

Cebu Pacific says passenger volume up almost 10% in 2025

BUDGET CARRIER Cebu Pacific expects to sustain strong passenger traffic in 2026 after carrying 26.88 million passengers in 2025, up 9.54% from 24.54 million in 2024, driven by a robust domestic market.

"Cebu Pacific concluded 2025 on a strong note, achieving its highest-ever monthly passenger traffic," Cebu Air, Inc. Chief Executive Officer Michael B. Szucs said in a media release on Thursday.

Cebu Air, the operator of Cebu Pacific, reported domestic passenger volume of 19.99 million in 2025, up 8.1% from 18.50 million a year earlier, while international passenger traffic increased 14% to 6.89 million from 6.04 million in 2024.

"Delivering these numbers despite challenges such as fleet reliability issues, supply chain disruptions, and global geopolitical tensions underscores the strength of our low-cost model

and the agility of our operations," Mr. Szucs said.

In December alone, the airline carried 2.71 million passengers, up 5.1% from 2.58 million in the same month in 2024. Domestic passengers accounted for 2 million, while international passengers totaled 710,000.

"We anticipate sustaining similar growth levels in 2026, supported by the delivery of seven new aircraft during the year. As we celebrate our 30th anniversary, we

look forward to another milestone year for the airline," he added.

Cebu Pacific's seat load factor, which measures the percentage of occupied seats, stood at 84% for 2025, slightly below the 84.4% recorded in 2024. Total seats offered rose 10% to 31.99 million from 29.09 million the previous year.

Shares of Cebu Air closed five centavos, or 0.15%, lower at P33.35 apiece on Thursday. — **Ashley Erika O. Jose**



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Victorias Milling income falls 56% on rising costs despite revenue gain

LISTED sugar milling company Victorias Milling Co., Inc. (VMC) reported a 56.23% decline in attributable net income to P162.28 million for the three months ended November, as rising operating costs offset revenue gains.

In a regulatory filing on Thursday, the company said its net income fell from P370.75 million a year earlier.

Total revenue for the period rose 28.82% to P3.24 billion from P2.51 billion in the same period last year.

Revenue from sales increased 61.34% to P3.1 billion from P1.92 billion, while revenue from services fell 76.43% to P139.69 million from P592.74 million a year earlier.

Other income, which includes storage and handling

fees, interest income, and investments, dropped 28.21% to P96.7 million from P134.68 million.

Meanwhile, VMC's cost of sales and services climbed 40.06% to P2.93 billion from P2.09 billion, driven by higher inventories used.

The figure also included a P222.14-million provision for inventory write-downs due to lower market prices of molasses and raw sugar.

Operating expenses rose 16.91% to P218.64 million from P187.02 million, reflecting increases in both general and administrative expenses and selling expenses.

On Thursday, VMC shares closed 3 centavos, or 1.4%, lower at P2.12 apiece. — **Vonn Andrei E. Villamiel**

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2026

BULACAN (BOCAUE; AND BALAGTAS)
BETWEEN 12:00NN AND 5:00PM – PORTION OF CIRCUIT STA. MARIA 424YU

Intercity Ricemillers Industrial Compound in Bgy. Wakas, Bocaue; and Bgy. San Juan, Balagtas.

REASON: Line maintenance work inside Intercity Ricemillers Industrial Compound in Bgy. Wakas, Bocaue; and Bgy. San Juan, Balagtas in Bulacan.

MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 2026

CAVITE (IMUS CITY)

BETWEEN 10:00AM AND 11:00AM – PORTION OF CIRCUIT IMUS 425WK

Along Parkplace Ave. from Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo Highway to and including Parkplace Village Phases A, B, C, D & E in Bgys. Anabu 1-D and 2-F.

REASON: Line reconstruction work along Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo Highway in Bgy. Anabu 1-B, Imus City, Cavite.

CAVITE (IMUS CITY)

BETWEEN 1:00PM AND 3:00PM – PORTION OF CIRCUIT IMUS 425WK

Along Pallas Athena, Venice, London and Melbourne Sts. from Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo Highway to and including Pallas Athena Executive Subd. Phases 1, 1A & 2 and Sitio Pulo in Bgy. Anabu 2-C.

REASON: Line reconstruction work along Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo Highway in Bgy. Anabu 2-A, Imus City, Cavite.

MONDAY TO TUESDAY, JANUARY 19 – 20, 2026

LAS PIÑAS CITY (PAMPLONA TRES; AND TALON DOS)

BETWEEN 11:00PM (MON., 01/19/26) AND 4:00AM (TUE., 01/20/26) – PORTION OF CIRCUITS PAMPLONA 43XD AND 51XD

Portion of Alabang – Zapote Road from Manila Times Village to and including Torre Su Condominiums, Citimotors – Las Piñas, McDonald's, Last Supper of Our Lord Parish Church and University of Perpetual Help System DALTA Gymnasium in Bgy. Pamplona Tres.

Portion of Aria St. from Meralco – Pamplona substation to Alabang – Zapote Road including Mormon Church and Philippine Fiber Industry Development in Bgy. Talon Dos.

REASON: Replacement of primary facilities along Alabang – Zapote Road in Bgy. Pamplona Tres, Las Piñas City.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2026

CAVITE (BACOOR CITY); AND LAS PIÑAS CITY (ZAPOTE AND PAMPLONA UNO)

BETWEEN 12:01AM AND 2:30AM – PORTION OF CIRCUIT PAMPLONA UNO 414PAU

Portion of Alabang – Zapote Road from Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo Highway to and including Motech, Pamplona Hospital & Medical Center, Las Piñas Cockpit Arena, Mercury Drugstore and Zapote Arcade in Bgys. Zapote and Pamplona Uno in Las Piñas City.

Portion of Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo Highway from Alabang – Zapote Road in Bgy. Zapote, Las Piñas City to Bacoor Blvd. including Basa Village in Bgy. Zapote, Las Piñas City; Bacoor National High School – Tabing Dagat Annex, Hotel Sogo and Cebuana Lhuillier in Bgys. Zapote I – III and Talaba IV & V in Bacoor City, Cavite.

REASON: Replacement of rotten cross – arms along Real St. in Bgy. Zapote I, Bacoor City, Cavite.

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TUESDAY TO WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20 – 21, 2026

CALOOCAN CITY (TALA)

BETWEEN 11:00PM (TUE., 01/20/26) AND THEN BETWEEN 4:00AM (WED., 01/21/26) – PORTION OF CIRCUIT NORTH CALOOCAN 413NOC

Portion of Macopa St. from Malaria Road to and including Lanzones, Atis, Tabon, Guyabano, Chico, Avocado, Ubas, Papaya, Saint John, Saint Joseph, Saint Michael, Saint Peter, Saint Luke, Saint Jude, Saint Francis and Sampaguita Sts. in Ascoville Homes Subd.

REASON: Replacement of pole and line reconstruction work along Macopa St. in Ascoville Homes Subd., Tala, Caloocan City.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2026

BULACAN (NORZAGARAY)

BETWEEN 11:00AM AND 2:00PM – PORTION OF CIRCUIT SAPANG PALAY 33YO

Portion of Ipo Dam Road from Sitio Ipo Gulod Road to and including Ipo Elementary School in Bgy. San Mateo.

REASON: Installation, reconstruction and replacement of facilities along Ipo Dam Road in Bgy. San Mateo, Norzagaray, Bulacan.

WEDNESDAY TO THURSDAY, JANUARY 21 – 22, 2026

MUNTINLUPA CITY (SUCAT); AND TAGUIG CITY (BAGUMBAYAN)

BETWEEN 11:00PM (WED., 01/21/26) AND 4:00AM (THU., 01/22/26) – PORTION OF CIRCUIT GARDNER 55GG

Portion of Pres. M. L. Quezon Ave. from Meralco – Gardner substation along Meralco Road in Bgy. Sucat, Muntinlupa City to and including Sagrada Familia Parish Church; Severina Subd., Sta. Maria Estate Subd., Purok 2, Purok 4, Purok 5 and Purok 6; Batisan and Sta. Maria Sts. in Bgy. Bagumbayan, Taguig City; Presidio at Lakefront Subd., Don Juan Bayview Subd., Creeksite Subd., Purok 1, Purok 2, Purok 3, Purok 4, Purok 5, Purok 6 and portion of Doña Rosario Bayview Subd; Alamo, Ashbury and Washington Sts. in Lakefront Subd.; Machine-Aid Tech Phil. Inc., Jollibee – Lakefront, Puregold – Lakefront, Vista Mall Lakefront Boardwalk, KFC – Vistamall and Sucat Elementary School in Bgy. Sucat, Muntinlupa City.

REASON: Line reconstruction work along Pres. M. L. Quezon Ave. in Bgy. Sucat, Muntinlupa City; and Bgy. Bagumbayan, Taguig City.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2026

CAVITE (BACOOR CITY)

BETWEEN 10:00AM AND 3:00PM – PORTION OF CIRCUIT BACOOR 414WX

Portion of Hawaii, Pisces, Guerrero and 6th Sts. from near Mangrae Shakes & Milk Tea Shop to and including Villa Lessandra 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 Subds., Camella Seville Subd., Sienna Villas and Camella Homes Phases II-A, II-B, II-C, II-D, II-E, II-F & II-G; and La Camelle School in Bgys. Habay II, Salinas I, II, III & IV and Real I.

REASON: Replacement of poles along Guerrero St. in Camella Homes Phase II-D, Bgy. Salinas II, Bacoor City, Cavite.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 2026

CAVITE (NAIC)

BETWEEN 10:00AM AND 3:00PM – PORTION OF CIRCUIT TMC-II 43WA

Portion of Tramo Road from Antero Soriano Highway to and including Coastal Homes Subd., Morante Subd., Junto Del Mar Village, Sitio Gulod, Sitio Pobres Kanluran and Sitio Pobres Silangan in Bgy. Munting Mapino.

REASON: Replacement of pole along Antero Soriano Highway in Bgy. Munting Mapino, Naic, Cavite.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 2026

QUEZON CITY (NOVALICHES)

BETWEEN 9:00AM AND 3:00PM – PORTION OF CIRCUIT KAYBIGA 422YX

The whole of Greenheights Subd. in Bgy. San Bartolome.

REASON: Line reconducting work and replacement of poles in Greenheights Subd., Bgy. San Bartolome, Novaliches, Quezon City.



PhilWeb, Hann Casino team up to expand online gaming business

LISTED electronic gaming technology services provider PhilWeb Corp. and Hann Casino have entered into a partnership to expand Hann's regulated online gaming operations.

"This partnership reflects both parties' shared commitment to delivering a secure, compliant, and high-quality digital gaming experience aligned with regulatory requirements," PhilWeb said in a disclosure on Thursday.

Under the agreement, PhilWeb will support the operation and management of Hann's online gaming platform, leveraging its experience, technical expertise, and track record in the Philippine gaming industry.

"Hann Casino remains fully committed to responsible gaming, strong governance, and regulatory compliance, while PhilWeb's operational and technical capabilities will enhance platform performance, player experience, and overall operational efficiency," PhilWeb added.

Hann Casino Resort, Central Luzon's first integrated resort,

is owned by Hann Philippines, Inc.

The 11-hectare (ha) property features a casino with 274 table games and 1,721 gaming machines, over 800 hotel rooms at Swissotel Clark and Clark Marriott, and the 8th Avenue Lifestyle Mall, which houses outlets such as Hard Rock Café, Tom N Toms, Lucky Dumpling, The Dine by Tony Jung, Las Flores, and Taboo bar.

The resort recently expanded its main casino floor by 1.22 ha and added The Canyon (a café by day and winery by night) and Three Woks (contemporary Asian dining) to its 20 restaurants, bars, and cafés offering local and international cuisines.

PhilWeb said the partnership represents a long-term collaboration aimed at sustainable growth, innovation, and the further development of regulated online gaming in the Philippines.

PhilWeb shares rose 8.92% to close at P7.08 apiece on Thursday. — **Alexandria Grace C. Magno**