

# Unified 911 Helps Save Victims of Violence Against Women and Children

With numerous reports resolved and victims saved, the Unified 911 Hotline proves to be an ally of Violence Against Women and Children (VAWC) or gender-based violence (GBV) victims, according to the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG).

The Unified 911 hotline forms an integral part of the government's toll-free national emergency communications service for victim-survivors of VAWC. Upon receipt of a call, incidents are immediately assessed, verified, and relayed to the appropriate responders, law enforcement units, and partner agencies.

From timely dispatch, coordinated response, and proper handling of these sensitive incidents, the central emer-

gency hotline fulfills President Ferdinand Marcos Jr.'s push to amplify the implementation of Republic Act No 9262, or the Anti-VAWC Act, to safeguard women and children from any form of violence.

According to the DILG, from September to November 2025, the National Call Center received almost 600 VAWC emergency calls.

The DILG added that through efficient coordination with first responders and law enforcers, domestic assault incidents were intercepted, and due process was upheld through pursuing legal remedies.

In Makati City, a concerned neighbor reported to 911 an ongoing violent altercation between a married couple. With the wife being threatened by her husband using a dead-

ly weapon, every second matters to prevent further assault. In no time, the Bantay Bayan personnel arrived at the scene and brought the involved parties to the nearest police station to process their VAWC case.

In Masbate City, an alleged rape incident was reported, wherein a minor's sensitive video was circulated online. As the case covers both VAWC and the Anti-Photo and Video Voyeurism Act, the victim was immediately referred to the Women and Children Protection Desk (WCPD) and the Cyber-crime Division for prompt intervention.

Meanwhile, the immediate arrest of the suspect in the alleged battered wife and child abuse incident at Negros Occidental was facilitated through the 911 hotline. The caller sought police assistance to save the GBV victims while the case was filed at the WCPD for proper disposition. A joint agreement between the DILG, Department of Justice (DOJ), and the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) institutionalized the inclusion of GBV emergency and distress calls in the 911 hotline to streamline referral and response pathways.

With the government's inclusive emergency response, the culture of silence surrounding VAWC victims can be resolved, as 911 provides a safe space to report domestic abuse while giving assurance of an immediate response within minutes.

Source: DILG

## City Government of Carmona

### LAUNCHING OF DTI SHARED SERVICE FACILITY FOR FOOD AND BEVERAGES PRODUCTION FOR SENYASCCI

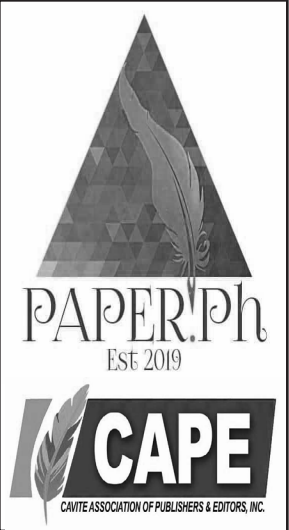
Idinaos ang Launching ng Shared Service Facility (SSF) for Food and Beverages Production para sa Social Enhancement Nurturing Program for Youth and Adult Deaf Society in Carmona, Cavite, Inc. (SENYASCCI), kung saan isinagawa ang turnover ng mga equipment mula sa Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), sa pakikipagtulungan ng Persons

with Disability Affairs Office (PDAO).

Ito ay dinaluhan ng Delos Santos Family Foundation Inc., mga officials ng DTI-Cavite sa pangunguna ni Ms. Lilibeth R. Chavez, OIC Provincial Director, mga opisyal ng Pamahalaang Lungsod ng Carmona sa pangunguna ni City Vice Mayor Cesar L. Ines, Jr., Sangguniang Panlungsod Members, City Admin-

istrator Mr. Dave Peñano, OIC LEDIPO Mr. Antonino Agulto, at ng mga officers ng Kalingkayap Integrated Shelter Support Inc. at mga miyembro at kawani ng PDAO at SENYASCCI.

Ang programang ito ay naglalayong palawakin ang oportunidad pangkabuhayan ng mga PWDs sa Lungsod at itaguyod ang inklusibo at patuloy na kaunlaran para sa kanila.



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## City Government of Imus

### Bago matapos ang taong ito, muling nakapaghatid ng tulong ang Pamahalaang Lungsod ng Imus, sa pangunguna ni Mayor Alex Advincula, para sa mga Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) sa isinagawang PWD Assistance Payout

Kabuuan ng 253 beneficiary ang nakatanggap ng pinansyal na tulong para sa kanilang medical, burial, educational, at therapy assistance, bilang bahagi ng patuloy na programang

naglalayong magbigay suporta at ginhawa sa bawat Imuseño. Sa pagsalubong sa panibagong taon, asahan ninyo na magpapatuloy ang Pamahalaang Lung-

sod ng Imus sa pagkalinaga at pagtulong sa mga PWD upang mapagaan ang kanilang pang-araw-araw na pamumuhay at maisulong ang mas inklusibong komunidad.



The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), through the Board of Investments (BOI), continues to sustain strong investment momentum as Trade Secretary and BOI Chairman Cristina Roque announced the endorsement of 29 investment projects last week. With a combined investment value of Php124.81 billion, the projects are expected to generate 4,444 jobs nationwide, subject to confirmation by the BOI Board. The projects span a wide range of priority sectors, including renewable energy, infrastructure, transport and logistics, IT-BPM services, housing, manufacturing, and tourism. (Turn to page 3)



Another year has passed, and here we are, ready for a fresh start. May 2026 be a year of growth, courage, and endless opportunities. May you find happiness in the little things, strength during challenges, and inspiration in every new day. Here's to letting go of what holds us back and embracing all the wonderful possibilities ahead. Wishing you a joyful, fulfilling, and extraordinary New Year!

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# In Expanded Career Progression, Teachers Rise, Learning Thrives



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For many years, public education has quietly faced a dilemma: teachers often had to choose between promotion and staying in the classroom. Advancing in rank frequently meant stepping away from actual teaching.

Under the leadership of Sonny Angara, the Department of Education (DepEd) began addressing this long-standing issue through the Expanded Career Progression (ECP) System—a reform that allows teachers to advance based on skill and experience without leaving the classroom.

The impact of this reform can be seen in the stories of Maribel M. Torreña from Sultan Kudarat and Evita Rose L. Busil from Capiz.

Recognition of Competence

Even before her promotion, Maribel M. Torreña had already established herself as a teaching leader. As a Master Teach-

er I at Esperanza National High School in Sultan Kudarat, she actively guided fellow teachers, supported curriculum implementation, and contributed to improving classroom practices within her school.

Her reclassification to Master Teacher III formally recognized this leadership—without removing her from the classroom community she serves every day.

“I am proud and grateful to have been reclassified as Master Teacher III, an affirmation of my dedication to teaching excellence and passion for empowering learners to reach their full potential,” Torreña said.

Under the ECP, her role in mentoring, curriculum development, and instructional leadership for the youth of Sultan Kudarat and SOCCSKSARGEN

has deepened, while she remains anchored in actual classroom experience. Promotion That

Strengthens Teaching In Capiz, Evita Rose L. Busil has shaped her profession with the belief that teaching is both a vocation and a community responsibility. As a Master Teacher II at Pontevedra Elementary School, she has long nurtured student learning, guided fellow teachers, and exemplified effective teaching.

“Teaching has always been my vocation,” Busil said. “Every day in the classroom reminds me to nurture young minds with care and purpose. We shape not only the learners but the communities and teachers.”

Her promotion to Master Teacher III under the ECP recognized years of dedicated service—not as a departure from teaching, but as a strengthening of it.

“The Expanded Career Progression System transformed my professional journey,” Busil

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## “DENR Reminds Filipinos: 5Rs of Waste Management Key to Responsible Holidays”

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the 5Rs of waste management — refuse, reduce, reuse, repurpose, and recycle —especially during the holidays to minimize waste generation.

The agency also reiterated the vital role of local government units (LGUs) in ensuring proper waste management, in line with Republic Act No. 9003 or the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act. Effective waste management, the DENR stressed, begins at the household and community levels.

During a recent year-end press conference, DENR reported improvements in solid waste management across the country, citing clearer accountability among stakeholders. The agency emphasized its commitment to working closely with LGUs, regional offices, and partners to strengthen compliance with environmental laws and waste management programs.

The agency also cited progress in the implementation of the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Act or Republic Act No. 11898. As of October 2025, compliance reports from obligated enterprises showed that over 120 million kilograms of rigid plastics and 124 million kilograms of flexible plastics were diverted

during the 2024 compliance period.

The country has already achieved a 56.12% recovery and diversion rate, surpassing the mandated target of 40 percent.

Beyond policies and regulations, the DENR underscored that individual actions play a crucial role in reducing environmental impact especially during the holidays.

To help households celebrate more sustainably, the DENR shared the following tips:

Choose reusables over disposables. Use washable plates, cups, and cutlery instead of single-use paper and plastic items.

Recycle old newspapers, magazines, or scrap paper into unique gift wrappers or paper bags.

Reuse holiday materials. Keep ribbons, gift wrappers, and décor for future occasions.

Bring eco-bags when shopping to reduce plastic waste.

Reduce or avoid food waste by serving reasonable portions and storing leftovers properly.

The DENR reminds the public that through mindful choices and small everyday actions, we can protect the environment while still enjoying meaningful celebrations with our families and communities. Source: DENR

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