

# Southeast Asia lags in electric vehicles

KUALA LUMPUR — For self-confessed tech geek and adrenaline junkie Farhan Abdul Rahim, becoming one of the first Malaysians to own an electric car in 2020 was a no-brainer — but he didn't simply stop there.

Last June, Mr. Farhan embarked on a three-day journey around the Malay peninsula in his Tesla — covering about 1,700km (1,050 miles) — seeking to prove that electric vehicles (EVs) can operate beyond cit-

ies and in rural parts of the Southeast Asian nation.

However, as a manager at state oil company Petronas and someone who helped the firm start considering establishing EV charging stations dur-

ing coronavirus lockdowns in 2021, Mr. Farhan was acutely aware of the challenges facing such a journey.

"It's the first time I'd done this (trip) with an EV," said the 46-year-old who spent weeks planning what

EV charging options he would have before setting off on the trip.

Mr. Farhan said he first became interested in EVs in 2017 after attending a conference for work that had a stand promoting a Tesla on display. — Reuters

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## Meta planning new round of job cuts

FACEBOOK-parent Meta Platforms, Inc. is planning a fresh round of job cuts in a reorganization and downsizing effort that could affect thousands of workers, the *Washington Post* reported on Wednesday.

Last year, the social media company let go 13% of its workforce — more than 11,000 employees — as it grappled with soaring costs and a weak advertising market.

Meta now plans to push some leaders into lower-level roles without direct reports, flattening the layers of management between top boss Mark Zuckerberg and the company's interns, the *Washington Post* reported, citing a person familiar with the matter.

Meta declined a Reuters request for comment, but spokesperson Andy Stone in a series of tweets cited several previous statements by Mr. Zuckerberg suggesting that more cuts were on the way.

Mr. Zuckerberg told investors earlier this month that last year's layoffs were "the beginning of our focus on efficiency and not the end." He said he would work on "flattening our org structure and removing some layers of middle management."


Last year's layoffs were the first in Meta's 18-year history. Other tech companies have cut thousands of jobs, including Google parent Alphabet, Inc., Microsoft Corp. and Snap, Inc.

Meta aggressively hired during the COVID-19 pandemic to meet a surge in social media usage by stuck-at-home consumers. But business suffered in 2022 as advertisers pulled the plug on spending in the face of rapidly rising interest rates.

Meta, once worth more than \$1 trillion, is now valued at \$446 billion. Meta shares were down about 0.5% on Wednesday.

The company has said it would also reduce office space, lower discretionary spending and extend a hiring freeze into 2023 to rein in expenses.

More than 100,000 layoffs were announced at US companies in January, led by technology companies, according to a report from employment firm Challenger, Gray & Christman, Inc. — Reuters



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**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Secretary to the Sanggunian	ATTY. DINDO R. CERVANTES
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Upon motion of Hon. L.S. Javier, Jr., duly seconded, the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Makati, by a unanimous vote, approved City Ordinance No. 2023-038 on third and final reading.

**CITY ORDINANCE NO. 2023-038**

Authors: Hon. A.P. Padilla, Hon. R.A.Q. Saguisag, Jr., Hon. D.B. Almario, Hon. B.B. Baniqued, Hon. V.V. Hilario, Jr., Hon. A.A.M. Yabut, Hon. L.S. Javier, Jr. and Hon. R.C. San Pedro, Jr.

Co-Authors: Hon. M.D.M. Arayon, Hon. J.M. Ariones, Hon. A.J. Cruz, Hon. E.M. Marquez, Hon. C.C. Ortega, Hon. K.T. Sarosa, Hon. J.C. Villena, IV and Hon. M.F. Vitales

**AN ORDINANCE RENAMING SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL WITHIN MAXIMO ESTRELLA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO MAXIMO ESTRELLA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL, SUBJECT TO EXISTING LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS.**

**WHEREAS**, Section 13 (b) (3) of R.A 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, provides that the Sanggunian of highly urbanized cities may, in consultation with the Philippine Historical Commission, change the name of public elementary, secondary and vocational or technical schools, community colleges and non-chartered colleges within their respective territorial jurisdictions;

**WHEREAS**, under the Revised Guidelines of the National Historical Commission of the Philippines, proposed names of public schools, among others, "must have historical and cultural significance and must contribute to the positive development of national pride through good example exhibited by the name being used";

**WHEREAS**, on 14 February 2023, the Office of the Schools Division of Superintendent-Makati City requested the Members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod to rename Senior High School within Maximo Estrella Elementary School to Maximo Estrella Senior High School;

**WHEREAS**, the proposed name is consistent with the traditional identity of the said school located in Barangay Carmona, Makati City;

**WHEREAS**, the renaming of "Senior High School within Maximo Estrella Elementary School" to "Maximo Estrella Senior High School" is considered necessary to facilitate the recognition of the said school as a separate educational institution, having a separate identity for the purpose of planning and budgeting actions/concerns of the Department of Education (DepEd) and Department of Budget (DBM);

**WHEREAS**, in consideration to the utmost necessity of renaming the said public secondary school in the City of Makati, the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Makati hereby enacts this Ordinance.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AS IT IS HEREBY ENACTED BY THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF MAKATI CITY, METRO MANILA, BY VIRTUE OF THE POWERS VESTED IN IT BY LAW, IN SESSION ASSEMBLED, that:**

**Section 1.** The "SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL WITHIN MAXIMO ESTRELLA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL" shall be renamed as "MAXIMO ESTRELLA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL";

**Section 2.** The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby deemed separable. If any provision hereof should be declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

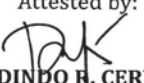
**Section 3.** All ordinances, resolutions and executive orders which are inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**Section 4.** Let copies of this Ordinance be furnished to the Office of the Mayor, Office of the City Administrator, Law Department, Local School Board, Office of the Schools Division Superintendent-Makati City, Information and Community Relations Department (ICRD), Department of the Interior and Local Government-Makati City (DILG-Makati City), Maximo Estrella Senior High School and other departments, offices, and agencies concerned for their information, guidance and reference.

**Section 5.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

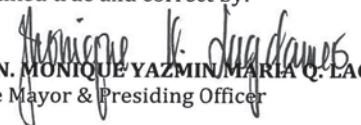
**ENACTED BY THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF MAKATI, METRO MANILA**, in its Regular Session held on 22 February 2023.

Attested by:




ATTY. DINDO R. CERVANTES  
Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlungsod

Certified true and correct by:




HON. MONIQUE YAZMIN MARIA Q. LAGDAMEO  
Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer

Approved by:



HON. MAR-LEN ABIGAIL S. BINAY  
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Upon motion of Hon. D.B. Almario, duly seconded, the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Makati, by a unanimous vote, approved City Ordinance No. 2023-039 on third and final reading.

**CITY ORDINANCE NO. 2023-039**

Authors: Hon. A.P. Padilla, Hon. R.A.Q. Saguisag, Jr., Hon. D.B. Almario, Hon. B.B. Baniqued, Hon. V.V. Hilario, Jr., Hon. A.A.M. Yabut, Hon. L.S. Javier, Jr. and Hon. R.C. San Pedro, Jr.

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**AN ORDINANCE RENAMING SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL WITHIN NEMESIO I. YABUT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO NEMESIO I. YABUT SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL, SUBJECT TO EXISTING LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS.**

**WHEREAS**, Section 13 (b) (3) of R.A 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, provides that the Sanggunian of highly urbanized cities may, in consultation with the Philippine Historical Commission, change the name of public elementary, secondary and vocational or technical schools, community colleges and non-chartered colleges within their respective territorial jurisdictions;

**WHEREAS**, under the Revised Guidelines of the National Historical Commission of the Philippines, proposed names of public schools, among others, "must have historical and cultural significance and must contribute to the positive development of national pride through good example exhibited by the name being used";

**WHEREAS**, on 14 February 2023, the Office of the Schools Division of Superintendent-Makati City requested the Members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod to rename Senior High School Within Nemesio I. Yabut Elementary School to Nemesio I. Yabut Senior High School;

**WHEREAS**, the proposed name is consistent with the traditional identity of the said school located in Barangay Guadalupe Nuevo, Makati City;

**WHEREAS**, the renaming of "Senior High School within Nemesio I. Yabut Elementary School" to "Nemesio I. Yabut Senior High School" is considered necessary to facilitate the recognition of the said school as a separate educational institution, having a separate identity for the purpose of planning and budgeting actions/concerns of the Department of Education (DepEd) and Department of Budget (DBM);

**WHEREAS**, in consideration to the utmost necessity of renaming the said public secondary school in the City of Makati, the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Makati hereby enacts this Ordinance.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AS IT IS HEREBY ENACTED BY THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF MAKATI CITY, METRO MANILA, BY VIRTUE OF THE POWERS VESTED IN IT BY LAW, IN SESSION ASSEMBLED, that:**

**Section 1.** The "SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL WITHIN NEMESIO I. YABUT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL" shall be renamed as "NEMESIO I. YABUT SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL";

**Section 2.** The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby deemed separable. If any provision hereof should be declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.


**Section 3.** All ordinances, resolutions and executive orders which are inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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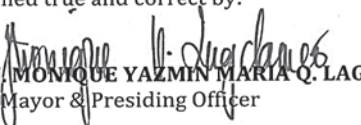
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