

DSWD steps up mental health support for youth through “Tara, Usap!”

The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), through the Tara, Basa! National Program Management Office (NPMO), will launch the Tara, Usap! Program on Thursday (August 13), to combat mental health issues affecting Filipino households, particularly the youth.

The launch will take place at the Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Valenzuela, which will serve as the pilot site for the program that primarily targets youth beneficiaries serving as tutors and youth development workers (YDWs) under the existing Tara, Basa! Program.

“Ang Tara, Basa! Program ay naging epekti-

bo para labanan ang illiteracy at gawing mas malapit ang mga batang mag-aaral sa kanilang mga magulang. Gayunpaman, may iba pa ring mga problemang kinakaharap ang bawat pamilyang Piliipino na kailangan din ng intervention tulad ng stress at iba pang mental health issues. Dito sa Tara, Usap! Program, tinutugunan natin ang problemang ito,” Asst.

Secretary Irene Dumlaog, the DSWD spokesperson, said on Wednesday (August 5). The Tara, Usap! Program is a school and community-based Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) initiative which promotes the holistic well-being of our youth beneficiaries by in-

tegrating mental health promotion, psychosocial support, family strengthening, peer support, and wellness into the Tara, Basa! framework. In the pre-implementation phase, the DSWD consulted the existing Tara, Basa! youth beneficiaries in Valenzuela City to ensure the Tara, Usap! program is tailored to the actual needs of potential clients.

Interested beneficiaries are encouraged to apply as Peer Facilitators, where qualified applicants will undergo capability-building training to lead structured support sessions known as 'Tara, Kausap Circles.' These sessions aim to equip facilitators with the skills needed to help participants protect, recover, and heal from mental health challenges.

“Nais ng DSWD na magkaroon ng mental health awareness, at matuto ang ating mga kabataan ng psychological first aid (PFA), stress management, at maging katuwang ng pamahalaan sa pag-promote ng help-seeking behaviors dahil maraming Pilipino ang hindi alam kung paano tutugunan ang kani-kanilang mga mental health issues,” the DSWD spokesperson emphasized.

The initial implementation of the Tara, Usap! program will focus on its school-based peer support initiative, the ‘Youth Tara, Kausap Circles’.

Guided by a specialized Peer Facilitator Hand-



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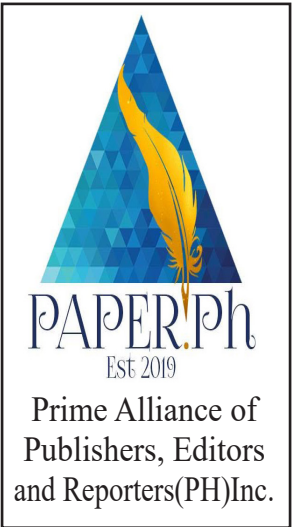
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In support of the commemoration of 2026 as the Year of Philippine Diplomatic History and Diaspora, the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), through the Office of Economic and Cultural Diplomacy (OECD), participated as a Major Exhibitor at HistoEx (History to Experience) 2026, held at the SM Mall of Asia Music Hall on 27-29 July 2026.

Organized by the National Historical Commission (NHCP), HistoEx 2026 is the Commission's flagship public engagement initiative in observance of the Dekada ng Kasaysayan ng Pilipinas, a presidential proclamation marking its 100th anniversary. The three-day event brought together more than 20 government agencies and

non-government organizations to showcase interactive exhibits highlighting the country's rich historical heritage and its continuing relevance to nation-building. OECD Assistant Secretary Raquel R. Solano, who represented the DFA as Guest of Honor at the Opening Ceremony, delivered the Department's

LRT-2 Piso Fare Cashback Promo extended until August 31

The Department of Transportation (DOTr) has partnered with Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation (RCBC) and the Social Security System (SSS) to extend until August 31 the Piso Fare

Cashback Promo for passengers using cashless payments on the LRT-2. This follows the President's directive to make train fares more affordable, alongside efforts to promote digitalization

for faster and more convenient travel for passengers. “Nagpapasalamat tayo sa RCBC at SSS, pati na kay Finance Secretary Frederick Go, dahil na-ex-tend itong piso fare cash-



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SSS, BIR strengthen interagency cooperation through landmark partnership

The Social Security System (SSS) and the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) on Friday formalized a landmark partnership to strengthen compliance with tax and social security laws, enhance data sharing, and improve public service delivery.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), signed by SSS President and Chief Executive Officer Robert Joseph M. De Claro and BIR Commissioner Atty. Charlito Martin R. Mendoza at the BIR National Office in Quezon City, establishes a framework for stronger institutional coordination in carrying out the agencies' respective mandates.

The MOU also lays the groundwork for a Memorandum of Agreement that will govern specific collaborative initiatives, including the establishment of the Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) as a common and reliable identifier across the BIR and the SSS to enhance data integrity, strengthen compliance monitoring, and improve ease of doing business.

PCEO De Claro said the MOU marks a significant step in aligning the mandates, expertise, and resources of the SSS and the BIR.

"We all recognize that taxes provide the resources that enable our government to deliver essential programs and services to the Filipino people. Likewise, the social security contributions are the lifeblood of SSS operations, allowing us to provide meaningful protection and financial secu-

urity to millions of workers, pensioners, and their families," De Claro said.

"By strengthening our collaboration between our agencies, we are creating a more coordinated and responsive government, one that makes compliance easier, improves service delivery, and ultimately benefits every Filipino."

BIR Commissioner Mendoza said the MOU provides a strong foundation for sustained collaboration between the two agencies, adding that its success will ultimately be measured by "simpler processes, stronger coordination, better informed decisions, and more effective public service."

"Our mandates may be different, but our work is closely connected. Government works best when institutions trust one another enough to share responsibility, information, and expertise," Mendoza said. PR

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book crafted by the Tara, Basa! Program NPMO, each circle convenes 3 to 5 participants across 8 structured sessions.

The DSWD is set to commence capabili-

ty-building activities for youth peer facilitators before the end of August, while the 'Tara, Kausap Circles' sessions are scheduled to run from October to November 2026. (KB) Source: DSWD

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LRT-2 Piso Fare Cashback Promo extended until August 31

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back promo para sa mga pasahero ng LRT-2. Dapat hanggang July 31 lang ito, pero na-extend natin hanggang August 31. Malaking tulong ito sa mga komyuter dahil 'yung matitipid nilang pamasaha, pwede pa nilang magamit ngayon sa ibang bagay tulad ng pam-

baon sa eskwela at pam-bili ng pagkain o gamot," ayon kay Transportation Secretary Banoy Lopez. Passengers who use MySSS Cards and RCBC debit and credit cards at the train's cashless fare gates can avail themselves of the Piso Fare Cashback

Promo on the LRT-2. Under the promo, passengers will pay only P1 for their train fare, allowing them to save up to Php17 per trip, depending on their destination. Passengers may avail themselves of the promo up to eight times a day. Source: DOTr

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teractive virtual museum game, The Philippines in the World: Milestone Moments of the Department of Foreign Affairs, developed in line with the Department's efforts to promote Philippine creative industries through animation and gaming. Visitors explored four digital galleries featuring the Philippines' milestones in the United Nations, its contributions to ASEAN,

including the country's 2026 Chairmanship, the DFA's role in securing the landmark 2016 Arbitral Tribunal Award on the South China Sea, and the evolution of the Philippine passport from its handwritten origins to today's e-Passports.

Complementing the digital experience was the DFA Timelines Card Game, inspired by the publications titled, "History of the Department of Foreign Affairs: 1992-2024" and "History of the Department of Foreign Affairs: 1898-1991". Participants attempted to arrange pivotal events in Philippine diplomatic history in the right sequence, offering an engaging introduction to the Department's evolution and the Philippines' contributions to international relations and the rules-based international order. The exhibit likewise featured a curated

collection of historical Philippine passports, displays portraying selected excerpts from the 2016 Arbitral Tribunal Award, a dedicated book nook of DFA-related publications, a backdrop of flags of the ASEAN Member States to highlight the Philippines' 2026 ASEAN Chairmanship, as well as a standee of Apolinario Mabini, honoring the country's first Secretary of Foreign Affairs.

Through its participation in HistoEx 2026, the DFA reaffirmed its commitment to making Philippine diplomatic history more accessible and engaging to the public while fostering a deeper appreciation of the Department's role in advancing the country's foreign policy, safeguarding national interests, and strengthening the Philippines' engagement with the international community. Source: DFA

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice of hereby given that the estate of the deceased **RICARTE M. FREDERICO JR.** who died intestate on July 3, 2025 in Quezon City, left 50% conjugal properties covered by the following:

Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-1215944
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 Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-1215943
 Cavite City
 Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-1215945
 Cavite City (Drive Way)

has been extrajudicially settled by and among his heirs as per Doc. No. 12; Page No. 04; Book No. 17; Series of 2026 by Notary Public for Las Piñas City, ATTY. ROMMEL N. CARIÑO.

CD- Aug. 10, 17 & 24, 2026

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION REGIONAL TRIAL COURT TRECE MARTIRES CITY, CAVITE BRANCH 131

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IN RE: PETITION FOR CORRECTION OF ENTRY IN ITEM NO. 1 OF THE CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH OF ROBYN ALEXIS BAUTISTA TO CONFORM WITH THE EXISTING ANNOTATION OF LEGITIMATION,

ROBYN ALEXIS BAUTISTA LACANDILI,
 Petitioner,

-versus- TMSP-028-26-T

THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF TANZA, CAVITE, THE CIVIL REGISTRAR GENERAL/ PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY, AND ALL PERSONS WHO MAY HAVE OF CLAIM ANY INTEREST WHICH WOULD BE AFFECTED THEREBY,
 Respondents.

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ORDER

Before this Court is a Petition for Correction of Entries in Certificate of Live Birth of Robyn Alexis Bautista Lacandili in the Local Civil Registry of Tanza, Cavite, through counsel, Atty. Yvette Kathryn S. Barrientos of Public Attorney's Office, praying that after due notice, publication and hearing, an Order be issued directing the Local Civil Registrar of Tanza, Cavite and the Civil Registrar General/ Philippine Statistics Authority to correct Item No. 1 in the certificate of live birth of the petitioner from Robyn Alexis Bautista to Robyn Alexis Bautista Lacandili and ordering the proper registration, annotation and issuance of the corrected civil registry record consistent with the existing annotation of legitimation in her certificate of live birth certificate.

Finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, let the same be set for initial hearing on October 16, 2026 at 8:30 in the morning, before this Court located at the Old Cavite Provincial Capitol Compound, Brgy. Agustin, Trece Martires City, Cavite.

Let the copy of this Order be published once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the Province, at the expense of the petitioner, and notice is hereby given to the Local Civil Registrar of Tanza, Cavite, Philippine Statistics Authority, and any person having or claiming any interest under the entry which correction is sought, may within fifteen (15) days from notice, file opposition thereto.

Further, let a copy of this Order be furnished the petitioners and their counsel, the Office of the Local Civil Registrar of Tanza, Cavite, the Office of the Provincial Prosecutor of Tanza, Cavite, the Honorable Solicitor General, the Civil Registrar General, Philippine Statistics Authority and the Office of the Clerk of Court - RTC, Trece Martires City, Cavite.

SO ORDERED.

Issued this 4th day of June 2026 in Trece Martires City, Cavite.

PAUL MICHAEL T. MEJIA
 Presiding Judge

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TRB approves toll collection for CALAX Subsection 3

NEW CALAX TOLL FEES Effective August 9, 2026		
	Greenfield to Governor's Drive	Silang (Aguinaldo) to Governor's Drive
CLASS 1	P117.00	P35.00
CLASS 2	P234.00	P70.00
CLASS 3	P351.00	P106.00

After providing toll-free access for three (3) months, the Toll Regulatory Board (TRB) has approved the start of toll collection for the Cavite-Laguna Expressway (CALAX) Subsection 3, covering Silang (Aguinaldo) to Governor's Drive in General Trias, effective August 9, 2026.

Since its opening on May 4, 2026, the new segment has provided free passage to almost 9,000 motorists daily, offering a more convenient and efficient travel option for residents, workers, students, and businesses in Cavite.

The 7.88-kilometer CALAX Subsection 3 was built to provide a faster alternative route for commuters and businesses, bypassing heavily congested local

roads along Cavite's growing industrial and residential corridors.

Starting August 9, motorists using the CALAX Subsection 3 from Silang (Aguinaldo) Interchange to Governor's Drive will be charged the following rates: P35 for Class 1, P70 for Class 2, and P106 for Class 3 vehicles.

Meanwhile, the following toll rates will apply for motorists traveling from Governor's Drive in General Trias, Cavite, and going straight to Greenfield in Laguna: P117 for Class 1, P234 for Class 2, and P351 for Class 3 vehicles.

The opening of CALAX Subsection 3 brings

the operational length of CALAX to 26 kilometers, starting from the Greenfield-Mamplasan Entry in Biñan, Laguna.

Once fully completed, the entire expressway network is projected to serve up to 65,000 vehicles per day, strengthening regional connectivity and supporting the movement of people, goods, and services across Cavite, Laguna, and Southern Metro Manila.

CALAX is a vital infrastructure project designed to reduce travel time, ease traffic congestion on major local roads, and support economic growth in one of the country's fastest-growing regions.

City Government of Imus

Business Conferences 2026, matagumpay na idinaos ng OLEDIPO

Mahigit 300 negosyante ang dumalo sa Business Conference 2026 ng Office of the Local Economic Development and Investment Promotions Officer (LEDIPO), sa pangunguna ni LEDIPO Marie Jenneth Vilbar-Lungcay, Hulyo 30, 2026, sa Function Hall ng New Imus City Government Center.

Tampok sa conference ang negosyante at business speaker na si RJ Ledesma, kung saan ibinahagi ang

mga praktikal na kaalaman sa pagnenegosyo, mula sa pagbuo ng makabuluhang business models hanggang sa tamang pag-iisip ng isang negosyante.

Dumalo sa nasabing pagpupulong sina City Mayor Alex "AA" L. Advincula, Konsehal Mark Villanueva, at City Administrator Lauro D. Monzon, bilang pagpapakita ng suporta sa taunang programa ng OLEDIPO. Nakiisa rin sa conference sina Cebuana Lhuillier Finance Corporation Busi-

ness Development Head Maria Rosario Cantiller at Market Development and Product Solutions Division Head Anna Carmina D. Villegas. Ayon sa OLEDIPO, layunin ng Business Conference na itaguyod ang pagnenegosyong nakabatay sa layunin at pananagutan sa lipunan na nagbibigay-inspirasyon sa mga negosyante na isama ang pangmatagalang responsibilidad sa lipunan at wastong kasanayan ng mga negosyo para sa pangmatagalan nilang paglago.



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(From page 1) Message of Support. cy has always been woven into Philippine history, reflected in the our neighboring civilizations through trade, cultural exchange, and dialogue, long before the establishment of the balangay (ancient wooden boats) that connected Filipinos with other civilizations.

City Government of Dasmariñas

Blessing of Building 3 of Kolehiyong Lungsod ng Dasmariñas



(L-R) SM Book Nook Pioneer Architect Shereen T. Sy, NHCP Chair Regalado Trota Jose Jr., DFA-OECD Assistant Secretary Raquel R. Solano, and NHCP Executive Director Carminda R. Arevalo take part in the formal opening of HistoEx 2026. (Photo courtesy of Manila Bulletin)

of the modern Philippines at state. She likewise highlighted the Philippines' 2026 ASEAN Chairmanship as a continuation of

this enduring tradition of regional cooperation and engagement.

"As we commemorate the 2026 Year of Philippine Diplomatic History and Diaspora, may this exhibition encourage us to see Philippine diplomacy not simply as the conduct of foreign relations, but as an enduring expression of who we are as a people, confident in our identity, principled in our engagement, and generous in our pursuit of friendship and cooperation," Assistant Secretary Solano said.

HistoEx 2026 was formally inaugurated with

a ceremonial flag-raising at the exhibition's balangay installation, symbolically setting sail on a journey through the Philippines' diplomatic history and diaspora. The ceremony was led by NHCP Chair Regalado Trota Jose Jr., together with Assistant Secretary Solano and SM Book Nook Pioneer Architect Shereen T. Sy, and was followed by a guided tour of the main exhibition and the interactive displays of participating agencies and organizations.

A core part of the DFA exhibit was the informally inaugurated with

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