

GrowthCon PH 2026 highlights AI adoption, Tatak Pinoy roadmap



As technology continues to reshape modern business, Filipino entrepreneurs are adapting by leveraging artificial intelligence (AI), automation, and new scaling strategies. To support this trans-

sition, the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), through the Tatak Pinoy Council Secretariat (TPCS), highlighted the country’s industrial roadmap at GrowthCon PH 2026.

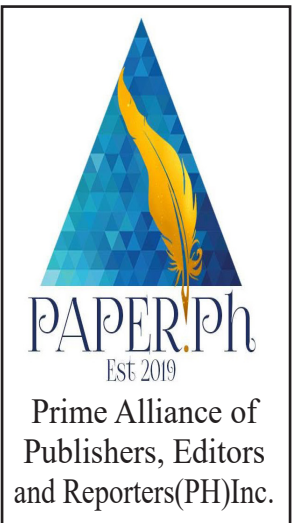
Organized by The Business Manual, Growth-Con PH is an annual conference that brings together leading entrepreneurs,

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City Government of Dasmariñas

The City Government of Dasmariñas has rolled out the distribution of rice assistance to TODA drivers at City of Dasmariñas Arena

The distribution will proceed in scheduled batches to ensure that more TODA drivers throughout the city receive the assistance.



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To proceed with the Niog stations if no agreement is reached.

The Department of Transportation (DOTr) will lay down its non-negotiable terms before the Villar Group of Companies to expedite the latter’s donation of 6 parcels of land where the Las Pinas station of the LRT-1 Cavite Extension Project will be constructed, Transportation Secretary Banoy Lopez said Thursday.

present three key conditions during its meeting with the Villar Group next week. First, to give DOTr an unconditional permit to enter; second, that it will be part of the deed of donation and that the government should be free from all liabilities, no subrogation; and third, the cancellation of the mortgage on the land to be donated.

“It’s a take it or leave it offer. Ang take it or leave it [terms] is that

Secretary Lopez said that the government will *(Turn to page 3)*

City Government of Carmona

K.O.N.E.K. 2026 & ON-SITE E-VEHICLE REGISTRATION SA BARANGAY MILAGROSA AT LANTIC

Sa pangunguna ng Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod ay pinalakas ang ugnayan ng Pamahalaang Lungsod ng Carmona at ng mga mamamayan sa pamamagitan ng K.O.N.E.K. o Kaagap sa Organisadong Pamamahala, Napapanahong Estratehiya, at Komunikasyon 2026, na ginanap sa Carmona Activity Center o CarSiGMA Gymnasium.

Kasabay nito ang Legislative Orientation tungkol sa mga bagong ordinansa ng Lungsod at ang On-site E-Vehicle

Registration upang maisulong ang mas ligtas, maayos, at organisadong pag-

gamit ng mga e-vehicle sa Carmona. Abangan ang pangbarangay.



DFA marks 48th National Disability Rights Week with push for inclusivity

In celebration of the 48th National Disability Rights (NDR) Week anchored on this year’s theme, “Rights First, Legislation Forward – Strategic Action for Equal

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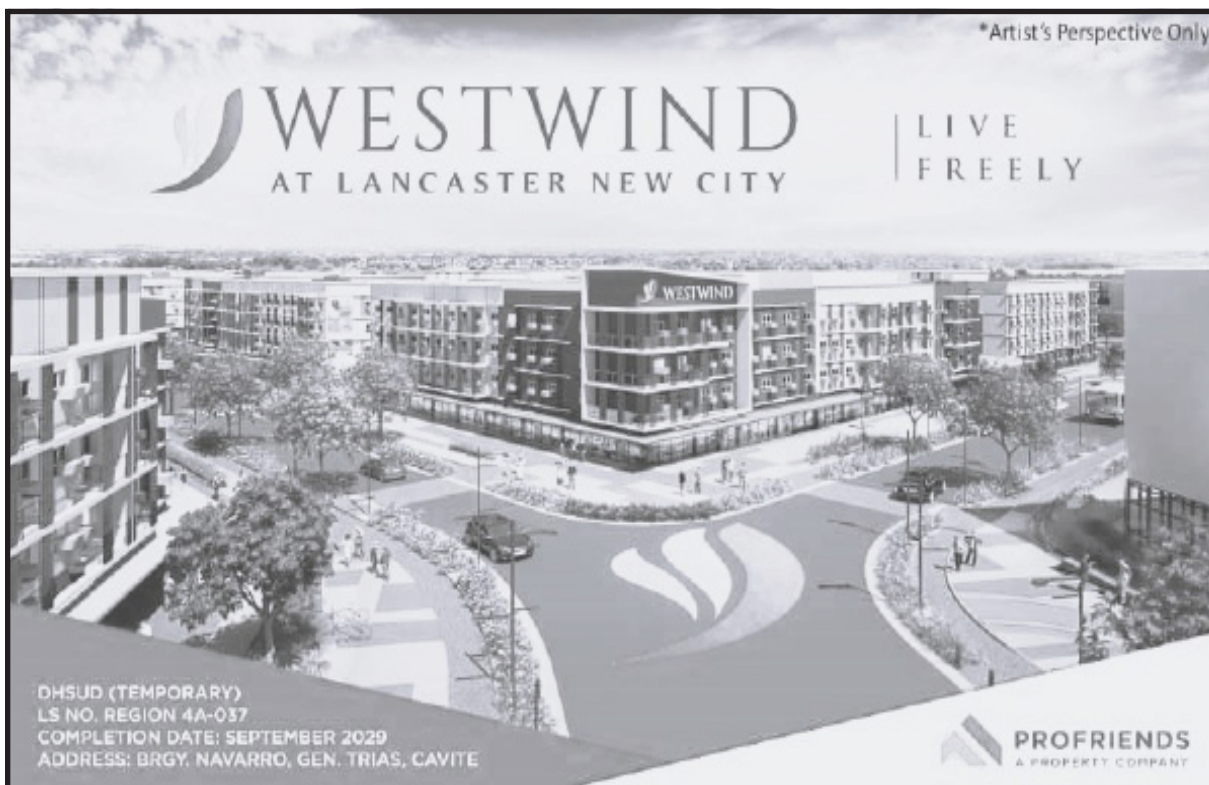
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DSWD: Responsive social protection key to supporting children with disabilities



A senior official of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) highlighted the importance of responsive social protection in giving families of children with disabilities the means to provide a better quality of

life for their kids.

“As parents, it's very difficult na by themselves to raise children, diba? I'm sure it's doubly difficult

to raise children with disabilities kasi may special needs po sila,” Undersecretary Adonis Sulit of the DSWD’s Policy and Plans Group (PPG) said during the Thursday Media Forum on July 30.

In order to help families of children with disabilities, the DSWD’s Social Technology Bureau (STB) crafted a model of intervention called the “Project Aruga” to help address the needs of children with disabilities.

“Ang technical term po kasi dito sa DSWD pagka may gagawing programa para sa vulnerable sector, kailangan muna mayroon kang model of intervention. Ang tawag po nila Project Aruga. Ito po yung community-based intervention para po magbigay ng disability-inclu-

sive social protection to children with disabilities and their families,” Undersecretary Sulit explained to reporters.

The DSWD’s Project Aruga is a community-based intervention model designed to address the unmet needs of children with disabilities and their families. This is done through the delivery of comprehensive social and health services that are family-focused, client-centered, and community-oriented.

The DSWD-PPG undersecretary noted that the project provides disability support allowance (DSA) to the parents or recognized caregivers to help augment the cost of caring for children with disabilities.

Another important component of Project Aruga is to increase the access of families of children with disabilities to services such

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as health, education, skills development, livelihood, employment, and social insurance by strengthening linkages with partners from the public and private sector. As of July 2026, the DSWD has enrolled 1,140 families of children with disabilities across nine implementation sites.

The sites are located in Caloocan City (National Capital Region); Laoag City, Ilocos Norte (Ilocos Region); Ilagan City, Isabela (Cagayan Valley); Lubao, Pampanga (Central

Luzon); Biñan City, Laguna (CALABARZON); Puerto Princesa, Palawan (MIMAROPA); Sorsogon City, Sorsogon (Bicol Region); San Jose de Buenavista, Antique (Western Visayas); and, Sta. Cruz, Davao del Sur (Davao Region).

In his fifth State of the Nation Address (SONA), President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. mentioned that Project Aruga is one of the government’s interventions that can be accessed by families of children with developmen-

tal disabilities, aside from the benefit package offered by PhilHealth.

“Ang goal po is pag-ka natapos na yung pilot implementation nila sa mga select areas, iyon po ay magiging programa for national implementation,” Undersecretary Sulit told reporters. The Media Forum, which was broadcast live on the official DSWD Facebook page, was hosted by Special Assistant to the Secretary (SAS) for Strategic Communications Raymond Burgos. (AKDL) Source: DSWD

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feel ng consumer mo every time na nakikita nila or kinakain or ginagamit nila yung product mo,” Magkawas imparted.

Apples Aberin, vice president for Lifestyle Media Brands at ONE Mega Group Inc., meanwhile, cited how MSMEs are the backbone of the country’s economy.

“It is also about investing in the next generation of innovators,” she shared.

Gaining fresh ideas Among the highlights of the event was the “Killer Pitch,” a competition where emerging entrepreneurs and students

presented AI-powered solutions to industry leaders.

Among the finalists were National University-Bulacan students Jolina Anne Gonzales, Charles Jaime, and Kobi Santos, who showcased “GABAI,” an all-in-one app designed to assist aspiring entrepreneurs with inventory management, government compliance, and tax calculations based on their location and initial investment.

“Magkakaroon siya ng comprehensive na sagot, hindi lang parang ChatGPT, hindi yung more on chatbot lang. May iba’t ibang features such as inventory, government

compliance and tax calculator.”

The GrowthCon PH 2026 Killer Pitch awardees showcased a wide range of technology-driven solutions to business challenges. Magnus emerged as the winner with its AI-driven bookkeeping system, followed by sales activation platform Agylion in second place, and GABAI in third.

Organizers hope GrowthCon PH will continue serving as a platform for founders, business leaders, investors, and students to build meaningful industry connections in future editions of the conference. Source: DTI

City Government of Bacoor

BACOR CONDUCTS 2ND QUARTER SOCIAL PENSION PAYOUT FOR INDIGENT SENIOR CITIZENS



The City Government of Bacoor, under the leadership of Mayor Strike B. Revilla, conducted the Second Quarter Social Pension Payout for indigent senior citizens on July 29, 2026, at the Molino Gymnasium.

The payout was organized through the Office of Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA) and the City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWD) headed by Ms. Emiliana Ugalde, in partnership with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD).

Present during the activity were Mayor Strike B. Revilla, Vice Mayor

Rowena B. Mendiola, Congresswoman Lani M. Revilla, Councilor Karen S. Evaristo, COP Alexie Desamito, Ms. Anamor Asilar, Statistical Researcher of CBMS PSA Cavite, Ms. Nenita Reyes, OSCA Head, Ms. Gina Fornelos, Assistant Head of CSWD, and personnel from the CSWD.

The payout benefited qualified indigent senior citizens from 21 barangays across the City of Bacoor. Implemented under Republic Act No. 9994, or the Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010, the Social Pension Program provides a ₱1,000 monthly stipend, released on a

quarterly basis, to help beneficiaries meet essential expenses such as food, medicines, and other basic needs.

The program is intended for qualified senior citizens 60 years old and above who are indigent, have no regular pension from the SSS, GSIS, or other sources, and have no steady income or sufficient financial support.

Through programs like the Social Pension, the City Government of Bacoor continues to uphold the welfare, dignity, and well-being of its senior citizens by ensuring they receive the assistance and support they deserve.

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(From page 6) on helping businesses, startups, students, and young professionals to exchange ideas. This year's event took place at the Samsung Hall, SM Aura, last July 23, drawing over 400 attendees under the theme "Unlocking the New Growth Playbook." Discussions focused on helping businesses build resilience through vision, discipline, and strategic AI integration. A key highlight was the introduction of the Tatak Pinoy Strategy, anchored on Republic Act No. 11981, or the Tatak Pinoy (Proudly Filipino) Act. The strategy prioritizes Philippine products and services in government procurement to bolster domestic industries. Trade Secretary Cristina A. Roque emphasized that the Tatak Pinoy Strategy strengthens Filipino industries and promotes Philippine-made products globally. She also noted that GrowthCon highlights the importance of a shared national vision, with Tatak Pinoy aiming to position Filipino products and services as globally recognized for their quality, innovation, and craftsmanship. Learning from the industry experts throughout the event, industry leaders shared practical advice on scaling and innovation. Actor and business entrepreneur Marvin Agustin shared how MSMEs can properly scale by integrating discipline into their business operations. "Iba ang character at discipline ng isang tao when you are just about to start a business, and when you are at the point where you should scale the business. Unlearn doing things on your own, not trusting a lot of people, doing things emotionally, the good thing is you should know how to change it," Agustin highlighted. Nick van Veen, vice president for Growth at Thinking Machines Data Science, discussed how AI and humans can collaborate to create effective materials. He also advised businesses to ensure that they understand their data, understand their processes, and have taken all the necessary steps to ensure that their data is clean and reliable before using AI. "AI is as good as what you feed it. So, it's really important for anyone who's using AI to interject your own company's tone of voice, brand guidelines, so it actually sounds like you," he reminded. Addressing brand identity, Luxe Beauty and Wellness Group CEO and founder Anna Magkawas urged entrepreneurs to stay grounded in their core values. "You have to be very clear ano ba yung mission and vision ng company, ano ba yung goal mo, ano ba yung gusto mong ma-

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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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tin dun sa Chinabank. At 'yung isa po 'yung hiningi namin by way of donation ang kailangan natin is 90 square meters for a viaduct. 'Yung dalawa lang po," Secretary Lopez explained. "The only way for the government to agree to this location is for Villar Group to donate it. That's the only way," Secretary Lopez said. The transport chief noted that the DOTr requires 8,389 square meters of land to construct the Las Pinas and Zapote stations. About 4,990 square meters of which are supposed to be donated by the Villar Group for the construction of the Las Piñas station. However, two of the six parcels of land from the Villar Group are under encumbrance. "Based sa report, dalawa lang po. May isa po 'yung sinasabi nating malaki na naka-sanla, more or less 2,000 or 3,000 [sqm] 'yung kailangan na

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(From page 1) they have to decide. Kaya sinasabi ko na po ito ngayon, para next week kapag natuloy na 'yung meeting namin, they can either decide na or ayaw nila," Secretary Lopez said in a radio interview. The transport chief noted that the DOTr requires 8,389 square meters of land to construct the Las Pinas and Zapote stations. About 4,990 square meters of which are supposed to be donated by the Villar Group for the construction of the Las Piñas station. However, two of the six parcels of land from the Villar Group are under encumbrance. "Based sa report, dalawa lang po. May isa po 'yung sinasabi nating malaki na naka-sanla, more or less 2,000 or 3,000 [sqm] 'yung kailangan na

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(From page 1) Participation and Inclusive Development," the Department of Foreign Affairs' (DFA) Human Resources Management Office (HRMO) conducted a series of activities aimed to foster a more accessible, empathetic, and resilient workplace environment for Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) from July 17 to 24, 2026. The NDR Week provided an opportunity for the DFA personnel to learn about basic and practical Filipino Sign Language (FSL) crucial for frontline workers' interaction with the PWD public. Through a seminar on disability-inclusive emergency and disaster preparedness, Administrative Officers and Occupational Safety & Health (OSH) Officers across the Home Office and OCA-Aseana were also provided with strategies and emergency protocols for PWD personnel. A clay crafting session was also arranged for PWD personnel to encourage self-expression and mindfulness. Through these PWD-focused programs, the DFA reinforces its commitment to championing disability rights, ensuring workplace safety, and driving strategic actions toward an inclusive workplace. Source: DFA

City Government of Imus Ikatlong taon ng Imus City Financial Expo, matagumpay na idinaos



381 Imuseño entrepreneurs ang muling natuto at nakibahagi sa 3rd Imus City Financial Expo ng Office of the Local Economic Development and Investment Promotions Officer (OLEDIPO), sa pamumuno ni LEDIPO Marie Jeneth Vilbar-Lungcay, na ginanap sa Activity Center ng Ayala Malls Vermosa noong Sabado, Hulyo 25, 2026. Kabilang sa mga lumahok na bangko at pangpinansyal na institusyon ay ang Asia United Bank (AUB), Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation (RCBC), China-trust Commercial Bank (CTBC), Security Bank, Philippine Savings Bank (PS BANK), BDO Uni-bank, Philippine National Bank (PNB), Bank of the Philippine Islands (BPI), China Bank, ASA Philip-pines, at Cebuana Lhuillier. Nagbigay naman ng kanilang suporta at kaalaman sina Konsehal Mark Anthony Villanueva, An-nabella R. Jarin, at Arbie Basilan, na nagpatibay sa layunin ng Expo bilang plataporma para sa mas malawak na akses sa financial services, business support, financing options, at financial guidance. Ang Imus City Financial Expo ay taon-taong idinaraos ng OLEDIPO upang patuloy na magbigay ng oportunidad, gabay, at tamang kaalaman sa mga Imuseño pagdating sa pagnegosyo.