



Grab launches fully electric taxi fleet in Metro Manila

RIDE-HAILING app Grab Philippines has launched fully electric taxi services within Metro Manila.

"With strong support from commuter advocates and the private sector, GrabTaxi Electric underscores how sustainability can be seamlessly integrated into daily routines. The beta rollout also opens the door for real-time feedback from passengers and drivers, which will inform future expansion and service improvements," Grab Philippines said in a media release on Thursday.

The all-electric vehicle (EV) fleet operates in partnership with local operator EV Taxi Corp., Grab said, adding that it began operations in key hubs including Makati, Taguig, Pasig, Mandaluyong, Parañaque, and Pasay.

"This rollout marks a significant regulatory and operational milestone for the Philippines, where traditional combus-

tion-engine vehicles still dominate the mobility landscape," Grab Philippines said.

Currently, GrabTaxi Electric is in its beta phase and offered only to select users, the company said, adding it plans to expand electric vehicle adoption across its GrabCar fleet in other cities such as Davao and Cagayan de Oro within the year.

"This phased rollout will be supported by in-app sustainability features such as voluntary contributions for environmental conservation efforts for every Grab transaction, and deeper collaboration with government and private-sector partners to accelerate EV ecosystem readiness nationwide," it added.

Last year, in 2024, Grab Philippines conducted a pilot study with BYD Philippines to assess the operational and financial viability of electric vehicles for both fleet operators and driver partners. — **Ashley Erika O. Jose**

Italpinas forms JVs for Palawan, Misamis Oriental projects

LISTED real estate developer Italpinas Development Corp. (IDC) said its subsidiary IDC Homes, Inc. is signing joint venture agreements (JVs) for two planned projects in Palawan and Misamis Oriental as the company expands its portfolio.

In a regulatory filing on Thursday, IDC said its board authorized IDC Homes to form a JV with Ma. Antonieta C. Marcelo to develop a 78,870-square-meter (sq.m.) property in Puerto Princesa, Palawan, into a mixed-use subdivision project.

IDC Homes was also authorized to sign a JV with Arsenio B. Manuta for a 9,288-sq.m. property in Brgy. Quezon, Gitagum, Misamis Oriental, to be developed into a mixed-use condominium project.

Both projects remain subject to permitting and test results, IDC said.

In April, IDC announced that its subsidiary IDC Prime, Inc. formed a JV with contractor AV Pamatong Trading & Construction, Inc. to build the third phase of the Primavera City mixed-use complex in Cagayan de Oro City.

The third phase comprises the construction of Città Grande, part of the



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Primavera City mixed-use condominium project and lifestyle hub with residential, office, and commercial units.

In March, IDC entered into five new JVs covering three real estate development

projects in Puerto Princesa, Palawan, and one each in Boracay and Pampanga.

IDC shares declined by 0.93%, or one centavo, to P1.06 per share on Thursday.

— **Revin Mikhael D. Ochave**

PHINMA Corp. eyes year-end launch for Davao housing project

DEL ROSARIO-LED conglomerate PHINMA Corp. plans to begin development of its maiden community housing project in Davao City within the year.

"PHINMA Community Housing will break ground on its first housing project in Davao by the fourth quarter of this year," PHINMA President and Chief Operating Officer Chito B. Salazar said during the company's virtual annual stockholders' meeting on Thursday.

In a previous regulatory filing, PHINMA said the Davao community housing project will have 530 units. The company is also eyeing Bacolod City as the second site for its community housing initiative.

PHINMA Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Ramon R. Del Rosario, Jr. said during the meeting that the community housing projects aim to establish workers' villages and communities.

"This is a fundamental need with an estimated backlog of over 6.5 million homes," he said.

In March, the company's board approved a P250-million investment in PHINMA Community Housing to finance capital expenditures, land acquisition, and other working capital requirements.

PHINMA Community Housing President and CEO Jose Luis M. Oquinena said during the meeting that the projects will include daycare centers and support home-based enterprises tailored to the needs of low-income Filipino families.

"This builds the foundation on community life, being able to support each other and looking at what will support the lifestyle and needs of low-income Filipino families," he said.

Meanwhile, Mr. Salazar said the first phase of the 21-hectare Saludad township in Bacolod City is expected to go live by yearend.

Launched in October last year, Saludad will integrate residential enclaves, commercial hubs, educational institutions, hospitality components, and retail areas.

Mr. Salazar also said PHINMA Hospitality, Inc. will soon break ground on its second TRYP by Wyndham hotel within the Saludad township, while it is also expanding its Microtel by Wyndham Mall of Asia to accommodate more local and foreign travelers.

He added that construction is ongoing for another TRYP by Wyndham hotel on Samal Island, marking the company's entry into the condotel segment.

PHINMA Hospitality currently operates 14 Microtel by Wyndham hotels and one TRYP by Wyndham hotel in the Philippines.

In the first quarter, PHINMA recorded a 27% increase in consolidated net income to P562.62 million, as consolidated revenues rose by 21% to P6.6 billion on the back of stronger sales across its business units.

PHINMA shares were unchanged at P18 apiece on Thursday. — **Revin Mikhael D. Ochave**

Panasonic Manufacturing PHL to start Laguna facility construction by October

LISTED appliance producer and retailer Panasonic Manufacturing Philippines Corp. (PMPC) will start construction of a new factory building in Sta. Rosa, Laguna by October following a fire incident in December 2023 that destroyed its previous facility.

The new building is expected to be completed within two years from the start of construction, PMPC said in a regulatory filing on Thursday.

PMPC signed a building contract with Kujima Philippines Inc. for the project.

"There will be no negative impact of the execution and signing of the building contract by PMPC with Kujima Philippines on the company's business and operations," PMPC said.

PMPC's washing machine and electric fan factory building at Laguna Technopark in Sta. Rosa was gutted by fire in December 2023.

The company said the building was fully demolished after its fire insurance claim was settled.

PMPC manufactures, imports, and distributes various appliances. Its primary products include refrigerators, air conditioners, and washing machines.

The company also offers electric fans, freezers, TV sets, digital audio-visual products, communications equipment, office automation equipment, cooling equipment, and various kitchen and home appliances.

PMPC shares declined by 8.72% or 64 centavos to P6.70 per share on Thursday. — **Revin Mikhael D. Ochave**



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SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 2025

TAGUIG CITY (CALZADA AND SANTA ANA)
BETWEEN 9:00AM AND 9:30AM AND THEN BETWEEN 1:30PM AND 2:00PM - PORTION OF CIRCUIT TAGUIG 46ZL

Portion of D. M. Cruz and Bambang Ni Felix Sts. from F. Manalo St. to near Camella Ellisande Subd. in Bgy. Santa Ana.

BETWEEN 9:00AM AND 2:00PM - PORTIONS OF CIRCUIT TAGUIG 46ZL

Portion of Bambang Ni Felix St. from Camella Ellisande Subd. to and including Taguig Yakap Center For Children with Disabilities and Philtower Consortium Inc. Cell site in Bgy. Calzada and Santa Ana.

Portion of M. Natividad Road from Ruhale St. to near Bambang Ni Felix St. in Bgy. Calzada.

REASON: Installation of poles, and relocation and retirement of facilities along D. M. Cruz and Ruhale Sts. in Bgy. Calzada, Taguig City.

QUEZON CITY (FAIRVIEW AND PAYATAS)
BETWEEN 9:00AM AND 11:30AM - PORTIONS OF CIRCUIT COMMONWEALTH 410COM

Portion of Litex Road from Payatas Road to near Ericson St. in Doria Nicasia Homes Subd., Bgy. Payatas.

Portion of Paxton St. from Dunhill St. to near Fortune St. in East Fairview Park Subd., Bgy. Fairview.

Portion of Pall Mall St. from Paxton St. to near Marlboro St. in East Fairview Park Subd., Bgy. Fairview.

Portion of Sitio Ruby St. from Pearl St. to Narra St. in East Fairview Park Subd., Bgy. Fairview.

REASON: Line reconstruction work along Paxton and Sitio Ruby Sts. in Bgy. Fairview; and Litex Road in Bgy. Payatas in Quezon City.

MONDAY TO TUESDAY, JUNE 9 - 10, 2025

MUNTINLUPA CITY (TUNASAN)
BETWEEN 11:00PM (MON., 06/09/25) AND 4:00AM (TUE., 06/10/25) - PORTION OF CIRCUIT SAN PEDRO 46W

Portion of Buendia St. from Arandia St. to and including Muntinlupa Science High School and Muntinlupa Sports Center.

REASON: Relocation of poles and installation of facilities along Buendia St. in Bgy. Tunasan, Muntinlupa City.

TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2025

BULACAN (BOCAUE AND STA. MARIA)
BETWEEN 2:00AM AND 2:30AM - PORTION OF CIRCUIT STA. MARIA 435YU

Portion of Mauricio St. from Turo Underpass to and including Purok Aplaya in Bgy. Turo, Bocaue.

Portion of Tambobong - Sta. Maria Provincial Road from NLEX - Tambobong Exit in Bgy. Tambobong, Bocaue to Lalakan Road in Bgy. Lalakan, Sta. Maria.

REASON: Installation of facilities along Tambobong - Sta. Maria Provincial Road in Bgy. Tambobong, Bocaue, Bulacan.

BATANGAS PROVINCE (BATANGAS CITY)
BETWEEN 6:00AM AND 6:00PM - THE WHOLE OF CIRCUIT NGCP BATANGAS - TAYSAN 59BS

Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Import Facility in Bgy. Tabangao Ambulong Proper.

REASON: Line maintenance work along NGCP Batangas - Taysan 69KV transmission lines.

CAVITE (DASMARIÑAS CITY)
BETWEEN 9:00AM AND 2:00PM - PORTION OF CIRCUIT ABUBOT 413XZ

Portion of Anabu Road from near Sunnycrest St. to and including Crescent Hills

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QUEZON CITY (NOVALICHES)
BETWEEN 9:00AM AND 2:00PM - PORTION OF CIRCUIT KAYBIGA 423YX

Portion of Waling - Waling St. in Roxas Circle Subd. - DRJ Village from Old Sauyo Road to and including Gold Key Mansion Subd.; Camia St. in Roxas Circle Subd. - DRJ Village; and portion of Mozart St. in Greenville Subd. in Bgy. Sauyo.

REASON: Line reconductoring work and replacement of pole along Waling - Waling St. in Roxas Circle Subd. - DRJ Village, Bgy. Sauyo, Novaliches, Quezon City.

SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2025

BATANGAS PROVINCE (BATANGAS CITY)
BETWEEN 10:00AM AND 10:20AM AND THEN BETWEEN 1:40PM AND 2:00PM - PORTION OF CIRCUIT PALLOCAN 313PAL

Portion of Greenwoods Ave. from near Gov. Antonio Carpio Road to and including Greenwoods South Subd. in Bgy. Pallocan East.

REASON: Line reconstruction work in Bgy. Pallocan East, Batangas City, Batangas Province.

