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Capitol to roll out mobile pharmacy

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO — The Pampanga provincial government is moving closer to launching its Mobile Pharmacy service after the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) completed its inspection of the province’s second mobile pharmacy unit.

The inspection, conducted as part of the application for a License to Operate (LTO), included FDA North Luzon Cluster Director II Gomel Gabuna.

Designed as a fully equipped pharmacy on wheels, the mobile unit has the necessary facilities, medicines and personnel to

bring pharmaceutical services closer to communities, particularly residents in far-flung barangays.

The newly inspected unit is assigned to the Escolastica Romero District Hospital in Lubao, while another unit is stationed at the Diosdado P. Macapagal Memorial Hospital

in Guagua.

The provincial government is completing the remaining LTO and other required approvals from the Department of Health (DOH) and FDA, as well as PhilHealth accreditation, before the mobile pharmacies

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‘Love Bus’ to empower PWDs in Pampanga

CLARK FREEPORT — Pampanga is opening a new path to livelihood for persons with disabilities (PWDs) through the “Love Bus,” which is a partnership between the provincial government and the MVP Group of Companies.

Gov Lilia Pineda expressed her gratitude to MVP Group Chairman Manuel V. Pangilinan and its partner organizations for supporting the Persons with Disabilities Electric

Transportation Services (PWD-ETS) Project, which aims to provide qualified PWDs with livelihood opportunities as local operators of electric transport vehicles.

The partnership was formalized through a Memorandum of Agreement signed on September 18, with Pangilinan and Pineda among those present. Also attending were Nanay Party-list Representative Florabel Yatco,

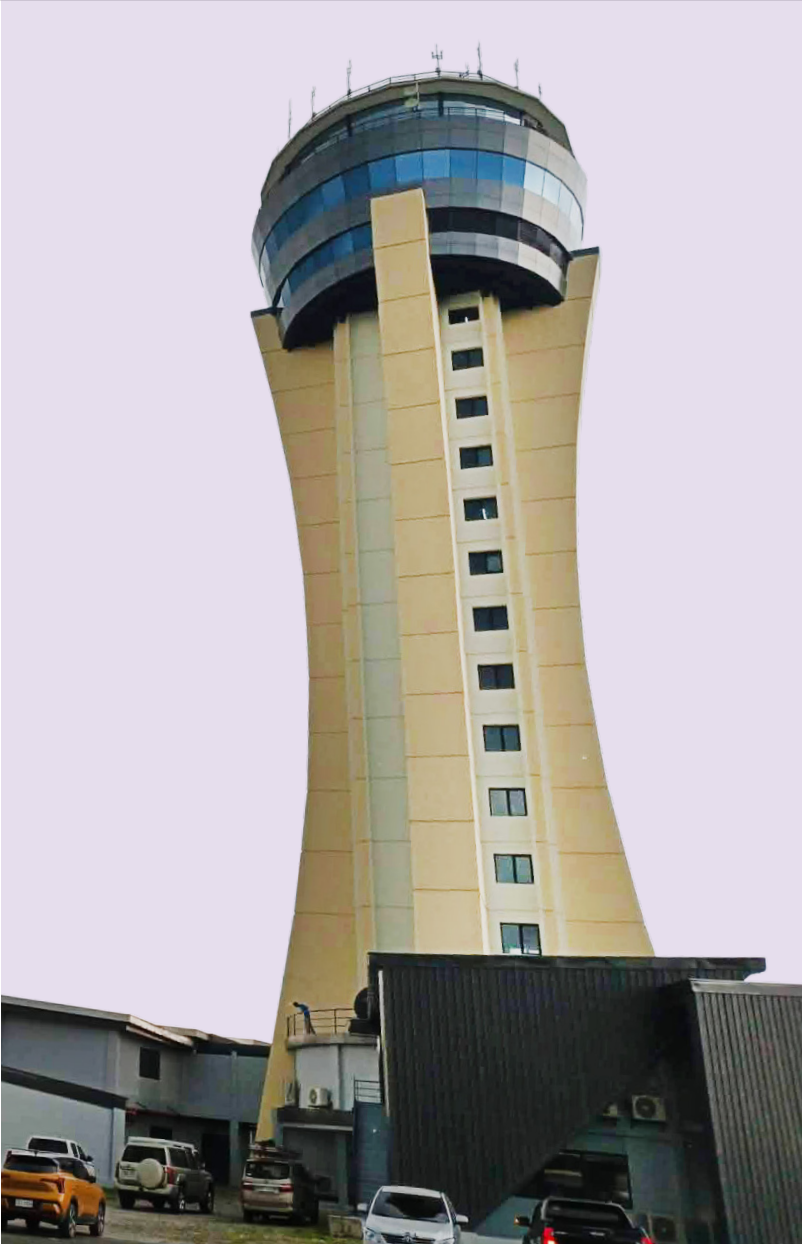
DSWD Office 3 Regional Director Venus Rebulde, and representatives of various MVP Group foundations and partner organizations.

Under the project, the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) will facilitate the formation of Sustainable Livelihood Program Associations

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DID YOU KNOW? PH’s tallest air traffic control tower is in Clark

CLARK FREEPORT — Did you know that the tallest Air Traffic Control Tower in the Philippines stands inside the Clark Civil Aviation Complex in Clark Freeport Zone?

Standing as tall as an 18-storey building, the new Clark Air Traffic Control Tower will soon replace the old tower that has served Clark for over 50 years — since it was still a United States Air Force Base.

More than just height, it’s a symbol of Clark’s growth.

According to the Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA), the tower symbolizes Clark’s vision to become Asia’s premier logistics and transport hub.

Its construction comes at a crucial time as Clark International Airport (CRK) continues to grow, with the return of logistics giant FedEx, the expansion of UPS, the relocation of Lufthansa Technik Philippines, and the increase in domestic and international flights.

The tower was jointly built by BCDA and the Clark International

Airport Corporation. BCDA allocated P569.9 million for the project, which started in 2021.

If the tower is the ‘eyes,’ the new radar is the ‘brain.’

The tower will work hand-in-hand with the new Clark Terminal Radar System. Aside from guiding flights at Clark, it will also serve as a backup radar for the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) in Manila.

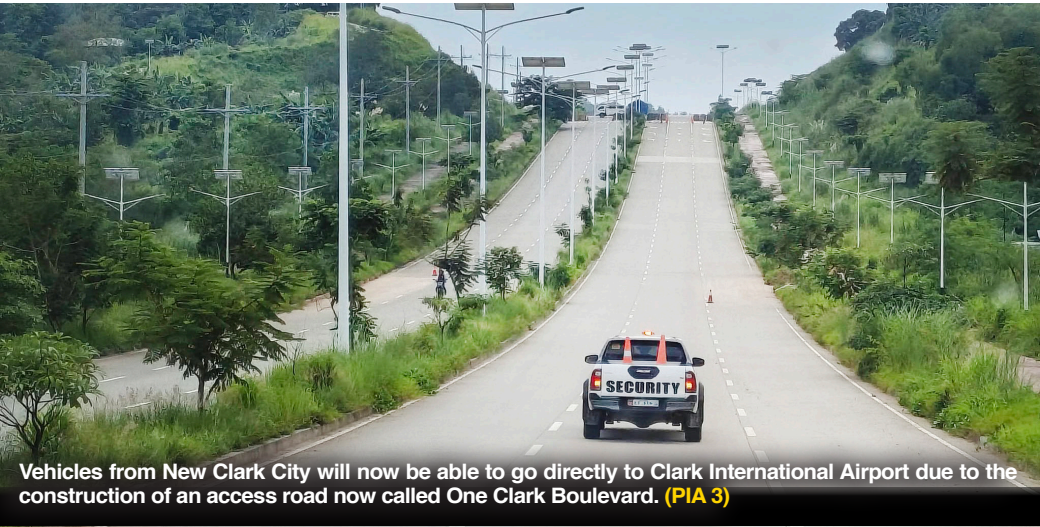
Both facilities are equipped with state-of-the-art equipment from Italy, including Primary Surveillance Radar and Monopulse Secondary Surveillance Radar.

BCDA invested P700.5 million for the radar system.

As of now, the tower structure is 100% complete, while its communication and navigation systems are 83.44% complete. The radar system is 88.17% complete.

The Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP) will operate the facilities, with full operations targeted to start between 2027 and 2028.

One Clark Boulevard from NCC to CRK completed



NEW CLARK CITY — The 19.8-kilometer road that directly connects New Clark City (NCC) to Clark International Airport (CRK) is now complete, with Phase III of the project now reaching 88.17 percent completion.

It will now be called One Clark Boulevard, which will be the new face of Clark.

That is what the Regional Project Monitoring Committee (RPMC) highlighted in an inspection with all members of the Regional Development Council (RDC), during this RDC Week celebration led by the Department of Economy, Planning, and Development (DepDev) as the secretariat.

During a project briefing held at the NCC's Aquatics Center, DepDev Region III Chief Economic Development Specialist Fernando Cabalza stated that the purpose of the expanded inspection is to familiarize RDC members with the results of previous collaborations from conceptualization, implementation, completion to operation of a project.

This access road serves as the backbone to physically unify the north and south of Clark with a total cost of P8.7 billion funded by the Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA).

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ONE CLARK BOULEVARD

OWWA opens OFW Lounge at CRK

CLARK FREEPORT ZONE — The Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA) has formally opened an Overseas Filipino Workers (OFW) Lounge at Clark International Airport (CRK) to provide migrant workers with a dedicated space for rest and access to government services.

This facility, which can accommodate up to 40 OFWs, offers refreshments, charging stations and a one-stop area for government assistance, making essential services more accessible to OFWs before they leave the country.

For OWWA Administrator Patricia Yvonne Caunan, the lounge puts into practice the government's commitment to recognize OFWs not only through words but through the way they are treated and served.

"Yung tatawagin mong bagong bayani, hindi lang sa papel, kundi sa pagtrato natin sa kanila," she said.

Caunan added that the treatment of Filipino migrant workers also sends a message to the countries and territories where they will work, including Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Taiwan and Hong Kong.

"Simple a n g mensahe ng Pilipinas, ng **SEE PAGE 4**
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AC opens renovated City Treasurer's Office

ANGELES CITY — The Angeles City Government has officially opened its newly renovated City Treasurer's Office, providing a more organized and improved environment for public transactions and treasury services.

Led by Mayor Carmelo "Jon" Lazatin II, the city government continues to improve its offices, facilities and systems to make frontline services more responsive to the needs of Angeleños.

With the renovated facility now open, the City Treasurer's Office can accommodate public transactions in a more orderly and appropriate workspace for both employees and clients.

The improvements also include better organization, safekeeping and management of government records and files, supporting the efficient delivery of treasury services.

The renovated office forms part of the city government's continuing efforts to upgrade facilities where residents directly access government services.

With a more organized workplace and improved facilities, the city aims to provide a smoother and more convenient experience for Angeleños transacting with the City Treasurer's Office.

The new facility is open and ready to serve the people of Angeles City.



CGMA leads parol lighting at 28th Likha ng Central Luzon opening

MANILA — Former President and now Pampanga 2nd District Representative Gloria Macapagal Arroyo led the ceremonial lighting of the Pampanga parol as the Likha ng Central Luzon 2026 trade fair opened, showcasing the creativity, innovation and world-class products of the region's creative industries.

The trade fair brings together 151 micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) from across Central Luzon, giving local entrepreneurs an avenue to showcase their products and expand their reach to wider markets, including international buyers.

The event highlights the continued growth of the region's creative industry and the efforts to strengthen local enterprises through programs such as One Town, One Product (OTOP).

Organizers said the trade fair provides participating MSMEs with opportunities to promote their locally made products, build market linkages and explore new business opportunities.

Arroyo's ceremonial lighting of the Pampanga parol added a distinctly local touch to the opening, highlighting the province's rich tradition of craftsmanship and creativity.

The event also underscored the potential of Central Luzon's homegrown products to compete in broader domestic and global markets.



Pampanga 2nd District Rep. Gloria Macapagal Arroyo leads the lighting of the Pampanga parol as the Likha ng Central Luzon 2026 trade fair opened at the SM Megatrade Hall.

Cong Pogi recognizes taekwondo champs

ANGELES CITY — MVPSF National Best of the Best Taekwondo Championship.

The recognized athletes were Ameyiel Mansueto, Ireneo Piol III, Nirvana David, James Davis, Lana Reyes, Ezra Sunga, Ariel Mansueto, Kelly Garado, Angelo Torres Jr., Ezekiel Acosta, Aldrein Solis, Troy Parayno, Allijah White, and Bianca Esmedia.

The athletes were accompanied by their coach, Jojit Padilla, during the recognition.





CBCP: Uphold the dignity, safety, welfare, and rights of every Filipino seafarer

THE Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines (CBCP) calls upon maritime industry stakeholders to uphold the dignity, safety, welfare, and rights of every Filipino seafarer.

"The Filipino seafarers' worth is not measured only by economic contribution but by the sacredness of their sacrifices and services," said Antipolo Bishop Ruperto Santos during the homily of the Ecumenical Rites at Sea last September 20, 2026 at the Philippine Coast Guard Headquarters. Bishop Santos is also the CBCP Bishop Promoter of Stella Maris-Philippines.

The mass is the kickoff of the week-long celebration of the 31st National Seafarers' Day (NSD) and the 27th National Maritime Week (NMW) with the theme "Marinong Filipino: Matatag sa alon, Matibay sa hamon!".

"We recognize not only the work of the seafarer but the person behind every voyage. Every seafarer is someone deeply loved: a son or daughter, a husband or wife, a father or mother, a brother or sister, and a beloved child of God" Bishop Santos said.

NSD is celebrated by virtue of Proclamation No. 828 by President Fidel V. Ramos on July 9, 1996 declaring August 18 as NSD. It was later moved to the last Sunday of September every year by Proclamation 1094.

NSD is led by Stella Maris Philippines that is tasked to coordinate with the public and private sectors in the conduct of NSD-related activities including masses, novenas, processions and prayers for the safe voyage of seafarers, wreath and flower-throwing activities as well as oratorical, art and karaoke contests.

NSD coincides with NMW celebrated every last week of September by virtue of Proclamation No. 1560 s 2008. It is spearheaded alternatively by the government agencies Maritime Industry Authority (Marina), Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), and Philippine Ports Authority (PPA).

The 31st NSD is set on September 27, 2026 while the 27th NMW is from September 19 to 27, 2026.

"Behind every uniform is a story. Behind every voyage is a family. Behind every departure is a prayer. May every seafarer know that they have a home in our communities and a place in our hearts" Bishop Santos said.

Throwing flowers and wreaths into the open sea is a central tradition during the annual NSD to honor deceased, slain, or missing seafarers and fishers.

The flowers are the expression of the fragrance and beauty of love given and received. Wreath thrown into the sea carry to all the deceased seafarers the message of love and gratitude. There is no distance of time or oceans but a mutual waiting for eternal reunion in peace.

A job of a seafarer is not exactly a walk

in the park.

In some instances, a seafarer unfortunately dies due to illness or injury. The shipping industry and seafaring profession are not without incident or peril. There are maritime disasters that result in the loss of life of and injury to Filipino seafarers.

Two Filipino seafarers recently died following a security incident in the Strait of Hormuz involving the crude oil vessel SIDER last on August 31, 2026.

The vessel, which had 16 Filipino seafarers aboard, was hit by still unknown projectiles as it was about to cross the Strait of Hormuz.

Since the current conflict in the Middle East began on 28 February, International Maritime Organization (IMO) has verified 80 attacks on international shipping in and around the Strait of Hormuz, resulting in the deaths of now 23 seafarers and injuries to many others.

The flower throwing activities were held on board the Balangay that serves as one of the historic and cultural centerpieces symbolizing the deep seafaring heritage of Filipinos.

The Balangay is a plank boat adjoined by a carved-out plank edged through pins and dowels known as the oldest watercraft found in the Philippines.

The voyage of the Balangay epitomizes the strong-willed Filipino mariners and evidence of early Filipino craftsmanship and their seamanship skills during pre-colonial times.

The balangay was navigated through the old method used by the ancient mariners – steering by the sun, the stars, the wind, cloud formations, wave patterns and bird migrations.

"Wherever the winds may take you, carry with you the faith of the Filipino people, the hope of your families, and the blessing of the Church. May every voyage be guided by God's hand, every challenge met with courage, and every journey lead you safely home, Bishop Santos said.

Stella Maris Philippines provides pastoral care and services to seafarers, fishers, maritime students, port personnel and their families, addressing challenges such as isolation, unsafe working conditions and family separation.

There are presently 17 Stella Maris centers nationwide: five in Luzon (Batangas, La Union, Manila Palawan, Pangasinan), six in Visayas (Bohol, Capiz, Cebu, Dumaguete, Iloilo, Leyte) and six in Mindanao (Basilan, Cagayan de Oro, Davao, General Santos City, Iligan, Zamboanga).

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From Bataan to Batanes: Are Filipinos Ready if a Third World War Reaches Our Shores?

THE world is already fighting several wars at once. Russia's grinding campaign in Ukraine continues. The Middle East has widened into a costly confrontation involving Iran, Israel, and the United States, largely blocking commercial traffic through the Strait of Hormuz and triggering a Philippine energy emergency earlier this year. In our own backyard, Chinese gray-zone pressure in the West Philippine Sea has intensified, while the People's Liberation Army keeps circling Taiwan. President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. has said what geography makes obvious: the Philippines does not get to opt out. "Whether we like it or not, we will be pulled into that conflict, kicking and screaming," PBBM said.

I heard a version of that warning long before Marcos said it. I grew up in the Cold War shadow of Clark Air Base, when the roar of American jets was part of the afternoon soundtrack in Angeles City and Mabalacat, Pampanga and the perimeter fence felt like the edge of another country.

On clear days you could see the flight line. On tense days you could feel the adults tighten while we children were amazed by the sounds of American jets and choppers flying by. We were told the bases kept us safe. We were also told they made us a target. Both things could be true at once.

Concern about a wider world war is growing, and to totally ignore that possibility can be foolish and fatal. The question for Central Luzon readers—living near Basa Air Base, Clark, Fort Magsaysay, and the old Subic approaches—is no longer abstract. If a great-power war arrives, how would we be drawn in, and what would it look like on Philippine soil?

How the Philippines gets pulled in

Three scenarios and paths stand out. The first is the 1951 Mutual Defense Treaty with the United States. An armed attack on Philippine or American forces in the Pacific area can trigger the alliance. A lethal clash at Second Thomas Shoal or Scarborough—where confrontations in 2026 included water-cannon attacks and injuries to Filipino personnel—could provide that spark. An armed attack on Philippine or American forces, public vessels, or aircraft in the Pacific could invoke the treaty, although each government would still respond through its constitutional processes.

The second, and more likely, path is a Taiwan contingency. Batanes lies roughly 100 miles from Taiwan; Itbayat is even closer. Some 200,000 Filipinos work on the island. Northern Luzon sits astride the Luzon Strait and Bashi Channel waterways that would be strategically important to Chinese and American operations around Taiwan. Under the Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement, U.S. forces now have rotational access to nine Philippine bases, including several in northern Luzon facing Taiwan and Basa Air Base in Pampanga. Defense analysts regard these sites as potentially useful for missile deployments, aircraft dispersal, logistics, humanitarian operations, and evacuating Filipinos from Taiwan. Marcos has insisted the sites will not be used for offensive strikes from Philippine territory, but geography and alliance politics may not respect that line once missiles start flying.

The third path is economic and logistical strangulation even without a formal declaration of war. A blockade or shooting war around Taiwan or in the South China Sea could close or severely disrupt sea lanes the Philippines depends on for oil, food, fertilizer, and trade. We have already tasted a milder version of this in 2026, when the Iran war disrupted Middle East oil and sent diesel prices soaring. A Pacific war would be worse.

Are we ready?

Militarily, the Armed Forces of the Philippines is modernizing faster than in decades, but it is still playing catch-up. The Comprehensive Archipelagic Defense Concept emphasizes coastal missiles, maritime domain awareness, and denying an adversary easy use of our waters rather than matching China's navy ship-for-ship. Allies have helped: U.S. Typhon and NMESIS systems have been rotationally deployed for exercises, while Japan test-fired Type 88 anti-ship missiles from northern Luzon during Balikatan 2026. New frigates and aircraft are arriving, but funding remains short. Defense officials have said they need far more than the budget currently provides just to keep Horizon 2 and 3 projects from becoming obsolete. Personnel, ammunition stocks, air and missile defense, and the infrastructure to sustain modern equipment all lag.

There is another hard fact we can no longer treat as someone else's problem. The United States is stretched. The Iran war has pulled its last deployed carrier out for a period in the western Pacific. Asian allies are asking how much Washington can do in two theaters at once. For stretches of 2026 the Pacific has gone without a U.S. aircraft carrier. That does not mean America has abandoned the alliance. It does mean the old habit of assuming the Seventh Fleet will always be just over the horizon is a luxury we can no longer afford.

If the United States is consumed in the Gulf, the Philippines will have to do more of the work of its own defense: more coastal strike, more surveillance of our own waters, deeper ties with Japan, Australia, and other partners, and a serious effort at energy and food resilience so a distant war does not empty our pumps and markets. Dependence on a single patron was always a gamble.

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begin full operations. Once operational, the units are expected to bring needed medicines, including maintenance drugs that may be covered under PhilHealth YAKAP and GAMOT programs, closer to patients. To access medicines, residents must first register with PhilHealth YAKAP through the eGovPH App or PhilHealth Member Portal, undergo consultation at a YAKAP Clinic, and secure a prescription from a YAKAP provider or authorized healthcare provider. Residents are advised to wait for the official schedule of the Mobile Pharmacy in their district and bring a valid prescription, as medicines will only be dispensed based on prescriptions and applicable program rules.

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(SLPAs) composed of PWD beneficiaries who will help manage and operate the electric transport services. Pineda said the initiative demonstrates the value of partnerships that go beyond providing a service by creating sustainable livelihood opportunities that promote dignity, independence and inclusion. She also thanked the DSWD and the participating foundations and organizations for joining efforts to make the project possible. For the provincial government, the Love Bus is more than an electric transport initiative—it is a step toward ensuring that PWDs have greater access to opportunities to earn, contribute and build more secure lives for themselves and their families. “Dakal pung salamat, MVP Group!”

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ng OWWA, ng ating Pangulo, ng ating bansa. Ganito namin tratuhin ang mga OFWs. May respeto at dignidad. Sana naman ho, pag nagtatrabaho na sila dyan, bigyan niyo rin po sila ng respeto dahil sila po ay tunay na mga bagong bayani natin,” she emphasized. For his part, Department of Migrant Workers (DMW) Undersecretary Bernard Olalia said the lounge is important because departure and arrival are among the most significant experiences in an OFW's migration journey. “There are two important experiences in the life of every OFW that he or she will never forget. One is the experience when he or she leaves the country and the other when she comes back to the country,” he said. Olalia said government support should remain available throughout the migration cycle, from departure and return to access to programs that help OFWs and their families. “In every migration cycle, the Department and OWWA will always be there. Kasama po ninyo kami sa inyong pag-alis, kasama ninyo kami sa inyong pagbabalik,” he said. The facility also allows OFWs to apply for OWWA E-Cards, which now serve as a primary government identification for OFWs, as well as access other OWWA programs and services without having to leave the airport. The OFW Lounge at Clark is the fourth nationwide established by OWWA, expanding the agency's network of dedicated facilities for migrant workers. It was established through the partnership of OWWA, DMW and LIPAD Corporation, the operator of Clark International Airport, which provided support for the facility and additional seating outside the lounge.

ONE CLARK BOULEVARD... FROM PAGE 2

One Clark Boulevard is the famous Sacobia Bridge, which is instantly recognizable because of its design made of Parol, a symbol of the creativity and resilience of the Kapampangan people. BCDA Vice President for Strategic Projects Management Department Randy Viacrusis explained with an 88.17% completion rate, the six-lane road itself, or three lanes in both directions, is now complete, making the 19.8-kilometer route from NCC to CRK accessible. The remaining 13% is all work on sidewalks and other facilities along the side of the said road. He said that later there will be a public transportation

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A patron fighting another war makes the gamble obvious. Public sentiment is firmer than the hardware. An AFP-commissioned OCTA Research survey in 2026 found that 76 percent of adult Filipinos expressed willingness to support the government in defending Philippine territory and sovereign rights, including in the West Philippine Sea. That is patriotism, yes, but the Philippines badly needs civil-defense drills, stockpiled fuel and food, hardened infrastructure, or a population trained for blackouts, displacement, and incoming missiles. Taiwan and Israel have invested far more heavily in shelters, warning systems, civil-defense exercises, and continuity planning. The Philippines has not prepared on a comparable scale. We have not. The energy emergency of 2026 showed how quickly imported oil, fertilizer, and food prices can punish ordinary households. A wider war would multiply that shock. I learned the argument early, not from policy papers but from the books on our shelves at home. As a child I read Carlos Quirino's Filipinos at War, with its long line of resistance from Mactan onward, and Roland G. Simbulan's The Bases of Our Insecurity, which treated the American facilities not as a shield but as a magnet. One book told me Filipinos had always fought. The other told me the bases that were supposed to protect us could also invite the next fight onto our soil. Growing up beside Clark made both books feel less like history and more like a weather forecast. Simbulan's warning reads differently now that the same America that once filled our sky is burning munitions and carrier days on another continent. The lesson of 1941–1945 We have been here before. Hours after Pearl Harbor, Japanese aircraft struck Philippine airfields. Within weeks, Japanese troops landed on Luzon. Manila was declared an open city and still suffered. The defenders withdrew to Bataan. After three months of starvation and disease, 76,000 American and Filipino troops surrendered. The Bataan Death March followed. Corregidor fell in May 1942. Three years of occupation brought a puppet republic, guerrilla war, famine, and brutality. When the Americans returned in 1944–45, the Battle of Manila killed more than 100,000 civilians and left the capital in ruins comparable to Warsaw. The Philippines was not a sideshow; it was a strategic prize because of its location and its American bases. Those pages in Quirino's book were not distant to a child who lived near Clark. The airfield that served American forces in World War II and later became a major logistics and transit hub during the Vietnam War were the same runways whose jet noise filled our house in Mabalacat. Simbulan's warning sat beside them: the facilities that made us useful to a great power also made us visible to its rival. The parallel is uncomfortable. Then as now, our islands sit on the route between a rising Asian power and the open Pacific. Then as now, foreign forces on Philippine soil make us both an asset and a target. The difference is that today's weapons can reach us from far away, our economy is more tightly bound to global sea lanes we do not control, and the ally we have long counted on is already fighting elsewhere.

Deterrence, not fatalism Filipinos are not ready for a Third World War in the sense of stocked bunkers, layered air defenses, and a self-sufficient wartime economy. We are better prepared than we were a decade ago because alliances have been rebuilt and the public has awakened to the West Philippine Sea.

That is not enough. Readiness now means accelerating credible deterrence so the war never starts: more coastal missiles, better awareness of our own waters, resilient energy and food supplies, and honest civil-defense planning. It means treating northern Luzon and Palawan as the front line they have become. It means building a defense posture that can still function if American ships and magazines are tied down in the Middle East. Partnership with the United States remains essential. Total dependence on it is not. In 1941 we became a battlefield because Luzon sat between Japan and the southern resource fields, and because American airfields were already here. In 2026 we sit between China and the Pacific, astride the Luzon Strait and the West Philippine Sea, with allied missiles and runways on the same ground. The Philippines' strategic location in World War II has not changed and may be even more consequential today. Filipinos cannot conveniently choose to change or ignore this fact. What we can still choose is whether we are prepared or unprepared—or whether we finally treat our own defense as our own job and responsibility. I learned that lesson between the jet noise of Clark and two books on our living-room shelf. The warning has not grown quieter. It has only grown closer.

Outlying islands and the West Philippine Sea features could see limited seizures or blockades. Refugee flows from Taiwan would hit the north. Trade through the Luzon Strait and South China Sea would collapse. Fuel queues, food inflation, and factory shutdowns would hit Metro Manila and Central Luzon hard. Cyberattacks on banks, ports, and utilities would compound the physical damage. This would not be the Battle of Manila of 1945—unless the war expanded into a grinding land campaign. It would look more like a combination of missile war, economic siege, and localized fighting, with civilians paying the price in blackouts, shortages, and fear.

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CHINA BANK SAVINGS INC.,
Mortgagee,

- versus -

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FC NO. 2026-0064
For: Application for
Extrajudicial
Foreclosure of Real Estate
Mortgage Under Act No.
3135, as Amended

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial Application for Sale under Act 3135, as amended, filed by the Mortgagee, CHINA BANK SAVINGS INC., with principal business office address at CBS Building. No. 314 Sen. Gil J. Puyat Avenue, Makati City, against the mortgagor/borrower, ARRON M. DIZON, with postal address/es at Block 27 Lot 16 Phirst Park Homes, Magalang PH 1A Batch 4, Barangay Sto. Rosario, Magalang, Pampanga; and Block 5 Lot 36 Mankor Homes Ph 3 Barangay Graceville, San Jose Del Monte, Bulacan, in order to satisfy the outstanding obligation therein which as of June 15, 2026 in the total amount of ONE MILLION FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY-SIX PESOS AND SIXTY-SIX CENTAVOS (Php1,465,286.66) 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 October 8, 2026 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at the Municipal Trial Court of Magalang, Pampanga, Ground Floor, Magalang Legislative Building and Hall of Justice, Municipal Hall, San Nicolas 1, Magalang, Pampanga, 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:

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2-3	SW	LOT 18, BLOCK 27 PCS-03-023814
3-4	NW	ROAD LOT 32, PCS-03-023814
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	1-2	S. 72 ° 34' W	4.00 M.
	2-3	N. 17 ° 26' W	11.00 M.
	3-4	N. 72 ° 34' E	4.00 M.
	4-1	S. 17 ° 26' E	11.00 M.

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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 **November 10, 2026**, at the same time and place without further notice.

Angeles City, July 8, 2026.

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NOTICE OF REVOCATION OF SPECIAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

Notice is hereby given that MARK CLARENCE THEODORE K. AYUYAO have executed a Special Power of Attorney naming and appointing ANA LUISA AYUYAO-PRECIADO, Attorney-in-Fact, for and in his behalf and his brother, involving a property inherited from their late father, ADOLFO M. AYUYAO, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 045-2019005408, located in San Vicente, Magalang, Pampanga, containing an area of 189,150 sq. m. more or less. Said Special Power of Attorney is REVOKED, COUNTERMANDED, ANNULLED AND MADE VOID, any and all powers and authorities granted and conferred upon Attorney-in-Fact Ana Luisa Ayuyao-Preciado, and was acknowledged before Notary Public Atty. Jeny Anne D. Madamba, as per Doc. No. 152; Page No. 31; Book No. 38; Series of 2024.

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Agana Bailey Bridge now open to pedestrians, light vehicles

TARLAC — Relief came to residents and commuters in western barangays of Tarlac City as the temporary Agana Bailey Bridge reopened to pedestrians and light vehicles on September 23.

Tarlac City Mayor Susan Yap led the opening of the temporary bridge, restoring limited access across the Agana River after the original bridge partially collapsed on August 29 due to heavy rains brought by

the Southwest Monsoon.

Yap said the reopening would provide much-needed relief to residents and workers in the city's western barangays, as well as travelers from other parts of Tarlac and neighboring towns in Pangasinan.

She thanked President Ferdinand Bongbong Marcos Jr. and Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) Secretary Vince Dizon

for acting quickly to contract the temporary bridge following the collapse.

"Thank you to President BongBong Marcos, Secretary Vince for their action. Our people and light vehicles can now pass through this bridge," Yap said.

Meanwhile, the city government is set to construct a temporary pedestrian bridge along the Aquino Bridge to provide an additional crossing for pedestrians.

SM powers a greener future

Long before energy efficiency became a national mandate, SM Supermalls had already been incorporating energy-saving measures into its nationwide network, making sustainability part of the way its malls are designed and operated.

Through the SM Green Movement, energy efficiency has become an integral part of mall operations—from design and lighting to renewable energy and sustainable mobility.

"Under the SM Green Movement, responsible energy use is woven into the fabric of SM's operations DNA," said Engr. Junias M. Eusebio, SM Supermalls Vice President for Operations. "On top of the energy we utilize, efficiency is also implemented for the power we save to benefit the communities surrounding our business."

Energy-efficient designs, fixtures and practices

are being integrated into new developments and redeveloped properties, while natural light is maximized through strategically designed skylights, reducing reliance on artificial lighting in areas that receive ample sunlight.

SM's push for renewable energy also predates the country's Energy Efficiency and Conservation Act of 2019.

Its measured adoption of solar power began in the early 2010s, with SM North EDSA becoming the first SM mall equipped with solar panels. Solar installations have since become a standard in new mall developments, while rooftop solar networks have been expanded across existing malls nationwide.

SM has recently reached 123 MWp in peak solar generation capacity, equivalent to the annual electricity needs of more than 11,400 households.

By the end of 2026, the company aims to reach 140 MWp, enough to power nearly 13,000 households.

Electric vehicle (EV) charging stations now available across its entire mall network.

The program began before EVs became mainstream in the Philippines and has since expanded nationwide. Today, 100 percent of SM malls have EV charging stations, which customers can use free of charge for up to three hours.

The network currently includes 167 charging stations across 90 malls, helping make EV use more convenient while supporting efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

"With these efforts, SM expands its spaces beyond retail while reaffirming its commitment to social equity to benefit customers and positively impact its surrounding communities," Eusebio said.



Tarlac named Top 5 finalist in PCCI business-friendly award

TARLAC — The Provincial Government of Tarlac has been named one of the Top 5 finalists in the provincial category of the 2026 Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI) Most Business-Friendly Local Government Unit (LGU) Awards.

Tarlac made the cut from 82 provinces nationwide, joining Camarines Sur, Cavite, Davao del Norte and Iloilo in the final round of the competition.

During the final judging held at the PCCI office in Taguig City, Gov. Christian Yap described the recognition as an honor for the province and its stakeholders.

"Malaking karangalan po para sa ating lalawigan ang mapasama sa Top 5 Most Business-Friendly LGUs sa Provincial Level ng 2026 Most Business-

Friendly LGU Awards ng PCCI," Yap said.

He added that the recognition reflects the collective efforts of provincial government employees, business stakeholders and the wider Tarlac community in promoting faster, more efficient and responsive public service.

The PCCI awards assess local governments based on key areas, including fast-tracking sustainable local economic development, ease of doing business initiatives, investment promotion, sectoral competitiveness, digital transformation and good governance.

Joining Yap in receiving the Top 5 citation were Provincial Executive Assistants Atty. Malou Navarro and Graciaella Marie Leandicho, Provincial

Cooperative Enterprise and Development Officer Marvi dela Cruz, Local Economic Development and Investment Promotions Officer Frances Margaret Canlas, Public Employment Service Officer Maria Lira Reyes, and PCCI-Tarlac President Aileen Chan.

"Bagama't marami pa tayong dapat pagbutihin, patuloy ang ating pagsisikap na gawing mas bukas at kaaya-aya ang ating lalawigan sa negosyo, at makapagbigay ng mas maraming oportunidad para sa bawat Tarlaqueño," Yap said.

He thanked the community for its continued trust and support, adding, "Mabuhay ang Tarlac."

The province is now competing for the top honor in the 2026 PCCI Most Business-Friendly LGU Awards.



Gov Christian Yap receives the Top 5 citation at the PCCI office in Taguig City. He was joined by PCCI-Tarlac President Aileen Chan and other provincial officials.

PBBM rice aid reaches beneficiaries in NE



A total of 2,319 beneficiaries in Licab, Nueva Ecija each receive a 10-kilogram rice pack through the first cycle of the Assistance to Indigent Individuals or Families-Rice Distribution Program, bringing food assistance closer to vulnerable families in the community. (DILG Nueva Ecija)

CABANATUAN CITY — A total of 2,319 beneficiaries in Licab, Nueva Ecija each received a 10-kilogram rice pack through the first cycle of the Assistance to Indigent Individuals or Families-Rice Distribution Program (AIIF-RDP), bringing food assistance closer to vulnerable families in the community.

Funded under the FY 2026 Local Government Support Fund-Financial Assistance to Local Government Units of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr., the initiative supports local government units (LGUs) in implementing programs that respond to the needs of their constituents, particularly vulnerable individuals and families.

In a statement, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) said the successful implementation of the AIIF-RDP underscores the continuing commitment of the national government to bring essential programs and services closer to communities, particularly during

times of economic hardship.

DILG added that through collaborative efforts of the national and local governments, assistance is extended to those who need it most, helping alleviate the daily challenges faced by indigent families.

The rice was supplied by the Barangay Aquino Development Cooperative, a local cooperative in Licab, supporting the delivery of assistance within the community.

The initiative is consistent with PBBM's directive to ensure that government assistance reaches vulnerable sectors and that public programs are brought closer to communities.

This distribution also reflects the administration's continuing efforts to strengthen food security and social protection through coordinated action among national government agencies and LGUs.

Kapampangan Traveller Honored at CALABARZON Tourism Excellence Awards 2026

Travel content creator and Pampanga Press Club member Jan Darren R. Guiwan of KapampanganTraveller was recognized for his contributions to regional tourism promotion at the CALABARZON Tourism Excellence Awards 2026.

Guiwan received the recognition "in grateful acknowledgement and sincere appreciation of your invaluable contribution in promoting the tourism destinations, culture, heritage, and experiences of CALABARZON through your creativity, influence, and authentic storytelling," according to the plaque.

The citation also noted his "steadfast support and dedication to inspiring travelers" which has helped advance the programs and advocacy of the DOT Region IV-A and showcase the region as a premier tourism destination.



Get ready for PamCham's Food Summit 2026

The Pampanga Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Inc. (PamCham), through its Food Security Committee, is bringing together stakeholders for a full day of meaningful conversations, fresh ideas, valuable connections, and collaborative action toward a stronger and more sustainable food future.

With the theme of making food security everyone's business, the summit set on October 15, 2026 at the Laus Group Complex, from 8 AM to 5 PM, will provide a platform for stakeholders to exchange insights, explore opportunities, build partnerships, and turn shared ideas into meaningful action.



Pidayit a box-office hit in China ASEAN Expo

Handmade Filipino fashion made a colorful impression in China, with Angeles City-based brand Pidayit by Philip Torres drawing strong interest at the China-ASEAN Expo (CAEXPO) 2026.

Representing Angeles City and Pampanga at the international exhibition held September 17–21 at the Nanning International Convention & Exhibition Center, Pidayit brought a distinctly Kapampangan creative voice to one of the region's major platforms for trade, business and cultural exchange.

For founder, designer and creative director Philip Torres, the experience has offered an unexpected discovery: Filipino handmade products can connect deeply with a contemporary Chinese audience.

"It is certainly a wonderful experience to discover a new market that finds Pidayit quite fascinating," Torres said, noting that the brand's handcrafted pieces appeared to evoke nostalgia among visitors accustomed to China's highly modernized and industrial environment.

Among the notable visitors was Philippine Ambassador to China, Mongolia and South Korea Jaime Adriano Florcruz, whose visit added a diplomatic and cultural dimension to the Philippine participation.



A taste of Pampanga at Park Inn's HUES

SISIG

Meaning 'the place of something sour', sisig is a popular Kapampangan dish made from pork head, liver, and intestines, often served with a tangy dressing.

ENSALADANG PAKO

From the riverbanks of Pampanga, pako finds its way to the table as a refreshing salad with tomatoes, onions, and tangy dressing.

CULIAT KARE-KARE

Rooted in Kapampangan kari and Indian influences, kare-kare is rich in history and known for its signature peanut sauce.

BIRINGI

Pampanga's take on paella, biringi gets its vibrant hue from turmeric and rich flavor from coconut milk. A Kapampangan staple for celebrations.