

# DFA Secretary Lazaro Holds Bilateral Meeting with UAE Minister of State to Boost Cooperation



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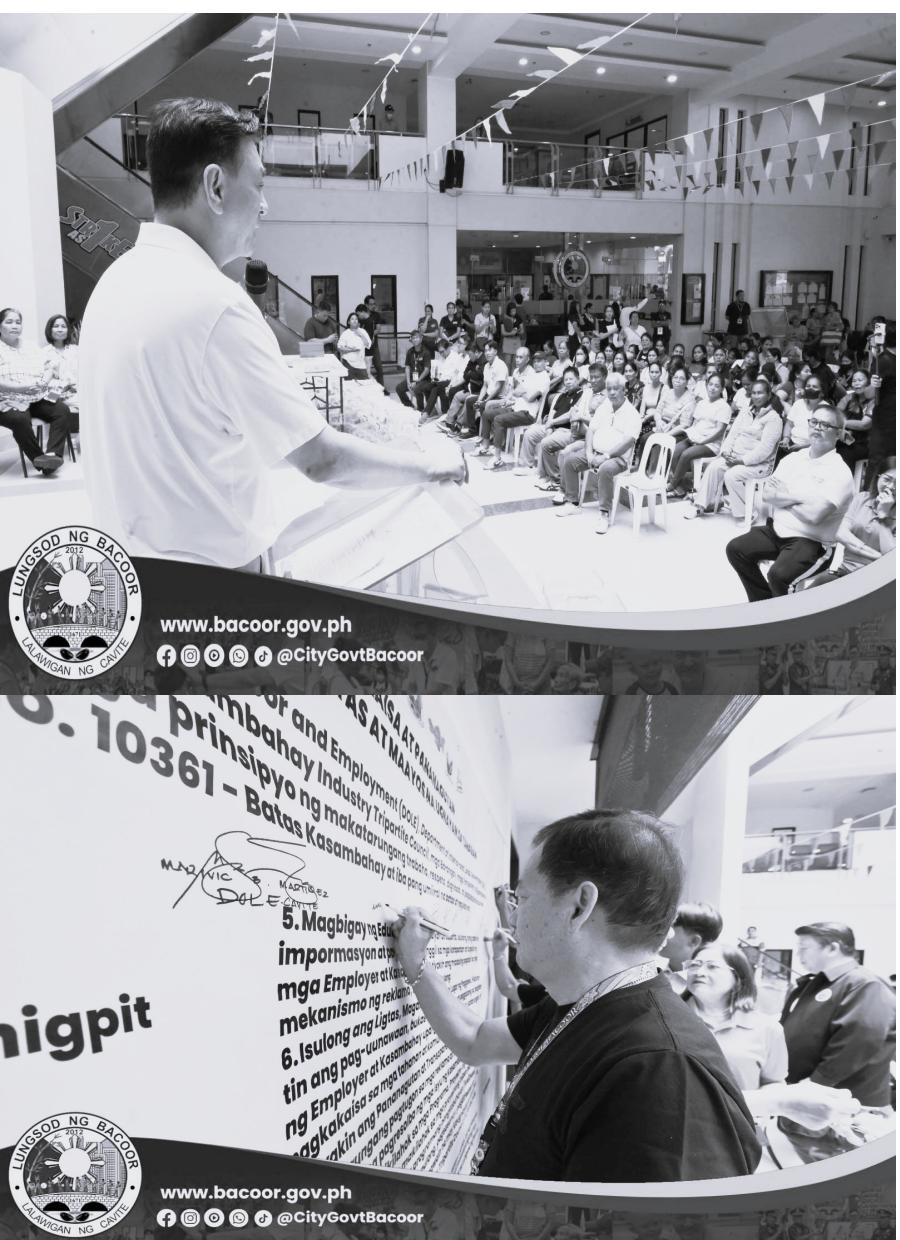
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## City Government of Bacoor

### BACOOR HONORS DOMESTIC WORKERS AT 2026 "ARAW NG MGA KASAMBAHAY"



Secretary of Foreign Affairs Ma. Theresa P. Lazaro met today with the Minister of State at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) H.E. Saeed Bin Mubarak Al-Hajeri, a day before the opening of the Abu Dhabi Sustainability Week (ADSW) 2026 Summit.

During the meeting, both Secretary Lazaro and Minister Al-Hajeri discussed ways to enhance bilateral relations between the Philippines and UAE, through engagements in various areas of cooperation and regular conduct of bilateral consultations.

Secretary Lazaro also welcomed the imminent signing of the (Turn to page 3)

City reaffirms its tended by city officials, cal leaders commitment to protect, barangay leaders, representatives from DOLE, PESO, and DILG, employees, and Kasambahay

The City Government of Bacoor, under the leadership of Mayor Strike B. Revilla, through PESO Bacoor headed by Dr. Abraham "BOB" De Castro, proudly celebrated the 2026 Araw ng Mga Kasambahay on January 16, 2026, at the Bacoor City Hall Lobby.

The meaningful gathering honored the hard work, dedication, and invaluable contributions of Kasambahay to Bacoor. The event was at-

Highlights of the celebration included:

Promotion of rights and responsibilities of both Kasambahay and employers

Informative sessions on health (PHILHEALTH YAKAP), financial literacy, and the Bacoor Kasambahay ID Act of 2025

Messages of inspiration and pledges of fair and humane treatment from local

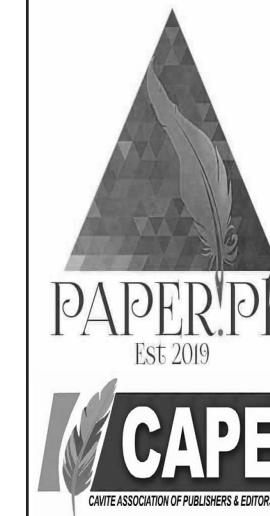
Stronger engagement, support, and empowerment

ment among workers, government agencies, and stakeholders

Mayor Strike B. Revilla emphasized the vital role of Kasambahay in society and reiterated the City Government's continuous support, protection, and empowerment for domestic workers—ensuring that they are valued, respected, and cared for.

Sa Bacoor, ang bawat Kasambahay ay mahalaga, pinapahalagahan, at pinangangalagaan.

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## PBBM-Backed DepEd PPP Aims to Ease Classroom Congestion, Benefit 800,000 Students



## City Government of Carmona

### BUSINESS ONE-STOP SHOP (BOSS) MOTORCADE NG LGU CARMONA

Sa pangunguna ng Office of the City Treasurer, ang Pamahalaang Lungsod ng Carmona ang nagsagawa ng motorcade kahapon, Enero 15, bilang paalala sa lahat ng negosyo at establisymiento sa lungsod na maaari nang mag-apply at mag-renew ng Business Permit sa pamamagitan ng Business One-Stop Shop (BOSS).

Narito ang schedule ng BOSS para sa bawat barangay upang masaisayos at mapabilis ang ating trans-



sakyon: <https://www.facebook.com/carmonalgu/posts/pfbid02tfYxCGVoQ4s6x7l>. Ang unang dumulog sa ating Office of the City Treasurer. Iwasan QwYpQpZDAp1CkZ- ng BOSS ay magisimula ang Multa, Magbaya FRfUJ5xp5EU2rTwLB- sa Carmona Plaza. Para sa nang Maaga.

Education Secretary Sonny Angara is pushing for the launch of a Php105.7-billion public-private partnership (PPP) for the construction of 16,459 new classrooms in areas with the greatest need, aimed at easing classroom congestion and addressing the slow pace of school infrastructure development.

Recently, Secretary Angara and the Department of Education proves safety, and pro- (DepEd) team secured the vides adequate space for approval of the Public-Private Partnership for School and for teachers to teach Infrastructure Project effectively," Angara said. Phase III (PSIP III) from According to the the Economy and Development Council (EDC) forms aimed at accelerating Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. classroom construction

"We can no longer rely on just one approach. PSIP is one of This initiative our horses in this race to deliver classrooms faster classrooms already included to our communities. Ev- (Turn to page 5)

# DOTr Accelerates Big-Ticket Transport Projects to Boost Connectivity

Transportation Secretary Giovanni Lopez means having to "ramp up infrastructure spending to ensure that up the construction of big ticket transport projects benefit the Filipino people," he said on Friday.

"Lahat po ng pondong inilaan para sa mga imparastruktura, diretsong mapakikinabangan ng mga Pilipino," Secretary Lopez said during the Big Bold Reforms Economic Forum organized by the Department of Transportation (DOTr) to expedite the completion of these projects.

President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. has ordered the DOTr to expedite the completion of these projects.

Secretary Lopez explained that expediting the construction of transport in 2025 has an allotted



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budget of P103.05 billion for its infrastructure projects for railways, aviation, maritime and road sectors. Of the allotted budget, P93.33 billion or 90.57% has already been obligated, while P59.63 billion or 63.89% has already been disbursed.

For 2026, the DOTr has allotted P74.5 billion budget for infrastructure flagship projects, said Secretary Lopez.

"With this, we are very much committed to continuing our efforts to expedite the completion of all existing projects and deliver them within the timeline," Secretary Lopez noted.

"We want to ensure the public and our investors that the budget will be spent efficiently to make sure that our projects truly address the needs of our commuters," he added.

Among the prior-

ity projects that DOTr is focused on completing are the 147-kilometer North-South Commuter Railway (NSCR), Metro Manila Subway Project, MRT-7 and the rehabilitation of the MRT-3. In the road sector, the DOTr has started modernizing the EDSA Busway, while also fast-tracking the construction of the Cebu Bus Rapid Transit (Cebu-BRT) and the Davao Public Transport Modernization Project (DPTMP).

The transport agency is likewise modernizing the country's airports with the soon-to-be inaugurated Antique and Laoag airports, and the continued expansion of the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA).

The Philippines is likewise positioning its seaports—whether publicly or privately developed—as competitive, predictable, and investment-ready platforms that support trade expansion,

logistics efficiency, tourism growth, and the clean energy transition, according to Secretary Lopez.

Siargao will also

get a boost in its tourism

sector as the new passenger terminal building of Siargao Airport is also seen to be completed in April this year, expanding its passenger capacity from 200 to 750.

Also to be inau-

gurated is the Port of

Jubang in Dapa,

Surigao Del Norte in the first

quarter of 2026. The port

will serve as a dedicated

cruise facility designed to

boost tourism by accom-

modating international

cruise ships.

The DOTr is also

targeting to finish new

road sections in SLEX,

CALAX, Cavite-CA-

LAX Link Expressway

or CCLink, C-5 and Sky-

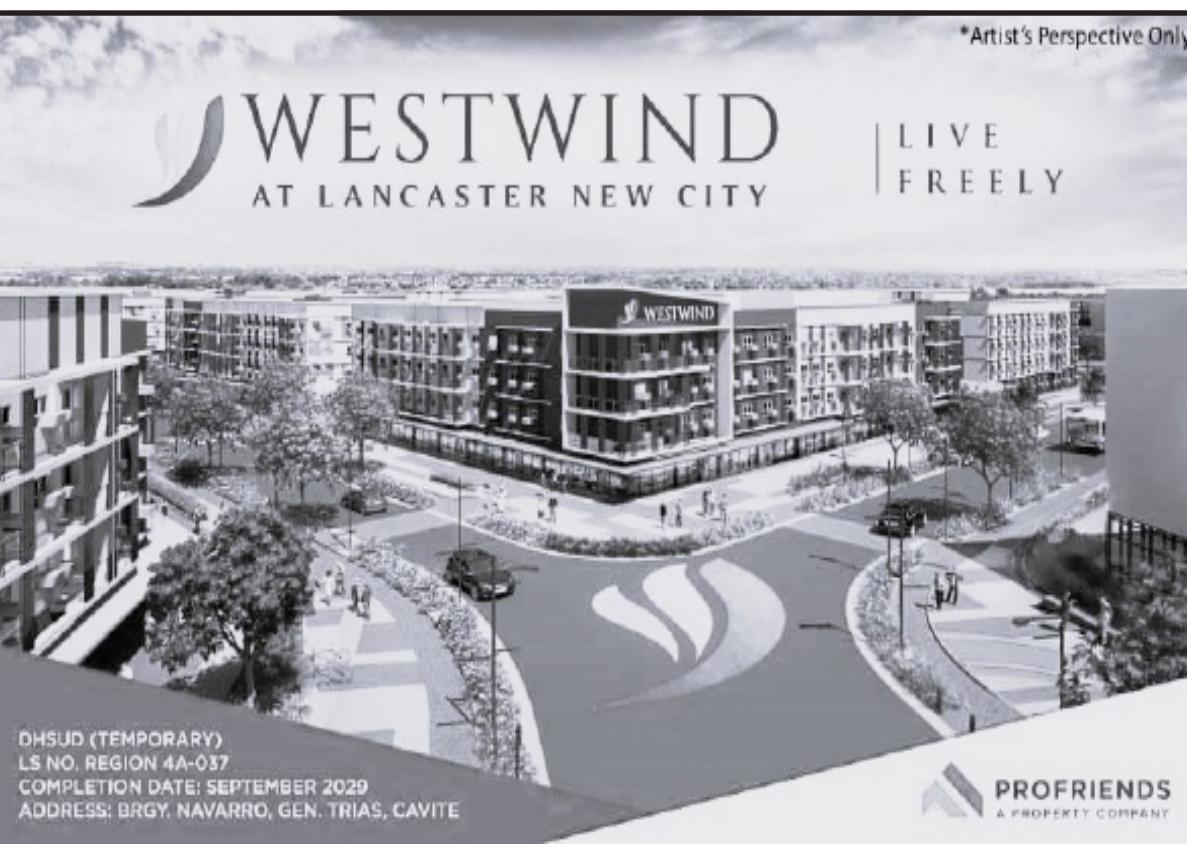
way Stage 3 this year,

making land travel faster

and more convenient for

motorists.

Source: DOTr



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# DILG Marks Achievement of 207 Bar Passers Across Its Offices and Attached Agencies

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) said 207 bar offices, 109 from the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), 5,594 nationwide who have successfully passed the 2025 Bar Examination, and are set to take their oath as new lawyers on February 6, 2026 at the Philippine Arena. Of the 207 passers, 29 from the Bureau of Jail Management and Penal Reform (BJMP), 8 from the National Police Commission (NAPOLCOM), and 3 from National Commission on Muslim Filipinos

are from the DILG-Central Office, 15 from regional offices, including Philippine National Police agencies, are among the 29 from the Bureau of Jail Management and Penal Reform (BJMP), 8 from the National Police Commission (NAPOLCOM), and 3 from National Commission on Muslim Filipinos

Some of the bar passers said their decision to take the Bar was inspired by their firsthand experience in public service and their aspiration to protect people's rights and welfare.

Hana Rea Pagapong of DILG Region 10 reaffirmed her plan to continue serving the people of Misamis Occidental. "I plan to use this opportunity to

Further Extension of the Filing Period for Applications for the Renewal of Accreditation of YAKAP Clinics and GAMOT Package Providers for Calendar Year (CY) 2026

To ensure uninterrupted access to primary care for all PhilHealth members, the Corporation further extends the filing period for applications for the renewal of accreditation for all YAKAP Clinics and GAMOT Package Providers. For these health facilities, the deadline is on Friday, January 30, 2026.

The deadline for filing applications for renewal of accreditation of the other HFs shall still be on Wednesday, January 14, 2026.

In addition, applications for renewal of accreditation from the following HFs shall be accepted by the Corporation:

1. Private HFs that have not yet acquired their 2026 business permits;

2. YAKAP Clinics with partner health service delivery support (SDS) that have not acquired their licenses yet.

These HFs are still required to submit their business permits and related licenses on or before Tuesday, March 31, 2026 to ensure continuous accreditation. All applications received beyond the prescribed filing period will be treated as re-accreditation and may result in a gap in accreditation validity. On the other hand, the accreditation of HFs that filed their applications for renewal of accreditation within the prescribed filing period shall be accorded continuous accreditation until the Corporation has denied the application.

Source: Philippine Health Insurance Corp.

Some of the bar further serve my community in Misamis Occidental by building on my ongoing work of guiding elected officials, particularly at the barangay level," said Pagapong.

Kareen Estabillo of the DILG Bureau of Local Government Development said passing the Bar strengthens her work at the Local Fiscal Reform and Development Division (LFRDD).

"This equips me with legal knowledge necessary in reviewing proposed and existing policies to ensure its compliance with the law while ensuring at the same

time that it will benefit the inclusive and responsive Bar Exams strengthens my Bar role now as a public servant in NCMF, an attached National Fire Training Institute (NFTI) said his

experience as a first responder shaped his journey to becoming a lawyer.

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