

Philippines launches outlet for affordable agri-fishery commodities

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Philippines President Ferdinand "Bongbong" R. Marcos Jr. has launched second outlet in Bulacan Province to provide affordable agri-fishery commodities and a ready market for farmers and fisherfolk.

The President, who concurrently serves as Agriculture Secretary, added that the Kadiwa is one the administration's programs to manage food inflation and provide more income opportunities for farmers, fisherfolk and micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs).

President Marcos also awarded interventions amounting to P15.793 million for several farmers' cooperatives and associations (FCAs) in Bulacan province.

The Dulong Bayan Farmers Association based in San Jose Del Monte City received Php5 million from the Department of Agriculture (DA)-National Rice Program for the construction of warehouse with mechanical grain dryer. It also received Php5.5 million from the DA-National Livestock Program for the Integrated National Swine Production Initiatives for Recovery and Expansion (INSPIRE) implementation.

Government assistance were distributed to Bulacan residents by President Marcos, to the Biyaya ng Matangtubig Irrigators Association, Inc. of Baliuag town, the Sta. Catalina Matanda Bata Irrigators Association of San Ildefonso, and the Magmarale Farmers Field School Marketing Cooperative of San Miguel each received Php1.764 million worth of rice combine harvester from the DA-Philippine Center for Postharvest Development and Mechanization (PHilMech).