

# Angara to roll out P1-B AI-powered Library Hubs

The Department of Education (DepEd) is now using artificial intelligence (AI) to guide the rollout of P1 billion worth of Library Hubs across the country, ensuring that the program reaches the schools and students who need it most.

As DepEd's AI and innovation hub, the Education Center for AI Research (ECAIR) developed a resource allocation tool that identifies school locations where students' reading skills need improvement.

This will serve as the basis for constructing Library Hubs under the 2026 Basic Education Facilities Fund (BEFF).

The initiative is part of DepEd's five-

point agenda aimed at addressing literacy gaps in the country through evidence-based reforms.

"Data-driven policymaking is central to the education reforms we envision. Initiatives like this demonstrate how data science can help DepEd make smarter investments—ensuring that resources reach the schools and learners that need them the most," said Secretary Sonny Angara.

The project also responds to findings of the Second Congressional Commission on Education (EDCOM II), which emphasized the need for equitable distribution of resources and facilities.

By analyzing national education and administrative datasets,

the algorithm identifies eligible schools based on learning needs, projected usage, and equity considerations.

This approach marks a shift away from traditional, often arbitrary allocation methods that previously slowed literacy progress in various regions.

According to Undersecretary for the Learning Systems Strand Carmela Oracion, library hubs are critical platforms for fostering a culture of reading in the country.

"By working with ECAIR to incorporate data into planning and prioritization, we can ensure that our investments better support learners in our schools," Oracion said.

"Education systems generate vast amounts of data, but the challenge is turning that data into actionable insights," explained Dr. Erika Legara, ECAIR Managing Director and Chief AI and Data Officer. She emphasized that the technology ensures large public investments deliver maximum impact on learning.

DepEd Library Hubs serve as warehouse libraries that provide public schools with quick access to a wide collection of high-quality supplementary reading materials to improve functional literacy nationwide.

These hubs act as central storage facilities where teachers can

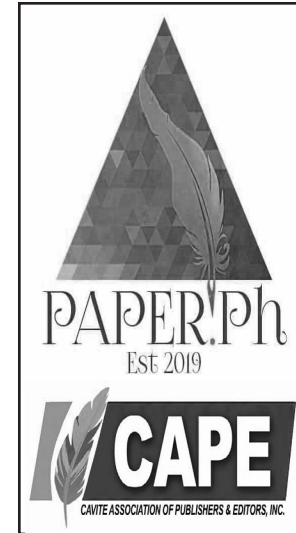
borrow books and teaching materials in bulk for their students, typically for a period of 25 to 30 days.

Moving forward, identify future investments in supplementary instructional materials for the greatest possible learning gains.

Source: DepEd

## City Government of Dasmariñas

### Operation Libreng Tuli 2026 at Pagamutan ng Dasmariñas brings accessible healthcare to young beneficiaries from Paliparan I, II, and III



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# Lawmakers push DSWD livelihood program institutionalization

## City Government of Carmona

### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PARA SA 257 CHEMOTHERAPY AT HEMODIALYSIS PATIENTS NG CITY OF CARMONA

Nagsawa ang Pamahalaang Lungsod ng Carmona, sa pangunguna ng Office of the City Social Welfare and Development Officer, ng pamamahagi ng financial assistance sa 257 Chemotherapy at Hemodialysis patients mula sa City of Carmona bilang tulong sa kanilang mga medikal na gastusin at pangangailangan.

Dalangin namin ang inyong patuloy na paggaling at nawa'y mabiyayaan ang lahat ng magandang kalusugan. Palagi pong nakaagapay ang Pamahalaang Lungsod ng Carmona para sa inyong mga pangangailangang medikal.



Senate Begins Deliberations on Proposed Institutionalization of DSWD Sustainable Livelihood Program The Philippine Senate, through the Committee on Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development chaired by Sen. Erwin Tulfo, held its first public hearing on Senate Bills Nos. 766 and 787, which both aim to institutionalize the Sustainable Livelihood Program (SLP) of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD).

The bills, authored by Senators Erwin Tulfo and Loren Legarda, seek to strengthen and formalize the SLP as a long-term poverty alleviation strategy. The program focuses on providing stable income opportunities to vulnerable and disadvantaged sectors through enterprise development and employment. During the hearing, representatives from key government agencies and partner organizations expressed strong support for the proposed measures. Edmon B. Monteverde, Assistant Secretary for (Turn to page 5)

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# SSS responds to economic challenges with expanded relief programs, PhpP60B in support for members and pensioners

Following the directive of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. and under the guidance of Social Security Commission (SSC) Chair Secretary Frederick D. Go, the Social Security System (SSS) is strengthening access to its existing programs in response to rising energy costs, inflationary pressures, and the broader economic impact of ongoing geopolitical tensions in the Middle East.

These initiatives include policy enhancements to improve accessibility and the early implementation of this year's pension increase to provide timely financial relief to members, pensioners, and employers.

SSS President and Chief Executive Officer Robert Joseph M. de Claro said, "We recognize that rising prices and economic uncertainty continue to place pressure on Filipino families and businesses. Through these enhanced programs, SSS is ensuring that our members and pensioners have access to timely, affordable and reliable financial support when they need it most."

Collectively, these programs are expected to provide up to approximately P60 billion in financial assistance and benefit support.

Emergency Loan Program

Members facing urgent financial needs may apply for the enhanced Emergency Loan Program, which offers up to P20,000 at a reduced interest rate of 7% per annum, with a six-month repayment moratorium.

To improve accessibility, SSS has relaxed the eligibility requirements from 36 to 18 months of posted contributions, with at least six (6) contributions posted within the last 12 months. The program now also covers members with minimal past-due loans of up to three (3) monthly amortizations, as well as overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) through simplified eligibility requirements.

Around P27 billion has been allocated for this program, which is expected to benefit an estimated 2.24 million eligible members, providing a safe and affordable alternative to informal lenders and helping them cover essential expenses such as medical needs, education and daily household requirements.

Micro-Loan Program

SSS is set to roll out short-term loans ranging from P1,000 to P20,000 with repayment terms of 15 to 90 days and an affordable rate of 8% per annum.

The program will be delivered through digital platforms and partner financial institutions,

enabling faster and more convenient access to funds.

It aims to provide immediate liquidity support while promoting financial inclusion, with a target loan portfolio of up to P40 billion within the next two (2) years.

Loan penalty condonation

For members with past-due loans, SSS continues to implement the Consolidation of Past Due Short-Term Member Loans with Condonation of Penalty Program.

Under this program, penalties of unpaid loans are fully waived upon settlement of the principal and interest. Members may choose flexible payment options: one-time settlement or installment terms up to 60 months with a minimum down payment of 10%.

Applications may be conveniently filed online via My.SSS portal.

Employer contribution delinquency reliefs

SSS is also providing relief to delinquent employers through penalty condonation and restructuring programs.

These include the Contribution Penalty Condonation, Delinquency Management, and Restructuring Program (CPCoDeMRP) for businesses and the Contribution Penalty

Condonation and Restructuring Program (CPCR-P) for household employers.

These measures allow employers to settle contribution obligations through structured payment arrangements without additional penalties, ensuring continued social security coverage and protection for their employees.

Early implementation of pension increase

In support of pensioners, SSS is advancing the implementation of the scheduled 2026 pension increase under the SSS Pension Reform Program, from September to June 2026, providing earlier financial relief.

Retirement and disability pensions will increase by 10%, while death and survivor benefits will increase by 5%.

SSS is expected to release approximately P6.5 billion for the early implementation of pension increase from June to August 2026, directly supporting millions of pensioners and their families.

In fulfilling its mandate, SSS remains committed to responding to the needs of its members while ensuring the prudent management and long-term sustainability of the social security fund for present and future generations. PR

ginalized sectors, and provide a sustainable pathway out of poverty. He added that the SLP has long been one of the department's most effective programs in achieving this goal.

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The Senate committee is expected to hold another hearing after receiving position papers and policy recommendations from participating agencies and stakeholders to further refine the proposed legislation. Photo courtesy: Senate of the Philippines. Source: DSWD

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# Lawmakers push DSWD livelihood program institutionalization

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Marife C. Leon, Director IV of the SLP-National Program Management Office, represented the DSWD.

They delivered the agency's official statement supporting the bills and answered questions during the discussion.

Monteverde emphasized that DSWD's mandate is to protect vulnerable groups, uplift marginalized sectors, and provide a sustainable pathway out of poverty. He added that the SLP has long been one of the department's most effective programs in achieving this goal.

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## Price Freeze on Basic Necessities Holds Until April 30 - DTI

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enforcement, DTI said it remains firmly focused on reasonable prices and sufficient supply for the protection of both enterprises and consumers under the Bagong Pilipinas.

Among those that agreed to maintain prices are Alaska Milk Corporation, Century Pacific Food, Inc., Commonwealth Foods, Inc., Ecosential Foods Corp., Green Cross, Inc., Lorenzana Food Corporation, Marby Food Ventures Corporation, Monde Nissin Corporation, Nestlé Philippines, Inc., Nutri-Asia, Inc., Peerless Products Manufacturing Corporation, Philippine Spring Water Resources, Inc. (PSWRI), Procter & Gamble Philippines, Salinas Corporation, San Miguel Foods, Inc. (SMFI), Uni-President Philippines, Universal Robina Corporation (URC), Virginia Food, Inc., Wellmade Manufacturing Corporation, and Zest-O Corporation.

To guide consumers and promote price transparency, the Department has made the official SRP bulletin widely accessible through in-store postings in supermarkets and groceries nationwide, and online via the DTI website and official social media platforms. Source: DTI

# Price Freeze on Basic Necessities Holds Until April 30 - DTI

The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) announced that there will be no price increase for basic necessities and prime commodities (BNPCs) until April 30, following the latest meeting convened on April 6 by the DTI Secretary.

The renewed agreement covers products such as canned sardines, processed milk, bread, coffee, locally manufactured instant noodles, bottled water, laundry soap, candles, salt, canned meat, condiments, and toilet soap with suggested retail prices (SRP).

Trade and Industry Secretary Ma. Cristina said that the continuing commitment reflects the industry's support to maintain price stability and protect Filipino consumers amid ongoing global supply and fuel cost pressures.

"We thank our manufacturers for their continued cooperation with the government. This constant dialogue allows us to respond proactively, keep prices stable, and ensure that Filipino consumers



remain informed and protected," the DTI Secretary said.

"We want to assure the Filipino consumers that there will be no price increase for basic necessities and prime commodities until April 30, and we do not expect any shortage of supply in the coming weeks. There is no need for panic buying, as supply remains sufficient. Rest assured, the DTI is on the ground every day, closely

monitoring markets to make sure basic goods are available and prices stay affordable," Secretary Roque added.

The DTI is also intensifying its monitoring as part of the government's broader UPLIFT framework, which adopts a whole-of-government approach to help Filipino families.

While no enforcement actions have been necessary so far, the mech-

anisms are fully in place. The DTI reiterated it is prepared to issue Letters of Inquiry/Notice of Violation to businesses found selling above SRP levels and warned that strict penalties will be imposed on entities engaged in illegal price manipulation, such as hoarding or profiteering.

With sustained whole-of-government action, industry coordination, and ground-level (Turn to page 5)

(signature)  
SHIRLEY MENDEZ PATROCINIO  
Evidence of identity: OSCA 2022-26550 /Imus / 11-029-2022

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this day of 27 JAN 2026 2026, by the aforementioned persons with their respective evidence of identities.

(Signed)  
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WHEREFORE, finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, let the same be set for hearing on June 3, 2026 at 8:30 in the morning. Any interested parties may appear and show cause why the petition should not be granted.

Let this Order be published once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general publication, as may be chosen by raffle.

Notify the respondents mentioned in the Petition, at their respective addresses.  
SO ORDERED.

City of Imus, Cavite, February 23, 2026.

LEAD. LLAVORE  
Presiding Judge

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## City Government of Imus



### 22 Imuseño, lumahok sa Digital Literacy Training ng Imus Public Library

Dalawampu't dalawang estudyante, mga kawani ng lokal na pamahalaan, at maliit na negosyante ang lumahok sa Digital Literacy Training for Aspiring Video Creators na isinagawa ng City of Imus Public Library (CIPL) nitong Martes, Abril 14, 2026, sa Computer Room ng silid-aklatan. Naging pangunahing tagapagturo si Mr. Crismel Gida na tinalakay ang Video Editing Fundamentals, samantalang sina Sherwin Latoja at Marco Paulo Castro ay nagbahagi ng kanilang kaalaman at karanasan sa paggamit ng makabagong teknik sa videography. Sa pamamagitan ng programang ito, naipakita ang suporta ng lokal na pamahalaan sa pagpapalawak ng digital skills ng mga Imuseño, lalo na sa mga kabataan at maliit na sektor ng lipunan. Ayon din sa CIPL, layunin ng Digital Literacy Training na palakasin ang kakayahan ng mga Imuseño sa digital content creation upang makatulong sa edukasyon, negosyo, at komunidad.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FOR CORRECTION OF ENTRY IN THE CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH OF SHIRLEY MEDINA MENDEZ,

SHIRLEY MENDEZ PATROCINIO,  
Petitioner,

- versus - SP CASE NO. 2007-26

OFFICE OF THE CIVIL REGISTRAR OF THE CITY OF IMUS, PROVINCE OF CAVITE.

Respondent.  
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#### ORDER

A verified Petition, dated January 27, 2026, has been filed in this Court, which contains the following averments:

#### PETITION

COME NOW the PETITIONER, through the undersigned counsel and unto this Honorable Court, respectfully avers that:

1. The PETITIONER SHIRLEY MEDINA MENDEZ now SHIRLEY MENDEZ PATROCINIO, of legal age, married to LORENZO D. PATROCINIO and resident of #436 Malagasang 2-D, City of Imus, Cavite, who may be served with notices, orders and other legal processes of this Honorable Court and/or through the undersigned counsel at the address below herein indicated;

2. The Petitioner is consented to be served with notices, orders and other legal processes of this Honorable Court through electronic-mail at:  
For Petitioner MENDEZ PATROCINIO:  
Email: shirleypatrocinio1962@gmail.com  
Counsel's Email:  
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3. The CITY REGISTRAR'S OFFICE OF CITY OF IMUS, PROVINCE OF CAVITE is being impleaded as required by law, which holds office at the Imus City Hall, New Imus Government Center Bldg, Malagasang-Alapan-Bucandala By-pass Road, Malagasang 1-G, Imus, Cavite where it may be served with summons, notices, orders and other legal processes of this Honorable Court;

4. The Petitioner is second child of five children of the Spouses RODOLFO MENDOZA MENDEZ (deceased) and AMPARO GEDARIA MEDINA (maiden name) now AMPARO MEDINA MENDEZ (married name), who were married on July 19, 1959. Herein attached is a copy of her parent's Marriage Certificate as Annex "A";

5. The Petitioner was born on November 26, 1962 at their residence in Imus, Cavite and attended by a midwife;

6. Currently, the Petitioner is married to LORENZO D. PATROCINIO and she is now using the married name of SHIRLEY MENDEZ PATROCINIO as evidenced by her own Certificate of Marriage and Office of the Senior Citizens Affair ID No. 2022-26550 issued by City Government of Imus on November 29, 2022. Herein attached is the copy of the Certificate of Marriage of Shirley Mendez Patrocinio and OSCA ID as Annexes "B" and "C", respectively;

7. In the Certificate of Live Birth of the Petitioner, the following entries were erroneously noted:

• First name of Child: "SHIRLY" which later was corrected to "SHIRLEY" on September 20, 2013 pursuant to the Decision rendered by MCR Violeta P. Sañez and affirmed by CRG Under OCRG No., 13-1074262;  
• Mother's Name: AMPARO MEDINA MEDINA which can be found in Entry Item No. 12 in the Certificate of Live Birth.

Herein attached is a copy of the Certificate of Live Birth with CRG No. 658 of the Petitioner, both Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Copy and from Civil Registrar's Office' copy as Annexes "D" and "E-1" and in both copies the Entry Item No. 12 was marked and bracketed as Annexes "D-1" and "E-1" while the inscription or annotation at the bottom portion of the Certificate of Live Birth be marked and bracketed as Annex "D-2" and "E-2";

8. It will be noted that the middle name of Petitioner's mother's maiden name, AMPARO was written as "MEDINA" but the truth and in fact the middle maiden name should be "GEDARIA" as appearing in AMPARO'S own Certificate

of Live Birth and a copy of which is herein attached as Annex "F". The Entry Item No.1 where the middle name of "GEDARIA" appeared, was bracketed and marked as Annex "F-1";

9. The Petitioner's mother was publicly known as AMPARO GEDARIA MEDINA as maiden name, since time immemorial being resident of Malagasang II-D, Imus, Cavite and this is evident in the following instruments or documents:

• Certificate of Live Birth of CRESELITO MEDINA MENDEZ, the brother of the Petitioner showing their mother's name in Entry No. 6 as "AMPARO GEDARIA MEDINA" and a PSA Certified True Copy of which is herein attached as Annex "G" while the Entry No. 6 was bracketed and marked as Annex "G-1";

• Certificate of Live Birth of FEDERICO GEDARIA MEDINA, the brother of AMPARO and uncle of the Petitioner showing that AMPARIO and his brother FEDERICO carrying the same middle name of GEDARIA; A certified true copy issued by the City Civil Registry Office of Imus City of the Certificate of Live Birth is herein attached as Annex "H", and the name of Federico carrying the middle name of GEDARIA found in Entry Item No. 3 is marked and bracketed as Annex "H-1". The Entry Item No. 7 and Entry Item No. 12 were also marked and bracketed as Annexes "H-2" and "H-3" to establish the relationship of Amparo and Federico; and,

• Barangay Certification certifying that AMPARO was known in the locality as AMPARO GEDARIA MEDINA MENDEZ and bonafide resident therein which original copy is herein attached as Annex "I".

10. The correct middle name of Amparo, who is the Petitioner's mother was further proved to by LINDA MAGSINO QUITQUITAN and GUADA OCTIT VALDEZ, through their joint affidavit attesting that AMPARO MEDINA MEDINA and AMPARO GEDARIA MEDINA is one and the same person. Herein attached is an Affidavit of Two Disinterested Persons as Annex "J";

11. The Petitioner need to correct the name of her mother's maiden name in her own Certificate of Live Birth for purposes of her US VISA application and for whatever legal purpose it may serve;

12. For this reason, Petitioner humbly prayed before this Honorable Court that the entry of her mother's maiden name in Petitioner's Certificate of Live Birth be corrected from AMPARO MEDINA MEDINA to AMPARO GEDARIA MEDINA;

DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

13. The following are the documentary evidence to be submitted by the Petitioner to substantiate the petition:

ANNEX	DESCRIPTION	PURPOSE
A	Marriage Certificate of Rofoldo Mendez and Amparo Medina	To prove the marital relation of the petitioner's parents.
B	Certificate of Marriage of the Petitioner	To prove the marital status of the petitioner;
C	OSCA ID	To prove that the petitioner is now Shirley Mendez Patrocinio
D	Certificate of Live Birth of the Petitioner (PSA Copy)	-To prove that the petitioner is the child of Amparo Gedaria Medina now Amparo Medina Mendez;
D-1	Entry Item No. 12	
D-2	Annotation at the bottom Portion	
E	Certificate of Live Birth of the Petitioner (City of Imus-Registrar's Copy)	To prove the erroneous entry in the petitioner's Certificate of Live Birth.
E-1	Entry No. 12	- To prove that the name of petitioner was corrected.
E-2	Annotation at the bottom portion	
F	Certificate of Live Birth of Amparo Gedaria Medina	- To prove the correct middle name of petitioner's mother.
F-1	Entry No. 1	
G	Certificate of Live Birth of CRESELITO MEDINA MENDEZ.	- To prove that the correct maiden name of Petitioner's mother was also appeared and carried by Petitioner's brother
G-1	Entry No. 6	
H	Certificate of Live Birth of FEDERICO GEDARIA MEDINA	-To prove that Amparo's brother carries the middle name of GEDARIA
H-1	Entry No. 3	
H-2	Entry No. 7	
H-3	Entry No. 12	-To prove that AMPARO and FEDERICO were siblings.
I	Barangay Certificate	-To prove that the petitioner's mother was publicly known as Amparo Gedaria Medina as her maiden name;
J	Affidavit of 2	-To prove that Amparo Gedaria Medina now longtime resident in the Disinterested Person locality of Malagasang 2D, Imus, Cavite and has been known in such names.

14. The Petitioners reserve the right to present additional documentary evidence as may be necessary in the course of the trial.

#### WITNESSES AND SUMMARY OF INTENDED TESTIMONIES

15. The Petitioner intend to present the following witnesses to substantiate her claim:

(A) SHIRLEY MENDEZ PATROCINIO to identify pertinent documents and to testify on the circumstances surrounding the erroneous entry in her own Certificate of Live Birth and the correct maiden name of her mother.

(B) LINDA M. QUITQUITAN - to establish her acquaintances with the petitioner and to the Amparo; to prove that the maiden middle name of Amparo is Gedaria; and all matters, facts and circumstances relevant and material to the instant petition.

(C) GUADA OCTIT VALDEZ to corroborate; to establish her acquaintances with the petitioner and to the Amparo; to prove that the maiden middle name of Amparo is Gedaria; and all matters, facts and circumstances relevant and material to the instant petition.

16. The Judicial Affidavits of the above-stated witnesses are attached to this Petition and marked as Annexes "K", "L" and "M";

17. The Petitioner reserve the right to present additional witnesses as may be necessary in the course of the trial.

#### PRAYER

WHEREFORE, premises considered, it is respectfully prayed to this Honorable Court that, after due notice, publication and hearing, an ORDER be issued DIRECTING the Office of the Civil Registry of City of Imus, Province of Cavite to CORRECT the Petitioner's mother's name in the petitioner's own Certificate of Live Birth more particularly in Entry Item No. 12, from AMPARO MEDINA MEDINA to AMPARO GEDARIA MEDINA in the Certificate of Live Birth of Petitioner with CRG No. 658.

Plaintiffs pray for such other remedies and reliefs as may be deemed just and equitable under the premises.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED.  
Imus City, Cavite for Bacoor City, Cavite, Philippines,  
27 JAN 2026, 2026.

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CITY OF IMUS CITY, CAVITE )S.S.

#### VERIFICATION AND CERTIFICATION OF NON-FORUM SHOPPING

I, SHIRLEY MENDEZ PATROCINIO, under oath, depose and say,

1. That I am the petitioner in the above-entitled Petition for Correction of Entry in the Certificate of Live Birth of Shirley Medina Mendez.

2. That I cause the preparation of the foregoing Petition;

3. That I have read and understood the same and all the allegations in the pleading are true and correct based on my personal knowledge, or based on authentic documents;

4. The pleading is not filed to harass, cause unnecessary delay, or needlessly increase the cost of litigation;

5. The factual allegations therein have evidentiary support or, if specifically, so identified, will likewise have evidentiary support after a reasonable opportunity for discovery.

6. That I have not commenced any action or filed any claim involving the same issues in any court, tribunal or quasi-judicial agency and, to the best of my knowledge, no such other action or claim is pending therein, and if there is such other pending action or claim, a complete statement of the present status thereof;

7. That if I should thereafter learn that the same or similar action or claim has been filed or is pending, I shall report that fact within five (5) calendar days therefrom to the court wherein my aforesaid Petition or initiatory pleading have been filed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands this day of 27 JAN 2026 in the City of IMUS CITY, CAVITE Philippines.