



MEDIA RELEASE:

Comelec holds mock election in Cavite to test PATaS



On June 27, 2015 (Saturday), the Commission on Elections (Comelec) will test in Bacoor City the Precinct Automated Tallying System (PATaS), formerly known as Transparent and Credible Election System (TCrES).

The mock election will be held in Bacoor National High School Annex in Poblacion, Barangay Tabing Dagat. The casting of votes starts at 7 am. Anybody who is in the vicinity of the polling place or voting center may participate, but priority will be given to registered voters from Precinct Nos. 0001A and 0001B of Brgy. Tabing Dagat.

PATaS is a hybrid election system -- it mixes elements of an automated and manual systems. The casting and the counting of votes is done manually, but transmitting the votes will be automated. Among the features of this system are the real time projected results of the counting, and the simultaneous transmission of results from the precincts to all canvassing centers.

Members of a local IT group called Filipino Information Technology for Elections (FIT4E) developed the system as a cheaper and more transparent alternative to the Precinct Count Optical Scan (PCOS) machines. Among the lead innovators of PATaS is Mr. Augusto Lagman, a veteran computer programmer, former COMELEC Commissioner, and Namfrel Systems Head in 1983.