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Walang Gutom Kitchen open even on holidays - DSWD chief

Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Secretary Rex Gatchalian said the Walang Gutom Kitchen (WGK) will remain open and will continue to accept walk-in families and individuals experiencing hunger during the holidays and the remaining days of December.

"Open kami all the way to December 24 and then magbubukas kami ulit sa 26 all the way to the 31st," Secretary Gatchalian said during the visit of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. at the WGK on Wednesday (December 17) to bring holiday gifts to beneficiaries.

City Government of Carmona

OPENING NG 2025 CARMONEGOSYO TRADE FAIR AT MERCADO STREET

Ginanap kahapon, ang pagbubukas ng CARMONEGOSYO TRADE FAIR AT MERCADO STREET na nilahukan ng 30 food and non-food exhibitors. Ang nasabing programa ay pinangunahan ng ating City Administrator Mr. Dave Peñano at ng mga kasapi ng Sangguniang Panlungsod.

Bumisita na sa ating Carmonegosyo Trade Fair na bukas mula December 16-31, 2025, 4:00 PM to 11:00 PM. Maaari din pasyalan ang CARMONEGOSYO sa City Park at Davilan Food Market.

I-tag na ang inyong pamilya at barkada at magkita-kita tayo sa CARMONEGOSYO TRADE FAIR!

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16,000 Teachers Already Promoted, 41,000 More to Follow Under Marcos Administration

Sa loob ng maraming taon, ang promosyon sa public school system ay dumarating nang huli na, kadalasan halos kasabay ng pagreretiro. Sa ilalim ng administrasyon ni President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr., nagsisimula nang maramdaman ng mga guro ang career advancement habang aktibo pa silang nasa serbisyo.

Sa pamamagitan ng Expanded Career Progression (ECP) system na ipinatupad sa pamumuno ni Education Secretary Sonny Angara, opisyal nang na-promote ng Department of Education (DepEd) ang 16,025 teachers. Mayroon pang 41,183 teachers na na-process at naipasa na sa Department of Budget and Management (DBM) para sa susunod na batch ng promosyon.

"This reclassification is more than a promotion. It is a validation of decades spent teaching, mentoring, and believing in learners even when I feared retiring as a Teacher III after 21 years of service," ayon kay Teacher Claire Eusebio,

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On-The-Spot Cooking Contest na sinalihan ng 33 barangay sa La Gran Valenciana at Maple Grove!

#LetsJoinForces in celebrating the pride and culture of General Trias!

Merry Christmas

Merry Christmas to everyone! May this season bring joy, hope, and renewed strength to every family. Stay safe and celebrate with love.

EDSA Road Rehab Gagamit ang Japanese Technology, Sisimulan sa Disyembre 24

Japanese technology gagamitin para mas mabilis, matibay ang kalsada

Sisimulan na ng Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) ang pagsasaayos ng EDSA sa Disyembre 24 gamit ang bagong teknolohiya na mas mabilis at matibay para sa rehabilitasyon ng highway.

Kasunod ito ng direktiba ni Pangulong Ferdinand Marcos Jr. na maghanap ng mas mabilis at mas murang solusyon para ayusin ang EDSA nang hindi nakakaabala sa mga motorista at komyuter.

Sinabi ni Public Works Secretary Vince Dizon na mas mabilis na ang pagre-rehabilitate ng EDSA dahil gagamit ng Japanese technology para matiyak na mas matibay at tatagal ang kalsada.

"'Yung unang plano, dalawang taon minimum. Sabi ng Pangulo, hindi pupwede 'yan. Kailangan 'yan maiksi. Kailangan minimal 'yung disruption, so, ang bagong plano, walong buwan na lang imbis na dalawang taon gamit ang stone mastic asphalt," ayon kay Secretary Dizon.

Aabot sa P11 bilyon ang matitipid ng pamahalaan sa teknolohiyang gagamitin na nasa P6 bilyon na lamang mula orihinal na P17 bilyon. Tiniyak naman ni Transportation Secretary Giovanni Lopez na dedicated pa rin ang linya ng EDSA Busway para sa mas mabilis na biyahe ng mga komyuter.

"Parati pong sinasabi ng Pangulo na dapat parating may pampublikong sasakyan. Titiyakin namin na may sapat na suplay [ng bus] ang ating EDSA Busway," ayon sa kalihim. Siniguro naman ng

MMDA na magde-deploy ito ng enforcers para siguruhing maayos ang daloy ng trapiko.

"Bukod sa karagdagang mga MMDA personnel meron din pong alternative routes tayong bubuksan para tuloy-tuloy ang daloy ng traffic," pahayag ni Chairman Artes.

Sisimulan ang first phase ng EDSA rehabilitation sa Roxas Blvd. sa Pasay hanggang Orense sa Makati sa susunod na linggo.

Source: DPWH

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DFA Strengthens Consular Services Commitment During 2025 Consultation Meeting

The Departent of Foreign Affairs' Office of Consular Affairs (OCA) successfully conducted the 2025 Consular Offices Consultation Meeting (COCM) on 27-28 November 2025 at the Golden Phoenix Hotel, Pasay City. Spearheaded by OCA's Consular Offices' Coordinating Division (COCD), the two-day meeting gathered the Heads and representatives of the 42 Consular Offices (COs) nationwide to provide updates and discuss ways to further improve the delivery of services by the COs.

In her virtual message to the participants, OCA Assistant Secretary Anne Jalando-on Louis highlighted the importance of the COCM as a venue for learning, sharing of best practices, and building stronger management capabilities and standards of service.

The first day of the COCM focused on strengthening administrative and management functions, with presentations by representatives from the various DFA offices covering finance, procurement, human resources management, asset management, migration affairs, and security services.

The sessions on the second day centered on the review and updates on consular services including authentication, passports, visas, civil registry, and consular offices coordination.

For their group exercise, the Heads and representatives were grouped into clusters and tasked to formulate recommen-

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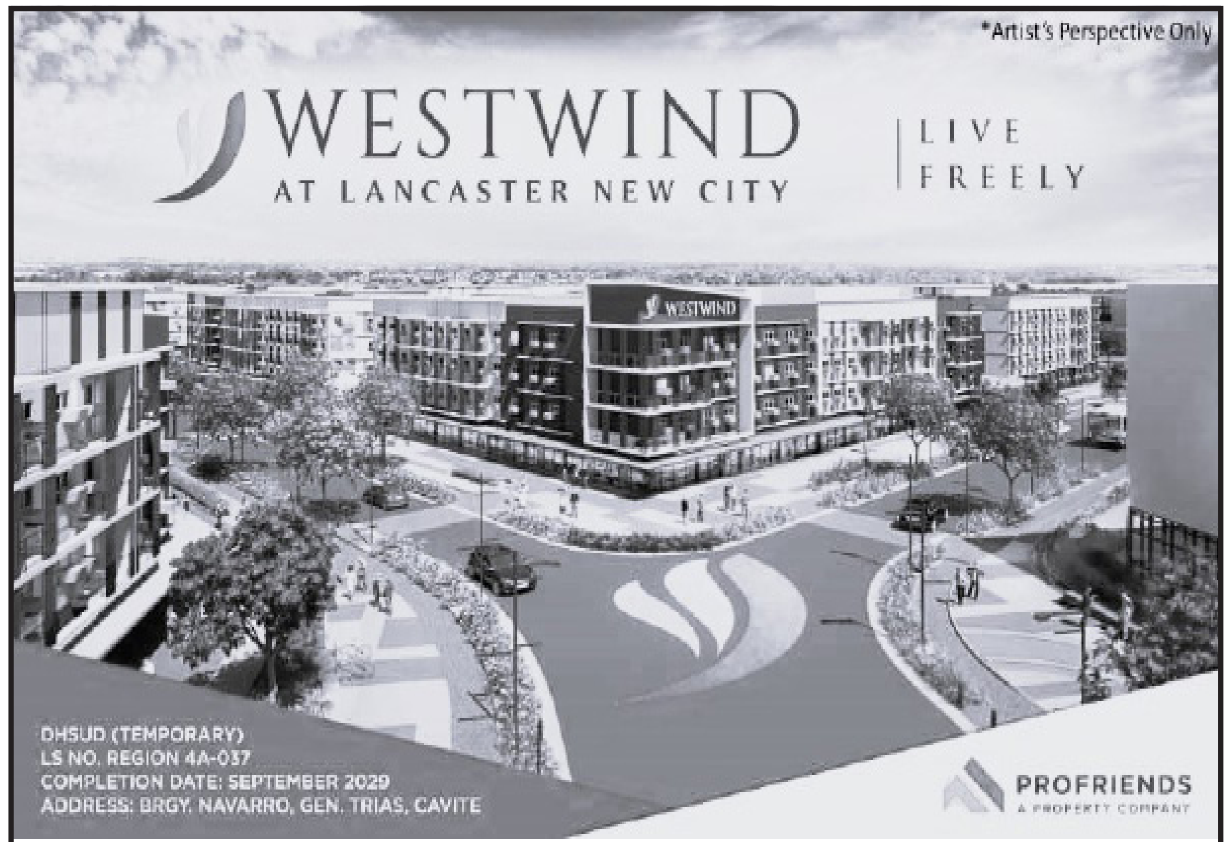

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According to the DSWD chief, the kitchen will be closed on December 25 and January 1, 2026.

Secretary Gatchalian also called for individuals who want to do something meaningful this holiday season by rendering volunteer service at the kitchen.

"Kung naghahanap kayo ng makabuluhang pagtulong ngayong Pasko, welcome kayo dito sa kitchen para mag-service. Hindi kailangan magdala ng pagkain. Magdadala kayo, tatanggapin namin. Pero pag oras lang ang kaya nyo, the best gift this Christmas is the gift of time. Mag-volunteer kayo dito sa Walang Gutong Kitchen," Secretary Gatchalian said.

To volunteer as food and water servers; registration personnel; and crowd control personnel, register at https://forms.gle/dVnewCCWbPyTbud16 or visit the WGK at the Nasdake Building, FB Harrison, Pasay City.

"Nawa ay sa darating na kapaskuhan, tuloy-tuloy na tumayong simbolo itong Walang Gutom Kitchen ng pag-asa—pag-asa na kaya natin wakasan ang kagutuman once and for all," Secretary Gatchalian said.

The WGK is one of the DSWD's innovative programs that helps realize the long-time aspiration of President Marcos to end hunger and ensure that no Filipino family should go hungry. (YADP) Source: DSWD

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dations and share their insights and best practices on personnel management, representation, handling client feedback, enhancing the CO's infrastructure and operational efficiency, and strengthening disaster and security preparedness.

OCA Executive Director for Innovation and Development Bryan Dexter B. Lao updated attendees on key projects aimed at improving connectivity, and enhancing operational efficiency and service delivery

The program concluded with the participants making a meaningful commitment to remain united in purpose to effectively serve the Filipino public. Source: DFA

ERDB Marks Digital Leap with Launch of AI Knowledge Hub

The Ecosystems Research and Development Bureau (ERDB) reached another milestone in its digital transformation journey with the launch of the ERDB AI-Powered Knowledge Hub. The system was formally unveiled on October 24, 2025, during the visit of Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Secretary Raphael P.M. Lotilla to the ERDB Main Office in Los Baños, Laguna.

In his message, Secretary Lotilla praised ERDB's sustained efforts in advancing environmental research and innovation. He described the Knowledge Hub as "an innovative step in managing and accessing environmental research," emphasizing that it stands as "a testament to the legacy of ERDB, where science goes hand in hand with nature and action."

He further noted that the platform not only preserves ERDB's extensive scientific knowledge but also provides a foundation for many potential solutions that can support a sustainable future.

ERDB Director Lormelyn E. Claudio underscored the significance of the launch as part of the Bureau's commitment to embracing an increasingly dynamic digital landscape.

"Today, we celebrate a milestone that reflects the ingenuity of our team and the unwavering support of our leaders," she said. "The ERDB AI-Powered Knowledge Hub integrates advanced technology into our research and information systems, transforming how we manage and share knowledge for environmental protection and sustainable resource management."

The system was developed by Information Systems Analyst III Alvin F. Olvida and the Management Information System staff, with strong support from DENR Undersecretary for Integrated Environmental Science and Supervising Undersecretary for ERDB Dr. Carlos Primo C. David. The project was implemented under the guidance of PICTD Chief For. Marie Abbie Gail L. Dela Cueva and Team Leader For. Eduviges T. Gibas. Their collective efforts resulted in an AI-powered platform that significantly enhances access to ERDB's published knowledge products and research outputs.

The ERDB Knowledge Hub allows users to search and interact with the Bureau's technical and semi-technical publications using natural language, making environmental research faster, more intuitive, and more accessible than ever.

This initiative underscores ERDB's commitment to leveraging technology to bridge science, innovation, and sustainability and empowering researchers, policymakers, and the public to make informed decisions for the environment.Source: DENR

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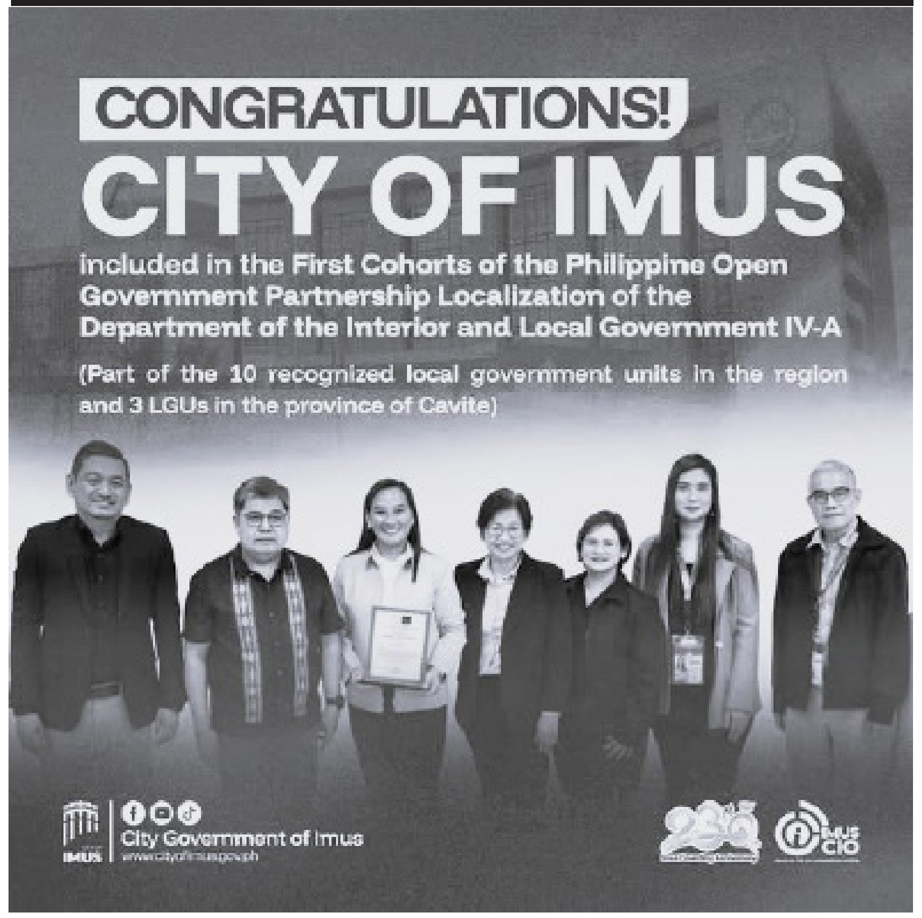

Kinilala ang Lungsod ng Imus sa ginanap na "Strengthening Open Governance: 2025 Regional Meeting and OGP Localization Recognition," bilang isa sa mga unang cohort ng Philippine Open Government Partnership (OGP) Localization Agenda ng Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) 4-A, sa pamamagitan ng Local Governance Resource Center (LGRC), noong Nobyembre 28, 2025, sa Lungsod ng Biñan, Laguna.

Ang Pamahalaang Lungsod ng Imus ay isa sa tatlong local government units (LGUs) sa probinsya ng Cavite at 10 LGUs sa rehiyon ng CALABARZON sa mga binigyang-pagkilala bunsod ng masigasig na pagpapatupad nito ng bukas at mabuting pamamahala.

Bukod sa pagkilala, nagsilbi rin ang aktibidad bilang mahalagang plataporma para sa knowledge sharing, cross-learning, at collective reflection kung paano maaaring magtagpo at magtulungan ang mga inisyatiba ng OGP at Seal of Good Local Governance (SGLG) upang higit pang isulong ang sustainable local development.

Ang pagkilalang ito ay patunay sa matatag na pangako ng lokal na pamahalaan ng Imus sa bukas na pamamahala, tapat na paglilingkod, at patuloy na pagsusulong ng inklusibong kaunlaran para sa lahat ng

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na umangat mula Teacher III hanggang Teacher VI sa Magsaysay Elementary School sa Tabuk City Division.

Ang karanasan ni Teacher Claire ay salamin ng pinagdaanan ng libo-libong guro na matagal nang nagtatrabaho nang may limitadong inaasahang galaw sa kanilang career. Ngayon, kabilang siya sa mga guro sa buong bansa na nakinabang sa maximum na three-salary-grade jump sa ilalim ng ECP.

Iniulat ng lahat ng rehiyon na may na-process na appointments, senyales ng malawak at maagang pagpapatupad ng bagong career structure na inilunsad sa panahon ng Marcos administration.

Ayon kay Secretary Angara, ang mga gurong tulad ni Eusebio ang malinaw na dahilan kung bakit prayoridad ng Pangulo ang reporma sa kapakanan ng teachers.

"Maraming guro ang matagal nang handang umangat. Ang responsibilidad namin ay alisin ang sagabal at tiyaking gumagalaw ang sistema para sa kanila," he said. "Dapat nararanasan nila ang pag-angat habang nasa serbisyo pa. Sabi nga ng Pangulo, dapat walang magreretirong Teacher I."

Batay sa records ng DepEd, mula sa 41,183 guro na nasa pila para sa promosyon, 18,007 ang target na makakuha ng maximum na three-salary-grade leap.

May 29,017 naman ang aakyat ng isa o dalawang salary grade habang patuloy na nililinis ng DepEd ang regional backlogs at pinapabilis ang mobility sa hanay ng mga guro. Sa mga three-step advancements, 3,171 ang umangat mula Teacher I to Teacher IV, 3,374 mula Teacher II to Teacher V, at 11,462 mula Teacher III to Teacher VI. Mayroon ding 16,883 Teacher I na mapo-promote sa Teacher III.

Para masigurong tuloy-tuloy ang reporma, palalawakin ng National Educators Academy of the Philippines ang training at leadership preparation programs. Bibigyan din ng prayoridad ang mga Teacher I na malapit nang magretiro para sa reclassification o promotion.

Kinikilala rin ng DepEd, mula Schools Division Offices hanggang Regional Offices, ang mahalagang kontribusyon ng Human Resource Management Officers, Teachers Credential Evaluators, at Human Resource Merit Promotion and Selection Board members na naging susi sa maayos na implementasyon ng ECP system.

"I thank President Marcos Jr. for leading reforms that restored dignity and hope to the teaching profession. My sincere appreciation to Secretary Sonny Angara for transforming that vision into a real opportunity where the fruit of our hard work is finally recognized," pagtatapos ni Teacher Eusebio. Source: DepEd

City Government of Bacoor

BACOOR CITY HOLDS LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD (LSB) MEETING TO ADVANCE EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

The City Government of Bacoor, led by Mayor Strike B. Revilla, in partnership with DepEd Bacoor, convened a meeting of the Local School Board (LSB) today, demonstrating its ongoing commitment to strengthening the city's educational system.

The meeting was attended by Mayor Strike B. Revilla and Dr. Babylyn Pambid, Bacoor School Division Superintendent, alongside members of the Local School Board. Key agenda items included a review of the status of solar panel utilization in schools to promote sustainable energy, an assessment of infrastructure projects funded by the Special Education Fund (SEF) to improve learning environments, and a detailed examination of the utilization of the 2025 SEF budget to ensure resources are allocated effectively.

The Board also addressed other relevant matters pertaining to curriculum development, teacher training, and student welfare, ensuring a holistic approach to improving education quality.

This LSB meeting underscores the City Government's proactive approach to prioritizing education and ensuring that resources are strategically managed to benefit Bacooreño students and schools, paving the way for a brighter future.