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CITY OF SAN FERNANDO — A plunder complaint has been filed before the Office of the Ombudsman against former Pampanga 3rd District Representative Aurelio "Dong" Gonzales Jr. over ₱359.37 million worth of flood control projects along the Abacan River in Mexico, Pampanga.

The complaint was lodged by Sto. Cristo Barangay Chairman and Mexico Liga ng mga Barangay President Terence Sampang Napao. Also named as respondents are four former Department of Public Works and Highways Region III officials, including former Regional Director Roseller Tolentino, who are accused of plunder, violations of the Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act, possession of prohibited interest, malversation, and other administrative offenses.

Also included in the complaint are City of San Fernando Vice Mayor Aurelio Brenz P. Gonzales, Pampanga 3rd District Representative Alyssa Michaela "Mica" Gonzales, Aurelio M. Gonzales III, Aurelio Micheline M.

Gonzales, and Zenaida G. Quiambao. Napao said the complaint is backed by new evidence, including 2023 video footage and geotagged photos taken on July 30, 2026, which allegedly show collapsed and eroded structures and other signs of substandard construction along the flood control projects.

He urged the Ombudsman to conduct a swift investigation and prosecute all respondents over the alleged criminal and administrative violations.

The Abacan River flood control projects were undertaken to help mitigate flooding in Mexico and nearby communities.

Lufthansa Technik breaks ground on Clark MRO hub

CLARK — Lufthansa Technik Philippines, Inc. has broken ground on its new maintenance, repair, and overhaul (MRO) facility at Clark International Airport, marking another milestone in the development of the Clark AeroDistrict.

The facility, to be built on a 157,000-square-meter site, represents a

three-digit-million-dollar investment and is expected to generate around 1,200 highly skilled jobs when operations begin in 2028.

The new hub will be the company's second facility in the Philippines, complementing its existing operations at Ninoy Aquino International Airport. It will provide widebody aircraft

maintenance services, including a paint shop and non-destructive testing workshops, while expanding support to Airbus A350 and Boeing 787 aircraft.

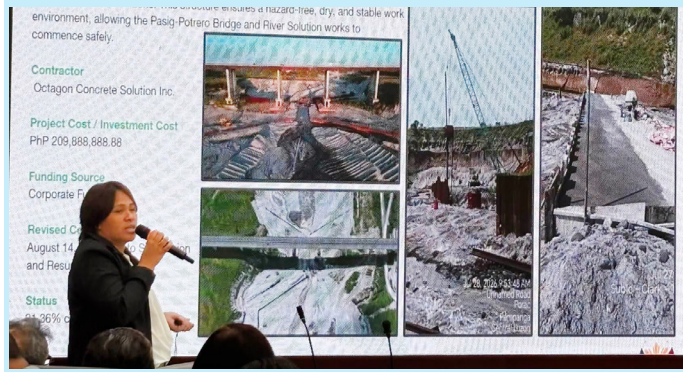
Luzon International Premiere Airport Development

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LIPAD President and CEO Noel Manankil, MacroAsia President and COO Eduardo Luy, LIPAD Chairman and Filinvest Vice-Chairman Josephine Gotianun-Yap, Macro Asia Corporation Co-Chairman Lucio Tan III, Lufthansa Technik CEO Soeren Stark, DOTR Undersecretary Capt Jim Sydiongo, Lufthansa Technik Philippines President and CEO Mr. Holger Beck, German Ambassador to the Philippines is Dr. Andreas Michael Pfafermoschke, BCDA President and CEO Engr Joshua Bingcang.



Capitol backs ₱3-B SCTEX Preservation Program

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO — The Pampanga provincial government is supporting the ₱3-billion Asset Preservation Program of the Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA) along the Subic-Clark-Tarlac Expressway (SCTEX) in Pampanga.

The program includes the

construction of a ground sill below the Mancatian Bridge, a diversion channel beneath the SCTEX Bridge, and the strengthening of the SCTEX Bridge.

The provincial government also asked the BCDA to hold quarterly inter-agency meetings to provide updates on the projects, coordinate

with landowners affected by the works, and install billboards to inform the public about the ongoing projects.

It also clarified that no quarrying activities are being conducted upstream or downstream of the bridges along the Pasig-Potrero River.

Over 6,500 Kapampangan families get UPLIFT payouts



CITY OF SAN FERNANDO — The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) has started the provincewide rollout of monthly cash assistance to 6,567 low-income families in Pampanga under the expanded Unified Package for Livelihoods, Industry, Food and Transportation (UPLIFT) program.

This is part of the implementation of Executive Order No. 110 signed by President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr., which expanded the government's targeted cash assistance to help vulnerable households cope with the rising cost of fuel and other basic commodities.

Under the program, each qualified beneficiary will receive P2,000 per month from July to December 2026.

Recipients in Pampanga belong to Group 2 beneficiaries of the expanded UPLIFT program and were identified through the Community-Based Monitoring System of the Philippine Statistics Authority.

The distribution in the province began on July 20 in Lubao, where 507 beneficiaries received their cash assistance. This was followed by the payout for 124 beneficiaries in Angeles City on July 30.

Province-wide payout continues with 1,606 beneficiaries from Pampanga's Third District on August 3; 1,667 beneficiaries from the Fourth District on August 4; 1,784 beneficiaries from the Second District on August 7; and 879 beneficiaries from the First District on August 10.

For Rona Mutya of Sto. Tomas town, the assistance will help provide for the daily needs of her six children.

"Malaking bagay po ito dahil anim ang anak ko, apat ang nag-aaral at dalawa ang naggagatas. Lalo na ang asawa ko ay laborer lang na hindi naman malaki ang sahod kaya malaking tulong po para sa pamilya namin. Maraming salamat kay Pangulong Bongbong Marcos sa binigay ninyong tulong sa amin. Malaking bagay na po iyon para sa amin, para sa pamilya ko lalo na po sa mga

A total of 1,667 beneficiaries from the fourth district of Pampanga receive P2,000 as part of the expanded Unified Package for Livelihoods, Industry, Food and Transportation or UPLIFT program. The implementation of Executive Order No. 110 signed by President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr., which expanded the government's targeted cash assistance to help vulnerable households cope with the rising cost of fuel and other basic commodities. (PIA 3)

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Mayor Jon welcomes new ACPO chief

ANGELES CITY — Mayor Carmelo "Jon" Lazatin II welcomed newly appointed Angeles City Police Office Director PCol Robert Casimiro Domingo during the latter's courtesy visit to City Hall.

The visit included an inspection of the Angeles City Command Center, where the city's monitoring and emergency response systems were presented.

Mayor Lazatin and PCol Domingo also discussed strengthening coordination between the city government and the Philippine National Police to enhance peace and order, public safety, and emergency response.

Both officials reaffirmed their commitment to sustaining close collaboration to ensure the safety and welfare of Angeleños.



Mayor Carmelo "Jon" Lazatin II with new Angeles City Police Office Director PCol Robert Casimiro Domingo.

PWDs in Pampanga now get access to expanded services

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO — Persons with disabilities (PWDs) in Pampanga now have improved access to financial assistance, healthcare, mobility support, and other government services as national agencies, the provincial government, and private partners strengthened collaboration to bring essential interventions closer to communities.

The initiative brought together the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Department of Health (DOH), Provincial Government of Pampanga, Persons with Disabilities Affairs Office (PDAO), Jose B. Lingad Memorial General Hospital (JBLMGH), Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO), Nanay Partylist, and other partners.

Beneficiaries received financial assistance through the DSWD's Assistance to Individuals

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Health Secretary Jose Pujalte Jr., Pampanga Governor Lilia Pineda, and Nanay Partylist Representative Florabel Yatco lead the distribution of financial aid, as well as prosthesis and wheelchairs to Kapampangan amputees as part of their convergence efforts to provide package of intervention that will give new hope to the beneficiaries. (Pampanga PIO)

AC Council honors WCOPA champion

ANGELES CITY — The Sangguniang Panlungsod of Angeles City has commended Angeleño performer Raymond Manalo for his outstanding achievements at the 2026 World Championships of Performing Arts (WCOPA) held in Las Vegas, Nevada, USA, from July 13 to 21.

Representing the Philippines and Angeles City, Manalo earned a Gold Medal in Vocal World, Silver Medal in Vocal Rock, and Bronze Medal in Vocal RnB/Jazz, as well as the Division Champion title in the Vocal World Category.

The City Council unanimously approved the resolution of commendation during its Regular Session No. 29 on July 28, recognizing Manalo's exceptional talent, dedication, and vocal artistry that brought pride and international recognition to Angeles City and the Philippines.

The Commendation was presented to the WCOPA champ today, August 4.

The councilors said his achievements exemplify artistic excellence and perseverance and serve as an inspiration to aspiring musicians, performers, and the youth of Angeles City.



Performer Raymond Manalo received commendation from the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Angeles City for his outstanding achievements at the 2026 WCOPA held in Las Vegas, Nevada, USA.

CL MSMEs take 1st step into K-Beauty industry

Twenty-three (23) micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) from across Central Luzon gained valuable insights into branding, product development, and K-Beauty manufacturing during the Make Your Brand Project Bootcamp conducted by the Department of Trade and Industry Region 3 (DTI-3) in partnership with REHACOS, Inc. on July 25 at the DTI Regional Office 3 in the City of San Fernando, Pampanga.

The bootcamp forms part of DTI-3's continuing efforts to strengthen the competitiveness of Central Luzon MSMEs by connecting them with industry experts and manufacturers while providing practical knowledge on product innovation, branding, marketing strategies, and regulatory compliance.

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Central Luzon MSMEs join REHACOS, Inc. Executives, and DTI-3 Officials in a group photo following the successful conduct of the Make Your Brand Project Bootcamp at the DTI-Regional Office 3 in the City of San Fernando, Pampanga.



SVBB celebrates 50 Years of Legal Advocacy (1976-2026)

HALF a century ago, the Sapalo Velez Bundang Bulilan (SVBB) law offices opened its doors on August 1, 1976 with a simple but powerful mission: to provide legal guidance defined by integrity, expertise, and unwavering advocacy.

It was established to coincide with the feast day of St. Alphonsus Liguori, the patron saint of lawyers.

Liguori (1696–1787) was a brilliant child prodigy from Naples, Italy, who earned his doctorate in civil and canon law at age 16 and became a top trial lawyer.

Despite Liguori winning case after case, he was disillusioned by court corruption.

After eight years of practice, he left the legal profession entirely following a rare case loss and a profound spiritual re-evaluation.

He was ordained in 1726 and became a bishop in 1762. He founded the Redemptorist religious order in 1732. He died on August 1, 1787, at the age of 90. He was canonized in 1839.

It was on August 1, 1976 when the partnership "Tan Sapalo" was established by Eugene Tan and Ignacio S. Sapalo with a humble office in Makati City and barely a few staff and loyal clients to work with.

In 1977, the firm became "Tan Sapalo Manzano Velez" when Jaime Manzano and Teresita Velez, both seasoned intellectual property practitioners, joined the firm.

In 1987, it became Tan Manzano & Velez when Sapalo left the Firm due to his appointment

as Director of the then Bureau of Patent, Trademarks, and Technology Transfer (BPTTT), now the Intellectual Property Office (IPOPHIL). As Director of the BPTTT, he led the group that crafted R.A. No. 8293, otherwise known as the Intellectual Property Code.

In 2000, the firm became "Sapalo Velez" when Sapalo rejoined the firm after his stint as BPTT Director and took over its management.

In 2006, the firm became "Sapalo, Velez, Bundang & Bulilan" in recognition of the promotion of Augusto Bundang and Nepali Bulilan as name partners.

In 2010, Romeo Duran, head of the corporate, tax and immigration department, was also accepted as partner.

In 2012, Romeo Fortea, head of the litigation department, with Dennis Gorecho, head of the seafarers' department, and Ma. Consuelo Agno, were admitted as partners.

In 2023, Bundang took over the helm as the firm's managing partner with Bulilan as co-managing partner. Ignacio A. Sapalo, a former senior associate, was admitted as partner.

SVBB evolved into a full-service law firm with diversified practice areas in Philippine law, including intellectual property (IP), corporation/taxation, litigation and labor (specifically seafarers' claims) with branch and correspondent law offices in Iloilo City, Cebu City, Cagayan de Oro City, Davao City, Naga City, and Bacolod City.

SVBB Law is one of the front-running law firms in the country engaged in intellectual property prosecution, maintenance, licensing, and enforcement.

The IP laws aim to protect

and secure the exclusive rights of scientists, inventors, artists and other gifted citizens to their intellectual property and creations, particularly when beneficial to the people, for such periods as provided in the law.

SVBB is committed to perform the noble task of upholding justice with excellence and professionalism, for the good and interest of society, especially the poor and underprivileged.

In line with its commitment to the principle of social justice, SVBB advocates Filipino seafarers' rights through initiatives to ensure better protection in coordination with various groups like the Stella Maris Philippines.

Aside from legal representation, SVBB conducts paralegal lectures in maritime schools, seafarers' dormitories, and parishes to inform seafarers and their families of their rights and the legal measures to enforce them.

SVBB is also an active participant in the annual National Seafarers Day every last Sunday of September led by the Stella Maris Philippines.

SVBB extends legal advisories in radio programs, print and online publications.

The five decades of existence of SVBB law offices, during which it witnessed episodes of political turmoil and economic crisis, is a testament to the sterling character and resilience of the partners, lawyers and staff of the firm.

While the legal landscape has changed dramatically over the last five decades, SVBB's core mission "Serving with a heart; driven to master change" has remained its north star.

The motto, in essence, is an adaptation of the dictum "No master but law. No guide but conscience. No aim but justice" immortalized by former Supreme



Court Justice Jose Benedicto Luis Reyes.

Lawyers apply their knowledge of the law to sort out, settle and resolve the countless conflicts among individuals, families and communities.

As SVBB celebrates its Golden Anniversary, it is not just looking back; it is looking forward. It remains committed to innovating, adapting, and serving with the same passion that founded the firm in 1976.

(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.)

DICT Report: Converge leads PH in broadband speed, network quality

Converge ICT Solutions Inc. delivered the country's strongest fixed broadband network performance in the second quarter of the year, posting the fastest download speed, best in class network quality with symmetric upload speed and the lowest latency in the country, according to the latest Oplan Bantay Signal report of the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT).

The report showed that Converge achieved the lowest average latency of 5 milliseconds during the second quarter. Latency is a measure of delay in a network, so a lower number means shorter time for the data to travel through your network. A 5 ms latency means an instantaneous experience for users of the network.

Meanwhile, Converge posted an industry-leading 158 megabits per second (Mbps) download speed last month. The company also recorded an 84% decline in customer complaints from

January to June, reflecting sustained improvements in network performance and customer experience.

"The second quarter performance of Converge saw a sharp improvement as complaints dropped significantly. This shows Converge is addressing customer complaints and making targeted improvements to its network," said DICT Secretary Henry Aguda.

The company's latest network

performance complements its broader efforts to expand digital connectivity nationwide. During the National Information and Communications Technology (NICT) Month Culminating Night on June 30, Converge received the "Bayani sa Last Mile" recognition at the Digital Bayanihan Awards, honoring its contribution to bringing broadband connectivity to geographically isolated and underserved communities.



Undersecretary Faye Condez-De Sagon, Converge AVP and Head of Executive Communications & Special Projects Karen Carvajal, Converge Government Relations Manager Atty. Jay-Ar Maggudatu, Converge First VP and Head of Network Technology Group Jefferson Briones, DICT Planning Officer IV Atty Lance Villaroza, Converge CEO Uy, DICT Sec. Aguda, DICT Office of the Secretary Head Executive Assistant Atty. Jose Miguel B. Solis, and Converge Studios CEO James Mendoza

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(LIPAD) said the investment strengthens Clark's position as a growing aviation, logistics, and aerospace hub.

LIPAD Chairperson Josephine Gotianun Yap described the project as a strong vote of confidence in Clark, Filipino talent, and the

country's aviation industry, while LIPAD President and CEO Noel Manankil said the facility further advances the vision of the Clark AeroDistrict alongside other global aviation and logistics locators.

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nag-aaral. At maraming salamat din po sa DSWD na tumulong sa amin para matawid po itong kagutuman namin,” she said.

Meanwhile, Remigio Bernardo from Candaba town said the assistance will help him provide food for his family.

“Gagamitin ko ang natanggap kong ayuda para sa mga anak ko,

pambili ng bigas at ulam. Masayang-masaya ako at malaking tulong ito para sa amin. Maraming-maraming salamat po kay Presidente Marcos sa inihatid niyang tulong sa aming mahihirap,” Bernardo said.

The expanded UPLIFT program is one of the Marcos administration's social protection measures aimed at providing timely financial assistance

to low-income Filipino families.

Through Executive Order No. 110, the government continues to strengthen targeted interventions that help shield low-income and vulnerable Filipino families from severe inflation and economic strain caused by the ongoing national energy emergency.

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in Crisis Situations program, rice assistance from the Office of the President, wheelchairs from the PCSO through Nanay Partylist, and prosthetic limbs through the partnership of the provincial government, DOH, JBLMGH, and Mediwalk.

Representing DSWD Secretary Rex Gatchalian, Undersecretary for Operations Monina Josefina Romualdez said the observance demonstrates the government's commitment to translate the rights of PWDs into concrete programs and services.

“The celebration is more than a commemoration of National Disability Rights Week. It is proof that the rights of persons with disabilities must be matched with concrete programs and services from the government,” she said.

Romualdez added that the DSWD also conducted simultaneous onsite payouts in Lubao, Sta. Rita, and the City of San Fernando, making the assistance more accessible to beneficiaries.

“Alam natin na para sa marami sa ating mga kababayang may kapansanan, ang pag-access sa mga serbisyo ng pamahalaan ay hindi lagging madali. Kaya patuloy naming pinapalapat ang mga serbisyo sa mga komunidad upang mas mabilis, mas madali, at mas maginhawa ang pagkuha ng tulong,” she

said.

For her part, PDAO Head Mary Ann Zamora said the collaboration among government agencies and private organizations reflects a shared commitment to recognize the rights and capabilities of persons with disabilities.

Nanay Partylist Representative Florabel Yatco said supporting PWDs also means supporting their families.

“Kapag tinutulungan natin ang mga nanay na nag-aalaga, tinutulungan na rin natin ang buong pamilya, lalung-lalo na ang mga nanay na nag-aalaga, nag-aaruga, at nagmamahal sa buong pamilya,” she said.

She added that the Nanay Partylist office at the Pampanga Capitol remains open to assist persons with disabilities and their families.

Officials said the multi-agency initiative reflects the Bagong Pilipinas vision of a whole-of-government approach by bringing essential services closer to communities and enabling PWDs to participate more actively in economic and social life.

Government agencies also reaffirmed their commitment to sustain programs that uphold the rights, dignity, and welfare of persons with disabilities as active partners in nation-building.

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RURAL BANK PORAC
(PAMPANGA)
INC., represented in this act by:
LOURDES CONNIE C. TAYAG,
Mortgagee,

- versus -

FC NO. 2026-0061
For: Application for
Extrajudicial
Foreclosure of Real Estate
Mortgage
(Under Act No. 3135, As
Amended)

SUSANA RIPOLL ALMALEL,
Mortgagor.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial Application 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 principal business office address at Priser Building,. Sto Rosario Street corner Flora Avenue, Sto. Rosario, Angeles City against the mortgagor, **SUSANA RIPOLL ALMALEL** with postal address at Block 12, Lot 23A, Friendship Highway, Riverside, Barangay Anunas, Angeles City, in order to satisfy the outstanding obligation therein which as of June 8, 2026 in the total amount of **FIVE MILLION TWO HUNDRED ELEVEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIVE PESOS AND SIXTY-NINE CENTAVOS (Php5,211,385.69)** Philippine Currency, inclusive of interest, penalties and other charges and other incidental expenses incurred in connection with the foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff IV hereby gives notice and announces that on **September 10, 2026, at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at the Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court, Angeles City, Chief Justice Jose Abad Santos Hall of Justice, Pulung Maragul, Angeles City** will **SELL** at public auction to the highest bidder for CASH or MANAGER'S CHECK, and in Philippines Currency, the following parcel of land/real property with all existing and future improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 045-2022005160
"LOT NO: 14-B, PLAN NO: PSD-03-254026
PORTION OF: LOT 14 BLOCK 4 PCS-3244
LOCATION: BARANGAY OF BALIBAGO, CITY OF ANGELES,
ISLAND OF LUZON

BOUNDARIES:		
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1-2	NW	LOT 14-A, PSD-03-254026
2-3	NE	LOT 99-B, SWO-7750
3-4	SE	LOT 15, BLOCK 4, PCS-3244
4-1	SW	ROAD LOT 1, PCS-3244

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TO CORNER	1	S. 21 ° 32` E	341.66 M.
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	2-3	S. 14 ° 16` E	6.00 M.
	3-4	S. 75 ° 58` W	26.96 M.
	4-1	N. 14 ° 30` W	6.00 M.

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

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above-stated date and time.

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on October 13, 2026, at the same time and place without further notice.

Angeles City, July 2, 2026.

(SGD)
NOEL C. SERRANO
Sheriff IV

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IN RE: OF PETITION FOR THE
CORRECTION OF ENTRY
IN THE CERTIFICATE OF
MARRIAGE OF DAISY DAYRIT
LIWANAG DAISY LIWANAG
IGNAS,

Petitioner

-versus-

SP. PRO. CASE NO. 6449

THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR
OF MEXICO, PAMPANGA,
THE PHILIPPINE STATISTICS
AUTHORITY (NATIONAL
STATISTICIAN), AND ALL
PERSONS WHO HAVE OR
CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THIS
PETITION,

Respondents.

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ORDER

A verified petition dated 29 June 2026 having been filed by herein petitioner Daisy Liwanag Ignas, thru counsel, praying that after due notice, publication, and hearing, judgment be rendered:

- Ordering the Local Civil Registrar of Mexico, Pampanga and the Philippine Statistics Authority to correct the entry in the Certificate of Marriage of Daisy Dayrit Liwanag by changing the name of her mother from "REYNA DAYRIT" to "PRIMA MUNGCAL DAYRIT";
- Directing the respondents to annotate the corrected entry in the civil registry records and in all copies thereof in the possession of the Philippine Statistics Authority.

Acting on the petition, notice is hereby given that the same will be heard by this Court on November 5, 2026 at 1:30 in the afternoon, inviting all persons interested therein to show cause, if any, why the aforesaid petition should not be granted.

Let this Order be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Province of Pampanga, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks, at the expense of the petitioner.

Furnish copies of this Order, together with the copy of the petition and its annexes, the Local Civil Registrar of Mexico, Pampanga, the Philippine Statistics Authority (formerly National Statistics Office), PSA Complex, East Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City 1101, and the Office of the Solicitor General at 134 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Village, Makati City.

Likewise, let a copy of this Order be furnished the Office of the Clerk of Court (OCC), Regional Trial Court, City of San Fernando, Pampanga, the Office of the Provincial Prosecutor thru Assistant Regional Prosecutor Maria Helen D. Surla, petitioner Daisy Liwanag Ignas, and counsel for the petitioner.

SO ORDERED.

City of San Fernando, Pampanga, July 16, 2026.

(SGD)
MICHAEL KEN R. DE JESUS
Acting Presiding Judge

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7. Daisy Liwanag Ignas
Petitioner
Parian, Mexico, Pampanga

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"Building a successful brand goes beyond having a quality product. It requires a clear identity, compliance with industry standards, and the ability to respond to evolving market demands. Through partnerships such as this, DTI empowers our MSMEs to transform innovative ideas into market-ready products that can compete both locally and internationally," DTI-3 Regional Director Edna D. Dizon said.

The activity brought together 23 MSME representatives from five provinces in Central Luzon, along with nine representatives from the DTI Regional and Provincial Offices, reflecting the growing interest among entrepreneurs in the expanding cosmetics, skincare, and wellness industry.

Serving as resource persons were Mr. Jean Michael Baluyut, Chief Executive Officer of REHACOS, Inc., and Mr. Jong Soo Lee, Chief Executive Officer of Indicellbio, Inc. Mr. Baluyut shared REHACOS' business journey, manufacturing capabilities, quality management systems, FDA compliance requirements, premium product ingredients, and opportunities for manufacturing partnerships. A live demonstration of K-Beauty products further showcased the company's product quality and manufacturing expertise.

"Our goal is to help entrepreneurs bring their brand ideas to life by providing access to world class manufacturing, quality systems, and product development support. Whether MSMEs are just starting or looking to expand, we want to become their

trusted partner in building competitive Filipino brands," Baluyut said.

Meanwhile, Mr. Lee shared his entrepreneurial journey in establishing the Reha and Nanna skincare and haircare brands, emphasizing the importance of innovation, resilience, and a growth mindset in building a successful cosmetics business. He also highlighted how opportunities during the COVID-19 pandemic paved the way for the expansion of his business from Korea to the Philippines.

A highlight of the bootcamp was the interactive question and answer session, where participants explored REHACOS' three business partnership models: Affiliate Reseller, Brand Builder, and Custom Product Development. The discussions enabled MSMEs to better understand investment requirements, manufacturing processes, branding considerations, and market opportunities under each model.

For MSMEs and aspiring entrepreneurs looking to venture into the beauty, cosmetics, and wellness industry, DTI-3 continues to provide access to learning opportunities, industry linkages, and business development support that can help transform product ideas into market-ready brands.

Through initiatives such as the Make Your Brand Project Bootcamp, DTI-3 aims to foster innovation, strengthen enterprise competitiveness, and create greater opportunities for Central Luzon businesses to thrive in both local and global markets.

DOST introduces smart agri solutions to combat El Niño

TARLAC CITY — In response to the possible impacts of this year's El Niño phenomenon, the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) – Philippine Council for Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Resources Research and Development (PCAARRD) introduced smart agricultural solutions aimed at protecting the agriculture, aquatic, and natural resources sectors while strengthening farmers' livelihoods.

During the Technology to People Media Conference held in Tarlac, DOST-Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration Climate Monitoring and Prediction Section Chief Ana Liza Solis emphasized that the effects of El Niño vary from one occurrence to another, making preparedness and adaptation essential.

"Nagva-vary iyang impact, hindi siya parepareho. No two El Niños are alike in terms of intensity, duration, frequency at iyang impact na posibleng maging epekto niya (The impact varies; it is not the same every time. No two El Niños are alike in terms of intensity, duration, frequency, and the possible effects they may bring)," she explained.

To help farmers cope with these climate-related challenges, DOST showcased smart agricultural technologies designed to improve water management, increase crop productivity, and strengthen climate resilience.

Among the innovations featured was the Automated Furrow Irrigation System (AFIS), installed in a sugarcane plantation in Paniqui, Tarlac.

The solar-powered irrigation technology, funded under DOST's Industry Level Collaborative Research and Development to Leverage Philippine Economy (iCRADLE) Program, is designed to deliver the right amount of water at the right time through irrigation flow models, irrigation management strategies, multisensors, and automated control systems.

Complementing the AFIS is the Nutrio Biofertilizer, which enhances sugarcane growth, increases crop

yield, and reduces farmers' dependence on inorganic fertilizers.

North Cluster Producers Cooperative Chairperson Marlon Gamboa shared that these has significantly increased crop production and farmers' income.

"In terms of yield o iyang taas ng production, more than double actually iyang naging resulta. Siyempre kapag gano'n, iyang kita mas nadagdagan ng mas malaki sa ating mga magsasaka (In terms of yield or the increase in production, the results were actually more than double. Naturally, when that happens, our farmers also earn significantly higher incomes)," he said.

Meanwhile, DOST also highlighted the Automatic Weather Station (AWS) installed in Barangay San Manuel, Tarlac City under the Project Smarter Approaches to Reinvigorate Agriculture as an Industry (SARAI).

SARAI Centralized National Hub for Regional Operations Project Leader Moises Dorado explained that the AWS has a monitoring radius of up to 20 kilometers, enabling it to provide localized weather information to surrounding farming communities.

"Itong automatic weather station, magbibigay ito sa atin iyang tinatawag nating site-specific na information katulad ng rainfall, temperature, solar radiation, humidity na talagang angkop para dito sa nasasakupan na lugar (This automatic weather station provides what we call site-specific information, such as rainfall, temperature, solar radiation, and humidity, which are specifically suited to the area it covers)," he stated.

Dorado added that the data collected by the AWS are transmitted in near real time and translated into practical advisories that farmers can use in their day-to-day farm operations.

He also underscored that unlike national weather forecasts that may rely on monitoring stations located far from farming communities, the AWS provides site-specific observations that better reflect actual field conditions, allowing farmers to make more informed decisions on irrigation, planting schedules, and other farm activities.



Philippine-Sino Center for Agricultural Technology Director Marvin Cinense presents the Automated Furrow Irrigation System during the Technology to People Media Conference in Tarlac, highlighting its potential to help farmers manage water more efficiently and improve irrigation, especially during dry conditions. (PIA3)

RURAL BANK OF PORAC (PAMP.), INC. Name of Bank	043835 Bank Code	
	Balance Sheet (Head Office and Branches) - Solo For the quarter Ended 30 June 2026	

ASSETS	ASSETS	Account Code		Amount	
				Current Quarter	Previous Quarter
				C0010	C0020
Cash and Cash Items	108000000000000000	R0010		32,389,191.03	32,972,193.79
Due from Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas	105150000000000000	R0020		58,862,520.96	60,792,007.77
Due from Other Central Banks and Banks - Net	105220000000000000	R0030		208,708,842.41	170,319,540.68
Financial Assets at Fair Value through Profit or Loss (FVPL) 1/	113000000000000000	R0040			
Financial Assets at Fair Value Through Other Comprehensive Income (FVOCI) - Net	195210000000000000	R0050			
Debt Securities at Amortized Cost - Net	195241000000000000	R0060	1,112,691,679.20	1,053,540,664.42	
Loans to Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas	140050000000000000	R0080			
Interbank Loans Receivable	140100000000000000	R0090			
Loans and Receivables - Others	140150300000000000	R0100	1,383,612,329.85	1,347,504,300.62	
Loans and Receivables Arising from RA/CA/PR/SLB	140200000000000000	R0110			
Total Loan Portfolio (TLP) - Gross	499020000000000000	R0120	1,383,612,329.85	1,347,504,300.62	
Allowance for Credit Losses 2/	499800000000000000	R0130	38,618,038.70	37,678,709.22	
Total Loan Portfolio - Net	195400000000000000	R0070	1,344,994,291.15	1,309,825,591.40	
Equity Investment in Subsidiaries, Associates and Joint Ventures - Net	195452500000000000	R0140			
Bank Premises, Furniture, Fixture and Equipment - Net	195500500000000000	R0150	74,893,387.59	75,331,287.58	
Real and Other Properties Acquired - Net	195501000000000000	R0160	89,775,666.02	87,626,473.70	
Sales Contract Receivables- Net	195451500000000000	R0170	21,847,784.89	22,470,131.20	
Non-Current Assets Held for Sale	150150000000000000	R0180			
Other Assets - Net	152500000000000000	R0190	100,324,877.83	101,709,009.46	
Net Due from Head Office/Branches/Agencies (Philippine branch of a foreign bank)	155250000000000000	R0200			
TOTAL ASSETS	100000000000000000	R0210	3,044,488,241.08	2,914,586,900.00	

Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity		Account Code		Amount	
				Current Quarter	Previous Quarter
				C0010	C0020
Liabilities					
Financial Liabilities at Fair Value through Profit or Loss (FVPL) 3/	208000000000000000	R0010			
Deposit Liabilities	215000000000000000	R0020	2,449,823,407.98	2,333,804,724.91	
Due to Other Banks	220050000000000000	R0030			
Bills Payable	220100000000000000	R0040	-	-	
BSP (Rediscounting and Other Advances)	220100001500000000	R0050			
Interbank Loans Payable	220100002000000000	R0060	-	-	
Other Borrowings, including Deposit Substitutes	220100003500000000	R0070			
Bonds Payable-Net	295201500000000000	R0090			
Unsecured Subordinated Debt - Net	295202000000000000	R0100			
Redeemable Preferred Shares	220250000000000000	R0110			
Other Liabilities	240200000000000000	R0120	81,478,365.20	78,906,506.83	
Net Due to Head Office/Branches/Agencies (Philippine branch of a foreign bank)	230850000000000000	R0130			
TOTAL LIABILITIES	200000000000000000	R0140	2,531,301,773.18	2,412,711,231.74	
Stockholders' Equity					
Capital Stock	305000000000000000	R0150	377,316,100.00	377,316,100.00	
Additional Paid-In Capital	305200000000000000	R0160			
Undivided Profits	315150000000000000	R0220	27,333,764.28	16,436,680.47	
Retained Earnings	315000000000000000	R0170	117,041,079.72	117,407,820.79	
Other Capital Accounts	335200000000000000	R0180	- 8,504,476.00	- 9,284,933.00	
Assigned Capital	325200000000000000	R0190			
TOTAL STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	300000000000000000	R0200	513,186,468.00	501,875,668.26	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	905000000000000000	R0210	3,044,488,241.18	2,914,586,900.00	

Contingent Accounts	CONTINGENT ACCOUNTS	Account Code		Amount	
				Current Quarter	Previous Quarter
				C0010	C0020
Guarantees Issued	405000000000000000	R0010			
Financial Standby Letters of Credit	410050000000000000	R0020			
Performance Standby Letters of Credit	410100000000000000	R0030			
Commercial Letters of Credit	415000000000000000	R0040			
Trade Related Guarantees	420000000000000000	R0050			
Commitments	425000000000000000	R0060			
Spot Foreign Exchange Contracts	430000000000000000	R0070			
Securities Held Under Custodianship by Bank Proper	495220000000000000	R0080			
Trust Department Accounts	495250000000000000	R0090			
Derivatives	435000000000000000	R0100			
Others	440000000000000000	R0110	789.00	789.00	
TOTAL CONTINGENT ACCOUNTS	400000000000000000	R0120	789.00	789.00	

FINANCIAL INDICATORS (in %)	FINANCIAL INDICATORS (in %)	Account Code		Amount	
				Current Quarter	Previous Quarter
				C0010	C0020
ASSET QUALITY					
Gross Non-Performing Loans (NPL) Ratio	499150500000000000	R0010	5.33	5.49	
Net NPL Ratio	499151000000000000	R0020	4.25	4.21	
Gross NPL Coverage Ratio *	499152500000000000	R0030	52.35	50.92	
Net NPL Coverage Ratio	499153000000000000	R0040	36.32	34.83	
RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS					
Ratio of Loans to Related Parties to gross TLP	499401000000000000	R0060	0.32	0.36	
Ratio of Non-Performing Loans to Related Parties to Total Loans to Related Parties	499401500000000000	R0070	0.00	0.00	
Ratio of DOSRI Loans to gross TLP	499451000000000000	R0090	0.34	0.36	
Ratio of Non-Performing DOSRI Loans to Total Loans to DOSRI	499451500000000000	R0100	0.00	0.00	
LIQUIDITY					
Liquidity Coverage Ratio 4/	499550500000000000	R0110			
Net Stable Funding Ratio 4/	499551000000000000	R0120			
Minimum Liquidity Ratio 5/	499551500000000000	R0130	63.68	62.29	
PROFITABILITY					
Return on Equity (ROE)	499350000000000000	R0140	11.56	3.30	
Return on Assets	499351000000000000	R0150	1.03	0.63	
Net Interest Margin	499351500000000000	R0160	3.94	1.97	
CAPITAL ADEQUACY					
Common Equity Tier 1 Ratio	499650501500000000	R0170	23.20	23.49	
Tier 1 Capital Ratio	499650501000000000	R0180	23.20	23.49	
CAR	499650500500000000	R0190	23.76	24.07	
LEVERAGE					
Basel III Leverage Ratio 4/	499850000000000000	R0200			
Deferred Charges not yet Written Down	499700000000000000	R0210			

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The Philippine gaming scene took center stage at the fourth Philippine Game Developers Expo (PGDX), drawing thousands of gamers, creators, developers, and tech enthusiasts. Among the event's key supporters was PLDT Home, reaffirming its commitment to enabling stronger gaming experiences and supporting the growth of the local gaming industry.

Philippine developers showcased

an impressive blend of artistry, innovation, and cultural storytelling, creating experiences that resonated with players while highlighting distinctly Filipino perspectives. Sharing the spotlight with leading global gaming brands and publishers, these homegrown creators proved that local talent is more than capable of making its mark on the international stage.



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Pidayit by Kapampangan gem Philip D. Torres opens its pop-up store at the annual MaArte Fair 2026, running from August 13 to 16 at The Peninsula Manila in Makati City. Visitors can find Pidayit exclusively at Room 713 from 10 AM to 8 PM throughout the four-day event.

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