

# Tagle becomes first Asian dean of College of Cardinals



‘ABBA FATHER’ – A boy sits on the shoulders of his father (inset) to get a better view among the throng of members of the Jesus is Lord Church Worldwide, estimated by organizers at over a million (main photo), that gathered for the church’s 48th anniversary at the Quirino Grandstand in Manila on Sunday, Oct. 10, 2026. Story on Page 3. (Mark Balmores)

By ELLALYN DE VERA-RUIZ

Filipino Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle has become the first Asian prelate to head the College of Cardinals after Pope Leo XIV approved his election as dean, the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of the Philippines (CBCP) confirmed on Friday, Oct. 9.

The cardinal bishops elected Tagle to the post, which carries key responsibilities in coordinating the work of the College of Cardinals and during a papal transition.

Tagle, 69, succeeds Cardinal Giovanni Battista Re, 92, who has held the position since January 2020. Re retains the title of dean emeritus and his titular church of

## Gov’t ready to help Filipinos amid Super El Niño – Recto

By ARGYLL CYRUS GEDUCOS

The government is strengthening preparations for the anticipated “Super El Niño,” with key departments outlining measures to secure food, water, and power supplies and protect communities from prolonged dry conditions.

## VP Sara, spouse had ₱817 M undeclared assets? Defense to cross-examine witness

By ELLSON QUISMORIO and MERLINA HERNANDO-MALIPOT

The House prosecution panel ended its presentation of evidence in Vice President Sara Duterte’s Senate impeachment trial with a bang on Friday night, Oct. 9, with an expert

## DICT chief Aguda resigns

By JEL SANTOS

Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) Secretary Henry Aguda has resigned from his post, Ombudsman Jesus Crispin “Boying” Remulla said on Saturday, Oct. 10.

In a radio program, Remulla disclosed that Aguda had tendered his resignation and that it had already been accepted.

“He resigned. His resignation has already been accepted,” Remulla said when asked about Aguda’s status.

The Ombudsman, however, did not elaborate on the circumstances surrounding Aguda’s resignation or disclose when it was submitted



RETRO ROSSCAPILI – Filipino painter and multidisciplinary artist Ross Capili (fourth from right) is joined by Manila Bulletin President Dr. Emilio C. Yap III (third from right) at the ribbon-cutting ceremony of ‘RETRO ROSSCAPILI’, an art exhibition celebrating the artistic journey of Capili at the Art Camp Gallery in Greenbelt 5, Makati City, on Friday, Oct. 9, 2026. The exhibition will run up to Oct. 23, 2026. Also shown in the photo are, from left, Capili’s daughter Kitten Dimayuga, wife Ellen and grandson Diego Dimayuga, art critic and painter Cid Reyes, multi-media artist and writer José Tence Ruiz, Beauty Elements Ventures Inc. Founder and President Jazz Burila, Art Camp Gallery owner Atty. Jung David and former Cultural Center of the Philippines president and art consultant Nestor Jardin. (Mark Balmores)



WALK-TO-WORK TOWNSHIP – A new walkable city is set to rise in Tarlac as Pag-IBIG Fund and the Bases Conversion Development Authority (BCDA) have partnered to pursue a walk-to-work township in New Clark City and explore development opportunities on other government lands, advancing President Marcos Jr.’s Expanded 4PH Program. Photo shows officials of both agencies after the signing of the memorandum of agreement. They are, from left, Pag-IBIG Fund Acting Deputy Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Atty. Marcial C. Pimentel Jr., Pag-IBIG Fund Deputy CEOs Benjamin R. Felix Jr. and Alexander Hilario G. Aguilar; Department of Housing and Urban Development (DHSUD) Secretary and Pag-IBIG Fund Board Chairman Engr. Jose Ramon P. Aliling, Pag-IBIG Fund CEO Marilene C. Acosta, BCDA President and CEO Engr. Joshua M. Bingcang, BCDO Chairman Atty. Jerry Marasigan, BCDO Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Gisela Z. Kalalo, and BCDO Board Director Gerard R. Seno.

## Pagsibol 2026 spotlights new plant varieties, native species, and urban farming solutions

By DIANN CALUCIN

New plant varieties, smarter production methods, sustainable urban farming, and the conservation of Philippine plant resources were among the highlights of the recent Pagsibol 2026: Philippine Horticulture and Urban Agriculture Summit when farmers, researchers, policymakers, growers, and other agriculture stakeholders gathered at the Manila Prince Hotel in Ermita, Manila.

Held from Oct. 6 to 8, the third edition of the summit brought together experts from government, academe, and the private sector to discuss how science and innovation can support horticulture, food