

DTI Lays Out CREATE MORE Benefits for Garment Manufacturers, Exporters

The Philippine garment industry is set to support job retention. Gain critical cost relief under the CREATE MORE Law, with incentives that reduce power and labor expenses to help protect jobs and restore competitiveness amid rising costs and tighter global competition.

Further, the Department will be studying industry proposals aimed at enhancing overall cost competitiveness, including potential reductions in VAT rates to levels comparable to those of other ASEAN economies, as well as expanded fiscal support for existing firms and subsidies.

Under the policy, new projects or registered subsidiaries of existing garment firms may avail of a 100% additional deduction on power-related expenses and a 50% additional deduction on direct labor costs, helping lower adoption.

"I received direct feedback from buyers abroad that automation is no longer optional; it has become a baseline requirement in the global market. They expressed a clear preference for exporters with modern, automated production equipment, as short lead time is now the deciding factor, especially for fast-fashion brands," Roque said.

For this reason, DTI will work with government financial institutions, including the Land Bank of the Philippines and the Development Bank of the Philippines, to provide flexible financing for automation, machinery, and production equipment. It added that incentives under the DTI's Board of Investments will support mechanized and digital garment production, while the Philippine Economic Zone Authority's incentives will provide a comprehensive package of fiscal and non-fiscal support for export-oriented garment enterprises located within proclaimed PEZA Special Economic Zones.

Workforce capability is also being addressed, with training programs to be expanded in partnership with the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) to increase the supply of skilled sewers and machine technicians needed for automated production.

To expand market access, the DTI said garment manufacturers may coordinate with the Department to identify priority export markets, which can be pursued through the Foreign

Trade Service Corps' trade attaché network to link the administration's push to quickly stabilize the garment industry as a major source of employment. She said the dialogue reflects the administration's push to quickly stabilize the garment industry as a major source of employment. She

The DTI Secretary added that the agency will

move on actions within its

mandate while coordinating with other agencies on broader policy concerns affecting the sector. Source:



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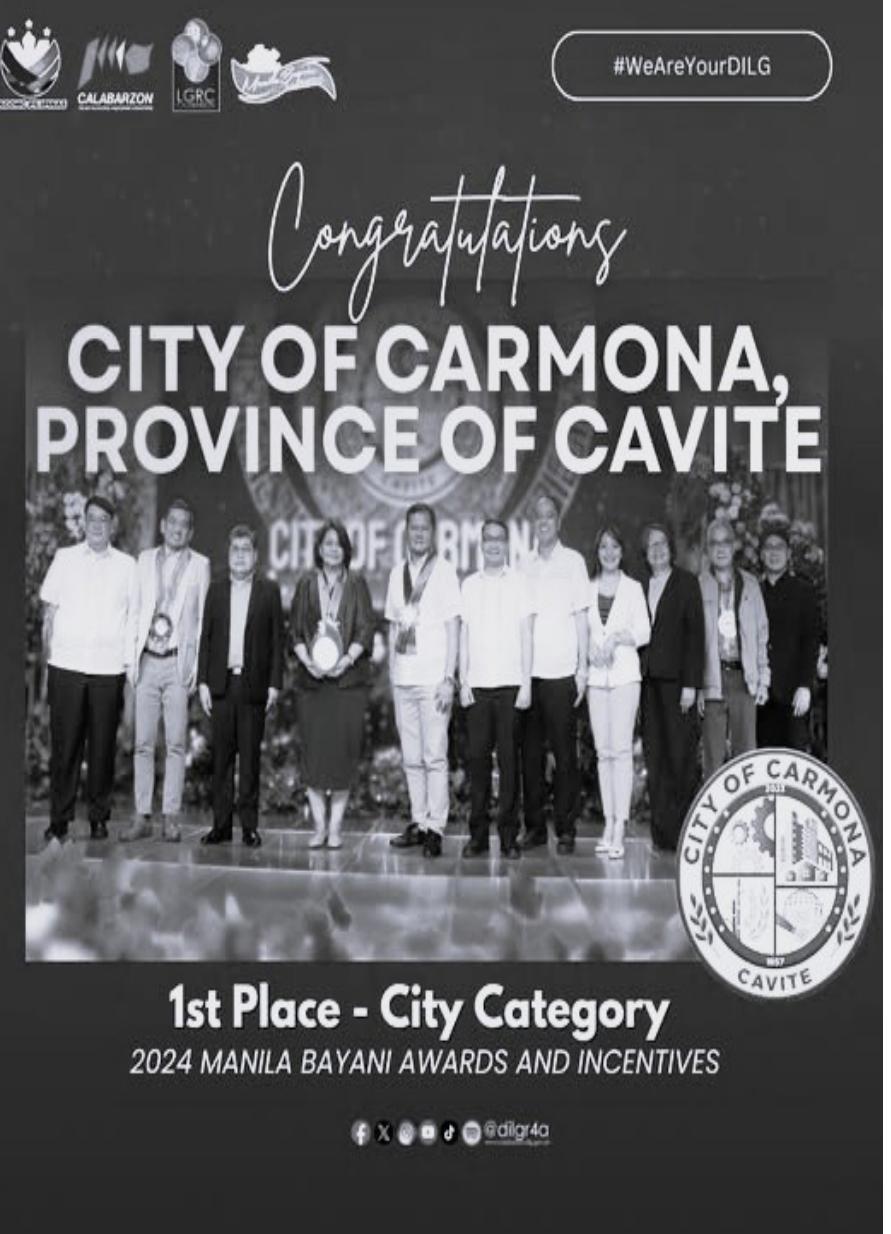
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City Government of Carmona



DSWD: Anti-Poverty, Anti-Hunger Programs Deliver Results

The Department of Social Welfare and Development's (DSWD) programs to break intergenerational poverty and fight involuntary hunger are on track as indicated by the latest nationwide survey by OCTA Research Stations (SWS) showing DSWD patuloy na mag- ang Program (4Ps), which

and the Social Weather in social protection, ang Program (4Ps), which stations to poorest of the poor a decline in poverty and papatupad ng mga pro- hunger incidence among grama para mas maprotek- household beneficiaries Filipinos at 37 percent and tahan natin ang mga and the Walang Gutom 20.1 percent, respectively. bulnerableng Pilipino," Program (WFP), which

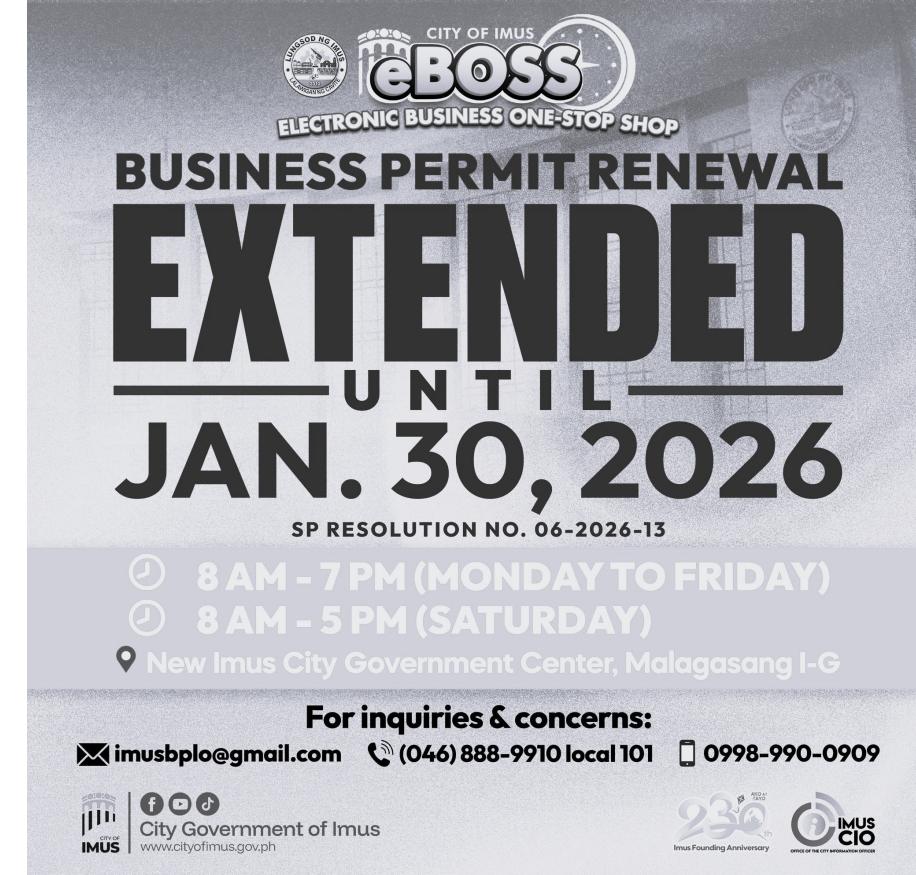
"The improvements we see in these surveys lao, the DSWD spokesperson can be attributed to the son, said on Tuesday (Jan-

intensified and sustained ury 20).

To further bolster social protection programs Asst. Secretary Irene Dum- under President Ferdinand Dumla said some of these R. Marcos Jr.'s adminis- programs include the Pan- tration. Bilang lead agency tawid Pamilyang Pilipino

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City Government of Imus



Dagdag Classrooms, Tiyak na Teacher Promotion sa Cavite

Pinangunahan ni Education Secretary Sonny Angara, turnover ng isang apat na matugunan ang pangan- ipinapakita ng proyekto palapag na gusali na may gailangan ng mga paaralan ang malinaw na direksyon 16 na silid-aranan sa San- sa mga lumalaking urban ng administrasyon na tiago Elementary School, areas at maisulong ang ca- (Turn to page 2)

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(From page 1) ers. Ayaw na po natin ng maghatid ng konkretong solusyon sa school level. shifting as much as possible," ani Angara, kaugnay

Malaking tulong ng mas malawak na agenda ito sa matagal nang kakulangan sa oras at espasyo ni Pangulong Ferdinand Marcos Jr.

na nararanasan ng mga mag-aaral at guro sa SDO General Trias City, kung saan mabilis ang pagdami ng enrollees na nagdumalot ng siksikan sa mga silid-aralan at hirap sa araw-araw na klase.

"Proven naman po nagsisilbi sa mahigit 2,400 yan, kapag siksikan ang mga silid, hindi makapag-

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DepEd at city government at paggamit ng Special Education Fund (SEF) upang pabilis ang pagtatayo ng mga silid-aralan, mahigit 100 silid-aralan na ang

Mas maraming naipatayo o ginagawa na ang buong dibisyon sa loob ng wala pang tatlong taon.

Dahil dito, nabawasan ang siksikan sa mga paaralan.

Dagdag pa ni Angara, ipinatutupad din ng DepEd sa buong bansa ang DepEd sa malalaking proyekto, at pagpapalawak ng public-private partnerships para sa malalaking proyekto, at pagpapalakas ng Adopt-A-School Program upang makahikayat ng suporta mula sa pribadong sektor. Layunin ng mga national funding at maiwasan ang pagkaantala sa mga lugar na may agarang pangangailangan.

Isa sa mga kuwentong naantig ang maraming dumalo ay ang kay Carmen R. Zorilla, na ngayon ay Teacher IV ng Tropical Village Elementary School.

"Sa loob ng 28 taon, Teacher I po ako. Kontenyo na gagawin, ibaba na to na sana ako, dahil ang

Nagpasalamat din

Matapos ang turnover ng silid-aralan, pinungahan ni Angara ang

mass oathtaking ng 542 guro mula sa Cavite cluster na-promote sa ilalim

iba't ibang hakbang para

ng mga silid-aralan.

Kabilang dito ang pagpahintulot sa mga LGU na

magtayo ng school buildings,

pagpapalawak ng

public-private partnerships

para sa malalaking proyekto,

at pagpapalakas ng

Adopt-A-School Program

upang makahikayat ng suporta mula sa pribadong sektor. Layunin ng mga national funding at maiwasan ang pagkaantala sa mga lugar na may agarang pangangailangan.

Ayon naman kay

Angara, makasaysayan

ang lawak ng mga pro-

mosyon sa ilalim ng ECP.

"Ang estimate po natin,

before 2026 ends, basta

na-release po 'yong pera,

makakapag-promote tayo

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(From page 2) Gutom Kitchen (WGK) department, in collaboration with food supply partners, try with high incidence of plans to expand the Walang hunger.

The Walang Gutom Kitchen in Pasay City currently provides an average of 300-350 hot meals twice a day to families and individuals with no access to food, particularly those living on the streets.

The Tugon ng Masa (TNM) OCTA Research survey from December 3-11, 2025 showed that self-rated poverty declined by 17 percent, from 54 percent during the 3rd quarter of 2025 to only 37 percent during the 4th quarter of the same year.

Meanwhile, the latest SWS survey covering the period November 24-30, 2025 reflects nearly a 2-percentage point decrease from the 22 percent hunger rate recorded in the third quarter of the same year.

"Ang mga programa po namin ay masusing pinag-aaralan at base sa mga datos. Doon tayo kung mukuluha ng, una, ano ba ang mga pangangailangan ng ating mga kababayan; pangalawa, anong walang maiiwan na mga programa o serbisyo ang bulnerableng sektor sa de-maaari nating ibigay; at pangatlo, sino ang mga utos ng ating Pangulong narapat na benepisyaryo. Sa ganitong paraan, DSWD spokesperson said.

15.6 percent who experienced hunger "only once" or "a few times" (moderate hunger) and 4.5 percent no," Asst. Secretary Dumao who experienced hunger

lao pointed out.

"Often" or "always" (severe hunger) in the past three months.

Asst. Secretary Dumao said the Department also implements targeted interventions which were designed based on the unique needs of the poor and marginalized sectors.

"This year, mas

marami pa pong proyekto ang ilulunsad ng DSWD,

sa pamumuno ni Secretary Rex Gatchalian, upang

mas matulungan natin ang

ating mga kababayan.

Patuloy po ang De-

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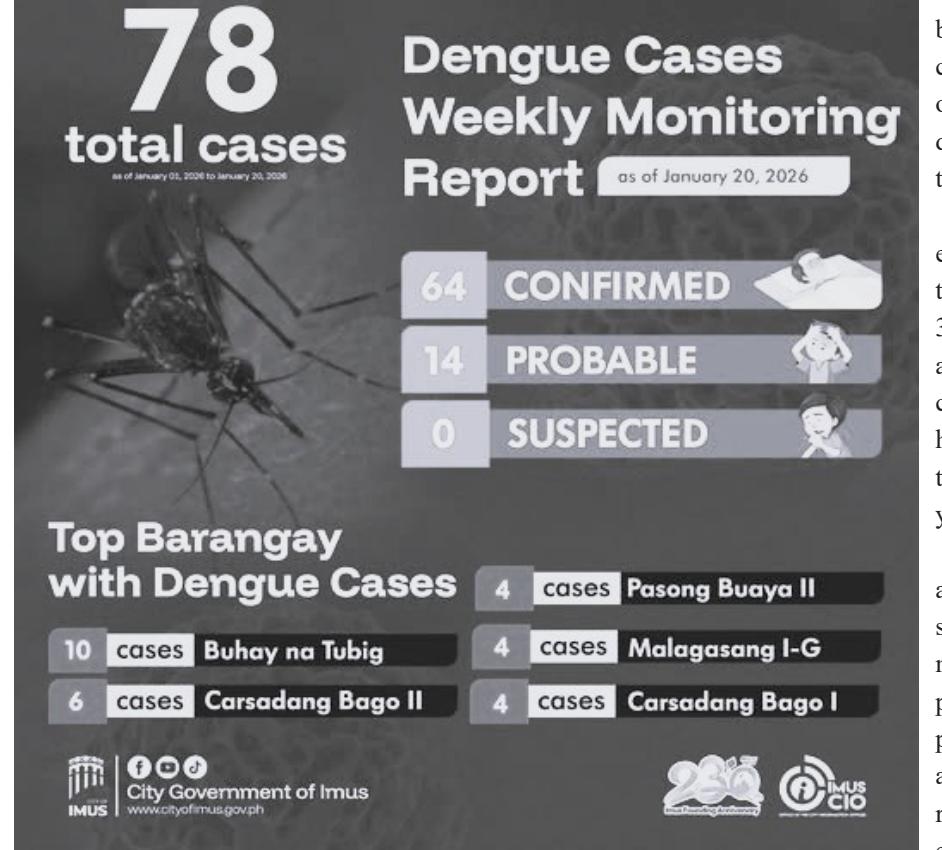
utos ng ating Pangulong

narapat na benepisyaryo. Sa ganitong paraan, DSWD spokesperson said.

segurado tayo na yung mga

(YADP) Source: DSWD

City Government of Imus



From January 1 to January 20, 2026

TOTAL CASES: 78

- Confirmed cases: 64
- Probable cases: 14
- Suspected cases: 0

Top 5 Barangay with logged Dengue Cases

10 cases	Buhay na Tubig
4 cases	Pasong Buaya 2
2-6 cases	Carsadang Bago
4 cases	Maharlika
4 cases	Malagasang I-G

Mahalagang pangalagaan ang inyong sarili at pamilya laban sa kagat ng lamok.

Mag-5s kontra Den-

•Search and destroy mosquito-breeding sites

•Seek immediate consultation sa oras na makaranas ng mga nasabing sintomas

•Say no to indiscriminate fogging o ang paggamit ng spray na nagpapaalis lamang sa mga dengue:

- Mataas na lagnat sa loob ng 2 hanggang 7 araw
- Pananakit ng kalamnan at kasukasuan sa mga itlog at kitikiti.
- Panghihina
- Pagkawala ng gaang kumain
- Pamumula ng balat
- Pananakit ng tyan at pagsusuka
- Pagdurugo ng ilong at giligid

•Self-protection measures sa pamamagitan ng pagsusuet ng mga hahabang damit, light-colored na damit, at pagpahid ng mosquito repellent.

•Sustain hydration sa pamamagitan ng pag-inom ng sapat na tubig upang maiwasan ang dehydration

na dulot ng lagnat o pagsusuka kung may sakit na dengue.

Magpakonsulta agad sa pinakamalapit na health center sa oras na makaramdam ng mga sintomas ng dengue:

Based on OCTA Research's report, this result is the "largest single-quarter decline ever recorded in the OCTA TNM series, equivalent to about 4.5 million families no longer considering themselves poor."

The same report also showed a decline in self-rated food poverty, from 49 percent to 30 percent in the 4th quarter.

A total of 1,200 adult respondents nationwide participated in the SWS survey. The 20.1 percent hunger rate consists of

(From page 2) **publikong paaralan. Ipinapakita ng** **ipagkilala.** Sa buong bansa, nakapag-hire na lawang aktibidad, ang DepEd ng 27,080 turnover ng silid-alaran guro, nakapag-reclassify at ang oathtaking ng mga ng 16,025 educators, at guro, ang estratehiya ng nakapagproseso ng mga DepEd na pagsabayin ang bagong posisyon para sa teaching, school leadership, guidance counseling, at administrasyon upang ang learning conditions at outcomes sa mga pampublikong paaralan.

Source: DepEd

Mag-5s kontra Den-

Senior Citizens' Park and Pet Park in Manila Break Ground Under Metro Manila G3 Project

The Metropolitan which aims to transform an R. Marcos Jr.'s governance Manila Development Authority (MMDA), together with the Department of Budget and Management creating green open areas, quality, community well-being (DBM) and the local government of Manila City, led facilities, and community the groundbreaking ceremony for the Senior Citizens' Park and Pet Park, a healthy lifestyles, and project will serve as a Plaza Azul Redevelopment strengthen social interaction among residents and can stay active and healthy. nila City.

"This project promotes the concept of nature in Pandacan, Manila, enjoy the outdoors safely. This social development is a flagship initiative under Metro Manila's Green Project in Pandacan, Ma- Green Green (G3) Project, with President Ferdinand

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City Government of Bacoor

BACOOR LGU EXPLORES "LIBRENG SINE AT SAKAY" PROGRAM WITH SM & VISTA CINEMAS



Public-private partnerships for better quality of life

Mayor Strike Revival convened a meeting on January 21, 2026, at the Strike Conference Room with representatives from SM and Vista Cinemas to explore a potential partnership for the implementation of "Libreng Sine at Sakay" programs for Bacoor residents, aiming to expand leisure opportunities. This initiative reflects the City Government's commitment to innovative, people-centered programs, recognizing the vital role of private sector partnerships in improving the quality of life of every Bacoorño.

Ms. Kristine Evangelista ma-samang ibinibigay sa mamayahan. Stay connected with screeners (Libreng Sine) MK Cid, while SM was the City of Bacoor!