

# Cayetano: Senate work continues, key bills moving forward

Senate President Alan Peter Cayetano on Tuesday gave assurance that Senate work and pending measures would continue despite the recent leadership change in the chamber, with the Senate approving two priority measures on Third Reading on his second day as Senate President.

During the session on May 12, 2026, Cayetano clarified that ongoing hearings, bicameral conferences, and pending committee work may proceed even while the reorganization of Senate

committees is still being finalized.

“The only things that are technically on hold are new hearings and the sponsorships on the floor pending designation of chairmen,” he said.

Eyeing to convene an “all-Senator caucus soon” to discuss committee assignments and pending legislative matters, Senate President emphasized that under Cayetano rules and tradition, committees may continue functioning until successors are formally designated, particularly for measures

and hearings already underway. He also stressed the need to avoid unnecessary delays in legislative work, especially for pending measures considered important by senators from both the majority and minority blocs.

Cayetano likewise assured fellow senators that bills already under deliberation could still move forward while the chamber settles the reorganization of committees.

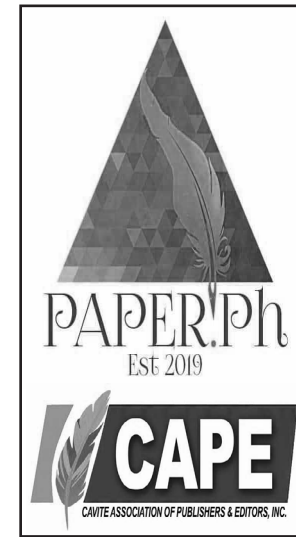
“Technically, you can. It’s just a matter of the majority leader, and the new majority would like that on the floor at the moment,” he said in response to questions regarding pending measures and sponsorships.

Amid public concerns following the recent Senate leadership change, Cayetano maintained that the chamber continues to perform its legislative duties and process priority measures affecting Filipinos. That same day, the Chamber approved on Third Reading Senate Bill No. 1894, or the proposed measure enhancing the Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act, and Senate Bill No. 1966, which seeks to institutionalize the Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situations (AICS) program of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD).

## City Government of Carmona

### FREE FLU IMMUNIZATION PARA SA 1,500 SENIOR CITIZENS NG CITY OF CARMONA

Ang Pamahalaang Lungsod ng Carmona, sa gay ng Lungsod. Palagi nating bibigyang tugon ang mga me-pamamagitan ng Office Layon nito na makadikal na pangangailangan ng mga medikal na pangangailangan ng elderly sector sa City of Carmona upang tiyakin na sila ligtas at protektado sa banta ng anomang sakit.



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# Foreign Firms Show Strong Interest in Philippine Transport Digitalization Projects

Reputable and major international companies participated in the activity held last week by the Department of Transportation and the Asian Development Bank for the Philippine Automated Fare Collection System (PAFCS) concession under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Program.

## City Government of Dasmariñas

**MOA Signing with TESDA Provincial Training Center for the use of its training facilities located at Barangay Langkaan II and Barangay Sabang, City of Dasmariñas for the conduct of various training programs intended for the residents of the city**



This is alongside the Davao Public Transport Modernization Project (DPTMP) which includes an Automated Fare Collection System component (DPTMP CP08 – AFCS) and a broader Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) contract. Transportation Secretary Banoy Lopez emphasized the government’s commitment to putting the country’s public transportation infrastructure and deliver convenient and hassle-free transactions for commuters.

## DSWD Distributes Cash Aid to Farmers Displaced by Mayon Volcano Activity

Due to the continued activity of Mayon Volcano affecting communities in Albay, the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) has assured the fast and continuous delivery of assistance to affected residents. On Thursday (May 14), DSWD Secretary Rex Gatchalian visited the towns of Guinobatan and Camalig. A total of 2,360 farmers are expected to receive ₱10,230 each. Meanwhile, 437 farmers in Legazpi City are also targeted to receive the same amount. The assistance (Turn to page 3)



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# DTI Teams Up with FEU Tech to Strengthen Innovation and MSME Development



From Left to Right: DTI-BPRI Assistant Director Karl Lyndon Pacolor, DTI-CIG Assistant Secretary Nylah Rizza Bautista, FEU Tech Executive Director Rossana Adao, FEU Tech Senior Director for Student Success Jarvis Muyargis, and Senior Director for Innovation and Re-

The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), through its Competitiveness and Innovation Group (CIG), formalized its partnership with the Far Eastern University Institute of Technology (FEU Tech) through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) during the launch of the FEU Tech Innovation Center's Tam Labs Cohort 2.

The MOU establishes a collaborative framework to support key initiatives aimed at accelerating innovation, digital transformation, and the growth of startups and micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in the Philippines. Assistant Secretary Nylah Rizza D. Bautista, Supervising Head of the Competitiveness and Innovation Group, emphasized the importance of strengthening partnerships with academic institutions

in building a robust innovation ecosystem.

"This partnership with FEU Tech is a crucial step in strengthening collaboration across government and academe to support startups, enable MSMEs to adopt new technologies, and build a more inclusive and innovation-driven economy," Asec. Bautista highlighted.

Under the agreement, DTI and FEU Tech will collaborate on initiatives that promote the adoption of artificial intelligence and digital technologies among MSMEs, support early-stage startups, and strengthen innovation-driven programs. The partnership will also facilitate pilot testing opportunities, knowledge exchange, and joint ecosystem-building activities. FEU Tech, recognized for its strong focus on technology and innovation, will

contribute its incubation expertise, industry linkages, and academic resources to support startup development and capacity-building initiatives.

The collaboration is aligned with key national policies, including the Philippine Innovation Act, the Innovative Startup Act, and the Tatak Pinoy Act, which collectively aim to enhance the country's innovation capacity, global competitiveness, and inclusive economic growth.

With this partnership, DTI continues to expand its network of innovation partners to drive forward the development of a future-ready, technology-enabled Philippine economy. For more information, interested stakeholders may contact the DTI-BPRI-Innovation and Collaboration Division via email at [startup@dti.gov.ph](mailto:startup@dti.gov.ph). Source: DTI

## MMDA Pasig River Ferry gets free public Wi-Fi through DICT

Riders of MMDA Pasig River Ferry Service (PRFS) can now enjoy free Wi-Fi in its stations and boats, making ferry trips more enjoyable.

Through the Free Public Internet Access Program (FPIAP) of the Department of Information and Communications Technology - DICT, each station and boats can accommodate users with

connection speeds peaking up to 40-60Mbps when users are few and 10-20Mbps during rush hours.

Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) Chairman Atty. Don Artes and DICT Secretary Henry Aguda, together with Pasig City Mayor Vico Sotto and Congressman Roman Romulo led the ceremonial activation of Wi-Fi at the

San Joaquin Ferry Station in Pasig.

In line with the current efforts to provide transport systems which are globally competitive and responsive to continuing change in the needs of the public, the free Wi-Fi for All in PRFS aims to modernize facilities and improve service quality.

Artes said the free (Turn to page 5)

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(From page 2) Wi-Fi access is an additional incentive to the public for them to be enticed in riding the free ferry service.

"Our focus now shifts toward the rigorous

improvement of service quality, ensuring that every passenger enjoys a seamless and reliable connection from the moment they enter the terminal until they disembark," he said.

The MMDA Chair-

man also said that the agency will acquire additional electronic ferry boats to accommodate more passengers while also using eco-friendly alternatives. He likewise said that more ferry stations are underway.

Aguda further underscored the vital role of connectivity in transportation facilities which gives the public more access to opportunities and information especially with the boom of remote work nowadays.

"Ngayon, hindi puwedeng biyahe lang; dapat biyaheng konektado. Ang FPIAP sa PRFS ay serbisyong magbibigay gin-hawa sa mga komunidad," he said.

Among the ferry stations where users can enjoy free public Wi-Fi are:

- Lambingan Ferry Station
- PUP Ferry Station
- Sta. Ana Ferry Station
- Maybunga Ferry Station
- Pinagbuhatan Ferry Station
- San Joaquin Ferry Station
- Hulo Ferry Station
- Valenzuela Ferry Station
- Kalawaan Ferry Terminal
- Guadalupe Ferry Terminal
- Quinta Ferry Terminal
- Escolta Ferry Terminal

Meanwhile, ferry boats Mutya 1, Mutya 2, and Vicente will also have Wi-Fi access points.

Sotto and Romulo both expressed support for the joint project, stating that connectivity is already



a necessity and that the program is a push for digitalization of the city.

The launch of Free Wi-Fi for All in PRFS is also part of the efforts to restore life to Pasig River, alongside the 'Pasig Bigyang Buhay Muli' initiative of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. FPIAP is also in line with the mandate of the DICT to lead the national ICT agenda, and is also in line with the provisions of Republic Act No. 10929 or the "Free Internet Access in Public Places Act". Meanwhile, the MMDA also sought the assistance of DICT in installing Wi-Fi access points on parks being built by the agency across different areas in Metro Manila. Source: MMDA

## EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice of hereby given that the estate of the deceased **REMEDIOS BICO MELLA**, who died on December 30, 2025 at Mayo Clinic Hospital-Rochester St., St. Marys Campus Rochester Olmsted Minnesota left the following properties

- One (1) condominium unit covered by CCT No. 003-2012002190
- One (1) parcel of land with improvement covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 003-2012002190n situated at Dasmariñas, Cavite

is subject to Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights as per Doc. No. 218; Page No. 8; Book No. II; Series of 2026 by Notary Public for City of Parañaque City, ATTY. JAMES VOLDEMAR R. VELASCO JR.

CD-May 18, 25 & June 1, 2026



## BACoor CITY HOLDS DISASTER PREPAREDNESS ORIENTATION FOR MAYOR'S PERMIT APPLICANTS

The City Government of Bacoor conducted another day of Disaster Preparedness Orientation for new applicants seeking Mayor's Permits to Work, in compliance with City Ordinance 248-2022. The initiative is part of the city's program under Mayor Strike B. Revilla, implemented by the Bacoor City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (BDRRMO) headed by Mr. Richard Quion.

The orientation was held in two batches at the Legislative and Disaster Resilience Building. Batch 01 ran from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM with 37 participants, while Batch 02 was conducted from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM with 44 attendees.

All sessions cover essential topics including hazard identification, emergency response protocols, evacuation procedures, and workplace safety

guidelines mandated by the ordinance.

This daily, free program ensures that all new applicants complete the required training as part of their permit application process. Under Mayor Strike B. Revilla's leadership, Bacoor City continues to prioritize disaster preparedness, equipping workers and business operators with the knowledge to protect lives and property during emergencies.

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HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (PAG-IBIG FUND), Mortgagee,

-versus- FNC-2023-367
For: Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of Real Estate Mortgage under Act 3135, as Amended by Act 4118

WILLIE COMENDADOR AMARILLA, Mortgagee.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-judicial foreclosure sale under Act 3135, as Amended by Act No. 4118, filed by Mortgagee, HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (PAG-IBIG FUND), a government financial institution duly organized and existing under and by virtue of Republic Act No. 9679 with principal office and place of business at The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Loan and Mortgage Agreement ("MORTGAGE") executed and notarized on November 17, 2014 by Mortgagee, WILLIE COMENDADOR AMARILLA, single, of legal age, Filipino citizen, with postal residence and postal address at LOT 42 BLOCK 254 EMERALD EXT. PEMBO, MAKATI CITY, METRO MANILA, in favor of the Mortgagee, over a real estate property including improvements thereon, described in and covered by TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE No. 057-2015052585 of the Registry of Deeds for Province of Cavite, in order to satisfy the outstanding loan obligation of the Mortgages in the amount of THREE HUNDRED FIFTY NINE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SEVENTEEN PESOS & 14/100 (P359,917.14) inclusive of interest, penalties and other charges, as of April 24, 2023, the undersigned Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff of the Regional Trial Court of Cavite thru his deputy, Janelle V. Lagadon, will sell at public auction on June 1, 2026 at 8:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter, at the Office of the Ex-Officio Sheriff at the Hall of Justice formerly Mayor Macario B. Pena Memorial Hall, Naic, Cavite, to the highest bidder, for Cash or Manager's Check and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all its improvements thereon, to wit:

Transfer Certificate of Title No.057-2015052585

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in BARANGAY TIMALAN, MUNICIPALITY OF NAIC, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON; bounded and described as follows: A PARCEL OF LAND ( LOT 40 BLOCK 9 OF THE CONSOLIDATION SUBDIVISION PLAN PCS-04-024418, BEING A PORTION OF LOTS 2965-B AND 2968-B, PSD-04-199019, L.R.C. RECORD NO. \_ ), SITUATED IN BARANGAY TIMALAN, MUNICIPALITY OF NAIC, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON. BOUNDED ON THE SW (Continued on next page) is registered in accordance with the provision of the Property Registration Decree in the name of Owner: WILLIE COMENDADOR AMARILLA, SINGLE, OF LEGAL AGE, FILIPINO Address: B-254 L-42 EMERALD EXT. PEMBO MAKATI CITY, METRO MANILA as owner thereof in fee simple; subject to such of the encumbrances mentioned in Section 44 of said Decree as may be

subsisting.

IT IS FURTHER CERTIFIED that said land was originally registered as follows: Case No.: Record No.:8340 Orig. Reg. Date: 02,04 1913 Decree No.: Original RD: PROVINCE OF CAVITE OCT No.: OCT-181 Volume No.: A-19 Page No.: Original Owner: - This certificate is a transfer from TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE T-1262349 (TOTALLY CANCELLED) by virtue hereof in so far as the above-described land is concerned. Entered at Province of Cavite, Philippines on the 26th day of OCTOBER 2015 at 07:22am. TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION (Continued from page 1)

ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 41 BLOCK 9; ON THE NW ALONG LINE 2-3 BY LOT 17 BLOCK 9 AND ALONG LINE 3-4 BY LOT 18 BLOCK 9; ON THE NE ALONG LINE 4-5 BY LOT 39 BLOCK 9; AND ON THE SE ALONG LINE 5-1 BY ROAD LOT 10 (6.50 M.), ALL OF THE CONSOLIDATION SUBDIVISION PLAN. BEGINNING AT A POINT MARKED "1" ON PLAN, BEING S 56 DEG. 21'E, 2390.34 M. FROM MON. 17 NAIC ESTATE, THENCE, N 19 DEG. 39'W, 9.00 M. TO POINT 2; N 70 DEG. 21'E, 2.50 M. TO POINT 3; N 70 DEG. 21'E, 3.75 M. TO POINT 4; S 19 DEG. 39'E, 9.00 M. TO POINT 5. S 70 DEG 21'W, 6.25 M. TO POINT OF BEGINNING. CONTAINING AN AREA OF FIFTY SIX (56) SQUARE METERS. ALL POINTS REFERRED TO ARE INDICATED ON THE PLAN AND ARE MARKED ON THE GROUND BY P.S CYL. CONC. MONS. 15X40 CMS, BEARING TRUE, DATE OF ORIGINAL SURVEY: JANUARY 1907 AND THAT OF THE CONSOLIDATION SUBDIVISION PLAN EXECUTED BY EDGARDO A. AGBADA, GEODETIC ENGR. ON FEB. 4-29, 2008 AND WAS APPROVED ON AUGUST 4, 2008.

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on June 8, 2026 without prior notice.

Prospective bidders or buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 057-2015052585 the encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above-stated time and date.

Naic, Cavite, April 29, 2026

JANELLE V. LAGADON, MBA Sheriff-in-Charge

WARNING: IT IS ABSOLUTELY PROHIBITED TO REMOVE, DEFACE OR DESTROY THIS NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE ON OR BEFORE THE DATE OF THE AUCTION SALE UNDER THE PENALTY OF LAW.

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(From page 3) of an interoperable fare development Bank. Its AFCS collection solution de- package is an integral part signed to facilitate rider- of the larger Davao Bus ship through an exemplary project, involving the de- user experience.Source: velopment and operations DOTr

AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

Notice of hereby given that the estate of the deceased REYNELDA R. FERNANDEZ, who died on December 20, 2013 in Fremont, California left a parcel of land covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 057-2016005962 situated in Barangay Poblacion, Municipality of Tanza, Province of Cavite is subject to Affidavit of Self Adjudication with the Acknowledgement issued by Ivan Villamar, Notary Public for the State of California, County of San Mateo, Comm. # 2499932

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AFFIDAVIT OF LOSS WITH UNDERTAKING

Notice of hereby given that MYRNA V. NAGRAMPA, of legal age with postal address at Baor City, is the registered owner and holder of shares of Manila Electric Company stocks the details are as follows:

Stockholder name: MYRNA V. NAGRAMPA
Stock Certificate number: 489714
Number of shares: 35

that the aforementioned Manila Electric Company stock certificate was discovered to be missing and despite diligent efforts having been exerted the same could not be located and is subject to Affidavit of Loss with Undertaking as per Doc. No. 114; Page No. 24; Book No. LVII; Series of 2026 by Notary Public for Dasmariñas City, ATTY. PRISCILLA C. BRANZUELA.

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aims to help meet their basic needs for health and other expenses while they have not yet returned to their normal livelihoods. This is in line with President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.'s directive to ensure fast and appropriate support is delivered to communities affected by disasters.



Accompanying Assistant Secretary Irene DSWD Field Office 5 Re- the Secretary during the Dumlao of the Disaster gional Director Norman visit were Undersecretary Response Management Laurio. (ACJM)Source: tary Diana Rose Cajipe, Group (DRMG), and DSWD

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needs of the riding public at the center of the modernization effort, ensuring that the new fare collection system is accessible, reliable, and inclusive for all commuters across the country.

"Millions of Filipinos commute everyday and DOTr is fully committed to building a fare collection system that is seamless, secure, and future-ready that every commuter can rely on," the transport chief said.

Undersecretary for Railways Timothy John Batan expressed optimism over the high turnout of private firms, noting that the market sounding activity was meant to get prospective bidders acquainted with the project, and

that the strong participation reflects investor confidence in the Philippines despite challenging global headwinds.

"Over fifty companies in a market sounding is very encouraging, and we look forward to a successful tender and award of this PAFCS concession," Usec. Batan said.

The participating firms and partnerships represented a wide range of nations, with companies from Japan, China, Singapore, South Korea, India, Indonesia, Turkey, Pakistan, USA, Germany, France, United Kingdom, Netherlands, Spain, Austria, Switzerland, Sweden, Finland and the Philippines.

The PAFCS project aims to establish an in-

teroperable and secure fare collection system covering rail, bus, and future transport modes in the Philippines, improving passenger experience while ensuring efficiency in fare collection across public transit systems.

It is envisioned to support multiple fare media, including cards, QR codes, mobile phones, and other smart devices which will enable commuters to use a single, seamless payment option across different modes of transport.

Meanwhile, the DPTMP serves as a pilot project aimed at modernizing and establishing a safe, reliable, and efficient public transport system in Davao, supported by a loan from the Asian Development Bank. (Turn to page 4)

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