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PH's 1st underground railway station connected to an airport

NSCR Clark station links directly to CRK

CLARK FREEPORT ZONE — The Clark International Airport (CRK) Station of the North-South Commuter Railway (NSCR) Extension Project is being developed as the country's first modern underground railway station directly connected to an airport, with operations targeted by 2028.

During a joint briefing and inspection of the station and other key NSCR facilities, Executive Secretary Ralph Recto underscored the NSCR's role in strengthening connectivity and supporting economic activity along the Luzon Economic Corridor.

"Lahat ng ito ay 147 kilometers. It's a major infrastructure, major logistics infra for the Luzon Economic Corridor. Napakahalaga niyan," he said.

Recto also noted the potential of improved transport connectivity to support manufacturing and semiconductor activities in Clark and other parts of the corridor.

The 147-kilometer NSCR is designed to connect 22 local government units across Central Luzon, the National Capital Region, and Calabarzon through 35 stations.

As of August 2026, Contract Package N-04 of the NSCR Extension Project, which covers about 6.5 kilometers of railway infrastructure, including the underground station at CRK, has reached 87.34 percent overall progress, while the CRK Station itself is 73.29 percent complete.

Meanwhile, Department of Transportation (DOTr) Undersecretary for Railways Timothy John Batan disclosed that the

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Executive Secretary Ralph Recto, along with officials of the Department of Transportation, leads the inspection of the Clark Station of the North-South Commuter Railway Extension Project at Clark International Airport Station, to assess the progress of its construction and determine the project's remaining needs. (Department of Transportation)

Pampanga vital to LEC – Recto



CITY OF SAN FERNANDO — Executive Secretary Ralph Recto highlighted Pampanga's strategic role—particularly Clark—in the Luzon Economic Corridor, which is expected to support logistics, manufacturing, tourism, business, and job creation in the region.

He cited major infrastructure projects such as the North-South Commuter Railway (NSCR) project and Clark International Airport (CRK) as key components of the corridor.

Partial operations of the NSCR from Valenzuela to Malolos are targeted to begin in 2027, while construction toward Clark continues. Once the Clark-Calamba line becomes fully operational, travel time is expected to be reduced to around two hours from the current nearly four-hour journey.

Recto also said the government's development efforts should benefit communities beyond Clark, emphasizing the administration's continuing rice assistance program.

Meanwhile, some 2,590 Nanay Community Worker (NCW) volunteers in Pampanga received 25 kilos of rice each as Recto visited the province.

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DPWH eyes nature-based approach to manage flooding

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO — The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) is exploring nature-based and basin-wide approaches to manage flooding in communities surrounding the Pampanga River Basin and Manila Bay.

DPWH Secretary Vince Dizon said flood management must focus on controlling the movement of water rather than relying solely on conventional concrete infrastructure.

"The key is to manage the water, where the water will go," Dizon said.

The DPWH has engaged Dutch engineering consultancy Haskoning to discuss possible interventions suited to the geography and environmental conditions of flood-prone areas.

One proposal involves an inland earth dike near Manila Bay that would be separate from the larger coastal defense project being developed with the Asian Development Bank.

Dizon said the proposed earth dike could incorporate bamboo cribs and mangrove planting

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Department of Public Works and Highways Secretary Vince Dizon says the agency is exploring nature-based and basin-wide approaches to manage flooding in communities surrounding the Pampanga River Basin and Manila Bay. (DPWH)



Batangas Gov. Vilma Santos and Pampanga Gov. Lilia Pineda signed a Sisterhood Agreement to promote knowledge-sharing, benchmarking, and exchange of effective government programs and practices.

Capitol, Batangas forge sisterhood partnership

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO — The provinces of Pampanga and Batangas have strengthened their partnership through a Sisterhood Agreement aimed at promoting knowledge-sharing, benchmarking, and the exchange of effective government programs and practices.

Batangas Governor Vilma Santos-Recto, together with a delegation from the Provincial Government of Batangas, visited Pampanga to study programs and systems that could be adopted and adapted for their constituents, particularly in healthcare.

Among the Pampanga initiatives presented were:

- Zero Balance Billing with PhilHealth to help reduce or eliminate medical expenses for qualified patients in public hospitals;

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Angeles City honors seniors in Elderly Week celebration

ANGELES CITY — Senior Angeleños took center stage as the Angeles City Elderly Week Celebration 2026 opened, honoring their life experiences, wisdom, strength, and continuing contributions to their families and community.

Mayor Carmelo "Jon" Lazatin II joined the opening program led by the Office of Senior Citizen Affairs (OSCA), together with senior citizens from across the city.

A highlight of the celebration was the recognition of 12 Angeleño centenarians, honoring their remarkable longevity and the stories and experiences they have shared with their families and communities.

In his message, Mayor Jon expressed appreciation for the senior citizens' continuing contributions to the development of Angeles City. He emphasized that older residents are not only part of the city's history but also continue to play an important role in guiding families and younger generations.

The mayor also reaffirmed the city government'

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ANGELES CITY



Mayor Jon Lazatin expressed appreciation for the senior citizens' continuing contributions to the development of Angeles City, emphasizing that they are

PRO3 gets motorcycles for Unified 911 response

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO — The Police Regional Office 3 (PRO 3) is set to strengthen its response capability following the turnover of 48 Unified 911 emergency response motorcycles to help police personnel reach calls for assistance more quickly across Central Luzon.

Interior and Local Government Secretary Juanito Victor "Jonvic" Remulla, Philippine National Police (PNP) chief PGen. Jose Melencio Nartatez Jr., and Police Regional Director PBGen. Jess Mendez led the blessing and turnover of the motorcycles at Camp Captain Julian Olivas in the City of San Fernando, Pampanga, on September 30.

The units will be deployed to police provincial offices and stations throughout the region, augmenting existing response vehicles and personnel in handling urgent calls received through the 911 emergency hotline.

Each unit is equipped with helmets, warning lights, sirens, and a microphone-enabled public-address system to help police personnel communicate warnings and instructions while responding to incidents.

With greater mobility, the motorcycles are expected

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Interior and Local Government Secretary Juanito Victor "Jonvic" Remulla underscores that the new motorcycles symbolize the government's commitment to protecting communities and strengthening public safety services during the blessing and turnover of 48 Unified 911 emergency response motorcycles to the Police Regional Office 3 at Camp Captain Julian Olivas in the City of San Fernando, Pampanga. (Police Regional Office 3)

Mabalacat educators get P3K for Teachers' Day

MABALACAT CITY — The Mabalacat City Government provided a P3,000 cash subsidy to teachers in the city as part of its Teachers' Day celebration, recognizing their contribution to educating and shaping the city's youth.

Mabalacat City Mayor Geld Aquino joined the celebration with Vice Mayor Jun Castro, Councilors Marjorie Sambo, Patricia Acorda and Benny Jocson, and Mabalacat City Schools Division Superintendent Dr. Ma. Carmen Cuenco.

Aquino highlighted the vital role of teachers in shaping the future of Mabalaqueñian students and assured educators of his administration's continuing support for programs addressing their needs and welfare.

During the celebration, Aquino also announced plans for the Mabalacat City Science High School, as well as the Dolores Elementary School and a new Bundagul Elementary School, as part of efforts to expand educational facilities and opportunities in the city.



Mabalacat City Mayor Geld Aquino, Vice Mayor Jun Castro, Councilors Marjorie Sambo, Patricia Acorda and Benny Jocson, and Mabalacat City Schools Division Superintendent Dr. Ma. Carmen Cuenco joined the celebration of Teachers' Day.

Prime Waste Solutions joins annual Int'l Coastal Cleanup

PORAC — Prime Waste Solutions (PWS) joined the annual International Coastal Cleanup recently, helping clear 3,264 kilograms of waste from coastal areas within its host communities, removing marine debris and raising awareness on plastic pollution.

This, as PWS continues to support environmental stewardship across its host communities through initiatives that promote conservation, responsible waste management, and sustainability.

PWS employees from Porac volunteered to participate in the cleanup in Bataan. The company also supported cleanup efforts in Barangay Bacayan, Cebu through waste hauling and transport.





HONORING LEGACY. Unilab Foundation posthumously honored Gov. Dakila Carlo "Dax" Cua, president of the Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines (ULAP), and Rep. Ciriaco "Jun" Gato Jr. for their leadership and contributions to strengthening local health systems. The plaques were presented by Jose Maria A. Ochave (left) Executive Director and Ruben "John" A. Basa (right), Sustainable Health Care Director during the 1st Unilab Foundation Executive Symposium at the Bayanihan Center in Pasig City. 2nd from left- Batanes Gov. Ronald Aguto Jr. accepted Gato's plaque. 3rd from left, Atty. Ren Untalan received Cua's plaque on behalf of ULAP.



KUWENTONG PEYUPS

BY: ATTY. DENNIS GORECHO

Tales of death, friendship and queer love in Puregold CinePanalo

TALES OF DEATH, friendship and queer love took centerstage in three entries of the Puregold CinePanalo Film Festival 2026 – "Multwoh", "Patay Gutom" and "Mono No Aware".

The festival features ghosts — one a charming loner in "Patay Gutom" and the other in gothic drag in "Multwoh".

"Multwoh" (Patay na Patay Sa'yo) is directed by Rodina Singh with Sassa Gurl and Joao Constancia as main cast.

When a college queer named Marcel (Sassa Gurl) dies suddenly in their dorm, he returns as a ghost — not to seek revenge, but to say the one thing he never found the courage) in life to say ("I love you) to his best friend Miguel (Constancia). A haunting, hilarious, and tender story about fear, desire, and the kind of love that refuses to die.

Marcel has to settle his unfinished business before the 40th day after death, which is a significant milestone in many cultures and religions, marking the end of a transitional spiritual period or the conclusion of intense formal mourning.

It is a story that uses humor in exploring life, death, the afterlife, and the different issues surrounding its characters.

The film blends haunting, hilarious and tender elements in a story about love that endures even beyond death. It uses the ghost as a metaphor for queer visibility.

Both were students of the University of the Philippines (UP) in Baguio City.

“Patay Gutom (Dead Hungry)” is co-directed by Carl Joseph Papa and Ian Pangilinan with Khalil Ramos and Pangilinan himself as main cast.

It follows a grumpy lonely man who begins seeing a ghost when his third eye is accidentally opened after eating food meant as an offering to the charming but lonely ghost.

Now bound together, they discover family secrets, shared heartaches and a love that blurs the line between life and afterlife.

“It’s an exploration of loneliness, grief, and how opening up yourself to people can sometimes take nudging—and how it’s only by finding community that you are able to move forward from the difficult moments in your life,” director Ian Pangilinan said in an interview.

"Mono No Aware" is directed by BC Amparado with Juan Karlos Labajo and Perry Dizon as main cast.

The film follows the perspective of a Filipino overseas worker employed as a kodokushi cleaner in Japan, navigating the stark contrast of isolated Japanese life and the shared community spaces of Manila.

A kodokushi cleaner (often called a "lonely death" cleaner) is a professional who specializes in the intense biohazard remediation and emotional labor of cleaning apartments where individuals have died alone and remained undiscovered for weeks or months, found only once neighbors notice the smell or the unopened mail.

Kodokushi is a stark social phenomenon in a country with an ageing population that affects over 30,000 people annually, primarily isolated elderly individuals or marginalized workers living on their own and fractured connection.

Ichi meets an elderly widower (Dizon) who asks him for one final favor before he dies. What begins as a promise becomes a quiet story of grief, family, and accepting life's impermanence.

"Multwo", "Mono No Aware", and "Gutom" are three of the seven official full-length finalist of the Puregold CinePanalo Film Festival 2026 along with 19 student short films running until October 4, 2026, at select Metro Manila cinemas.

The other films include "Wantawsan" directed by Joseph Abello that stars Joross Gamboa; "Apol of My Ai" directed by Thop Nazareno that stars Zion Cruz, Zanjoe Marudo and Rochelle Pangilinan; "Beast" directed by Lawrence Fajardo with John Arcilla; and "Stuck on You" directed by Mikko Baldoza with River Joseph and Xyriel Manabat as cast.

"Mono No Aware" was named Best Film along with the International Jury award. BC Amparado won Best Director, Juan Karlos Labajo won as Best Actor, and Momoko Kobayashi won as Best Supporting Actress.

The film also dominated several technical categories, winning awards for Sound Design, Editing, Ensemble, and Cinematography.

"Multwoh" won Audience, Production Design, and Always Panalo awards.

"Patay Gutom” won Best Story, Visual Effects, and Always Panalo awards.

For “Stuck on You” , Xyriel Manabat won as Best actress while “Reyna ng Quezon City” won Best Song.

The film "Apol of My Ai" won Best Actor for Zanjoe Marudo, Best Child Performer for Zion Cruz and Best Musical Scoring.

Puregold CinePanalo 2026 ran from September 23 to October 4, 2026 across eight Metro Manila venues with Gateway Cineplex 18 as the main venue.

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THE GLOBAL BEAT

BY GERALD LACUARTA

Central Luzon loses two crops in one year

CENTRAL LUZON has already lost two crops in one year. Drought thinned the stands through the middle of 2026. Then, in late August, the southwest monsoon and a series of tropical cyclones submerged some of the same paddies before the soil had dried.

Provincial figures placed agricultural damage in Pampanga at close to P1.25 billion. The Regional Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council later put the province’s losses at P1.16 billion, covering ruined fishponds in Minalin, flattened rice fields in Candaba and Arayat, and damaged irrigation facilities. Across Central Luzon, flood losses reached P2.2 billion and affected nearly 36,000 farmers and fisherfolk. Those numbers are already outdated. The dry spell that opened the year has not ended.

On September 26, the Department of Agriculture released its first El Niño bulletin and placed national agricultural losses at P6.87 billion across 249,000 hectares. Central Luzon is among the regions covered. Corn absorbed the heaviest damage nationwide. Rice losses stood at P1.53 billion. The department said about 77 percent of the affected area can still recover if farm inputs arrive in time. The remaining 23 percent is lost for this cropping cycle. PAGASA expects the El Niño to last through the first half of 2027, so the P6.87 billion tally is a starting figure, not a final one.

Official farmgate prices do not match what farmers in flooded barangays actually received. The average price of palay in Central Luzon rose 32 percent year on year in August, to P20.86 a kilo. A farmer whose crop stood under four feet of water for five days does not get that rate. He sells soaked, discolored grain to traders at a distress price so he can clear the field and pay the day’s labor. Wet palay is poor palay, and buyers pay accordingly. The DA itself has said farmers in areas hit by the habagat did not benefit from the higher prices because excess moisture pulled down grain quality.

Crop insurance is being presented as the main safety net, but the payouts do not match the damage. The Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation recently released about P21 million to 1,435 beneficiaries in the region. The payment helps those who received it. Against P2.2 billion in flood damage, it covers only a small part of the loss. To be paid, a farmer must be registered, hold an active policy before the storm, file within the claims period, and wait for inspection and release. The credit that actually finances small farms — fertilizer taken on account from the local supplier, land preparation arranged by word — does not stop for paperwork. The supplier still expects payment at harvest. If the crop is gone, the debt remains, and the next bag of fertilizer is harder to get.

The drought uses up what little cash a tenant farmer has left. The flood then wipes out the harvest he would have used to secure the next loan. Emergency credit is available: the zero-interest SURE loans, and the Agricultural Credit Policy Council’s newer AGRI-RECOVER releases in Pampanga. Adding another loan, even at zero interest, on top of an unpaid one only postpones the default.

From Nueva Ecija and Tarlac down to the basins of Pampanga and Bulacan, the region cannot keep absorbing two climate shocks in a single year and still serve as the country’s rice bowl.

The response has followed the usual list: seed distribution, mobile pumps, cloud-seeding, and low-interest relief loans. These help after the damage is done. Certified seed that arrives after the planting window has closed is only stock in a warehouse.

The work now is at the barangay and the municipal hall. Short-duration seeds have to reach farmers while the soil can still take them. Secondary canals have to be desilted now, not after the next storm. Insurance money, and assistance tied to the Registry System for Basic Sectors in Agriculture, has to reach the tenant who tills the land, not stop with the landowner whose name is on the title.

Central Luzon does not need another speech on the resilience of the Filipino farmer. In this case, resilience is the word used when drainage, insurance, and relief arrive too late. What the region needs is a cropping season that is not wiped out twice before the grain reaches the mill. If canals are not repaired and aid is not released on time, the palay will spoil in the field again.

Agriculture Secretary Francisco Tiu Laurel Jr., PCIC president Jovy Bernabe, the National Irrigation Administration, and Governor Lilia Pineda should say when the seed, the insurance checks, and the canal work will actually reach Candaba, Arayat, and Minalin.

CIO chief talks about service, trust in RCANI fellowship

ANGELES CITY — Angeles City Information Office chief Jose Aubrey Jay Pelayo IV underscored the importance of effective communication, transparency, and citizen participation in advancing good governance during his appearance as Guest of Honor and Speaker at the Rotary Club of Angeles North, Inc. (RCANI) fellowship and regular meeting at Best Western Plus Metro Clark.

Invited to share his experiences in public service, media, and government information work, Pelayo emphasized that clear communication helps build public trust and ensures that government programs, policies, and initiatives are properly understood by the community.

He also highlighted the continuing efforts of the administration of Mayor Carmelo "Jon" Lazatin II to promote accountability, discipline, responsive public service, and good governance.

Pelayo stressed that good governance is a shared responsibility, calling on the private sector, civic and professional organizations, and ordinary citizens to actively participate in community-building initiatives.

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as part of a nature-based approach to flood protection.

"Hindi laging ang solusyon sa problema eh semento, project, hindi laging ganun," he said.

He said simple measures such as earth dikes, bamboo cribs and mangrove planting could provide significant benefits when properly placed and designed.

"Minsan, simpleng earth dike lang, simpleng bamboo crib lang, pagtatanim lang ng mangrove, malaking bagay na yun," Dizon added.

The proposed inland dike could affect some fishpond areas and require right-of-way considerations that would have to be assessed with affected communities.

Dizon said these interventions could be pursued without waiting for the longer implementation period required for major coastal defense infrastructure.

"These are solutions that we can implement now, we don't have to wait five years, 10 years for that," he said.

He emphasized that the strategy should cover interconnected communities because flooding and water movement do not follow municipal boundaries.

The broader area of consideration includes communities in Pampanga and Bulacan such as Paombong, Hagonoy, Calumpit and Sasmuan.

Dizon said properly managed water could also potentially support irrigation, fishponds and communities instead of being treated only as floodwater that needs to be removed.

The DPWH said continued coordination with local governments, technical experts and affected stakeholders will be needed to develop the proposed basin-wide and nature-based interventions.

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project will also feature an airport express service, with seven airport express trains designed to travel at speeds of up to 160 kilometers per hour.

The service is targeted to connect CRK to Makati in 55 minutes without intermediate stops.

In addition, DOTr Secretary Banoy Lopez said President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. has directed the agency to expedite the completion of major transport infrastructure.

"Ang sabi po ng ating Pangulo, kailangan matapos itong proyekto. This is not simply for DOTr, this is not simply for our Cabalens or kababayans, but this is for the entire Filipino people," he stated.

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• Alagang Nanay Preventive Healthcare Program, which provides consultations, screening, laboratory services, and other preventive healthcare interventions;

• The country's first floating hospital, designed to bring medical services closer to coastal and geographically isolated communities; and

• Mobile Pharmacy, which delivers medicines and healthcare services to barangays, particularly benefiting senior citizens and residents requiring maintenance medication.

The Batangas delegation also visited the Clark Multi-Specialty Medical Clinic and Pampanga Provincial Hospital - Clark to learn more about the province's healthcare facilities, systems, and services.

Santos-Recto said Batangas intends to adopt programs that have proven effective in Pampanga.

"We congratulate you, Province of Pampanga, sa inyong best practices, kasi yung mga ginagawa ninyong maganda, lalo na with the help of Ate Baby (Gov. Nanay), ia-adopt namin," Santos-Recto said. "Para kung ano ang nakikita namin na effective na programa ninyo para sa aming constituents, para mas maging epektibo po ang serbisyo namin para sa kanila."

The benchmarking initiative also covered Pampanga's practices in infrastructure, education, agriculture, and quarry operations and revenue management.

Revenue from quarry operations forms part of the province's fiscal resources used to support various social services and programs for Kapampangans.

The Sisterhood Agreement formally establishes a framework for closer cooperation between Pampanga and Batangas, including the exchange of knowledge, programs, innovations, and best practices aimed at improving public service delivery.

Provincial board members and department heads from both provinces also expressed support for the partnership, underscoring their shared commitment to more efficient, responsive, and people-centered governance.

The initiative reflects Pampanga's effort to open its government programs and systems to other local governments for benchmarking and knowledge-sharing, while creating opportunities for Batangas to adapt practices suited to the needs of its own communities.

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The distribution falls under the Rice Program of President Ferdinand Marcos Jr.'s 'Bawat Bayan Makikinabang' Program.

The distribution was held at the Bren Z. Guiao Convention Center, where Recto was welcomed by the NCW volunteers, Gov Nanay Pineda, Vice Governor Delta Pineda, Pampanga Second District Representative and former President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, members of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, and mayors from various towns and cities.

Recto noted that the rice distributed to beneficiaries was sourced from the harvests of local Kapampangan farmers, describing the initiative as "ani ng Kapampangan para sa Kapampangan."

The government directly purchases the farmers' produce to reduce dependence on middlemen and help improve returns from their harvests.

Following the rice distribution, Recto met with Pineda, Vice Governor Pineda, and local chief executives to discuss major provincial concerns, particularly flooding.

The visit underscored the administration's twin focus on immediate assistance through food support and longer-term investments in infrastructure, connectivity, and economic development in Pampanga.

Gov. Pineda thanked Recto and the Marcos administration for continuing to extend assistance to Kapampangans, particularly sectors facing economic difficulties.

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to help PRO 3 personnel reach emergencies more quickly, particularly in areas where larger response vehicles may have difficulty gaining access.

Mendez said the regional police office will ensure that the new assets are properly used, maintained, and deployed where they are most needed to help speed up police response.

"For our part, sisiguraduhin namin na ang mga motorcycle na ito ay magagamit kung saan nararapat at kailangan. Pangalagaan nang maayos upang makatulong na mapabilis ang pagresponde ng ating mga kapulisan. Because in an emergency, every minute matter. Ang mahalaga sa ating mga kababayan, mabilis dumating ang tulong. That is the service we want them to feel," Mendez said.

Nartatez noted that the motorcycles represent the PNP's commitment to ensuring that help reaches communities.

"These motorcycles are not just equipment; they represent our commitment to ensuring that help reaches our communities. That is the commitment of the Philippine National Police," Nartatez said.

Meanwhile, Remulla underscored that the new fleet symbolizes the government's commitment to protecting communities and strengthening the delivery of public safety services.

The turnover also supports the Department of the Interior and Local Government's Safer Cities initiative, which promotes stronger police presence, law enforcement, community-based policing, and local government participation.

The initiative is aligned with the administration of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.'s efforts to strengthen government service delivery and equip public safety institutions with resources to better respond to the needs of communities.

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commitment to programs and services that address the needs of senior citizens and provide them with more opportunities to remain active, healthy, and engaged in the community.

Through Elderly Week, Angeles City celebrates its senior citizens and the lessons, memories, and contributions they continue to pass on to future generations.

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"Government cannot do it alone. Good governance becomes more meaningful when citizens and stakeholders are willing to participate, cooperate, and take responsibility for the community we all share," Pelayo said.

The occasion also held personal significance for Pelayo, whose late father, Dr. Jose Pelayo Sr., was a former Cabinet Secretary of President Diosdado Macapagal, Social Welfare Administrator, and Vice Mayor of Angeles City.

A Rotarian and civic leader, Dr. Pelayo's legacy of public service and community involvement continues to influence his son, who has likewise pursued a career in government information, media, and civic engagement.

A former media practitioner, Pelayo previously served as City Information Officer of Mabalacat City before taking on the same post in Angeles City. He remains active in various professional and civic organizations.

The RCANI regularly brings together professionals, business leaders, civic groups, and community stakeholders in support of service and community development.

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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CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, PAMPANGA

BDO UNIBANK INC., REPRESENTED BY LEINE A. DE CASTRO
Petitioner-Mortgagee

-Versus-

XYRA MEI CORRO CRISOSTOMO,
Respondent-Mortgagor.
x----------x

Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of Real Estate Mortgage No. 111-26

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135/1508 filed by BDO UNIBANK INC., REPRESENTED BY LEINE A. DE CASTRO , Mortgagee, with postal address at 33rd Floor, BDO Corporate Center Ortigas, No. 12, ADB Avenue, Wack Wack Mandaluyong City against XYRA MEI CORRO CRISOSTOMO, Mortgagor, with residence and postal address at (1.) 178A Ilaw Street Barangay 135, Tondo, North Manila (2.) Unit 2228, 22nd Floor, Building 2, Bali The Resort Residences at Azure North, North Luzon Expressway (NLEX) corner Jose Abad Santos Avenue, Barangay San Jose City of San Fernando, Pampanga to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of October 1, 2026 amounts to ELEVEN MILLION THREE HUNDRED THIRTY SEVEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED NINETY ONE PESOS & 04/100 (Php 11,337,891.04) excluding penalties, attorney's fees and expenses of foreclosure, the undersigned duly authorized sheriff will sell at public auction on November 11, 2026 at 10:00 AM 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:

Condominium Certificate of Title No. 042-2025000769

AZURE NORTH
BUILDING TWO-BALI

LOCATION: TWENTY-SECOND FLOOR
UNIT NO. ROOM 2228
FLOOR AREA: 63.17 SQUARE METERS

In the diagrammatic floor plan appended to the enabling or master deed of the condominium project annotated on TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE 2018009773 which embraces and describes the land located at SAN JOSE, CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, PAMPANGA with an area of THREE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY EIGHT (3,678) SQUARE METERS.

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 November 18, 2026, without further notice.

City of San Fernando, Pampanga, September 25, 2026.

(Sgd.) GILBERT G. AQUINO
Sheriff IV
RTC-Branch 42, CSFP

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2. Xyra Mei Corro Crisostomo
178A Ilaw Street Barangay 135, Tondo, North Manila

-Unit 2228, 22nd Floor, Building 2, Bali The Resort Residences at Azure North, North Luzon Expressway (NLEX), coner Jose Abad Santos Avenue, Brgy. San Jose, City of San Fernando, Pampanga

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DOTr supports 198 Bulacan families affected by NSCR

BULACAN — The Department of Transportation (DOTr) distributed livelihood packages to 198 families affected by the ongoing North-South Commuter Railway (NSCR) project construction in Bulacan, providing them with additional income opportunities.

Each family received a P15,000 sari-sari store package intended to augment their existing small businesses and help strengthen their household income.

The DOTr said a second batch of affected families will undergo training as part of the program, bringing the total number of intended beneficiaries to 500 families.

Transportation Secretary Giovanni Lopez said the initiative reflects the government's commitment to ensuring livelihood opportunities for families affected by major transport infrastructure projects.

The program forms part of the government's efforts to complement infrastructure development with economic assistance for communities affected by the NSCR project.

President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. had directed the DOTr to provide livelihood support to families relocated due to the construction of transport infrastructure, the department said.



The DOTr, represented by Assistant Secretary IC Calaguas, distributes livelihood packages to 198 families affected by the ongoing NSCR project construction in Bulacan.

New Asahi opens P50-M Subic facility

SUBIC — New Asahi Group Subic Trading Corp. has opened its P50-million expansion facility at the Tipo Hightech Eco Park (THEP) in the Subic Bay Freeport Zone, strengthening its operations in commercial vehicles and heavy equipment.

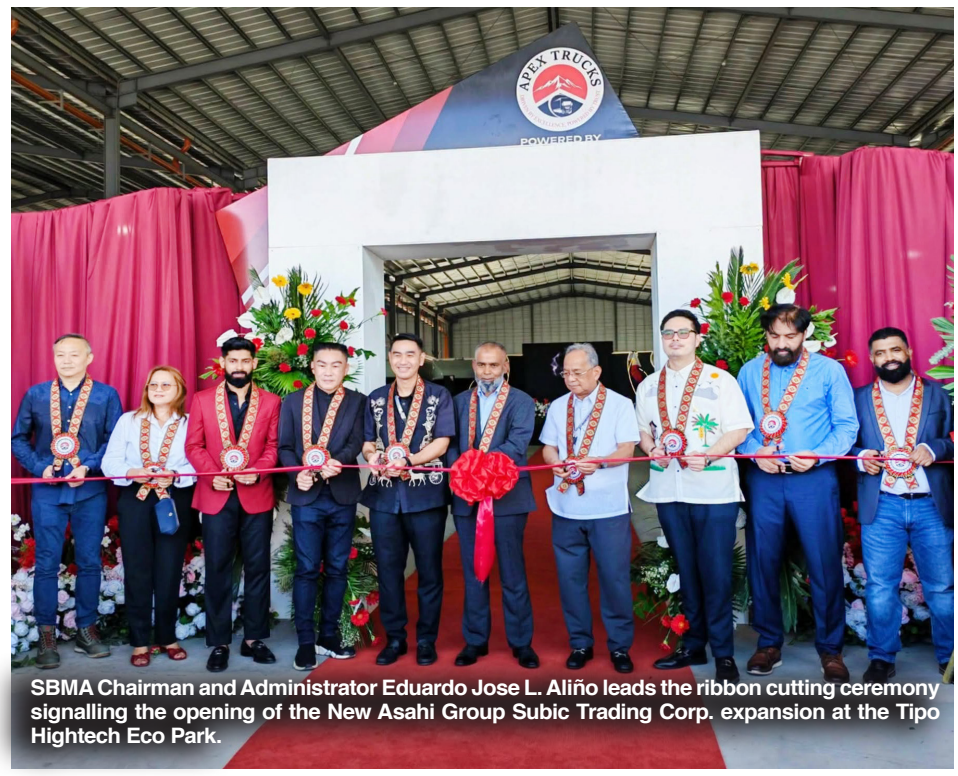
Inaugurated recently, the 5,231.60-square-meter facility will handle the importation, exportation, transshipment, warehousing, rebuilding, and trading of trucks, buses, and heavy and industrial equipment.

The expansion is expected to generate 25 additional jobs and further support the growing trucking and heavy equipment trade within the Freeport.

Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA) Chairman and Administrator Eduardo Jose L. Aliño welcomed the investment, saying New Asahi's expansion reflects confidence in the Freeport and its business environment.

The company operates under the Apex Trucks brand and specializes in reconditioned Japanese trucks, heavy equipment, industrial machinery, spare parts, and accessories.

The inauguration was attended by SBMA officials, New Asahi Group executives, Olongapo City Mayor Atty. Rolen C. Paulino Jr., representatives of the Embassy of Sri Lanka, and business partners.



SBMA Chairman and Administrator Eduardo Jose L. Aliño leads the ribbon cutting ceremony signalling the opening of the New Asahi Group Subic Trading Corp. expansion at the Tipo Hightech Eco Park.

NCC gets Class 1 certification from World Athletics anew

CAPAS, TARLAC — The New Clark City Athletics Stadium in Capas, Tarlac, has once again earned Class 1 certification from World Athletics, reaffirming its standing as one of the Philippines' premier athletics facilities.

On September 30, 2026, the international governing body for athletics renewed the stadium's Class 1 Athletics Facility Certificate, confirming that its track and field facilities meet all technical requirements for international-level athletics competition.

The certificate is valid until June 2029 and was received by the Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA) as the owner of the facility.

"Maintaining the World Athletics Class 1 certification reflects our commitment to provide Filipino athletes with facilities that meet international standards. As stewards of this facility, we will continue to maintain and improve the New Clark City Athletics Stadium so that it remains a reliable venue for athletes to train, compete, and represent the country," said BCDA President and Chief Executive Officer Joshua M. Bingcang.

"The BCDA also thanks the Philippine Sports Commission for providing strong support and guidance in ensuring that the New Clark City sports complex continues to serve our Filipino athletes at the highest level of standard," he added.

The stadium first received its Class 1 certification in 2019. The renewal followed an inspection and technical assessment of the facility, including the track's dimensions and geometry, surrounding infrastructure, competition equipment, and synthetic track surface.

The 20,000-seater New Clark City Athletics Stadium features a nine-lane, 400-meter track and field, as well as a four-lane warm-up track. It is one of three major sports facilities in New Clark City's sports complex, alongside the New Clark City Aquatics Center and the Athletes' Village.



Bataan cold storage facility to help farmers cut losses

BALANGA CITY — Farmers in Bataan are expected to reduce post-harvest losses and improve the management of their produce with the turnover of a new modular cold storage facility to the Cupang West Multipurpose Cooperative in Balanga City.

The Department of Agriculture (DA) conducted the turnover ceremony on September 24, followed by an operation and maintenance training for cooperative members who will oversee the facility.

Implemented through the DA Regional Field Office 3's Agricultural and Fisheries Logistics Office, the project is part of the department's continuing support for farmers and farmers' organizations in Bataan.

According to the DA, the facility will help extend the shelf life of high-value crops and other agricultural products, reducing losses caused by spoilage and wastage after harvest.

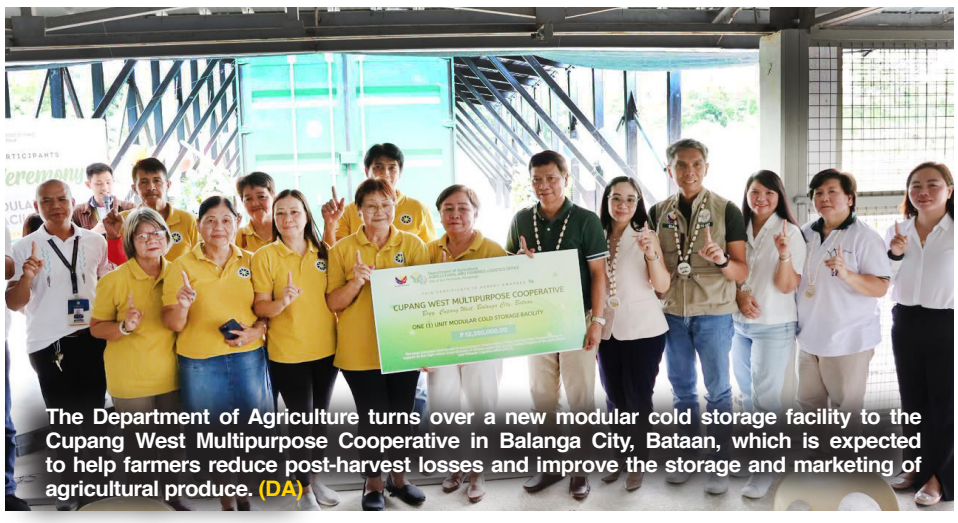
It will also give farmers greater flexibility in marketing their produce by allowing the cooperative to hold agricultural products until more favorable selling periods.

This could help farmers secure better prices and generate additional income from their produce.

Meanwhile, the training equipped cooperative representatives with the knowledge and skills needed for the proper, safe, and efficient operation, care, and upkeep of the facility.

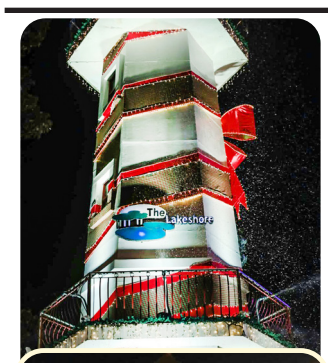
Through the project, the government continues its efforts to strengthen the agriculture sector, reduce post-harvest losses, increase farmers' income, and help ensure food security in Central Luzon.

The initiative also complements the administration of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.'s efforts to improve agricultural support systems, particularly logistics and post-harvest facilities that can help farmers store, manage, and market their produce more effectively.



The Department of Agriculture turns over a new modular cold storage facility to the Cupang West Multipurpose Cooperative in Balanga City, Bataan, which is expected to help farmers reduce post-harvest losses and improve the storage and marketing of agricultural produce. (DA)

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Lakeshore unwraps *'Wrapped' Christmas Park*

Lakeshore has officially opened its "Wrapped" Christmas Park on October 1, 2026, welcoming the holiday season.

For only P50 per person, visitors can enter the 12-hectare lakeside wonderland featuring the Lighthouse Snow Blast, Candyland tunnels, Lumina Water Lanterns, a food park, carnival rides, and live entertainment.

The park's signature landmarks have been reimagined for the season. The Lighthouse Snow Blast offers a winter-like escape as snow-like effects blanket the iconic lighthouse, while guests can walk through colorful Candyland tunnels and photo spots with glowing lights and faux flowers. The Lumina Water Lanterns reflect across the lake beside towering, illuminated Christmas trees.

During the grand opening, NSM Group of Companies Chairman Architect Nestor S. Mangio said, "Tonight let us unwrap hope after the storm, joy after the waiting, gratitude for the blessing."

Wrapped Christmas Park is open daily from 10 a.m. onwards at The Lakeshore, Mexico, Pampanga.

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October Triple Fiesta 2026



SOLEMNITY OF OUR LADY OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY LA NAVAL DE ANGELES

OCTOBER 11 (SUNDAY)

5:30 AM - KAPAMPANGAN
7:00 AM - ENGLISH
Mass Presider: Most Rev Teodoro C. Bacani, Jr., D.D
Archbishop , Dioscese of Navaliches
8:30 AM - KAPAMPANGAN
10:00 AM - ENGLISH
Mass Presider: Most Rev. Florentino G. Lavarias, D.D
Archbishop of San Fernando, Pampanga
2:00 PM - KAPAMPANGAN
3:30 PM- ENGLISH
5:00 PM KAPAMPANGAN
6:30 PM- ENGLISH

6:15 PM - SOLEMN PROCESSION

NOVENARIO (MORNING)
6:00 AM - Novena Prayers
6:30 AM - Holy Mass (English)

NOVENARIO (AFTERNOON)
4:45 PM - Holy Rosary
5:00 PM - Novena Prayers
5:30 PM - Holy Mass (English)

OCTOBER 06 (TUESDAY)
Mass Presider: Rev. Fr Harold C De Guzman
Parochial Vicar, San Rafael Arkanghel Parish
OCTOBER 07 (WEDNESDAY)
Mass Presider: Rev. Fr Allan Paul L. Mariano
Parochial Vicar, San Nicolas de Tolentino Parish
OCTOBER 08 (THURSDAY)
Mass Presider: Rev. Fr. Christian Kier G. Tallorin
University Chaplain, University of the Assumption
OCTOBER 09 (FRIDAY)
Mass Presider: Rev. Fr. Kenneth D. Basilio
Assistant Oeconome, Archdiocese of San Fernando
OCTOBER 10 (SATURDAY)
Mass Presider: Rev. Fr. Gian P. Sagum
Resident Priest, Minor Basilica and Parish of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary



FEAST OF APUNG MAMACALULU

6:30 AM - ENGLISH
8:30 AM - KAPAMPANGAN
5:30 PM - ENGLISH
Mass Presider: Most Rev. Florentino f. Cinense, D.D
Bishop- Emeritus, Diocese of Tarlac
6:45 PM - SOLEMN PROCESSION

QUINARIO
5:00 PM - Quinario Prayers
5:30 PM - Holy Mass (English)

OCTOBER 25 (SUNDAY)
Mass Presider: Rev. Fr. Omar Niño V. Defensor
Resident Priest, Minor Basilica and Parish of Oour Lady of the Most Holy Rosary
OCTOBER 27 (MONDAY)
Mass Presider: Priestly Fraternity of St. Dominic
Holy name of Jesus Chapter, Archdiocese of San Fernando, Pampanga
OCTOBER 28 (TUESDAY)
Mass Presider: Rev. Fr. Rafael T. Dela Cruz
Former Rector (2019-2025), Archdiocesan Shrine of Apung Mamacalulu
OCTOBER 29 (WEDNESDAY)
Mass Presider: Rev. Fr.Enrique M. Luzung
Parish Priest, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

The Minor Basilica and Parish of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary in Angeles City has announced the schedule of its 2026 October Triple Fiesta, bringing together three major religious celebrations under the theme:

"Walking in the Footsteps of Peace: with Angels beside us, Mary before us, and Christ within us."

The celebrations are:

- October 2, 2026 – 197th Feast of Los Santos Angeles Custodios
- October 11, 2026 – 197th Feast of Nuestra Señora del Santísimo Rosario La Naval de Angeles
- October 30, 2026 – 130th Feast of Apung Mamacalulu

The theme invites the faithful to deepen their prayer and devotion while embracing the call to peace—with God, with one another and with all creation.

Clark hotels earn DOT star ratings

Three hotels in Clark have secured Department of Tourism (DOT) accreditations, marking new milestones for hospitality in the region.

Best Western Plus Metro Clark was officially recognized with a Four-Star Hotel Rating by DOT-Region 3 for its commitment to exceptional service, refined comfort, and memorable guest experiences.

Clark Marriott Hotel has once again received a Five-Star Hotel Rating, reaffirming its status as the first internationally branded, DOT-certified five-star hotel in the region.

Swissôtel Clark has also been granted a Five-Star Hotel Accreditation, recognizing its adherence to the highest standards where Swiss precision meets Filipino hospitality.







DOT-Region 3 Director Dr. Richard Daenos and Tourism Regulation Division Chief Avon Timbol hands out the accreditations to representatives of the said hotels: Director of Sales and Marketing Juvy Agudon and PR and Strategic Alliances Manager Paolo Vinuya for Clark Marriott; Director of Sales and Marketing Thitay Selom and Cluster Hotel Manager Maria Rizza Munar for Swissotel Clark; and Sales Manager Maria Karen Joy Mamucud and General Manager Ric Magbalot for Best Western Plus Metro Clark.