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US gov't backs NCC's AI rise



United States Under Secretary of State for Economic Affairs Jacob Helberg, Department of Trade and Industry Undersecretary and Board of Investments Managing Head Ceferino 'Perry' Rodolfo, and BCDA President and Chief Executive Officer Joshua Bingcang unveiled a ceremonial marker for the 4,000-acre Pax Silica development in New Clark City.

CLARK FREEPORT — A high-level delegation from the United States government, the World Bank, and leading American technology and infrastructure firms visited the proposed 4,000-acre Pax Silica development in New Clark City, signaling strong international confidence in the Philippines' push to become a major hub for artificial intelligence and advanced industries.

The delegation was led by United States Under Secretary of State for Economic Affairs Jacob Helberg, who joined officials from the Philippine government and the Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA) in inspecting the proposed site. A ceremonial marker for the development was unveiled during the visit, led by Helberg, Department of Trade and Industry Undersecretary and Board of Investments Managing Head Ceferino 'Perry' Rodolfo, and BCDA President and Chief Executive Officer Joshua Bingcang. The ceremony highlighted the strengthening strategic partnership between the Philippines and the United States under the Luzon Economic Corridor framework. Helberg described the project as a response to

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NSCR right-of-way acquisition in AC segment at 90%

ANGELES CITY — Transportation Secretary Giovanni Lopez, during a visit in the city recently, said that the right-of-way (ROW) acquisition of the entire North-South Commuter Railway (NSCR) alignment in Angeles City is currently at 90%. The Secretary added that the DOTr will work with the local government of Angeles City to further expedite the resolution of ROW issues. "Our right-of-way is at 90%. So, at least you can see now that our project is progressing here.

That's why I was talking to them, Italthai earlier, our contractor, that we need this by 2028. That's the agreement," said Secretary Lopez. According to Lopez, President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. previously ordered the expediting of the construction of the North-South Commuter Railway (NSCR) Angeles Station so that commuters can benefit immediately. The transport chief was accompanied by Pampanga 1st District Rep. Carmelo

Lazatin, Transportation Senior Undersecretary for Road Transport and Infrastructure Mark Steven Pastor, Assistant Secretary for Right of Way Acquisition for Rail and Road IC Calaguas and Assistant Secretary for Railways Eduardo Danilo Macabulos during the visit. For Rep. Lazatin, once the project is completed and operational, the NSCR will certainly be a great help for commuters



Transportation Secretary Giovanni Lopez, along with Pampanga 1st District Rep. Carmelo Lazatin, Assistant Secretary for Right of Way Acquisition for Rail and Road IC Calaguas, among other officials, inspect the Angeles segment of the NSCR project.

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DPWH Secretary Vince Dizon inspects major infrastructure and flood control projects in Arayat. Joining him are Vice Governor Delta Pineda and DPWH 3 Regional Director Arnold Ocampo, among others.

DPWH chief inspects key infra in Arayat

ARAYAT — Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) Secretary Vince Dizon led the inspection of major infrastructure and flood control projects in Arayat alongside Pampanga Vice Governor Delta Pineda, reinforcing

coordination between national and local government units to accelerate public works and disaster mitigation efforts. Among the projects inspected was the ongoing bridge construction

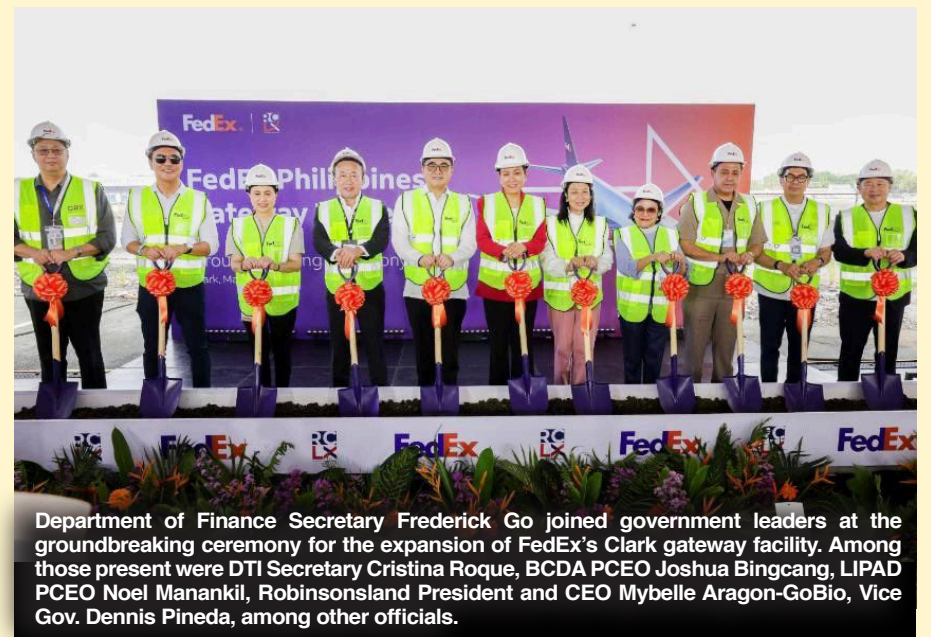
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FedEx expands Clark gateway

CLARK — Department of Finance Secretary Frederick Go joined government leaders at the groundbreaking ceremony for the expansion of FedEx's Clark gateway facility, a major investment that aims to strengthen regional connectivity and cement the Philippines' role as a key trans-shipment hub within the FedEx Asia

Pacific network for Central and Northern Luzon. Located in Clark Freeport, the expanded facility is expected to span more than 78,000 square meters and will feature upgraded operational and handling capabilities designed

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4,922 jeepney drivers get DSWD cash relief



Kapampangan jeepney drivers receive ₱5,000 in Cash Relief Assistance from the Department of Social Welfare and Development to help ease their daily expenses amid the continued increase in fuel prices in the country caused by tensions in the Middle East. (PIA 3)

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— A total of 4,922 jeepney drivers in Pampanga received ₱5,000 financial assistance each under the Cash Relief Assistance program of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) in partnership with the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB).

The initiative aims to help public utility vehicle (PUV) drivers and their families cope with daily expenses amid the continued fuel price increase caused by Middle East tensions.

Officials said the program is part of the government's continuing efforts to support the transportation sector and

ease the economic burden on drivers who rely on daily passenger trips for their primary income.

During the payout activity, DSWD Regional Director Venus Rebuldela said the program was implemented through the directive of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. to ensure that affected transport workers receive government assistance.

"Itong programang ito ay sa pamamagitan ng direktiba ng mahal na Pangulong Bongbong Marcos. Lahat ng affected PUV drivers, kasama yung TODA, JODA, MC Taxi, TNVS. Sa ating mga MC Taxi at TNVS, maghintay lamang po kayo ng schedule

ninyo kasi ongoing na rin ang coordination namin sa DICT," Rebuldela said.

She explained that the agency is also preparing special payout schedules for qualified beneficiaries who could not receive assistance during the regular distribution activities due to pending validation or other valid circumstances.

"Kaya laging sinasabi ng ating mahal na pangulo, walang maiiwan sa krisis. Laging nandito ang gobyerno sa pamamagitan ng DSWD at iba't ibang ahensya na nakikipagtulungan para man lang mabigyan kayo

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4,922 JEEPNEY DRIVERS

DOTr, AC expand active transport infra

ANGELES CITY

— The Department of Transportation (DOTr), in partnership with the local government of Angeles City, continues to expand active transport infrastructure in key areas of this city to provide safer and more accessible mobility options for cyclists, pedestrians, and other vulnerable road

users. The initiative forms part of the national government's push to promote inclusive and people-oriented transportation systems amid rising fuel prices.

Under the directive of President Ferdinand Marcos Jr., the government has intensified the construction of bike lanes,

pedestrian walkways, and dedicated road spaces for public transportation to encourage sustainable and efficient mobility across urban areas.

The expanded facilities in Angeles City are expected to improve road safety, ease mobility, and support commuters who rely on alternative modes of transportation.



Joining bikers during an inspection of the city's active transport infra are DOTr Sec. Giovanni Lopez, Cong Pogi Lazatin, Mayor Jon Lazatin's chief of staff Jannie Sarmiento, among others.

Park Inn Clark recognized as Muslim-friendly hotel



The DOT-3 recognizes Park Inn by Radisson Clark as a Muslim-friendly establishment, highlighting the hotel's continuing commitment to providing inclusive and culturally sensitive hospitality services for Muslim guests visiting Clark.

CLARK — Park Inn by Radisson Clark has been officially recognized by the Department of Tourism - Region 3 Office as a Muslim-Friendly Accommodation Establishment.

The recognition highlights the hotel's continuing commitment to providing inclusive and culturally sensitive

hospitality services for Muslim guests visiting Clark.

The property offers Muslim-friendly dining options, prayer amenities, and dedicated spaces for worship to help ensure a more comfortable and welcoming stay for guests.

The recognition also reflects the growing efforts of tourism establishments

in Central Luzon to promote diversity, inclusivity, and accessible hospitality services for both local and international travelers.

Park Inn by Radisson Clark said remains committed to delivering its signature feel-good hospitality while creating a welcoming environment for guests of all backgrounds and cultures.

Brunch? Make it COLANZO

ANGELES CITY — Clark's brunch scene just got a stylish new main character with the arrival of Colanzo Brunch and Bistro — a fresh dining spot serving comfort food, curated treats, and café vibes perfect for slow mornings and weekend catch-ups.

Owned and operated by chef-entrepreneur Ernest Canlas, Colanzo is quickly becoming a favorite

among foodies and café hoppers for its modern take on brunch culture. The name itself blends the Italian words "colazione" (breakfast) and "pranzo" (lunch), perfectly capturing the restaurant's all-day brunch identity.

The bistro offers a laid-back yet elevated dining experience, with dishes designed for long conversations, coffee

dates, and chill hangouts. From comfort food classics to thoughtfully plated café favorites, every detail feels curated for both flavor and aesthetic.

Beyond the menu, Colanzo also delivers on ambiance. With warm interiors, cozy corners, and social-media-worthy presentation,

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Owner and chef-entrepreneur Ernest Canlas shows off his bestsellers.

Mayor Jon inducts new Kuliat Foundation Inc. trustees

ANGELES CITY — Mayor Carmelo "Jon" Lazatin II led the induction ceremony for the newly elected officers and Board of Trustees of the Kuliat Foundation, Inc. (KFI) for the 2026–2028 term, reaffirming the organization's role in preserving the cultural heritage and identity of Angeles City.

During the

ceremony, Mayor Lazatin commended the foundation for its continued dedication to cultural preservation and active community involvement, emphasizing the importance of organizations that help strengthen unity and local pride among Angeleños.

The Kuliat Foundation, Inc. remains committed to promoting heritage,

culture, and meaningful civic initiatives that contribute to the city's development and community spirit.

With a new set of leaders bringing expertise, passion, and commitment, the foundation is expected to further advance its programs and advocacies aimed at preserving the rich history and vibrant culture of Angeles City.



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THE GLOBAL BEAT
BY GERALD LACUARTA

If War Comes to Taiwan, the Philippines Will Not Be Spared

LAST MONDAY, President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. looked at a map and said aloud what geography has been shouting for years: if war breaks out over Taiwan, the Philippines will be drawn in, kicking and screaming. He was not being hawkish. He was stating a blunt fact. Taiwan sits just across a narrow strait from Batanes. Nearly 200,000 Filipino workers live and work there. One glance at any map shows the northern Philippines squarely in the splash zone. For many Filipinos, especially the younger generation glued to TikTok and endless reels, this still feels like distant noise. Another geopolitical spectacle,

Team America versus Team China, complete with memes, hot takes, and conspiracy threads. But Marcos's warning deserves more than a scroll past. Look at what modern war actually looks like before you decide it cannot reach us. In Ukraine, Russian drones have hit apartment buildings, power grids, and grain terminals hundreds of kilometers from the front lines. Civilian infrastructure became a weapon. In the US-Iran confrontation, Iran launched drone and missile strikes across multiple countries simultaneously, and the world's most powerful military found itself playing whack-a-mole across the Middle East, unable to fully contain the spread. War today does not stay where it starts. It bleeds across borders, disrupts shipping lanes, spikes oil prices, and arrives in ordinary lives long before any formal declaration. If that is what conflict looks like between a superpower and a mid-tier regional power, imagine what a war over Taiwan, fought between nuclear-armed

giants with the world's busiest trade routes in the crossfire, would unleash. This is not Iran or Ukraine or Gaza, conflicts we watched safely from our living rooms. A Taiwan war lands in our backyard. It slams our wallets, disrupts our jobs, and could transform familiar places like Clark from economic hubs into something far more consequential. The damage would not be measured only in missiles and headlines. It would be measured in empty fuel stations, soaring prices at the palengke, lost remittances, stalled factories. Taiwan dominates the global semiconductor industry, producing the majority of the world's advanced chips, the components inside our phones, laptops, cars, and medical devices. A serious disruption, even a blockade, could trigger cascading shortages worldwide. For the Philippines, already woven into regional electronics supply chains, that means halted assembly lines, factory layoffs,

and higher costs for everything imported. Fuel prices would spike as shipping lanes come under threat. Insurance premiums would skyrocket, inflation would bite at every level, and remittances from those 200,000 OFWs in Taiwan could dry up overnight if evacuation becomes necessary. That is not abstract economics. For millions of Filipino families, it is the difference between filling your motorcycle tank and choosing between rice and the electricity bill. Yet how many of us are genuinely preparing for that possibility? This is where the generational gap becomes glaring. Older Filipinos still carry the living memory of World War II, the occupation, the battles, the cost of conflict on our own soil. But today, look at the ongoing US-Iranian conflict. Many in the younger generation, raised in relative peace and constant connectivity, treat geopolitics as content. Scroll through social media and you find people

cheering for one superpower or another as if international conflict were a basketball rivalry. Some echo American narratives without question. Others repeat Iranian propaganda without pause. Meanwhile, misinformation spreads faster than facts, and the Filipinos who would suffer most, workers, small businesses, families already stretched thin, get lost in the noise. Complacency is dangerous. Geography does not care about our algorithms or our desire for peace. Nowhere is this reality more tangible than in Central Luzon. Clark International Airport and the surrounding economic zone have thrived as a logistics and business hub. Subic Bay offers world-class port facilities. Under the Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement, these areas are already seeing increased strategic relevance. In a Taiwan contingency, Clark and Subic could shift rapidly from

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KUWENTONG PEYUPS
BY: ATTY. DENNIS GORECHO

The creation of International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea due to Titanic tragedy

BELFAST, NORTHERN IRELAND — I saw several murals on the Titanic during my recent street art hunting in this city. Ireland is deeply interconnected with the RMS Titanic as both its birthplace where it was constructed, and its tragic final port of call before heading into the Atlantic Ocean. RMS Titanic was a British ocean liner that was constructed at the Harland & Wolff shipyard on Queen's Island, with its keel laid in 1909 and launched in 1911. Shipbuilders worked tirelessly for two years to create the mammoth structure, and eight workers died during its construction. Carrying over 2,200 passengers and crew, the

ship was celebrated as the pinnacle of luxury and engineering, featuring grand interiors, opulent cabins and state-of-the-art safety measures. Many passengers aboard were emigrants seeking a new life in America. Some were among the wealthiest individuals of the time. It sank in the early hours of April 15, 1912 as a result of striking an iceberg on her maiden voyage from Southampton, England, to New York City, United States. Despite being deemed "unsinkable", the collision buckled the hull, causing five of its compartments to flood—one more than the ship was designed to survive. Only 20 lifeboats were aboard, which was not enough for the more than 2,200 passengers and crew. Approximately 1,500 died, making the incident one of the deadliest peacetime sinking of a single ship. At least 79 who died were born in Ireland. A visitor attraction called Titanic Belfast opened in 2012 on the site of the former Harland & Wolff shipyard that contains more than 12,000 square meters (130,000 sq ft) of floor space that tells the stories of the Titanic. I noticed in some of the murals musical elements which perhaps give tribute to the musicians of the Titanic. The musicians in James Cameron's 1997 film Titanic represent the real-life eight-member band who heroically played to calm passengers for as long as they possibly could as the ship sank. All of the members perished. The actual band members are famously

depicted playing "Nearer, My God, to Thee" during the ship's final moments. The 1912 sinking of the RMS Titanic exposed severe gaps in maritime safety that led to the creation of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) in 1914. It is the most critical international maritime treaty concerning the safety of merchant ships with its primary objective of establishing minimum global standards for the construction, equipment, and operation of vessels to protect the lives of passengers and crew: (a) SOLAS mandated that all passenger ships carry enough lifeboats for everyone on board, a direct response to the Titanic having only enough space for roughly half its passengers. (b) SOLAS introduced a requirement for 24-hour radio watches. (c) SOLAS required a group, now known as the International Ice Patrol, to monitor icebergs in the North Atlantic. (d) Regulations for taller watertight bulkheads and better hull designs were introduced to prevent ships from sinking rapidly after damage. (f) SOLAS made passenger ship crew training and lifeboat drills mandatory. In the Philippines, the collision on April 22, 1980 between M/V Don Juan with the oil tanker M/T Vector off the Tablas Strait in Mindoro was described as "Asia's Titanic" and "world's worst peacetime maritime disaster" surpassing the sinking of the Titanic 75 years earlier. The vessel left Manila for Bacolod at 1 PM on April 22, 1980, where most passengers

were vacationers, students coming home after graduation or a break in big schools in Manila like the University of the Philippines, many belonging to families of wealthy and illustrious Negrenses. At about 10:30 PM, the M/V Don Juan collided off the Tablas Strait in Mindoro with the oil tanker M/T Vector. The collision brought forth an inferno at sea with an estimate of about 4,386 casualties. There were only 26 survivors. The vessel was severely overcrowded, with at least 2,000 passengers not listed on the manifest. It has also been claimed that the ship did not have a radio and that the life jackets were locked away. In Negros Navigation Co., Inc. vs. Miranda and De la Victoria (GR. No. 110398 November 7, 1997), the Supreme Court found Negros Navigation negligent in tolerating the playing of mahjong by the ship captain and other crew members while on board the ship. The captain and the crew failed to take steps to prevent the collision or at least delay the sinking of the boat and supervise the abandoning of the ship. MT Vector was found unseaworthy and that its negligence was the root cause of the tragedy. The owner of the tanker was ordered to indemnify and reimburse Sulpicio Lines for damages.

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SM Telabastagan steps up wellness lineup

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO — SM City Telabastagan continues to expand its lifestyle and wellness offerings with the opening of Anytime Fitness and Dentacare Philippines, giving mallgoers more accessible options for fitness and self-care. The addition of Anytime Fitness brings 24/7 access to modern workout facilities, offering members a flexible and convenient space to stay active and maintain a healthy lifestyle. Meanwhile, Dentacare Philippines provides a wide range of dental services for children and adults, making quality oral healthcare more accessible within the neighborhood mall. The new tenants further strengthen SM City Telabastagan's growing mix of recreation, wellness, and everyday lifestyle destinations designed to serve the needs of the local community. Follow SM City Telabastagan's official social media pages for updates on upcoming events, openings, and activities.



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vulnerabilities in the current global supply chain system.

"When 90% of a critical input comes from one country, you don't have a supply chain, you have a hostage chain," he said.

He added that the Pax Silica development in New Clark City is envisioned as an economic security zone that "fuses together the predictability and certainty of America with the speed and scale of Asia."

BCDA President and CEO Bingcang emphasized the project's impact on employment and regional

growth, saying investments in infrastructure and industries within the corridor would generate quality jobs for Filipinos, particularly in Central Luzon.

The development also supports the vision of President Ferdinand 'Bongbong' Marcos Jr. to strengthen high-growth sectors such as artificial intelligence, semiconductors, digital infrastructure, and high-value manufacturing, creating long-term opportunities for future generations of Filipinos.

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in Barangay San Agustin, which is targeted for completion within the next five months.

Joining the inspection were Board Member Kaye Naguit, DPWH Regional Office III Regional Director Arnold Ocampo, Pampanga 1st District Engineer Alfie Lejarde, PGENRO head Arthur Punsalan, Pampanga PPO Director Eugene Marcelo, and Arayat Vice Mayor Ramon Changcoco.

Dizon expressed gratitude to the local government for helping resolve right-of-way concerns that had delayed the bridge project for more than eight years.

Pineda, meanwhile, emphasized the importance of cooperation among barangay officials, the municipal government, the Provincial Capitol, and the

DPWH to prevent further damage caused by soil erosion and flooding.

Officials also inspected the collapsed dike in Barangay Candating, where authorities are pushing for a nature-based solution to protect nearby homes and prevent floodwaters from entering residential areas.

In Barangay Cupang, DPWH was directed to expedite sheet piling works under an ongoing flood control project to help minimize the risk of severe flooding and infrastructure damage in the community.

Government agencies from the barangay to the national level continue to strengthen coordination efforts to improve infrastructure resilience, protect residents, and ensure the safety and welfare of Kapampangans.

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to improve shipment flow reliability and service flexibility for customers.

The modernization project is set to enhance FedEx's capacity to support express, freight, and e-commerce shipments while boosting overall network resilience amid the continued growth of cross-border trade across the region.

The groundbreaking ceremony was attended by government officials, industry stakeholders, and business leaders, underscoring the importance of logistics infrastructure in driving trade, investment, and economic growth in the country.

Among those present were Department of Trade and Industry Secretary Cristina Roque, Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA) President and CEO Joshua Bingcang, Luzon International Premiere Airport Development President and CEO Noel Manankil, and Robinsonsland President and CEO Mybelle Aragon-GoBio.

FedEx North Pacific and South Pacific President Masamichi Ujiie said the expansion reflects the company's continued commitment to the Philippines and its vision of building a smarter and more resilient logistics network across the region.

"The expansion of our

Clark gateway reflects our continued commitment to the Philippines and to building a smarter, more resilient network across the region," Ujiie said. "By enhancing our operational capabilities at Clark, we are better positioned to support Philippine businesses, enable efficient cross-border trade, and provide more reliable connectivity to global markets."

Finance Secretary Frederick Go said the expansion would deepen global connectivity and strengthen the country's trade capabilities by giving Filipino businesses greater access to international markets.

Construction is set to begin in the second quarter of 2026, with serving as the project developer.

The expanded facility will incorporate sustainability features such as insulated building materials, LED lighting systems, skylights, electric vehicle charging stations, rainwater collection systems, and provisions for future solar power deployment to improve energy efficiency and reduce environmental impact.

The development follows the opening of the FedEx Clark gateway in 2021 and the signing of a land lease agreement with in 2024, further strengthening Clark's role as a growing logistics and aviation hub in the Asia Pacific region.

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ng panandaliang relief at maibigay ng ating opisina para sa krisis na ating hinaharap. Kami ay nandito lagi. Kung kasama kayo sa listahan, hindi po kayo maiiwan, mabibigay po ang inyong assistance," she added.

Aside from the cash assistance, the provincial government of Pampanga also distributed food relief packs to beneficiaries during the payout activities to further help address their daily needs.

Many jeepney drivers welcomed the assistance, saying the additional support would help them manage rising fuel costs, household expenses, and their children's school needs.

Among the recipients was 56-year-old jeepney driver Lucky Lumba, who expressed gratitude for the aid, saying it would greatly help his family amid the challenges of earning through daily driving.

"Sobrang hirap pero ngayon nagbigay sila ng 5000. Maraming maraming salamat sa ibinigay nila. Malaking tulong na iyon," Lumba said.

He also thanked President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. for the initiatives aimed at helping jeepney drivers cope with the challenges brought by the continuous increase in fuel prices due to the tensions in the Middle East.

"Maraming maraming salamat po kay Pangulong BBM na 'yung ibinigay po nilang P5000, malaking malaking tulong na po iyon sa amin, sa mga drayber. Salamat po!" he added.

The DSWD said it continues to coordinate with partner agencies and transport groups to ensure that all qualified beneficiaries, including TODA, JODA, MC Taxi, and TNVS drivers, receive the assistance intended for them under the Cash Relief Assistance program.

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and will also provide good opportunities to their area such as the growth of businesses, tourism and investments.

The partial operation of the NSCR from Valenzuela City to Malolos, Bulacan segment is targeted to begin in December 2027, while the

Malolos to Clark segment is targeted to be operational in October 2028.

Once the construction of the 147-km NSCR System is completed, it will shorten the four-hour trip from Clark, Pampanga to Calamba, Laguna to just two hours.

NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH POWER OF ATTORNEY

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of the late SPS. PROCESO LACSAMANA JR. and ZENAIDA MERCADO LACSAMANA, who died intestate on August 23, 2019 and May 7, 2005, both at City of San Fernando, Pampanga respectively over their estate covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 336603-R containing an area of TWENTY THREE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY EIGHT (23,488) square meters, more or less... before Notary Public Allan M. Del Rosario, as per Doc. No. 515; Page No. 104; Book No. XIV; Series of 2025.

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BDO UNIBANK, INC., represented by LEINE A. DE CASTRO, Petitioner-Mortgagee.

E.J.F. No. 44-26
Real Estate Mortgage under Act 3135 as amended by Act 4118

- versus -
JENNIFER TORRES VAN BEYNEN, represented by ALFONSO DE LEON TORRES, Attorney-in-fact, 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, BDO UNIBANK, INC., represented by LEINE A. DE CASTRO, with office address at 33rd Floor, BDO Corporate Center Ortigas, No. 12, ADB Avenue, Wack-Wack, Mandaluyong City, against Respondent-Mortgagor, JENNIFER TORRES VAN BEYNEN represented by ALFONSO DE LEON TORRES, Attorney-in-fact, with postal addresses at: (1) 4011-E-D Evergreen Circle, Purok 4, Brgy. Mining, Angeles City, and (2) Unit 1917 19th Flr. Bldg., 2 Bali, The Resort Residences at Azure North, NLEX cor. Jose Abad Santos Avenue, San Jose, Brgy, San Jose, City of San Fernando,

Pampanga, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of March 04, 2026 amounts to PESOS: THREE MILLION TWO HUNDRED FIFTEEN THOUSAND NINE and 56/100 (Php 3,215,009.56), excluding penalties, attorney's fees and expenses of foreclosure, the undersigned duly authorized deputy sheriff will sell at public auction on JUNE 17, 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 the improvements thereon, to wit:

CONDOMINIUM CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 042-2024000843

"IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the unit identified and described as:
AZURE NORTH
BUILDING TWO-BALI
LOCATION: NINETEENTH FLOOR
UNIT NO. ROOM 1917
FLOOR AREA: 27.79 SQUARE METERS. x x x

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 June 24, 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, May 11, 2026.

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GM BANK OF LUZON, INC., (A RURAL BANK herein represented by: ALFREDO F. NAGAYO), Petitioner-Mortgagee

E.J.F. No. 52-26
Real Estate Mortgage under Act 3135 as amended by Act 4118

- versus -
SPOUSES ARTHUR B. AQUINO and JULIET M. AQUINO, 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 GM BANK OF LUZON, INC., (A Rural Bank), with head office located at Brgy. Gen. Luna, Maharlika Highway, Cabanatuan City, Nueva Ecija, against Respondents-Mortgagors, SPOUSES ARTHUR B. AQUINO and JULIET M. AQUINO, residing at Purok 7, Blk. 2, Brgy. Saguin, City of San Fernando, Pampanga, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of January 05, 2026 amounts to PESOS: FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY THREE and 04/100 (Php 471,733.04) excluding penalties, attorney's fees and expenses of foreclosure, the undersigned duly authorized deputy sheriff will sell at public auction on JUNE 17, 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. 708823-R
" x x x A parcel of land (lot 7-C-1 of the subd. plan Psd-03-114224, being a portion of lot 7-C Psd-03-110961, LRC Rec. No.), situated in the Bo. of Saguin, Mun. of San Fdo., Prov. of Pamp. x x x containing an area of FIVE HUNDRED (500) square meters, more or less. x x x

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 June 24, 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, May 11, 2026.

(SGD)
Lyndon L. Isip
Sheriff IV/RTC-OCC, CSF(P)
(0923-617-7280)

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- 1.) GM BANK OF LUZON, INC., (A RURAL BANK) - BRGY. GEN. LUNA, MAHARLIKA HIGHWAY, CABANATUAN CITY, NUEVA ECJIA
- 2.) ATTY. DONNELL P. GARCIA - GM BANK OF LUZON, INC., CORPORATE OFFICE BUILDING, BRGY. GEN. LUNA, MAHARLIKA HIGHWAY, CABANATUAN CITY, NUEVA ECJIA
- 3.) SPS. ARTHUR & JULIET AQUINO-PUROK 7, BLK. 2, BRGY. SAGUIN, CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, PAMPANGA
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the space fits right into Clark's growing café culture — attracting both locals and visitors looking for their next brunch obsession.

As Clark continues to

evolve into a lifestyle and culinary hotspot, Colanzo Brunch and Bistro brings a fresh, trendy energy to the city's ever-expanding food scene.

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commercial gateways to critical nodes, staging points for logistics, humanitarian evacuations, or temporary refugee processing. Kapampangans and other Central Luzon residents might suddenly find global geopolitics passing, literally, through their neighborhoods. The economic benefits these zones have provided could come with new risks: heightened security, potential targeting through cyberattacks and disinformation, pressure on local infrastructure. Strategic geography cuts both ways.

President Marcos has reiterated the Philippines' commitment to the One China

policy and our deep desire to avoid war. No sane nation wants conflict. But fear is not a foreign policy, and neither is denial. Preparedness means building economic buffers against supply shocks, investing in contingency plans for OFWs, and educating the public, especially the young, on real risks rather than letting misinformation fill the void.

The Philippines does not seek war. But Taiwan is not a distant headline. It is our neighbor, our economic lifeline, and if the worst comes, our emergency. War does not wait for us to be ready. It does not announce itself politely. And it does not care whether we were paying attention.

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BANK OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, E.J.F. No. 26-26
Petitioner-Mortgagee, Real Estate Mortgage
Under Act 3135 as
Amended by Act 4118
-versus-
SPOUSES REMIGIO E. TUAZON AND MERCY F. TUAZON, Mortgagees,
PAIS CARRIERS, INC., Borrower.

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AMENDED NOTICE OF EXTRA - JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135/1508 filed by **BANK OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS**, mortgagee, with principal office at 22nd to 28th Floor Ayala Triangle Gardens Tower Two, Paseo De Roxas cor. Makati Ave., Makati City, against **SPOUSES REMIGIO E. TUAZON and MERCY F. TUAZON**, mortgagors, with postal address/es at (1) No. 24 G.H. Del Pilar St., Brgy. Quebiawan, City of San Fernando, Pampanga and (2) No. 24 GF Del Pilar St., Kalayaan Village, Brgy. Quebiawan, City of San Fernando, Pampanga, and **PAIS CARRIERS, INC.**, borrower, with office address at Brgy. San Isidro, City of San Fernando, Pampanga, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of **December 31, 2025** amounts to **TWENTY ONE MILLION FOUR HUNDRED FORTY-ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHT PESOS & 82/100 (Php21,441,708.82)** excluding penalties, attorney's fees and expenses of foreclosure, the undersigned duly authorized deputy sheriff will sell at public auction on **July 16, 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 property with all improvements, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 714253-R

" x x x A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 3273-G-2-A-1 OF THE SUBD. PLAN (LRC) PSD-252800, BEING A PORTION OF LOT 3273-G-2-A, (LRC) PSD-250338, L.R.C. CAD. REC. NO. 145), SITUATED IN THE BO. OF SAN ISIDRO, MUN. OF SAN FERNANDO, PROV. OF PAMP. IS. OF LUZON. x x x CONTAINING AN AREA OF THREE THOUSAND FOURTEEN (3,014) SQUARE METERS. x x x

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 July 23, 2026 without further notice.

City of San Fernando, Pampanga, May 8, 2026.

(SGD)
ARVIN RYAN V. BASILIO
Sheriff IV
RTC-OCC, CSF(P)

CC

- BANK OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS** - 22nd to 28th Floor Ayala Triangle Gardens Tower Two, Paseo De Roxas cor. Makati Ave., Makati City
- SPOUSES REMIGIO E. TUAZON and MERCY F. TUAZON** - No. 24 G.H. Del Pilar St., Brgy. Quebiawan, City of San Fernando, Pampanga 2000 /0020No. 24 GF Del Pilar St., Kalayaan Village, Brgy. Quebiawan, City of San Fernando, Pampanga 2000
- PAIS CARRIERS, INC.** - Brgy. San Isidro, City of San Fernando, Pampanga 2000
- ATTY. CESAR BERNARD R. COLOMA** - 27th Floor. BPI Buendia Center Bldg., 372 Sen. Gil Puyat Ave., Brgy. Bel-Air, Makati City 1209
- THE VOICE**

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

REGIONAL TRIAL COURT

Third Judicial Region

Branch 44

City of San Fernando, Pampanga

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IN RE: PETITION TO USE THE SURNAME OF BIOLOGICAL FATHER UNDER REPUBLIC ACT 9255, CORRECTION OF ENTRY IN THE CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH REGISTRY NO. 95-11386 UNDER RULE 108 OF THE RULES OF COURT AND CANCELLATION OF CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH REGISTRY NO. 98-1362

DANIEL TIAMZON BUENSUCESO A.K.A. DANIEL BUENSUCESO LALU,

Petitioner,

-versus-

SP. PROC. CASE NO. 6431

THE HEIRS OF DANILO CANLAS LALU NAMELY, REMY L. SANTOS BEING THE LEGITIMATE WIFE AND THEIR HEIRS, DANIELLE ALLEXIS DIAZ LALU, ALAIN DIAZ LALU, ALDAINE DIAZ LALU, AND ALJOHN DIAZ LALU, and all persons claiming rights and interests under him, MARIQUITA CANLAS LALU AND VENANCIO BARCILLANO LALU being the paternal grandparents of the petitioner, THE CITY CIVIL REGISTRAR OF THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, PAMPANGA, THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF MEXICO, PAMPANGA & THE CIVIL REGISTRAR GENERAL

Respondents.

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ORDER

This is a petition to use the surname of his biological father filed by petitioner Daniel Tiamzon Buensuceso, a.k.a. Daniel Buensuceso Lalu, through counsel. Petitioner prays that the Court, after due notice, publication and hearing, allow him to use his father's surname "Lalu" a change from "Daniel Tiamzon Buensuceso" to "Daniel Buensuceso Lalu" in Entry No. 1 in the Certificate of Live Birth No. 95-11386 and direct the Local Civil Registrar and Civil Registrar General to cancel Certificate of Live Birth No. 98-1362 from their records.

Finding the aforesaid petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the same is hereby set for hearing on 27 July 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 show cause, if there be any, why the same should not be granted.

The Court orders the petitioner to serve, within five (5) calendar days from receipt of this Order, copies of the petition and its annexes on the (i) the Office of the Solicitor General at 134 Amorsolo Street, Legaspi Village, Makati City; (ii) the Local Civil Registrar of Mexico, Pampanga; (iii) the Local Civil Registrar of City of San Fernando, Pampanga; (iv) the Civil Registrar General, Philippine Statistics Authority, Quezon City; (v) the heirs of Danilo Canlas Lalu, namely: Remy L. Santos at her last known address at Lot 21 Pandacaqui, Mexico, Pampanga; (vi) the other heirs of Danilo Canlas Lalu, namely: Danielle Allexis Diaz Lalu, Alain Diaz Lalu, Aldaine Diaz Lalu, and Aljohn Diaz Lalu at Purok 3, Paroba, Sta. Monica, San Luis, Pampanga and/or 134 Lagundi, Mexico, Pmpanga; and (vii) Mariquita Canlas Lalu and Venancio Barcillano Lalu at Barangay Lagundi, Mexico, Pampanga and to show proof of said service to this Court.

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

Furnish petitioner, his counsel, the Office of the Solicitor General, Makati City, the Civil Registrar General, Philippine Statistics Authority, Quezon City, the Local Civil Registrar of Mexico, Pampanga, the Local Civil Registrar of City of San Fernando, Pampanga, the Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court, City of San Fernando, Pampanga, the heirs of Danilo Canlas Lalu, namely: Remy L. Santos, the other heirs of Danilo Canlas Lalu, namely: Danielle Allexis Diaz Lalu, Alain Diaz Lalu, Aldaine Diaz Lalu, and Aljohn Diaz Lalu, and Mariquita Canlas Lalu, and Venancio Barcillano Lalu with a copy of this Order.

SO ORDERED.

06 May 2026, City of San Fernando, Pampanga.

(SGD)
ROXANNE MARIE. DIMAYUGA
Presiding Judge

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An exclusive look at Hann Reserve: Central Luzon's premier eco sanctuary

Hann Ric Gonzales, Jan Darren Guiwan



NEW CLARK CITY — Hann Reserve, the highly anticipated eco-sanctuary resort in Central Luzon, officially welcomed prominent members of the local media for an exclusive experiential tour of its world-class facilities.

The media visit offered journalists a firsthand look at the expansive development, which masterfully blends unparalleled courses with a deep commitment to sustainable land management and nature preservation. Nestled against the breathtaking backdrop of the Zambales mountain range, Hann Reserve is designed to complement the native vegetation and terrain, providing an exclusive retreat that extends far beyond traditional leisure layouts.

During the tour, media guests explored The Club at Hann Reserve, the central home to the property's prestigious golf and lifestyle sub-

brands. Designed to serve as a high-end epicenter for wellness, sports, and gastronomy, The Club features three championship golf courses designed by legendary figures in the sport:

- **Dragons Landing** by Nicklaus Design: A precision-engineered course featuring rolling fairways crafted to seamlessly blend into the local ecosystem.
- **Six Moons** by K.J. Choi: A stunning and challenging rainforest layout featuring winding waterways and deep, dramatic valleys.
- **Caverns Deep** by Sir Nick Faldo: An elevated terrain masterfully taking advantage of strategic slopes and panoramic mountain views. Another major highlight of the media brief was a discussion on the upcoming PGA Performance Center, a state-of-the-art training facility that will feature advanced performance technology and

world-class instruction designed to elevate the game for players of all levels.

"Our goal with the PGA Performance Center is to completely redefine golf development in the region," said Tim Neil, General Manager of Hann Reserve. "By combining advanced performance-tracking technology with elite, professional instruction, we are building a premier environment that will empower players of all skill levels to master their game right here in Hann Reserve."

The media itinerary focused heavily on the resort's emerging lifestyle and dining concepts housed within the Clubhouse—a sophisticated centerpiece built to offer a refined, curated resort experience. Media members learned about:

- **Karman** by Hann Reserve: An all-day destination restaurant offering

panoramic views of the valley. Inspired by the "Karman Line"—the boundary where Earth's atmosphere meets outer space—the venue provides an elevated menu blending local Kapampangan heritage with international and Korean flavors.

- **Cabana** by Hann Reserve: A serene, shaded outdoor lounge perfect for relaxing over artisanal drinks and curated global dishes while taking in sweeping valley landscapes.

- **No. 9 Golf Shop**: A curated retail venue offering premium apparel and elite equipment.

As Hann Reserve prepares for its upcoming phases—including the rollout of its championship courses, clubhouse amenities, and premium dining venues—this media visit underscores the resort's vision to put Central Luzon on the global map for premier golf and sustainable tourism.

A Supra fan meet for Miss Supranational

Nepo Center warmly welcomed Miss Supranational Philippines 2027 Allyson Hetland during a special Supra Fans Meet held at Newpoint Mall, gathering fans, mallgoers, and pageant enthusiasts in celebration of the Kapampangan beauty queen's achievement.

Fresh from her coronation, Hetland returned to Angeles City for a heartfelt homecoming, reconnecting with the community that supported her throughout her pageant journey. The event highlighted the pride and admiration of Kapampangans for one of their homegrown talents on the national stage.

Adding to the celebration, a gown exhibit featuring three of Hetland's most iconic pageant gowns was mounted at the entrance of Newpoint Mall from May 20 to 22, giving visitors a closer look at memorable pieces that marked her milestones in competition.

Nepo Center and Newpoint Mall reaffirmed their support for local talents and success stories that continue to inspire and empower the Angeles City community.

