

DSWD Chief Signs Pledge of Commitment with SLP Associations, Partners



Program directors the Awards, Recognition, and senior officials of and Turnover Ceremony the Department of Social of the 2025 Management Welfare and Development Committee (ManCom). (DSWD) gather at the Led by Undersec-DSWD Central Office's retary Edu Punay of the Kagalingan Auditorium on Innovations and Program Tuesday (February 24) for Development Group

(IPDG) and outgoing ManCom Chairperson and Asst. Secretary for IPDG Baldr Bringas, officials were presented with Certificates of Recognition in appreciation of their contributions.

Special awards were also conferred on exemplary ManCom members for 2025, with Director Wayne Belizar of the Internal Audit and Management Service (IAMS) delivering the acceptance message on behalf of all the awardees.

The ceremony also marked the formal turnover of leadership to the newly elected 2026 ManCom Chairperson, Director Karina Antonette Agudo of the Administrative Service, who took her oath before Undersecretary Punay.

The turnover signaled the close of the morning program and the start of the 2026 ManCom meeting held later in the day. (CC) Source:DSWD



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GRAB CAVITE RIDERS ALLIANCE PARTNERS WITH BACoor CITY FOR MEDICAL MISSION

In a strong display of community partnership, the Grab Cavite Riders Alliance joined forces with the City Government of Bacoor to conduct a successful Medical Mission in Duplex, Barangay Molino 4 Extension.

The initiative was supported by Councilor Horacio Brilliantes, Dr. Ivy Marie Yrastorza (Head of the Office of the City Health Services), Kap. Jeffrey Campana, Kaga-wad Ludy Cas, and GRAB leaders including Mr. Ken Jerome Pili, Mr. Charl

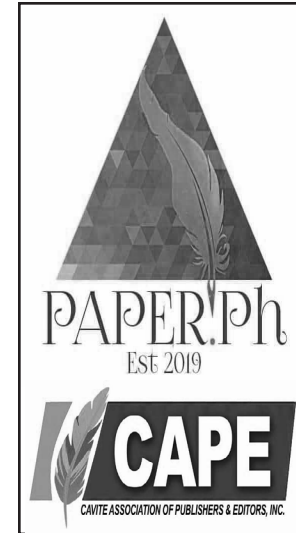
Arreglo, and Mr. Danver Mallari. Representatives from the alliance such as Mr. Jonas Malcolm, Mr. Ruffy Nazar, and Mr. Ricardo Omana also played key roles in the event's success.

Under the leadership of Mayor Strike B. Revilla, Dra. Ivy Marie Yrastorza and her medical team provided free check-ups, laboratory tests, and ECG procedures. The Medical Mission catered to GRAB and MOVE IT drivers, ensuring accessible health-care services for hardwork-

ing transport partners. Beyond medical services, GRAB extended its support by providing food, medicines, medical kits, and free haircuts for attendees — reinforcing their commitment to community welfare.

This collaborative effort highlights the importance of health awareness, accessible healthcare, and strong partnerships in building a resilient and caring Bacoor.

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City Government of Dasmariñas

CONSTRUCTING OUR FUTURE: MOA SIGNING BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (DEPED) AND CITIES FOR THE NATIONWIDE CLASSROOM BUILDING PROGRAM AT MALACAÑANG PALACE

The agreement formalizes the shared responsibilities of DepEd and participating local government units in funding classroom construction and ensuring long-term maintenance.



Homegrown enterprises from Isabela are set to showcase the rich agricultural heritage of the Cagayan Valley at FOODEX Japan 2026, held from March 10-13, 2026, at Tokyo Big Sight. Represented under the unified FOODPhilippines banner, eight local micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) will present export-quality goods ranging from premium cacao and fruit wines to innovative processed foods. The participating MSMEs include 3 Shers Food Products, JBM Food Products, Caviteño Isabelino Multipurpose Cooperative, Quelly's Food Pro-

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Strong Port Traffic Drives PPA to P30.09B Revenue Milestone in 2025

The Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) continues to make history for sustaining its strong financial momentum after generating a record-breaking P30.09 billion in revenue for Fiscal Year 2025 according to its unaudited financial report, reflecting an 8.86% increase from year 2024.

The strong fiscal performance enabled the declaration of the largest dividend remittance ever recorded by the Authority.

Directors approved a dividend declaration amounting to P5,334,158,018, equivalent to 52% of net earnings for FY 2025, in compliance with Republic Act No. 7656 or the Dividends Law, which mandates government-owned and controlled corporations to remit at least 50% of their annual net income to the National Government.

The revenue surge was driven by sustained growth in vessel traffic and cargo throughput, higher storage revenues, strength-

ened regulatory income following tariff adjustments, and favorable gains from dollar-denominated tariffs.

These factors reflect the continued expansion of maritime trade activities and the effective implementation of the Authority's revenue optimization and fiscal management strategies under the leadership of PPA General Manager Jay Santiago.

"With its consistent upward revenue trajectory, PPA is well-po-

sitioned to fund ongoing and upcoming port infrastructure projects aimed at enhancing trade facilitation, improving logistics efficiency, and supporting tourism growth.

This is a reflection of our commitment to modernizing our ports, strategic reforms, and the collective effort of PPA employees and stakeholders", said GM

Santiago.

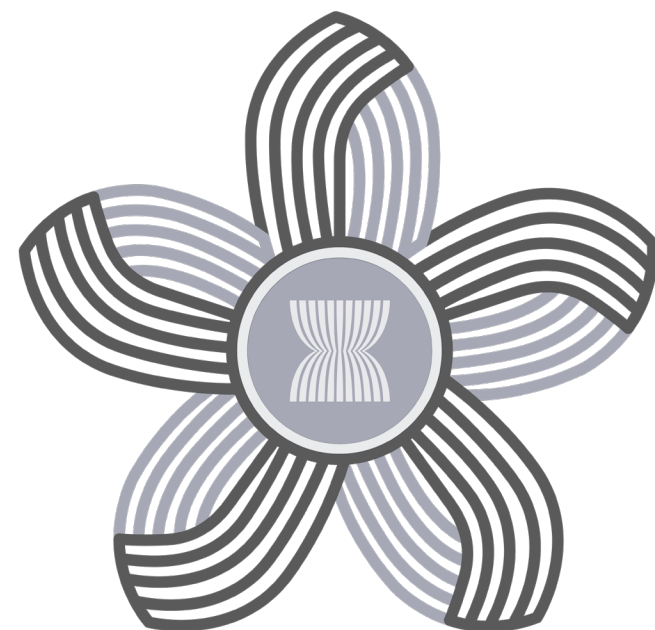
From a long-term perspective, the PPA's financial performance has demonstrated consistent growth. Total revenues have risen from P14.32 billion in 2016 to P27.64 billion in 2024, with regulatory income increasing from P6.82 billion in 2016 to P15.68 billion in 2024.

This steady rise

highlights the agency's evolving role and its efforts to transform the Philippine port system into a more efficient and globally competitive sector.

PPA reaffirmed its commitment to delivering modern, sustainable, and resilient port infrastructure systems that contribute to economic expansion and inclusive national development. Source: DOTr

Philippines Celebrates Half a Century of ASEAN Treaty with Commemorative Logo



Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Treaty of AMITY AND COOPERATION in Southeast Asia PHILIPPINES 2026

Secretary of Foreign Affairs Ma. Theresa P. Lazaro marked the 50th anniversary of the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia with the unveiling of the Commemorative Logo to mark the five decades of unwavering collective commitment

to the Treaty. The logo, which was developed in collaboration with the Presidential Communications Office, features the Sampaguita, the national flower of the Philippines. Rooted in Filipino culture and traditions, the Sampaguita symbolizes

friendship, humility, purity of intention, hope, and warm welcome—values that closely resonate with the spirit and enduring relevance of the TAC.

Prominently featured in the logo is the new ASEAN emblem with its 11

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(From page 2) and growing membership rice stalks, underscoring of High Contracting Parties ASEAN Centrality and unity in shaping and leading the evolving regional architecture to remain open, transparent, inclusive and rules-based that upholds international law.

The logo lays out five petals of the Sampaguita, marking 50 years of the Treaty's fundamental principles of mutual respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity, non-interference in internal affairs, peaceful settlement of disputes, renunciation of the threat or use of force, and effective cooperation amidst shifts in the geopolitical and socio-economic landscape.

The five-petaled form also stands for the five continents from which the 58 High Contracting Parties (HCPs) of the TAC to date originate: Asia, Americas, Africa, Europe and Oceania.

The 50 strokes forming the Sampaguita petals demonstrate 50 years of the Treaty's enduring appeal as a foundational code of conduct for inter-state relations in the region for peaceful relations, mutual respect and cooperation, and a cornerstone of regional peace and stability. The flowing lines signify continuity, reflecting TAC's sustained relevance

and growing membership of High Contracting Parties. The TAC, signed on 24 February 1976, has been instrumental in advancing regional and global peace, stability, and cooperation in the past five decades, as reflected by its expansion from the original five signatories to 58 High Contracting Parties to date.

This year, the Philippines, as the Chair of ASEAN, will be hosting the main commemorative activity of the TAC on 24 July 2026 on the sidelines of the 59th ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting (AMM) and Related Meetings.

The activity will feature the signing of the new High Contracting Parties, Conference of the HCPs to the TAC at the Foreign Ministers' level, and a gala dinner to be hosted by President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.

In her message during the unveiling, Secretary Lazaro underscored that the "commemorative logo is our way of reaffirming the region's commitment to peace, dialogue, and multilateralism, strengthening ASEAN's proactive role as the locomotive for peace, stability and prosperity in the region." Source: DFA

DepEd Pushes for Responsible AI Integration in Education

The Department of Education (DepEd) welcomed the launch of the National Artificial Intelligence Center for Research and Innovation (NAICRI), led by the Department of Science and Technology (DOST), in line with the directive of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. to strengthen the country's long-term AI ecosystem and ensure the responsible integration of artificial intelligence in basic education. As a key step in

Education Secretary Sonny Angara, DepEd aims to prepare learners for the future while ensuring that AI is used in a safe, fair, and responsible manner. "Education must be both protected and future-ready," Secretary Angara said. "We will harness AI to close learning gaps, strengthen governance, and empower teachers—but always with safeguards, transparency, and human oversight." Even prior to the launch of NAICRI, DepEd had



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already been advancing AI integration under three main pillars: AI in Education, Education on AI, and AI for Education Systems, focusing on learner protection and human-centered innovation. The policy implements a risk-based classification system aligned with global standards and explicitly prohibits high-risk uses such as social scoring, manipulative chatbots for minors, and biometric emotion recognition. It also mandates the conduct of Privacy Impact Assessments (PIAs), the establishment of a DepEd AI Registry, and strict compliance with data privacy and child protection laws prior to any AI deployment. With the launch of NAICRI as the Philippines' institutional AI hub, DepEd reaffirmed that basic education plays a crucial role in shaping an AI-ready generation—critical thinkers, ethical users, and future innovators. Source: DepEd

Among the Department's key AI-driven initiatives are: Project TALINO – A digital mapping system that provides real-time insights into school needs and strengthens data-informed planning and private sector engagement.

Project DUNONG – Automation of the National Qualifying Examination for School Heads to improve efficiency and accuracy in selecting school leaders.

Project SALIK-SEEK – A generative AI-powered quick-response tool that enables DepEd personnel to access structured education data within seconds.

To ensure clear guardrails, DepEd issued the Foundational Guide-

lines on the Integration of Artificial Intelligence in Basic Education, which establish a national framework for the ethical, inclusive, and risk-proportionate use of AI in schools. The policy implements a risk-based classification system aligned with global standards and explicitly prohibits high-risk uses such as social scoring, manipulative chatbots for minors, and biometric emotion recognition. It also mandates the conduct of Privacy Impact Assessments (PIAs), the establishment of a DepEd AI Registry, and strict compliance with data privacy and child protection laws prior to any AI deployment. With the launch of NAICRI as the Philippines' institutional AI hub, DepEd reaffirmed that basic education plays a crucial role in shaping an AI-ready generation—critical thinkers, ethical users, and future innovators. Source: DepEd

75 na GAMOT hatid ng YAKAP ng PhilHealth sa Quezon Province



Inilunsad ni PhilHealth President and CEO Edwin Mercado kasama sina DOH Secretary Ted Herbosa at Quezon Province Governor Helen Tan ang PhilHealth GAMOT clinic. Maaari ring makuha nang libre ang karagdang 54 na klaseng me-

KAP ng PhilHealth, ang bawat Pilipino ay maaring gamot kung kinakailangan sa kanilang primary care clinic. Maaari ring makuha nang libre ang karagdang 54 na klaseng me-

disina mula sa accredited GAMOT Pharmacies. Sagot ng PhilHealth ang hanggang Php 20,000 na halaga ng mga gamot kada taon. Handog ng PhilHealth sa bawat Pilipino ang GAMOT at YAKAP para manatong Pebrero 27, 2026. Source: PhilHealth

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To empower domestic businesses to scale up and integrate into the global value chain. By providing access to high-value markets like Japan, the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) continues to champion innovation and digitalization, ensuring Filipino enterprises are resilient and competitive on the world stage.

This participation marks a significant milestone in bringing Isabela's local flavors to one of Asia's most influential global food exhibitions. This international push is a strategic execution of the National MSME Development Plan (2023–2028) and the Tatak Pinoy Act. Under the leadership of Trade Secretary Cristina Roque, the initiative aims

to empower domestic businesses to scale up and integrate into the global value chain. By providing access to high-value markets like Japan, the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) continues to champion innovation and digitalization, ensuring Filipino enterprises are resilient and competitive on the world stage. By bringing Isabela's finest to Tokyo, the Philippines is proving it can produce world-class goods that meet international standards. This event allows local creators to meet with

City Government of Imus

Unang Job Matching Activity ng Imus PESO ngayong taon, dinagsa ng mga aplikante



Sa unang Job Matching Activity ng Imus Public Employment Service Office (PESO) ngayong taon, 325 aplikante ang nagpasa ng aplikasyon sa 16 na kumpanya na ginanap sa Robinsons Imus.

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