction of the monumental 54-kilometer FVR Megadike, a multi-billion peso project that finally stemmed the lahar flows and safeguarded San Fernando and downstream communities.

What began as a chamber of commerce had, through love, courage, and necessity, evolved into a guardian of the town's very survival. The story of Lugud and Save San Fernando is not just about business—it is about resilience, unity, and the unyielding will of a community to endure.

By 2002, the shadow of lahar that once threatened San Fernando had finally lifted. With the danger now behind them, the community faced a new challenge: how to return the Foundation to its original role as a chamber of commerce. The time had come to reorganize, to breathe life back into the vision of a united business community.

In late August of that year, Mr. Laus took the decisive step. Together with a circle of respected traders and professionals—some of whom are still actively engaged with PamCham and have endured through the years—Jesus Nicdao,

Teresa D. Carlos, Ruben A. Sy, and others—they formed the nucleus of what would soon officially become the Pampanga Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Inc. or PamCham.

Momentum built quickly. On September 9, the first organizational meeting was held. Just two weeks later, members gathered at the Laus Group Corporate Center for a series of orientations. By October 3, the chamber—then called PACCI—was officially registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) on October 3, 2003. Within days, PamCham's officers were already representing Pampanga at the regional area conference of the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI) in Dagupan City.

On October 16, PamCham's membership was formally approved by the PCCI, cementing its place in the national network of business chambers.

From the very beginning, PamCham carried a bold vision: to be the single, effective voice of commerce and industry in Pampanga, a catalyst for countryside development, and a driver of global competitiveness. It was a mission deeply rooted in the chamber's historic role—one that had always been about more than business. It was about leadership, resilience, and the power of community to shape its own destiny in matters not only in promoting and priming countryside development,

but also in public interests issues, policy influence and advocacies.

Today, PamCham continues to breed and train its next core of volunteer leaders as it endures to be the voice of commerce and industry in the Province towards its 25th Silver

Founding Anniversary by year 2028 and beyond.

***(Source: Lifted from History of PamCham; December 2003 Souvenir Program; Charter Presentation and Induction Ceremonies)

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RURAL BANK OF PORAC (PAMPANGA) INC., represented in this act by: LOURDES CONNIE C. TAYAG., **FC Case No. 2026-0012**

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Mortgagee, **EXTRAJUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT 3135. AS AMENDED**

-versus-
SPOUSES EDWIN N. DAYRIT and MIRASOL C. DAYRIT,
Mortgagors.

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended filed by the Mortgagee, **RURAL BANK OF PORAC (PAMPANGA) INC.,** represented in this act by **LOURDES CONNIE C. TAYAG,** with business office at Priser Bldg., Sto. Rosario St. corner Flora Ave., Sto. Rosario, Angeles City, Pampanga against the Mortgagors **SPOUSES EDWIN N. DAYRIT and MIRASOL C. DAYRIT** with residence and postal address at #19 J. Hizon St., Lourdes Northwest, Angeles City in order to satisfy the outstanding mortgage debt which as of **January 6, 2026** amounts to **EIGHT MILLION THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SIXTEEN PESOS AND EIGHT CENTAVOS (P 8,333,316.08)** Philippine Currency, inclusive of interest, penalties and other charges allowed by law, the undersigned Sheriff IV hereby gives notice and announces that on **MAY 6, 2026 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning** or soon thereafter, at the **Municipal Trial Court of Magalang, Pampanga, Municipal Compound Magalang, Pampanga** will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following parcel of land with all existing and future improvements thereon, to wit:

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years after Ely Buendia, Buddy Zabala, Marcus Adoro, and Raymund Marasigan formed the band in 1989.

They performed again at the UP Fair 1992 with their set included cover versions of The Knack's "My Sharona" and John Lennon's "Cold Turkey".

Buddy and Raymund were my roommates for two years (1989 to 1991) at the Molave dorm during my last college years.

"Ikulong na yan, Mga Kurakot" chant reverberated for four days as the rhythm of resistance roars louder than ever.

The music festival makes one cherish the concept of academic freedom.

The performances are manifestations of the culture of resistance and persistence of UP as a safe haven for civilized and intelligent discourse of all beliefs and forms of democratic expression.

More than a festival, it's a week-long platform where art and advocacy collide which brings people together not just to revel in melodies but to rise in solidarity.

*** (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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IN RE : PETITION FOR CORRECTION OF ENTRY IN THE CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH OF JEMSIE BAGTAS YUSI, **R-ANG-25-04039-SP**

Jemsie Bagtas Yusi, Edwin Sahagun Yusi as represented by his attorney-in-fact and co-petitioner Jemsie Bagtas Yusi, and Jackie Lou Manansala Bagtas,

Petitioner,

-versus-

-THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF THE CITY OF ANGELES, PAMPANGA,
-THE CIVIL REGISTRAR GENERAL,
-ESTER S. YUSI, and
-DESIREE T. LISING, and all persons in interest who may be affected thereby,

Respondents,
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AMENDED ORDER

By authority of Rule 135, Section 5, paragraph (g) of the Rules of Court, the Order dated 09 January 2026 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Petitioner Jemsie Bagtas Yusi (Jemsie) was born out wedlock on 16 June 2007 to Jackie Lou Manansala Bagtas (Jackie Lou), and Edwin Sahagun Yusi (Edwin). However, Jemsie's Certificate of Live Birth (COLB) contains an erroneous entry: "July 02, 2006-San Fernando, Pampanga". It was indicated under Entry No. 18 thereof: "Date and Place of Marriage of Parents".

The respective Certificates of No Marriage of Jackie Lou and Edwin are submitted to the court. It appears that Edwin has been married to a certain Desiree T. Lising, private respondent in this case.

Thus, the present petition.

Finding the Petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the Court hereby sets the case for hearing on 01 July 2026 at two (2) o'clock in the afternoon. Other persons having or claiming any interest in this petition shall appear and show cause why, if any, the petition shall not be granted.

The petitioner, at his own expense, is hereby ordered to cause the publication of this Order once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in The Voice News Weekly, the last day of publication not to be later than fifteen (15) days before the scheduled hearing.

SO ORDERED.

Angeles City, 16 March 2026.

(SGD)
BENIGNO C ABILA
Presiding Judge

CC
1. Jemsi Bagtas Yusi (Petitioner) – c/o counsel
2. Atty. Shain Ann C. Castillo-Balanay (Counsel for Petitioner) – Unit 5, 2nd Floor, CLI Building. Brgy. San Nicolas, San Fernando, Pampanga
3. Edwin Sahagun Yusi (Private Respondent - c/o Atty. Castillo-Balanay
4. Jackie Lou Manansala Bagtas (Private Respondent – Atty. Castillo-Balanay
5. Ester S. Yusi (Private Respondent) - 217 Tagumpay St., Sindalan, City of San Fernando Pampanga
6. Desiree T. Lising (Private Respondent)- 191 Tagumpay St., Sindalan, City of San Fernando Pampanga
7. OSG
8. OCP-AC
9. PSA
10. LCR-AC
11. OCC-RTC,AC
12. The Voice News Weekly

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and they deserve actual answers, not reassurances.

Who governs this zone in practice? Official materials highlight American expertise in institutions and legal regimes—internationally enforceable contracts, transparent regulatory standards, and expert dispute resolution. These are valuable strengths. But the zone remains Philippine-designated territory on Philippine soil. Important details—on land rights, environmental review, labor protections, and how governance will actually work—have not yet been fully spelled out.

The farmers in Tarlac deserve to know, before ground breaks and not after, what land acquisition will look like and what rigorous environmental and social impact assessments will be conducted for mineral processing operations. Critical minerals processing is not a clean industry. The pitch for nickel and copper sounds exciting in a State Department fact sheet; it sounds different to communities downstream from a refinery.

And the economic terms need to be public. The \$100 billion figure being cited for corridor investment impact is an estimate, not a contract. Tech transfer commitments, profit-sharing arrangements, the actual timeline for facilities: none of this has been disclosed in any detail. We signed a declaration.

We haven't yet seen the fine print.

I'm not arguing against the deal. I'm arguing for the deal to be legible, to the public, to the farmers in Tarlac, to the legislators who are supposed to provide oversight on agreements like this. A genuinely good deal can survive scrutiny. If it can't, that tells us something important.

The US framing of Pax Silica is about "resilience" and "rule of law." Those are values worth aligning with, genuinely. But rule of law means the same rules apply to the zone as to the rest of the country, including environmental review, labor protections, and land rights. If the ESZ's version of rule of law turns out to mean stronger certainty for American investors while Philippine communities continue to shoulder most of the risks, that's not a partnership. That's a familiar arrangement with better branding.

New Clark City was built to be a forward-looking place. A smart city, they said. A model for what Philippine urban development could become. Pax Silica gives it a chance to be something more than a planned city on a map: a real industrial center, part of a supply chain that will define the next twenty years of the global economy.

That's worth wanting. It's also worth fighting to get right.

The silicon is ours. Let's make sure the deal reflects that.

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

REGIONAL TRIAL COURT

Third Judicial Region

Branch 44

City of San Fernando, Pampanga

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IN RE: PETITION FOR CORRECTION OF ENTRY IN THE CERTIFICATE OF DEATH OF CRISOSTOMO P. BATAc SP. PROC. CASE NO. 6431

ELEANOR M. BATAc represented by her attorneys-in-fact **CARLOTA C. BAUTISTA, JUAN PAOLO A. LAGMAN, and ATTY. RAYMOND FLUELLIN L. VIRAY,**

Petitioner,

-versus-

THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, PAMPANGA AND THE PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY ("PSA"),

Respondents.

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ORDER

This is a verified petition for correction of entry under Rule 108, Rules of Court filed by petitioner Eleanor M. Batac, through her attorneys-in-fact, Carlota C. Bautista, Juan Paolo A. Lagman and Atty. Raymond Fluellin L. Viray. Petitioner prays the Court to (1) order the correction of the civil status entry in the Certificate of Death of Crisostomo Panglinan Batac from "Single" to "Married"; and (2) direct the Local Civil Registrar of the City of San Fernando, Pampanga and the Philippine Statistics Authority to effect the corresponding corrections in their records.

Finding the aforesaid petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the Court hereby sets the hearing thereof on **June 9, 2026 at 8:30 in the morning at the Session Hall of this Court, 2nd Floor, RTC Building, City of San Fernando, Pampanga** when and where all persons who may have interest in the said petition may appear and to show cause, if any, why the same should not be granted.

Petitioner is ordered to serve within five (5) calendar days from receipt of this Order copies of the petition and its annexes on: (i) the **Office of the Solicitor General at 134 Amorsolo Street, Legaspi Village, Makati City**; (ii) the **Local Civil Registrar of City of San Fernando, Pampanga**; and (iii) the **Civil Registrar General, Philippine Statistics Authority, Quezon City**, and to show proof of said service to this Court.

Let petitioner publish this Order for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the Province of Pampanga at her expense.

Furnish copies of this Order the petitioner, her counsel, Office of the Solicitor General, Makati City; Civil Registrar General, Philippine Statistics Authority, Quezon City, Local Civil Registrar of City of San Fernando, Pampanga; Office of the Clerk of Court, RTC, City of San Fernando, Pampanga; and petitioner's surviving heirs, namely: Ivan Xerxes M. Batac, Charlene Bianca Batac Dela Cruz, Thomas Justin Torres Batac, Faithe Velasco Batac, Zariyah Isla Santiago (minor), represented by her mother, Roselle Cena Santiago, and Zoe Amari Lacson Batac, represented by her mother, Maricar Dizon Lacson.

SO ORDERED.

ISSUED IN CHAMBERS, this 30th day of March 2026, in the City of San Fernando, Pampanga.

(SGD)

ROXANNE MARI B. DIMAYUGA
Presiding Judge

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Office of the Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff

BANK OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS,

Petitioner-Mortgagee.

-versus-

MARC RODDEN VILLAREAL
IGNACIO AND ELIZABETH PUZON
ANGELES,

Respondents-Mortgagors.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135/1508 filed by Petitioner-Mortgagee **BANK OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS**, with its principal office at Tower One, Ayala North Exchange, 6796 Ayala Avenue corner Salcedo Street, Legaspi Village, Makati City and branch office address at Bank of the Philippine Islands Pampanga Retail Loans Center, BPI San Fernando Hi-way Main Branch Building, Jose Abad Santos Avenue, Dolores, City of San Fernando, Pampanga, against Respondents-Mortgagors, **MARC RODDEN VILLAREAL IGNACIO AND ELIZABETH PUZON ANGELES**, with residence and collateral address at Blk. 26, Lot 3, Phase 1A, Apahap St., Brgy. Northbay Blvd., South Kaunlaran, City of Navotas and Blk. 22, Lot 14, Amaia Scapes Pampanga, Brgy. Sapang Maisac, Mexico, Pampanga, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of February 23, 2026, amounts to **PESOS: ONE MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTY TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED NINETY FOUR and 53/100 (Php 1,862,594.53)** excluding penalties, attorney's fees and expenses of foreclosure, the undersigned duly authorized deputy sheriff will sell at public auction on **MAY 20, 2026 at 10:00 A.M.** or soon thereafter at the main entrance of the **Regional Trial Court, Capitol Compound, City of San Fernando, Pampanga**, to the highest bidder for **CASH** or **MANAGER'S CHECK** and in Philippine Currency, the following properties with all improvements, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 042-2024016582

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LOT NO: 14 BLOCK NO. 22 PLAN NO. PCS-03-018411
PORTION OF: LOT 4, PCS-03-008702; LOT 3-D, PSD-03-096132:
LOCATION: BARANGAY OF SAPANG MAISAC, MUNICIPALITY OF MEXICO, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA, ISLAND OF LUZON xxx
AREA: SEVENTY FOUR SQUARE METERS (74), MORE OR LESS xxx"

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 May 27, 2026, without further notice. Prospective buyers and bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title to the property described above, and the encumbrance thereon, if any there be.

City of San Fernando, Pampanga, April 06, 2026.

(SGD)

Julio M. Cunanan
Sheriff IV/RTC-BR.45. CSF(P)

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- 3.) ATTY. NOEL C QUIOC - RM 206 & 208, PLAZA GARCIA BUILDING, DOLORES CRY OF SAN FERNANDO PAMPANGA
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