

Growing Together: ASEAN Marks 58th Year with Symbolic Tree Planting

The Office of ASEAN Affairs, in cooperation with the University of the Philippines - Los Baños, and the ASEAN Center for Biodiversity (ACB), held an ASEAN Tree Planting Activity in commemoration of the 58th Founding Anniversary of ASEAN on 09 August 2025 at the Makiling Botanic Gardens and the ACB Headquarters in Los Baños, Laguna. Secretary of Foreign Affairs Ma. Theresa P. Lazaro led the event, which saw delegates from the Embassies of ASEAN Member States and Timor Leste, and ACB’s Development Partners, plant individual seedlings of various dipterocarp tree species common to all ASEAN Member States, including Secretary Lazaro saplungan, dalingdingan, yakal, yakal kaliot, guijo, and white lauan. Secretary Lazaro also planted a bag-

tikan or seraya (Panashorea malaanonan (Blanco Merrill) sapling as an “ASEAN Heritage Tree” to symbolize the unity of the AMS. UP Los Baños Chancellor Dr. Jose V. Camacho Jr. was also present to welcome the delegation, joined by Los Baños Mayor Hon. Neil Andrew N. Nocon and Dean of the Department of Social Forestry and Forest Governance Professor Marlo D. Mendoza.

After the tree planting ceremony, ACB gave a presentation at its Headquarters of the Centre’s current programs and projects supported by its development partners, led by Executive Director Dr. Jerome L. Montemayor. Secretary Lazaro emphasized that the tree planting activity goes beyond being merely symbolic, and is a concrete

contribution of ASEAN and ASEAN Dialogue Partners to the ASEAN Green Initiative, which aims to plant ten million native trees over a period of ten years, across all ten ASEAN Member States.

The tree planting was followed by a program and lunch at the ACB Headquarters, which featured remarks from ACB Executive Director, Dr.

the Philippines thus far, in the protection and sustainable use of biodiversity resources in the region. The Makiling Botanic Gardens is also an ASEAN Heritage Park.

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Jerome L. Montemayor, Undersecretary for Bilateral and ASEAN Affairs Ma. Hellen B. De La Vega, and Assistant Secretary for ASEAN Affairs Ana Marie L. Hernando. ACB also showcased its collaborations and projects supported by ASEAN External Partners. Secretary Lazaro provided a keynote address, highlighting the dy-

namic and enduring relations of ASEAN, together with its partners. She also thanked the ACB, the only ASEAN Centre hosted by the Philippines, for nearly 20 years of active engagement and contributions to the management and conservation of biodiversity in the region since its establishment in 2005. Source: DFA

City Government of Carmona

KICK-OFF NG LINGGO NG KABATAAN 2025 SA CITY OF CARMONA

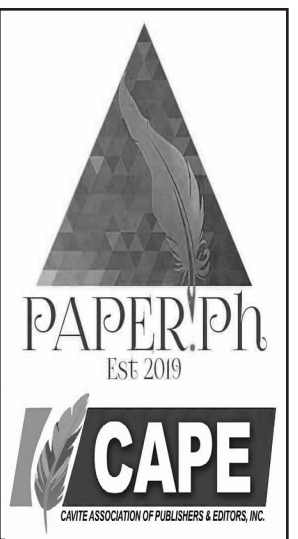


Sa pangunguna ng Community Affairs and Youth Development Office at ng Sangguniang Kabataan Federation of Carmona, isinagawa ang Kick-Off ng Linggo ng Kabataan na may temang “Local Youth Actions for the Sustainable Development Goals and Beyond”. Kasama

sina City Mayor Dahlia A. Loyola, City Vice Mayor Cesar L. Ines, Jr., Sangguniang Panlungsod Members, at Sangguniang Kabataan Chairpersons ay ating ipinamalas ang ating suporta para sa makabuluhang pagdiriwang na ito para sa mga kabataan. Narito ang mga na-

kahandang programa ng CAYDO at SK para sa pagdiriwang ngayong taon: - YORP Caravan & Kabahagi Ka Youth Profiling - Junior and Little Rescuer - 1st Carmona Advocacy Run #RunForSDG - Carmona In-

ter-School Quiz Bee - New E-Sports Tournament - City of Carmona Youth Camp - Project H.A.N.D.A. Makiisa sa makabuluhang pagdiriwang para sa Kabataan at Kabataang Carmona! Maligayang Linggo ng Kabataan 2025!



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Sa nasabing pagsasanay, itinuro sa mga kawani kung paano ang wastong paggamit ng Microsoft 365 applications tulad ng OneDrive, Outlook, Teams, Word, Excel, at PowerPoint. Ang Digital Literacy Training ay regular na programa ng CIPL. Layunin nitong magbigay ng sapat na kaalaman at kasanayan sa mga Imuseño sa paggamit ng makabagong teknolohiya.



On behalf of Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Secretary REX Gatchalian, Undersecretary Pinky Romualdez of the agency's Operations Group signs a pledge of commitment on Thursday (August 14) in support of the efficient implementation of the newly-launched revised protocol for the case management of child victims of abuse, neglect, exploitation and discrimination (CANE+D).

The commitment signing is part of the national launch of the enhanced protocol held at the Department of Justice (DOJ) office in Padre Faura, Manila. The revised protocol serves as a guide to provide a comprehensive and systematic approach for duty-bearers handling and managing cases of child abuse, neglect, exploitation, and discrimination as it includes guidelines for identification,

reporting, investigation, management, legal proceedings, rehabilitation, reintegration and prevention of these cases. The other agency officials representing their respective agency heads in the activity include DOJ Undersecretaries Raul Vasquez, Jesse Hermogenes Andres, and Frederick Vida; Commission on Human Rights (CHR) Chairperson Richard Palpalatoc; National Bureau

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Meycauayan River Cleanup Launched by MMDA, Valenzuela to Prevent Flooding

The Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) and the Valenzuela City Government conducted a cleanup operations today at the Meycauayan River, located along Caingin Road at the boundary of Valenzuela City and Meycauayan, Bulacan.

MMDA General Manager Procopio Lipana and Valenzuela City Mayor Wes Gatchalian oversaw the clean up efforts at the Meycauayan River, which aims to mitigate flooding along the North Luzon Expressway (NLEX).

"The cleanup is part of the Bayanihan sa Estero program of the MMDA, which was launched by President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. last week," Lipana said.

Lipana added that the agency deployed one backhoe, one crane, and four dump trucks for the cleanup and dredging operations.

MMDA Chairman Atty. Don Artes initiated coordination with NLEX Corporation to discuss flood mitigation measures on the expressway.

For his part,

Valenzuela City Mayor Wes Gatchalian said, "As early as June, we started our cleanup drive, and around 8,100 cubic meters of waste have been collected."

Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation (MPTC) Chief Regulatory Officer Arrey Perez said the new and modern signal lights will serve to improve traffic management, enhance road safety, and support sustainability.

Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation (MPTC) Chief Regulatory Officer Arrey Perez said they are



planning to build a detention pond with a capacity equivalent to eight Olympic-size swimming pools to help prevent severe flooding during heavy downpours.

"We need to have more engineering solutions and larger infrastructure to

prepare for flooding incidents," Perez emphasized. Motorists recently complained about a seven-hour gridlock on NLEX caused by flooding brought about by Tropical Cyclone

Crising and the southwest monsoon or Habagat, particularly in areas near the

Valenzuela Interchange and the Paso de Blas entry and exit points.

The activity was joined by volunteers from ride-hailing apps Grab, Move It, InDrive, and TUPAD beneficiaries, among others. Source: MMDA

PH Highlights Biotech and Digital Health Strengths at Bio Asia 2025

The Philippines marked a strong presence in Taiwan with the showcase of its emerging capabilities in biotechnology and health innovation at Bio Asia 2025 held from 23 to 27 July 2025 in Taipei Nangang Exhibition Center.

From low-cost diagnostics to AI-driven healthcare solutions, the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) through the Philippine trade and Investment Center (PTIC) in Taipei and the Export Marketing Bureau (EMB), together with the Manila

Economic Cultural Office (MECO) and PHILEXPORT brought a focused delegation of leading institutions and companies to highlight the country's strengths in digital health, clinical research, and academic-industry collaboration.

A key highlight of this year's participation is the recognition of Dr. Raul V. Destura, CEO of Manila HealthTek Inc., as a Bio Asia Taiwan 2025 awardee for his leadership in public health innovation. Dr. Destura's pioneering work has led to cost-effective di-

agnostic tools for dengue, COVID-19, and African Swine Fever, significantly improving healthcare accessibility and emergency preparedness in developing countries. His strong commitment to making quality healthcare accessible, especially in low-income areas, continues to drive practical and innovative solutions that address gaps in the healthcare system.

"We are investing in building a bio community that creates solutions for society's needs—because

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(From page 2) representative Anthony B. Rivera.

the future starts with what we choose to build today," said Dr. Destura. "With our capabilities now globally competitive, we're ready to expand collaborations that deliver impact at scale."

His work also includes efforts to tackle antimicrobial resistance, neglected tropical diseases, and collaborative dengue research with Taiwan under the MECO-TECO partnership, further reinforcing the Philippines' role in advancing regional health security.

"Our renewed presence at Bio Asia reflects the momentum we've built in positioning Philippine life sciences capabilities on the global stage," said PTIC-Taipei Trade Representative

Relatively, MECO Chairperson Atty. Cheloy Velicaria Garafil stated, "We aim to deepen international partnerships in research, commercialization, and the export of high-impact health solutions."

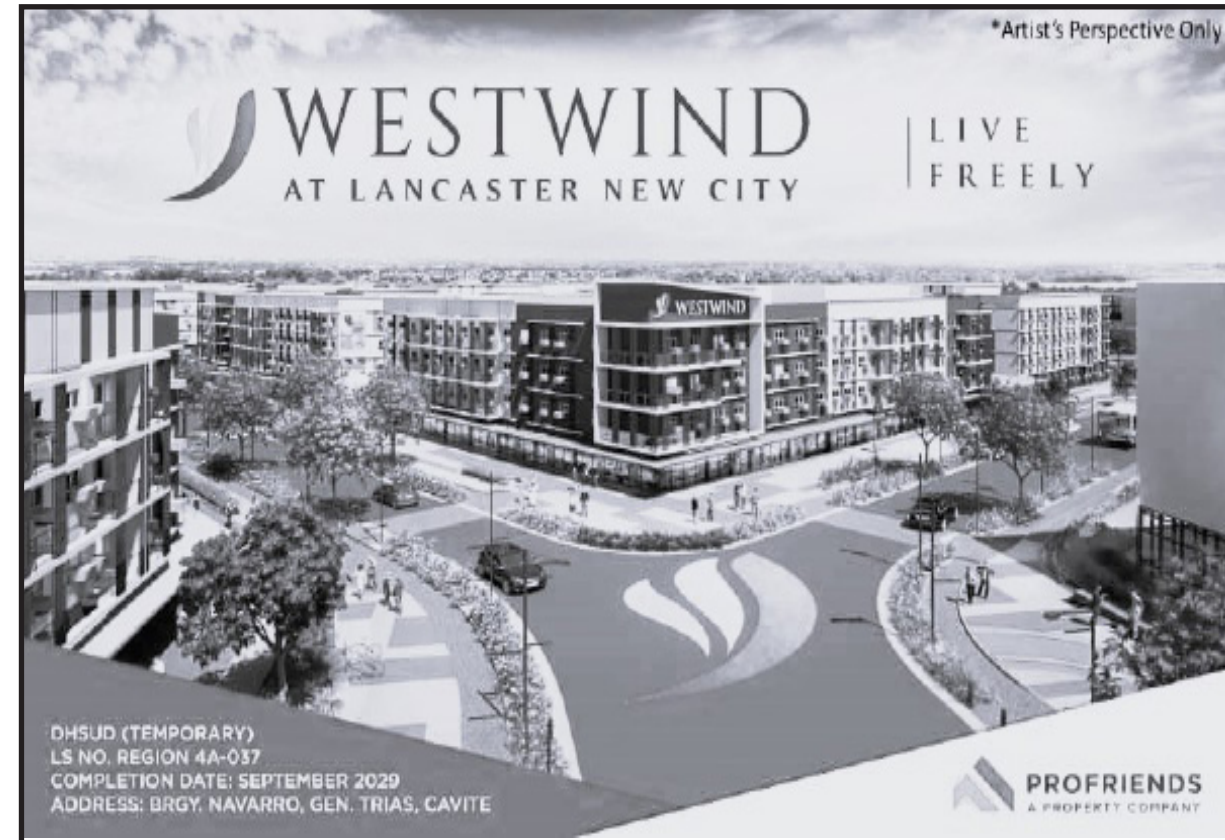
Participating organizations include De La Salle Medical and Health Sciences Institute, Harvest Integrated Research Organization (HiRO), Quanby Solutions Inc., MedCheck Philippines, and The Medical City.

DTI continues to scale its innovations, reinforcing the Philippines' role in shaping global biotechnology and health priorities while driving inclusive and sustainable growth. Source: DTI

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(From page 1) Philippine National Police of Investigation (NBI) Director Jaime Santiago; Bureau of Immigration (BI) Deputy Commissioner Joel Alejandro Nacnac; Department of Education (DepEd) Asst. Secretary Georgina Ann Yang; PBGEN Maria Sheila Portento of the

(PNP) Women and Children Protection Center (WCPC); Department of Health (DOH) Head Executive Assistant Vida Aquino; Department of Tourism (DOT) Director Glen Ocampo; and, DSWD Director Mary Grace Alboladura (AKDL). Source: DSWD



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DOST joins Space Week, showcases weather, earthquake, and space technology advanced manufacturing R&D

The country's Philippine Space Agency (PhilSA) has recently conducted its Philippine Space Week from August 8–10, 2025, at the Quantum Skyview, Gateway Mall 2, Araneta City to promote the beneficial use of space technologies and knowledge for various applications.

Among the exhibits were from the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) agencies featuring earthquake monitoring and weather forecasting using satellite data and research and development of several satellite and space technologies through advanced manufacturing.

The DOST – Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (DOST-PHIVOLCS) featured its Remotely Piloted Aircrafts (RPAs), aerial vehicles controlled from a distance without a pilot or passengers on board.

These RPAs are used to monitor active vol-

canoes, detect earthquakes and volcanic hazards, and assess the impacts of disasters.

The Institute also showcased its Disaster Risk Reduction innovation platforms, including the GeoRiskPH suite of products, alongside Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) materials from Dynaslope PH, which aim to enhance public awareness and preparedness against geological hazards.

Also participating were DOST- Metals Industry Research and Development Center through their Advanced Manufacturing Center (AMCen), showcasing cutting-edge 3D printing solutions for aerospace applications.

It offers innovations ranging from lightweight components to advanced designs that could shape the future of space technology.

AMCen is the nation-

al hub for additive manufacturing, offering services such as 3D printing, reverse engineering, and materials testing to support innovation in the aerospace, automotive, electronics, and healthcare industries.

It aims to help local industries develop high-value products and reduce reliance on imported manufacturing capabilities.

The third one is the DOST-Advanced Science and Technology Institute, which featured several products and facilities such as PhilSensors.

DOST-ASTI's PhilSensors is a nationwide network of over 2,000 solar-powered hydrometeorological and early warning stations that provide near real-time data on rainfall, water levels, wind, temperature, pressure, and water quality.

The data, transmitted via GSM or satellite, are freely accessible through

the PhilSensors website and mobile app, offering both real-time and historical datasets for public, academic, and government use, including APIs for forecasting and research.

The DOST-ASTI also featured its Advanced Remote Data Acquisition unit (arQ), a data logging solution that currently serves as the controller for remote monitoring stations such as AWS or Automatic Weather Station, ARG or Automatic Rain Gauge, and WLMS or Water Level Monitoring Station, which are deployed nationwide.

Dubbed the Yamang-Kalawakan Exhibit, this year's celebration carries the theme “#YamangKalawakan ay Likas sa Maunlad na Kinabukasan” and aims to increase public awareness about the beneficial use of space science and technology applications (SSTA) to boost the products and operations of various sectors as well as

to contribute to policy recommendations.

The Department of Science and Technology (DOST) aims at providing science-based, innovative, and inclusive solutions across four strategic pillars: human well-being,

wealth creation, wealth protection, and sustainability. These pillars embody the mantra OneDOST4U: Solutions, Opportunities for All. For more information, visit www.dost.gov.ph. (By Allan Mauro V. Marfal, DOST-STII)

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IN RE: PETITION FOR CORRECTION OF
ENTRIES IN TRANSFER CERTIFICATE
OF TITLE NO. T-900254

HALIM YUDIONO AND ELENA MARIA
BAUTISTA SACAMAY, herein represented
by their Attorney-in-Fact, NORMITA S.
CACHUELA,
Petitioners,

-versus- LRC REC. NO. 5964

THE REGISTRY OF DEEDS OF CAVITE
CITY, CAVITE,
Respondent.

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NOTICE OF HEARING

Filed before this Court is a verified "Petition" by HALIM YUDIONO and ELENA MARIA BAUTISTA SACAMAY herein represented by their Attorney-in-Fact, NORMITA S. CACHUELA, through counsel Atty. Mariecel N. Macapagal-Lasaleta for correction of the following entries in Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-900254:
1. Change "Melincia Sacamay married to Halim Yuidiano" to "Melincia Sacamay married to Halim Yudiono";
2. Change "Tagumpay T. Sacamay married to Nanette Marie Bautista" to "Tagumpay T. Sacamay married to Elena Maria Bautista."

Notice is hereby given that the petition is set for hearing on September 25, 2025 at 9:00 in the morning, before this Court, on which date, hour and place, all interested parties may appear and show cause why the same should not be granted.

Let this Notice be published once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the City and Province of Cavite, and posted at the main entrance of the City Hall of Cavite City and at the Hall of Justice of Cavite City at least two weeks prior to the date of hearing.

Witness the HON. FRANCO PAULO R. ARAGO, Presiding Judge of this Court, this 12th day of August 2025 at Cavite City, Philippines.

MIGUELITO S. LAGRAMA
OIC/Acting Branch Clerk of Court

CD-Aug 18, 25 & Sept. 1, 2025



Online gambling undermines Filipino youth - Cayetano



Senator Alan Peter Cayetano on Thursday appealed to the Senate to carefully consider its stance on online gambling, warning that normalization of gambling and addiction undermines Filipino youth. “I don’t take it against the Philippine Amusement and Gaming

Corporation (PAGCOR) to raise funds, regulate gambling operators, and look into all kinds of gambling and gaming kasi iyan ang trabaho nila.

But to regulate the illegal side, this is where the balance of government comes in,” the senator said in his opening statement during an August 14, 2025 joint public hearing on online gambling. “If PAGCOR and the Department of Finance are mostly looking at the revenue side, where is the rest of the government?” he added.

Cayetano, chair of the Senate Banks, Financial Institutions, and Currencies Committee, highlighted the City of Taguig’s strict anti-gambling ordinance as a model.

“Taguig is blessed

Cayetano pointed out the irony that while traditional modes of gambling — even small-scale games organized during wakes to raise funds for the bereaved — are regulated, online gambling operates with little oversight.

“Nakumbinse na namin na kapag may patay, huwag nang mag-sugal tulad ng sakla, tembe, monte o anuman ang hilig na sugal before. Andiyan na kasi ang Department of Social Welfare and Development at local government na tumutulong sa panglibing,” he said.

He noted that even minor gambling activities like cara y cruz are raided by Taguig police, yet illegal online gambling remains rampant.

“The irony is makikita ng bata na y’ung cara y cruz hinuhuli, pero y’ung iligal na e-sabong at kahit among gaming ay pwede,” he said.

“The other irony is that casinos, sabungan, even the lotto outlets have regulations on how far they should be from churches and schools. But actually, mag-CR lang ang estudyante, pwede na siya gumamit ng cellphone sa online gambling,” he added.

A longstanding anti-gambling advocate Cayetano has a 25-year track record of standing against gambling.

Decades back, he filed the Anti-Gambling

Act of 2000 (House Bill No. 12601 – An Act Prohibiting All Forms of Gambling thereby repealing the laws that created the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) and the PAGCOR and revoking their respective Congressional franchises.)

His campaign intensified after the disappearance of 34 cockfighters in 2021 which highlighted the dangers of e-sabong.

Cayetano was also the only senatorial candidate in the 2022 elections who ran with an anti-gambling platform when nobody dared to speak against gambling.

In 2022, the senator filed the Anti-Online Gambling Act and continues to push for stricter regulations.

Just weeks before the 20th Congress convened this month, he called for continued scrutiny of the industry, noting that domestic online gambling continues to thrive despite the ban on

Philippine Offshore Gaming Operators (POGOs).

Now in the 20th Congress, he is simultaneously pushing for a total ban on online gambling through the Ban on Online Gambling Act (Senate Bill No. 30) a priority measure he filed with Senator Pia Cayetano, and the Anti-Online Gambling Advertisement Act of 2025 (Senate Bill No.109) which seeks to ban gambling promotions across all media platforms.