DENR Ensures Environmental Protection in Push for Offshore Wind Energy

As the Philippines accelerates its renewable energy transition to safeguard national sovereignty and protect against international supply shocks, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) is balancing these strategic energy goals with robust environmental protections.

Building on Secretary Juan Miguel "Mitch" Cuna's emphasis on the vital intersection of energy reliability and marine preservation, the DENR is introducing stringent regulatory safeguards—encompassing enhanced Environmental Impact Assessment frameworks, Climate and Disaster Risk Assessments, and updated compliance monitoring—to ensure that offshore wind developments fortify the nation's energy security without compromising its ecological integrity.

Atty. Analiza Rebuelta-Teh, DENR Undersecretary for Finance, Information Systems, and Climate Change, highlighted that while the country accelerates its transition toward green energy via the use of wind projects, environmental protection and community welfare must remain at the forefront of offshore wind development.

"Environmental safeguards are not separate from project development; they are essential to ensuring that investments are sustainable over the long term," Undersecretary Teh said during a high-level panel at the Philippine Pavilion at the 31st United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP31).



The updated rules under the DENR Administrative Orders 2024-02, 2025-25, and 2026-09 roll out progressive administrative measures to close regulatory gaps, address detrimental environmental impacts and safeguard local marine resources in considering the establishments of wind projects.

DAO 2024-02 establishes the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) guidelines for offshore wind (OSW) projects under the Philippine Environmental Impact Statement System (PEISS), adopting a distinct, project-specific, and marine-based approach tailored to the unique environmental risks, technical requirements, and operational characteristics of OSW developments that are not adequately addressed by general EIA guidelines. To ensure that environmental and social considerations are integrated throughout the project lifecycle, particularly in assessing and addressing potential impacts on land-based and marine ecosystems within or adjacent to protected areas, the order institutes a two-stage Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) process with separate EIA requirements for the pre-development/exploration stage and the development/construction and operation stage, reflecting their differing project activities and risk levels, while recognizing the need to assess the cumulative impacts of multiple OSW developments beyond those of individual projects.

DAO 2025-25 builds on these safeguards by providing comprehensive guidelines for conducting Climate and Disaster Risk Assessments (CDRA) as part of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Offshore Wind (OSW) and Floating Photovoltaic (FPV) projects. It provides specific guidance on integrating CDRA into the EIA process for offshore wind and floating photovoltaic projects and institutionalizes forward-looking, climate-informed and disaster-resilient environmental assessment, ensuring that climate change and natural hazard risks are considered not merely as environmental impacts, but also as factors affecting project viability, safety, and long-term resilience. It requires the assessment of climate-related risks and disaster vulnerabilities throughout the project lifecycle, while integrating Nature-based Solutions (NbS) and emergency preparedness measures to enhance project resilience.

Meanwhile, DAO 2026-09 enhances and expands the interim guidelines under DAO 2024-02 by strengthening environmental safeguards, incorporating international industry standards and best practices, and addressing regulatory gaps in data collection, compliance monitoring, financial assurances, and stakeholder engagement across the full lifecycle of offshore wind (OSW) projects, including offshore and onshore components, associated facilities, and all stages of development. Specifically, it institutionalizes cumulative impact assessments

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DepEd Set to Roll Out AI-Powered Tools Across Schools Nationwide

The Department of Education (DepEd) is preparing to scale its artificial intelligence (AI) applications nationwide following a successful pilot phase aimed at improving school safety, early childhood screening, and classroom retention.

During the second anniversary of DepEd's Education Center for AI Research (ECAIR), education leaders, government partners, and industry stakeholders gathered to review how AI solutions have been integrated into day-to-day school operations over the past year.

Education Secretary Sonny Angara highlighted how technology streamlines department processes while supporting frontline educators.

"Malaki talaga ang ambag ng ECAIR sa pagpapagaan ng ating responsibilidad at pagpapahusay ng ating proseso dito sa DepEd. Iyan ang mahalagang papel ng ECAIR: maging katuwang ng DepEd at SEAMEO INNOTECH sa paghubog ng isang mas matalino at mas mataong sistema ng edukasyon," Angara said.

Angara outlined three guiding principles for the expansion: sustaining operational momentum,

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City Government of Carmona

ALIS SKIN DISEASE: FREE DERMA MISSION NG PBC AT RITM

Idinaos ng Pagamutang Bayan ng Carmona, sa pakikipagtulungan ng Group of Dermatologists mula sa Research Institute for Tropical Medicine (RITM), ang Free Derma Missions para sa nasa 102 na pasyente na may karamdaman sa balat. Ang programang ito ay naglalayong makapaghatid ng accessible medical services para sa bawat mamamayan ng Lungsod.



DFA Pays Tribute to Veteran Diplomat, Former Ambassador Joselito Jimeno

The Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) deeply mourns the passing of Ambassador Joselito Alegado Jimeno, a distinguished career diplomat who dedicated over three decades of his life to public service and the advancement of Philippine diplomacy.

Ambassador Jimeno served the Philippines with distinction in various diplomatic capacities, including as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Sultanate of Oman (2011– 2013) and the Swiss Confederation

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Lumban's Heritage Embroidery Reaches Wider Market Through Modern Filipiniana



In Lumban, Laguna, embroidery is more than a craft passed down through generations—it is a vital source of livelihood for local artisans whose skills continue to shape the town's identity. Through her enterprise, "A Collection", entrepreneur Avigaye Monteagudo is bringing this heritage to a wider market by blending traditional embroidery with modern Filipino fashion and creating sustainable work for local craftspeople.

Monteagudo began her entrepreneurial journey in 2015 as a side business while working a regular 8-to-5 job. What began as selling footwear to friends and colleagues eventually expanded into an online business on Shopee and Lazada. Over time, she shifted her focus to bespoke Barong Tagalog and modern Filipiniana pieces, building a brand that showcases Lumban's intricate embroidery through contemporary designs.

Based at No. 70 Rizal Street, Segunda Pulo, "A Collection" draws inspiration from the town's skilled embroiderers. Seeing their dedication and artistry, Monteagudo recognized an opportunity to bring their work to more customers while helping preserve their livelihoods.

Starting the business came with a steep learning curve. Although she had basic embroidery experience, crafting Barong Tagalog and developing original designs required deeper technical knowledge. She turned to her neighbors and their families, who generously shared their experience and mentored her in the craft. Through patience, experimentation, and community guidance, she gained the confidence to innovate while respecting traditional techniques—a lesson in continuous learning that still guides her business today.

Selection of cream handwoven fabrics featuring geometric and floral embroidered patterns inspired by Lumban weaving traditions, arranged for display by A Collection.

To sharpen her management skills, Monteagu-

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mental integrity or coastal and marine ecosystems.

The DENR is also promoting Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) to help identify areas suitable for offshore wind development while accounting for other uses of Philippine waters, including fisheries, tourism, navigation and marine conservation.

MSP provides a framework for considering these interests collectively, taking into account sensitive habitats and existing marine uses, and anticipating potential conflicts before they arise.

The department is working with the energy and agriculture departments as well as other development partners to refine the initial MSP tool for offshore wind projects.

The tool aims to provide spatial guidance for managing competing marine uses, organized datasets and identifying overlaps between offshore wind energy service contracts (OSWESC) and other marine resource uses and activities.

The DENR also underscored the need to make reliable marine and environmental data available before developers select project sites.

Apart from the guidance, Undersecretary Teh also highlighted that agencies should establish clear arrangements in handling offshore wind applications, such as creating Joint Memorandum Circulars, among concerned agencies for organized handling of wind projects especially for those agencies with different mandates to address overlapping regulatory concerns, clarify responsibilities and align assessment requirements.

"Our objective is to create conditions for responsible offshore wind development while protecting the ecological integrity of our seas and the communities and livelihoods that depend on them," Undersecretary Teh said.

The push for offshore wind development comes as the Philippines seeks to expand its renewable energy sources and reduce its dependence on imported fossil fuels, in line with its targets of achieving a 35% share of renewable energy in the power generation mix by 2030 and 50% by 2040.

"Offshore wind projects could contribute to the country's electricity supply while ensuring that marine resources and coastal communities are protected from potential environmental impacts," Secretary Cuna added. Source: DENR

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local artisans makes the daily challenges of running an enterprise worthwhile.

Display of handcrafted Filipino garments and embroidered apparel at a local trade fair, featuring clothing racks, mannequins wearing traditional-inspired pieces, and artisans showcasing Lumban embroidery craftsmanship. Looking ahead, she hopes to expand "A Collection's" local and international market reach, develop more innovative Filipino-made products, and open a physical storefront. She also aims to generate more jobs for local artisans and grow inclusive initiatives like Burdolls. To achieve these goals, she remains eager to participate in government programs and partner with organizations focused on product development, skills training, innovation, and market expansion. To aspiring entrepreneurs, Monteagudo advises practicing patience and staying open to learning. She also emphasizes maintaining high product quality, listening to customer feedback, and understanding what sets a brand apart. For her, business growth becomes truly meaningful when it creates opportunities for others. From a modest online footwear venture to a celebrated champion of Lumban's embroidery heritage, "A Collection" shows how traditional craftsmanship can flourish through modern design. By empowering local artisans and bringing their artistry to new markets, Monteagudo continues to build an enterprise that delivers lasting value to both her customers and her community. Source:DTI

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TRECE MARTIRES CITY

BDO UNIBANK, INC.,
Mortgagee,

-versus- FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-946-26

SPS. KIN PAUL J. FLOTILDES
AND EDLENE Q. FLOTILDES,
Debtors/Mortgagors.
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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118. filed by Mortgagee, BDO UNIBANK, INC., with business address at 33rd Floor, BDO Corporate Center Ortigas, No. 12 ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City, against the Debtors/Mortgagors, SPS. KIN PAUL J. FLOTILDES and EDLENE Q. FLOTILDES, both of legal age. Filipino citizens, with residence and postal address/es at (1) Lot 17 Block 21 Barangay Inocencio, Trece Martires City (occupied by third party) and (2) Unit 521 5th Floor Building D, Hope Residences, Governor's Drive, Barangay San Agustin, Trece Martires City (currently occupied), to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness as of October 12, 2026 amount TWO MILLION FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED EIGHTEEN PESOS AND 44/100 (P2,567,618.44), Philippine Currency, inclusive of interest, penalties and other charges as of said date but exclusive of all other charges incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on DEC 15 2026 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning until 12:00 noon at the main entrance of the Government Center Building located at the Old Provincial Capitol Compound, Trece Martires City, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency the following described property with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

CONDOMINIUM CERTIFICATE OF TITLE
NO. 077-2025000019

HOPE RESIDENCES AT BRGY. SAN AGUSTIN

BUILDING D

FLOOR DESIGNATION: 5TH FLOOR
UNIT NO.: 521
UNIT TYPE: FLEXI SUITE
UNIT AREA: 28.52 SQ.M.

in the diagrammatic floor plan appended to the enabling or master deed of the condominium project annotated on TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE 2017000222 which embraces and describes the land located at BRGY. SAN AGUSTIN, TRECE MARTIRES CITY, CAVITE with an area of TWELVE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FIVE (12,505) Square Meter, xxx

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date and time, it shall be held on DEC. 22, 2026 without further notice.

Prospective bidders/buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title to the said property and encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

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RICARDO A. TOLEDO
Sheriff IV

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UNION BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES,
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-versus- Foreclosure No. 2026-127
For: Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of
Real Estate Mortgage

CHERYL N. ALON,
Mortgagor.
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NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE

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TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE
NO. 167-2018001161

"A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 18 BLOCK 3 OF THE CONS.-SUBDIVISION PLAN, PCS-04-026324, BEING A PORTION OF LOT 175, PSU-164199 AND LOT 174-G, PSU-164199 AMD. 11, L.R.C. REC. NO.), SITUATED IN BARANGAY OF SALINAS, MUNICIPALITY OF BACOOR, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON. X X X, CONTAINING AN AREA OF THIRTY SIX (36) SQUARE METERS."

"All sealed bid must be submitted to the undersigned on the above stated time and date."

"In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on January 12, 2027, without further notice."

Prospective buyers or bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title to the said property and encumbrances, if any there be.

City of Bacoor, November 9, 2026.

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MAYBANK PHILIPPINES, INC.,
Mortgagee,

-versus- FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-922-26

SPOUSES JIMILYN GONOWON ABAGAT AND JEOFFREY MARTINEZ ABAGAT, REPRESENTED BY THEIR ATTORNEY-IN-FACT, JOCELYN N. GONOWON.
Debtor/Mortgagor.
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Lot No. 3 Block: 15 Plan No. PCS-04-032361
Portion of: LOTS 1912 (FRS-04-005438); 1918 (RS-04-004387); 1913, 1914, 1985 (FRS-04-006221); 3263 (FRS-04-006218) & 1915, SFDM ESTATE, LRC RECORD NO. 5964, DECREE NO. 4270
Location: BARANGAY OF TAPIA, MUNICIPALITY OF GENERAL TRIAS, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON
Boundaries:

LINE	DIRECTION	ADJOINING LOT(S)
1-2	NW	LOT 1, BLOCK 15, PCS-04-032361
2-3	NE	ROAD LOT 18, PCS-04-032361
3-4	SE	LOT 5, BLOCK 15, PCS-04-032361
4-1	SW	LOT 4, BLOCK 15, PCS-04-032361

Area: FORTY (40) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS

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(2) Lot 3, Blk 15 Phase 7, Brgy. Tapia Woodcress Gen. Trias, Cavite,

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to evaluate the combined and potentially interacting effects of multiple OSW developments sharing marine spaces and resources, reinforces coordination and consultation with concerned government agencies, local government units (LGUs), affected communities, resource users, and other stakeholders, and bolsters financial assurance mechanisms to cover environmental damage, rehabilitation, and decommissioning obligations, ensuring that environmental liabilities are accounted for throughout the project lifecycle and that OSW expansion proceeds without compromising environ-

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DepEd Set to Roll Out AI-Powered Tools Across Schools Nationwide



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strengthening public trust in responsible AI, and ensuring technology complements human capabilities.

"Let us erase the misconception that AI and technology will eventually replace people in schools and the workplace. Dito sa DepEd ang paniwala natin, ang ating paninindigan ay technology must empower people, and not replace them," Angara emphasized.

Dr. Majah-Leah V. Ravago, Centre Director of SEAMEO INNOTECH, a partner organization of ECAIR, said innovation must go beyond research and technology and make a difference in classrooms and school communities.

"First, sustain what has worked. Second, scale what is ready. And third, ensure that every innovation remains grounded in the realities and needs of our classrooms," Dr. Ravago said.

ECAIR was established under DepEd Order No. 13, s. 2025. "Nearly two years ago, it gave a small team a big mandate: to use AI and data so that every Filipino learner can learn better," said ECAIR Managing Director and Chief AI and Data Officer Dr. Erika Fille Legara.

Among ECAIR's primary innovations is LIGTAS+ (Learning Institution Geohazard Tracking and Assessment for Safety) that turns data from PAGASA, PHIVOLCS and global AI weather models into hazard information for each school. Since its August launch, it has reached over 57,000 users, most of them DepEd personnel, while Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) teams have generated over 6,000 situation reports with it.

SABAY (Screening using AI-Based Assistance for Young Children), which was co-developed with DepEd's Bureau of Learning Delivery, lets teachers screen Grade 2 learners for possible communication and learning difficulties through short speech activities in 14.5 minutes per learner against up to two hours with existing tools. It has been tested in 10 schools across five regions.

Meanwhile TALAAN (Teachers' and Administrators' Learner-centric Almanac and Analytics Nest), an early warning system for learners at risk of dropping out, was co-designed with about 120 teachers and school heads in three Las Piñas schools.

Additional projects include STRIVE, which checks construction site photos; SIGLA, which screens learners' nutrition; and TALINO, which matches Adopt-a-School donors with schools in need. Furthermore, the National Work Immersion Pledging Dashboard for Senior High School learners tracked 61,289 slots pledged by 3,089 companies, reaching 122.6% of the national target.

ECAIR also trained 52 personnel from DepEd and the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) to build their own AI tools.

Next year, TALAAN will expand to 300 schools and SABAY will roll out nationwide.Source: DepEd

DFA Pays Tribute to Veteran Diplomat, Former Ambassador Joselito Jimeno

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(2015–2018). He likewise served as Consul General at the Philippine Consulate General in Guangzhou, China (2009–2011), and at the Philippine Consulate General in Honolulu, Hawaii (2018–2021).

His distinguished foreign service career also included assignments as Minister and Consul General at the Philippine Embassy in Moscow, Russian Federation (2007–2009); First Secretary and Consul General at the Philippine Embassy in Berlin, Germany (1999–2002); and First Secretary at the Philippine Embassy in Washington, D.C. (2003–2005).

Earlier in his career, he served as Deputy Consul General and Vice Consul at the Philippine Consulate General in New York, as well as Third Secretary and Vice Consul at the Philippine Embassy in Washington, D.C.

At the Home Office, Ambassador Jimeno also held key leadership positions, including as Assistant Secretary of the Office of Strategic Planning and Policy Coordination, Director at the Office of European Affairs, Special Assistant at the Office of the Undersecretary for International Economic Relations, and Acting Director at the Office of Protocol. In these various capacities, Ambassador Jimeno demonstrated an enduring commitment to representing the Philippines, advancing the country's bilateral relations, strengthening diplomatic engagement, and promoting the interests and welfare of Filipinos overseas.

The Department honors Ambassador Jimeno's legacy of dedicated service and recognizes his valuable contributions to Philippine diplomacy and the Foreign Service. His passing is a profound loss to the Department and the diplomatic community.

The DFA extends its deepest sympathies and heartfelt condolences to his bereaved family, relatives, friends, and colleagues. May they find strength and comfort in this time of grief, and may the memories of his life and service bring them comfort.

May Ambassador Jimeno rest in eternal peace. Source: DFA

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IN RE: Petition for guardianship
over the person of minor Stephen
Francis Gutierrez Saavedra,
SP Proc. No. 2028-26
Spouses Marlon D. Saavedra
and Julieta D. Saavedra,
Petitioners,
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ORDER

The petitioners' Manifestation and Compliance, dated October 27, 2026, is NOTED.

This is a Petition, filed by spouses Marlon D. Saavedra and Julieta D. Saavedra, praying that the Court appoint them as the judicial guardians over the person of their grandson, the minor, Stephen Francis Gutierrez Saavedra.

Petitioners alleged, in their Amended Petition, that:

1. Petitioners Spouses Marlon D. Saavedra and Julieta D. Saavedra ("Petitioners", for brevity) both of legal age, and with residence at 37 Hausland Subd., Aguinaldo Hiway, Imus City, Cavite. They may be served with copies of notices, orders and other court processes of the Honorable Court at their residential address and through the undersigned counsel at:

The Law Firm of Legaspi Cabugao & Associates
Unit R PSCOR Bldg., T.M. Kalaw Street,
BF Homes Subdivision, Paranaque City,
E-mail address: harrytrumantemperante@yahoo.com

2. Petitioners are legitimate residents of Imus City Cavite. Attached are their respective identification cards bearing their address, the title of their property, as well as proof of billings, as evidence of their residence, and Title of the Petitioners' residential Property for purposes of establishing the venue of the instant petition. ANNEX "A, A-1", "B", and "C"

3. For purposes of complying with the requirements set forth by law for adoption proceedings, the following are the relatives up to fourth consanguinity of Stephen Francis Gutierrez Saavedra, as far as the petitioners know:

Parents and siblings:
a. Franze Rosru D. Saavedra (father) deceased
b. Stephanie Gutierrez (mother) - Address Unknown
c. Sabrina Francheska Gutierrez Saavedra (sibling) 17 years old address unknown

Father Side:
d. Marlon D. Saavedra (grandfather) 65 yrs old
e. Julieta D. Saavedra (grandmother) 63 yrs old
f. Maples Alexie D. Saavedra (auntie) 34 yrs old
g. Fatima Kaye D. Saavedra (auntie) 26 yrs old
All are residing at Blk 1 Lot 4B, Hausland Subd., Anabu 1B, Imus, Cavite

h. Rushco Saavedra (great grandfather) deceased
i. Rosiata Saavedra (great grandmother) deceased
j. Francisco J. Dilig (great grandfather) deceased
k. Zenaida R Dilig (great grandmother) deceased

Mother Side:
l.Leah Gutierrez - address unknown

4. In so far as the persons under the care of the petitioners, only their children Maples Alexie D. Saavedra, Fatima Kaye D. Saavedra, and minor Stephen Francis G. Saavedra are living with them.

5. Prospective steward, Stephen Francis Gutierrez Saavedra ("Stephen") is fifteen years old as of this writing. He is the petitioner spouses' grandson, being one of the two non-marital child of the petitioner's deceased son, Franze Rosru D. Saavedra (Franze) and Stephanie S. Gutierrez ("Stephanie"). Copy of Petitioner Spouses' Marriage Certificate as ANNEX D, Franze's birth certificate as ANNEX E and Stephen's birth certificate with admission of paternity Annex F, Annex F-1.

6. When Franz and Stephanie became common-law partners, they stayed with the petitioners. They had two children, namely Francesca Sabrina G. Saavedra and Stephen. However, because of unresolved differences between Franz and Stephanie, the latter left for good, leaving their children with Franz. Stephen was only six months old then.

7. From then on, they never heard form Stephanie again., She never visited nor even tried to contact their children. She did not share any support for the children. She basically abandoned their children and left them to Franz alone.

8. Unfortunately, Franz, died on September 25, 2016 due to a vehicular accident. Stephen was only around 5 to 6 years old then. Franze was also single at that time and is not married to Stephanie. Attached are the copy of Franz' death certificate as Annex G.

9. Since then, the petitioners stepped in as parents and took care of their grandchildren. Attached are Stephen's school IDs which show the name of Petitioner Julieta D. Saavedra as the person to be called in case of emergency. ANNEX H

10. Attached further are copies of are Stephen's school records which shows the petitioners as signatories on behalf of the parents ANNEX I and series

11. Stephen and the petitioners have a good son-and-parent relationship. Despite being Stephen's grandparents, the petitioners acted as if they Stepehen's parents and have consistently provided him with all his needs. Petitioners were present in Stephen's life throughout his milestones. Copies of their pictures are attached as Annexes J and series.

12. All those time, Stephanie, Stephen's biological mother was absent. It never had a time that she visited Stephen now was there any time that she even reached out to them. There was no instance that Stephanie gave any parental support to Stephen, be it financial, moral, or otherwise. Everything were shouldered by the petitioners as if they were Stephen's true parents.

13. Sometime in late 2024 or early 2025, the petitioners' family planned to go to Disneyland, as a surprise gift to Stephen for his birthday and being good at school. One of the requirements for Stephen's application for passport is his biological mother's signature and consent for his travels.

14. Being a requirement, petitioners searched for Stephanie. Luckily, they were able to find her social media account on Facebook. Petitioners then communicated with Stephanie and the latter agreed to meet them at SM Dasmarinas for the application of Stephen's passport

15. Stephen's mother was initially cooperative and even met with them during Stephen's application for passport, to sign the necessary documents. It was also only this time that Stephen finally knew of his mother. Attach is the Passport of Stephen as Annex K.

16. It was also this meeting that they learned that Stephanie is now living in with another man, as husband and wife. However, petitioners have no knowledge if Stephanie is already married.

17. What petitioners learned accordingly from Stephanie, that her partner does not want to do anything with her children with Franz. Hence, she did not bother to communicate with them anymore.

18. Stephen was very excited and he could not wait till the day of their trip to come. Petitioners also made sure that all the details are in order such as their tickets, their lodging, as well as the itinerary were prepared. (ANNEX L and series)

19. Nearing on the date of their trip, Petitioners sought the signature of Stephanie to one of the requirements needed for travel. Stephanie however, communicated that she is not allowing Stephen to travel. Accordingly, she will not sign anything to this effect nor is she giving her consent. She did not give her reason for the sudden change of mind. Attached are the screenshots of the petitioner's conversation with Stephanie (Annex M and series)

20. Despite persuasion by the petitioners, Stephanie was adamant with her refusal. When asked, she did not give any reason. She just refused to do so. She even suggested that Stephen can just stay at her mother's house should the petitioners decide to push through with their planned trip.

21. Despite being prepared, petitioners' family had no choice but to cancel their scheduled trip.

22. The petitioner's family again planned another trip to Disneyland, as a gift. to Stephen for his birthday. This time they were hoping that Stephanie would allow Stephen to travel. Unfortunately, they were given a cold shoulder, as Stephanie again refused to sign any documents allowing Stephen to travel.

23. Stephen on the other hand, opted to talk with her mother via SMS/Messenger to allow him. However, Stephanie brushed him off and strongly refused, without reason. She even said that its ok for Stephen to get mad at but she will maintain her refusal. (Annex N and series)

24. It was due to this incident that the petitioners decided to formalize their guardianship over Stephen through the instant petition. The minor Stephen, has no properties or assets that needed to be managed. Petitioners just could not bear to see Stephen facing another incident similar to this.

25. Stephanie's mother, after being absent willfully since Stephen was six months old, neglecting her obligations as a mother, suddenly uses her parental authority as the biological mother to withhold Stephen from fully enjoying his childhood. Petitioners never intended to remove Stephen's mother from his life through the instant petition. What they wanted is to fulfill their roles as Stephen's legal guardian, as they have always been doing.

26. To the petitioners' mind, the instant petition is not about removing the authority of Stephanie as Stephen's biological mother. This about being the legal guardian of Stepehen, as they have always been. Petitioners have been there during the formative years of Stephen. Certainly, now that he is slowly approaching the age of consent, petitioners could not bear seeing another episode of heart break from Stephen by reason of his biological mother's whimsical abuse of parental authority.

27. Notwithstanding that the Stephen has no property or any money that requires stewardship, petitioners are willing to post bond in the amount subject to the sound discretion of the Honorable Court.

28. Attached further, for the furtherance of this petition are the following:
a. Petitioner's Certificate of Employment as Annex O
b. Petitioners' Certificate of moral character as Annex P
c. Certification for Acting Guardianship as Annex Q

29. Petitioners will testify to prove the material allegations and their personal knowledge of the circumstances of this petition, and will identify and mark evidence. The Petitioners' Judicial Affidavits are attached as Annex R and S respectively.

30. In support of petitioners' testimonies, they will present Jose Tengco, a close neighbor and family friend as witness a corroborating witness. The witness' Judicial Affidavit is attached as Annex T

31. Attached further is an Affidavit of Authentication, showing that the documents extracted through electronic means were not altered. (Annex U)

32. Plaintiff intends to submit the following evidence as their documentary and testimonial evidence in support of the foregoing allegations:

Exhibit	Description
A, A-1	ID
B	Proof of Billing
C	TCT
D	Marriage Certificate
E, E-1	Birth Certificate of Franz
F	Birth Certificate of Stephen
G	Death Certificate
H and series	School ID
I and series	Class Grades
J and series	Pictures
K	Passport
L and series	Booking tickets
M and series	Conversation Screenshots
N and series	Conversation Screenshots
O	Certificate of Employment
P and series	Good Moral Character
Q	Barangay Certification of Acting Guardian
R	Judicial Affidavit
S	Judicial Affidavit
T	Judicial Affidavit
U	Affidavit of Authentication

WHEREFORE, finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, let the same be set for hearing on December 10, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. Any interested party may appear and show cause why this petition should not be granted.

Let this Order be published once in a newspaper of general circulation, as may be chosen by a raffle.

Notify the relatives mentioned in this Petition, including the minor, Stephen Francis Gutierrez Saavedra, and all persons interested in the property, at their given address.

Pursuant to Section 9, A.M. No. 03-02-05-SC, May 1, 2003, Court Social Worker Belen Azuelo-Viegan, RTC-OCC, Imus City, Cavite is directed to conduct a case study of the minor and his family. She is directed to submit a social case study report to the Court at least five days before the scheduled hearing.

SO ORDERED.
Imus City, Cavite, October 29, 2026.

ADELIZA H. MAGNO-GINGOYON
Presiding Judge

CD-Nov. 23, 2026

Lumban's Heritage Embroidery Reaches Wider Market Through Modern Filipiniana

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do joined programs offered by the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), including the One Town, One Product (OTOP) Program and the Kapatid Mentor ME – Money Market Encounter (KMME-MME) Online program. These initiatives equipped her with practical insights into business planning, financial management, marketing, product development, and operations.

DTI Laguna also helped “A Collection” reach wider audiences through trade fairs, product development workshops, and promotional campaigns, allowing Monteagudo to introduce her designs to new buyers and explore opportunities for growth.

This institutional support complemented her hands-on experience and fueled her drive to innovate. In 2025, “A Collection” won the Most Innovative Product award in the non-food category at Kalakal CALABARZON for its modern jacket barong.

Men's and women's white apparel with handwoven textile pocket accents showcased on mannequins beneath an A Collection Lumban exhibit sign, demonstrating contemporary applications of traditional Filipino fabrics.

Elegant cream blouse adorned with scattered purple orchid embroidery and pearl-style buttons, displayed on a mannequin against a soft pastel backdrop, highlighting handcrafted Filipino fashion.

The award-winning piece reimagines traditional Filipino formal wear with a structured, jacket-style silhouette accented by intricate hand embroidery. Offering a fresh alternative to the conventional Barong Tagalog, the garment has become one of the brand’s top revenue drivers at trade fairs, proving that heritage skills can thrive through modern styling.

In 2026, Monteagudo was also selected to join the Cross-Regional Forum on Women Creators and Entrepreneurs: Leveraging IP for Asia-Pacific, Latin America and the Caribbean. The forum allowed her to connect with fellow women entrepreneurs and represent “A Collection” as a homegrown brand rooted in Filipino craftsmanship.

Beyond awards and business milestones, Monteagudo counts the jobs created for her community among her proudest achievements. “A Collection” currently employs nine individuals: six embroiderers, one painter, one senior citizen master tailor, and one beadworker. Her commitment to inclusive employment also extends to “Burdolls,” or Burdang Lumban Dolls, developed in partnership with a family member with a disability who works as the doll maker. The line pairs traditional Lumban embroidery with handcrafted dolls while creating meaningful creative work for persons with disabilities.

For Monteagudo, the true reward of entrepreneurship goes beyond sales and accolades. Seeing customers appreciate her creations and wear them with confidence brings her deep fulfillment, and knowing that her business sustains

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
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REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT
CITY OF IMUS, CAVITE

SECURITY BANK CORPORATION,
Mortgagee,

- versus - FC Case No. 19959-26
EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT 3135 AS AMENDED BY ACT 4118

SPS. BILLY MADRIDIJO LACSENTO and MARIA CRISTINA KATIPUNAN LACSENTO (AIF),
Mortgagors-Debtors,
x----------x

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act No. 3135 as amended by Act No. 4118 filed by SECURITY BANK CORPORATION, mortgagee, with principal office at Security Bank Centre, 6776 Ayala Avenue, Makati City against SPS. BILLY MADRIDIJO LACSENTO and MARIA CRISTINA KATIPUNAN LACSENTO as Attorney-in-fact of her Husband, mortgagors, with residence and postal address at Block 37 Lot 8 Casimiro Westville Ligas 3, Bacoor, Cavite and/or CAMELLA BUCANDALA 3, Block 7 Lot 17, Brgy. Bucandala, Imus City, Cavite, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of September 16, 2026 amounts to SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY TWO THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY FOUR PESOS and 74/100 (P 752,984.74), Philippine Currency, including interest and penalty charges but excluding attorney's fees, sheriff's fees, and all other charges incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff IV will sell at public auction on December 1, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. or soon thereafter at the main entrance of the Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court, Hall of Justice, 2nd Floor, Former South Supermarket Bldg., Aguinaldo Highway, Bayan Luma 7, Imus City, Cavite, to the highest bidder, for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following properties with all the improvements therein, to wit:

Transfer Certificate of Title
No. 057-2018012114

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in BARANGAY OF BUCANDALA, MUNICIPALITY OF IMUS, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON, bounded and described as follows:
LOT NO: 17 BLOCK NO: 7 PLAN NO: PSD-04-231799
PORTION OF: LOT 1940 IMUS ESTATE, RS-04-005145; LRC RECORD NO. 8843
LOCATION: BARANGAY OF BUCANDALA, MUNICIPALITY OF IMUS, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON
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is registered in accordance with the provision of the Property Registration Decree in the name of
Owner: SPS. BILLY MADRIDIJO LACSENTO AND MARIA CRISTINA KATIPUNAN LACSENTO, BOTH FILIPINO, OF LEGAL AGES
Address: B 37, L 8, CASIMIRO WESTVILLE LIGAS 3, BACOOR, CAVITE
TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION (Continued from page 1)
BOUNDARIES:

LINE	DIRECTION	ADJOINING LOT(S)
1-2	NORTH	ROAD LOT 7, PSD-04-231799
2-3	EAST	LOT 16, BLOCK 7, PSD-04-231799
3-4	SOUTH	LOT 6063, IMUS ESTATE
4-1	WEST	LOT 19, BLOCK 7, PSD-04-231799

TIE POINT: MON. NO. 110, IMUS ESTATE

LINE	BEARING	DISTANCE
TO CORNER 1	N. 87° 17' W	561.69 M.
1-2	S. 89° 37' E	8.51 M.
2-3	S. 00° 23' W	11.00 M.
3-4	N. 89° 37' W	8.51 M.
4-1	N. 00° 23' E	11.00 M.

AREA: NINETY FOUR (94) SQ.M.

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on December 15, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. without prior notice.

Prospective bidders/buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the titles to the said properties and encumbrances thereon if any there be.

Imus City, Cavite, Philippines, October 20, 2026.

KERWIN L. MOLINA
Sheriff IV

APPROVED:

ARMIE A. FRANCISCO
Clerk of Court V

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SECURITY BANK CORPORATION
Security Bank Centre, 6776 Ayala Avenue, Makati City

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CD-Nov. 9, 16 & 23, 2026