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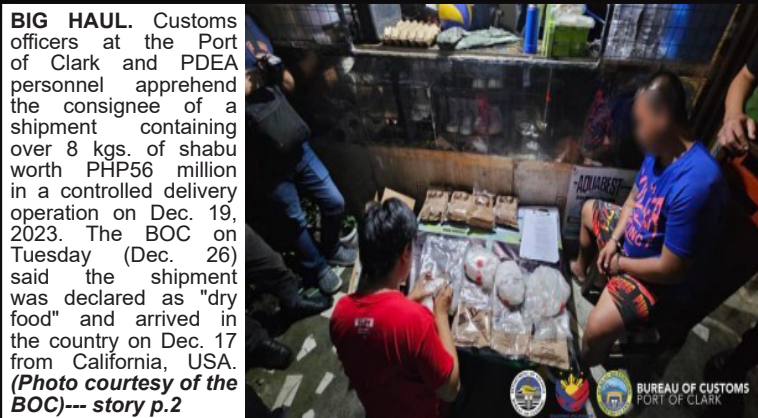
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BIG HAUL. Customs officers at the Port of Clark and PDEA personnel apprehend the consignee of a shipment containing over 8 kgs. of shabu worth PHP56 million in a controlled delivery operation on Dec. 19, 2023. The BOC on Tuesday (Dec. 26) said the shipment was declared as "dry food" and arrived in the country on Dec. 17 from California, USA. (Photo courtesy of the BOC)--- story p.2



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COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORT FOR FRIENDLY RETURNEES

In a heartwarming gesture of compassion and solidarity, Provincial Government of Cavite through the Office of the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Officer welcomed the friendly returnees on December 22, 2023, at the SP Session Hall of the Legislative Building in Trece Martires City.

The initiative provided an extensive package of services aimed at facilitating the seamless reintegration of returnees into the community, addressing their immediate needs and providing a foundation for a brighter future.

Provincial Director of DILG-Cavite, Engr. Danilo A. Nobileza, along with Mr. Patricio Pello, Chief of Staff of Vice Governor Athena Bryana D. Tolentino, warmly greeted the returning individuals and expressed wholehearted support for their reintegration.

The package of services includes grocery packs and agricultural products from different partners and stakeholders, school supplies for children, and financial assistance from PGC and Department of Social Welfare and Development Office-Regional Office goes beyond mere resettlement, embodying a holistic approach to empower returnees and foster their successful integration in the community.

Additionally, a crucial component of the program involved a concise introduction to the Enhanced Comprehensive Local Integration Program (E-CLIP) presented by Ms. Maria May Ambata, the DILG-Cavite E-CLIP Focal Person. Ms. Ambata discussed that E-CLIP goes beyond the provision of fundamental needs, adopting a more expansive strategy aimed at empowering returning individuals and guaranteeing their ongoing success. The program takes a comprehensive approach, addressing various aspects to facilitate the smooth reintegration of returnees into their communities and contribute to their sustained well-

being.

Furthermore, in attendance at the event were representatives from TESDA, Department of Trade and Industry, Philippine Statistics Authority, Cavite Police Provincial Office, 202 Brigade of the Philippine Army, and the Office of the Provincial Agriculturist.

Their presence underscored the collaborative nature of the program, bringing together key stakeholders from various sectors to contribute their expertise and support for the comprehensive reintegration efforts.

The diverse representation highlights a collective commitment to addressing the multifaceted needs of returning individuals and fostering a supportive environment for their successful reintegration.

Beyond the tangible services provided, the unveiling of this comprehensive package underscores the commitment of the provincial government to create an environment where friendly returnees feel not only accepted but also empowered to rebuild their lives. **OPIO**

Medical Mission in Medicion I-D

In a collaborative effort to enhance community health, the Office of the Provincial Governor's Medical Mission Team joined forces with the Office of the Provincial Health Officer on December 20, 2023, for an impactful Medical Mission Program in Barangay Medicion I-D, City of Imus, Cavite.

A total of 141 residents benefited from the program, receiving free medical check-ups, consultations, and essential medicines. In addition, 24 individuals were provided with complimentary tooth extractions, contributing to both oral health and overall well-being.

The successful initiative reflects the commitment of local leaders to prioritize the health and welfare of their constituents.

The Office of the Provincial Governor and the Provincial Health Officer express gratitude to all volunteers

LRT-1 completes 1st test run on Cavite Extension Phase 1

MANILA – The Light Rail Transit Line 1 (LRT-1) has completed the first test run on the tracks of Cavite Extension Phase 1.

In a news release Wednesday, the Light Rail Manila Corporation (LRMC) said the train test run is part of the preparations to ensure that the first phase of the extension project is completed by the last quarter of 2024.

"The first test run aimed to provide a compatibility check and assess the interface between vital infrastructure components such as train pantograph and the overhead catenary system train wheels and rail tracks train and platforms including other viaduct trackside structures," the LRMC said.

The start of a series of test runs featured a second generation train set and a running speed of up to 4.5 kilometers per hour only as part of safety precaution.

The Gen-2 train set is the widest in terms of car body, making it the most strategic option to check for initial

compatibility with station platforms, walkways and cableways, according to the LRMC.

"It was a proud moment for us to see our train running along the extension line of LRT-1 from Redemptorist Station to Dr. Santos Station. As we near the completion of this much-awaited railway project, the general public will begin to see more trains undergoing test runs and trial runs," LRMC president and chief executive officer Juan Alfonso said.

More train tests are planned to include the other train generations of LRT-1 traveling at various speeds and load capacities.

Along with the train test runs, the five new stations under the 6.7-kilometer phase 1 project are in various stages of development.

The LRT-1 Cavite Extension project has registered a 95 percent progress rate as of the end of October this year for the civil and system works. **(PNA)**

Consignee of P56-M shabu shipment nabbed in Cavite

MANILA – The Bureau of Customs (BOC) on Tuesday reported the arrest of the consignee of over 8 kgs. of shabu worth PHP56 million in Cavite province.

In a statement, BOC-Clark District Collector Erastus Sandino Austria said a controlled delivery operation by BOC and Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) personnel resulted in the arrest of a male claimant of the parcel on Dec. 19.

The shipment declared as "dry food" arrived on Dec. 17 from California in the United States, he added.

The shipment was the subject of derogatory information from PDEA and was subjected to rigorous x-ray screening and K9 sniffing, which both indicated the possible presence of illegal drugs.

The physical examination resulted in the discovery

and participants for making the Medical Mission a resounding success. **OPIO**

of eight brown heat-sealed plastic bags containing the substance.

This is the biggest narcotics apprehension recorded by the Port of Clark in 2023, Austria added.

The results of PDEA's chemical laboratory analysis confirmed that the substance is methamphetamine hydrochloride, a dangerous drug under Republic Act 9165 or the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002, he said.

The operation was launched in coordination with the Customs Anti-Illegal Drug Task Force (CAIDTF), X-ray Inspection Project (XIP), Enforcement and Security Service (ESS) and the Customs Intelligence and Investigation Service (CIIS).

Commissioner Bienvenido Rubio, meanwhile, said the operation shows that the BOC is firm in its efforts to protect the people against the harmful effects of the illegal drug trade in the country. **(PNA)**

SC affirms conviction of 2 Manila cops in extort try

MANILA – The Supreme Court (SC) has upheld the conviction of two police officers who were sentenced to up to eight years in jail for robbery through extortion.

In a statement Wednesday, the tribunal said its Second Division denied the petitions for review filed by then Police Officer 2 (PO2) Ireneo Sosas Jr. and Senior Police Officer 3 (SPO3) Ariel Salvador.

"Law enforcement officers who abuse their authority to intimidate persons under their custody for money are guilty of robbery by extortion," the court said.

The charges against the two had been originally filed by the Office of the Deputy Ombudsman for the Military and Other Law Enforcement Offices following a complaint from Janith Arbuez, a salesperson at a used mobile phones shop inside the Isetann mall in Recto, Manila.

She alleged that on Nov. 10, 2010, Sosas escorted her from the shop to the mall's administrative office to report her sale of stolen items.

Sosas then brought her to the police station where she was led to a room with Salvador. Sosas then proposed that no criminal complaint for violation of the Anti-Fencing Law would be charged against Arbuez if she would give the officers PHP20,000.

When Arbuez negotiated for a lower amount, Sosas agreed

on the condition they become "sweethearts." Arbuez refused and called her sister-in-law to bring the money to the station. After 18 hours in detention, Arbuez was released the next day following Sosas' receipt of the money. Sosas also stated that a complaint will no longer be filed against Arbuez.

The SC said as police officers, the two were tasked to "implement the law".

"Hence, they could not demand and eventually receive any amount from private persons as a consideration for them not to pursue the case against them. Under such circumstances, the eventual receipt of the money by [PO2 Sosas and SPO3 Salvador] makes the taking unlawful," the court said.

"They are law enforcement agents while Arbuez is an ordinary citizen. The incident transpired at the police station when Arbuez was already placed under their custody. Given these circumstances, the threats of continued deprivation of liberty, and the possibility of criminal prosecution, it is easy to conclude that [PO2 Sosas and SPO3 Salvador] intimidated Arbuez into giving them the money. They are, therefore, guilty of robbery," it added.

Aside from imprisonment, the police officers were also ordered to pay Arbuez PHP20,000 as actual damages. **(PNA)**

Revilla shares Filipinos' optimism for 2024 under PBBM leadership

MANILA – Senator Ramon Revilla Jr. on Wednesday joined Filipinos in looking forward to having a more fruitful and productive 2024.

Revilla cited a Pulse Asia survey result indicating that 92 percent of the population remains optimistic, saying that they will face the new year with hope.

The senator believes that Filipinos would have better opportunities in 2024 considering that President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. did a good job in providing opportunities and investment generation.

"Nasa tamang direksiyon ang tinatahak nating landas tungo sa maayos at maunlad na bansa dahil sa walang humpay na pagsikap ng ating pamahalaan para mag-angat ng karagdagang negosyo

at trabaho na kailangang-kailangan ng ating bansa (We are in the right direction going towards an orderly and developed country because of the efforts of our government in attracting investments and jobs that our country needs)," the lawmaker said.

Apart from investment pledges, the President was also able to secure from his official foreign trips more than 200,000 job opportunities for Filipinos.

"Mataas ang kumpiyansa ko na magiging maganda ang pasok ng taon para sa bawat Pilipino lalong-lalo na dahil sa pagsusumikap ng ating Pangulong Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. na paigtingin pa ang pagdami ng mga trabaho dito sa ating bansa sa pamamagitan ng pag-secure ng mga oportunidad galing sa ibang bansa (I am confident that every Filipino will have a good start of the year especially that President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. tries so hard in providing more jobs here in our country by securing opportunities abroad)," Revilla added.

Presidential Adviser on Investment and Economic Affairs Frederick Go said the investment pledges worth PHP169 billion from Marcos' state visit to Japan have already been actualized, thereby providing jobs to many Filipinos. **(PNA)**

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AND EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND,
Petitioner-Mortgagee,

-versus-

FNC-2023-685

JORALYN BATILLES MIRANDA,
Respondent -Mortgagor.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

WHEREAS, upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135 as amended by the Act No. 4118 filed by HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND, Mortgagee, with postal address at The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City against JORALYN BATILLES MIRANDA, Mortgagor, with postal address at Lot 25 Block 71 Magnolia St., Brgy. Rizal, Makati City, Metro Manila and/or Lot 27 Block 5 Phase 3A Ciudad Nuevo, Timalan, Naic, Cavite to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of September 20, 2023 amounted to **THREE HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FIFTY NINE PESOS & 32/100 (Php.325,259.32)** Philippine Currency, excluding penalties, Attorney's Fees and expenses of the foreclosure, the undersigned authorized Sheriff IV, will sell at public auction on **January 16, 2024** at 9:00 in the morning or soon thereafter at the Regional Trial Court, Naic Cavite, to the highest bidder in CASH or MANAGER'S CHECK and in Philippine Currency the property with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 057-2017000655

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that a certain land situated in BARANGAY TIMALAN, MUNICIPALITY OF NAIC, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON, bounded and described as follows: A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 27 BLOCK 5 OF THE CONS. SUBD. PLAN PCS-04-024695, BEING A PORTION OF LOT 2968-C, PSD-04-199019 AND LOT 2969-B, PSD-04-199021, L.R.C. RECORD NO.), SITUATED IN BARANGAY TIMALAN, MUNICIPALITY OF NAIC. PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON. x x x CONTAINING AN AREA OF **THIRTY SIX (36) SQUARE METERS.** x x x

Prospective bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title of the above-described property and to the encumbrance existing thereon, if any there be.

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above-stated time and date.

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **January 23, 2024** at the same time and at the same place mentioned above without further notice.

Municipality of Naic, Province of Cavite, December 12, 2023.

JANELLE V. LAGADON, MBA
Sheriff IV

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TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 057-2017058498

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in SABANG (FORMERLY TIMALAN), NAIC, CAVITE, LUZON, bounded and described as follows: LOT NO: 37, BLOCK NO: 30, PLAN NO: PCS-04-030597, PORTION OF: CONS.-SUBD. OF LOTS 2935 AND 2936, FLS-986-D, (NAIC ESTATE) (VS-04-000597) LOCATION: SABANG (FORMERLY TIMALAN), NAIC, CAVITE, LUZON x x x AREA: **TWENTY EIGHT SQUARE METERS (28) , MORE OR LESS** x x x.

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Editorial

Misyon para sa hamon

NASA bugso na tayo ng panibagong taon kasabay ng mga pakikibaka sa pagharap sa buhay.

Kagaya sa pananaw ng Department of Agriculture na may kinalaman sa matinding paghamon na kakaharapin.

Ilan lamang sa mga tinukoy na suliranin ay ang paggalaw sa presyo, ang nakaambang El Niño, at ang tungkol sa supply ng pagkain.

Isang matinding hamon sa bansa na nag-aatang ng tama o magandang mga solusyon para sa mga nasabing problema.

Ang nasabing kagawaran ay may kaakibat na misyon para patatagin ang presyuhan.

Pangunahing benepisaryo o ang pakinabang ay sa mga magsasaka at consumers.

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BOI exceeds pre-pandemic investment approvals

MANILA – Investment approvals at the Board of Investments (BOI) has reached PHP1.16 trillion as of Dec. 18, which already exceeded the pre-pandemic level. The BOI reported that the current approved investments were higher than the PHP1.14 trillion pledges in 2019. This is also a record-high investment approvals for BOI for the past 56 years. It also jumped by 59 percent compared to 2022's investment approvals of PHP729.1 billion. "The BOI hitting PHP1.16 trillion for 2023 reaffirms strong investor confidence in the administration of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr., their responsiveness to the policy initiatives of the President and the effectiveness of the aggressive investment promotion activities under the 'Make It Happen in the Philippines' campaign," Trade Secretary and BOI Chairman Alfredo Pascual said. The PHP1.6 trillion investment pledges came from 303 projects, which are expected to produce 47,195 jobs once they are all fully operational. A big chunk of the approved investments were in the power sector, especially renewable energy projects, amounting to PHP986.14 billion, increasing by 14 percent from PHP409.03 billion last year. The increase in investment approvals in the power sector this year can be attributed to seven offshore wind projects in Cavite, Laguna, Dagupan, San Miguel Bay, Negros, and Northern Samar with total investments of PHP759.84 billion. Investments in the information and communications technology sector were also robust at PHP96.16 billion. The BOI also approved PHP22.03 billion investments in the manufacturing sector, PHP20 billion in the infrastructure sector, and PHP15.63 billion in real estate activities. The investment promotion agency (IPA) also recorded a 452-percent surge in pledges from foreign sources amounting to PHP763.22 billion. Top foreign investors at BOI this year were Germany, with total pledges of PHP393.28 billion, the

Netherlands at PHP333.61 billion, Singapore at PHP17.38 billion, and the United States at PHP3.38 billion. "There are three more projects worth about PHP350 billion that are currently being assessed and, if they are able to comply with both the substantive and transparency requirements, they may be able to make it to the BOI Board and ManCom (Management Committee) deliberations on December 28th—our last for the year," Trade Undersecretary and BOI Managing Head Ceferino Rodolfo said. The BOI targets to approve a total of PHP1.5 trillion investment pledges this year. (PNA)

PBBM ORDERS NATIONAL GOV'T AGENCIES TO ANALYZE FULL DEVOLUTION INITIATIVE; COME UP WITH A LIST OF FUNCTIONS OF LGUS

President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. has ordered national government agencies (NGAs) to conduct an analysis on the operationalization of the full devolution initiative and come up with the list of functions that should be devolved to the local government units (LGUs). In a meeting held at the Malacañang last week, President Marcos cited the need to first define and determine the priority core functions and services that should be devolved to the LGUs. The funding and schedule of implementation of the functions and services (based on LGU capacity and in accordance with minimum standards set by NGAs) shall be determined after coming with the definition and after determining the functions and services of the LGUs. "Should the LGUs lack the funds to implement the functions and services, the National Government should have a program to assist them," said the minutes of the meeting held on December 21. President Marcos ordered the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) to conduct a

PCSO launches E-Lotto; raises 6/55 and 6/58 combined jackpot prize to P1B

QUEZON CITY, (PIA) -- The Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) launched on Friday, December 15, the country's first and only official online betting platform called "E-Lotto" in a bid to make lottery more accessible to Filipinos anywhere in the world. The E-Lotto is the digital counterpart of the traditional lottery games that bettors used to carry out in physical outlets. The said initiative aims to generate and sustain the funds of PCSO for charitable activities while catering to the gaming product needs of people.

"Discover the future of lotto gaming with the launch of E-Lotto – a digital platform that redefines convenience, accessibility, and transparency. Be part of this groundbreaking moment as we revolutionize the way you play and win!," the PCSO remarked. During the pandemic, it can be recalled that the sales of lottery tickets went down significantly because of physical constraints. Through the E-Lotto, the PCSO not only hopes to provide a more convenient gaming experience to Filipino bettors but also increase its revenues up to P70 billion in 2024 from its current P55.3 billion sales in 2023.

This, as the corporation projects to double the number of bettors to four (4) million a day from the two (2) million daily betting rate in the country.

The creation of the online gaming system also forms part of the digitalization initiatives of the government which are aimed at curbing the instances of corruption including those that involve the proliferation of illegal lottery games online.

In the continuous promotion of responsible gaming, those who are interested to register in E-Lotto must already be 18 years old and above.

They are also required to use a Philippine-registered mobile phone and SIM card including the participating overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) and foreigners who hold a valid government-issued ID from the Philippines.

Once registered, they can also link their electronic wallets (e-wallets) to the E-Lotto mobile application to either pay for their bets or receive their prizes electronically.

Meanwhile, the PCSO happily announced that the minimum jackpot prize of the Grand Lotto 6/55 and Ultra Lotto 6/58 was raised to P500 million each.

In every lotto draw without a designated winner, 22 percent of the ticket sales will be added to the prize pot as part of the corporation's "Handog Pakabog" Christmas lotto draws this December. (JMP/PIA-NCR)

PPBM'S FOREIGN TRIPS ACTUALIZED NEARLY PHP300 BILLION INVESTMENTS, SAYS DTI

The presidential and state visits of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. this year have resulted in \$5.28 billion, or PHP294 billion, worth of actualized investments, according to the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI). DTI-Board of Investments (BOI) Undersecretary Ceferino Rodolfo said that President Marcos' foreign trips have actualized \$4.089 billion (Php227.72 billion) investments for eight projects; \$790.58 million (Php44.02 billion) for 11 projects; and, \$398.17 million (Php22.17 billion) for nine projects as of December 21. Rodolfo said that the investment pledges committed to President Marcos in his official foreign trips that were actualized into projects have already been registered with investment promotion

agencies such as the BOI and the Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA).

"Some of these projects have short gestation periods and are already fully-operational and are already employing full-time Filipinos, producing goods or delivering services; and some are already setting up or expanding their facilities – but are nevertheless already employing Filipinos as they already have set-up or expanded their offices and physical presence in the Philippines," Rodolfo said. President Marcos said that 2023 is a year of "structural changes," which are essential for the country's recovery from all economic challenges left by the COVID-19 pandemic as he vowed to continue the modernization of the government in 2024. | PND

GOCC dividend collections hit P99.2-B in 2023

MANILA – Dividends collected from government-owned and controlled corporations (GOCCs) amounted to over PHP90 billion this year, data from the Department of Finance (DOF) showed. In its yearend report, the DOF said the national government has so far collected PHP99.2 billion from 49 remitting GOCCs. The amount exceeded both its dividend collections target for the year and actual collections in 2022, it said.

"This stellar performance is testament to the administration's prudent and efficient management of its corporate public sector," the DOF said.

"Our government-owned and controlled corporations remain critical in the delivery and provision of public goods and critical social services and in funding the needs of the national government's development programs," it added. (PNA)

Panel of prosecutors formed to handle more raps in P6.7-B shabu haul

MANILA – A Department of Justice (DOJ) official on Wednesday said a panel of prosecutors has been constituted to handle additional complaints in the October 2022 drug operation that yielded 990 kg. of shabu worth PHP6.7 billion.

The panel came about after a collaborative case conference between the DOJ and the Philippine National Police (PNP) that started on Dec. 15, following an investigation into potential anomalies and irregularities committed by certain individuals during the said operation, DOJ Assistant Secretary Mico Clavano said in a statement.

The DOJ emphasizing its dedication to due process and justice, said that "once the evaluation of the complaint and evidence is thoroughly completed, the panel will immediately initiate the preliminary investigation of the additional complaint."

"This process is critical to ascertain the facts and to hold

accountable those who may have violated the law," the department added.

"Both the DOJ and the PNP reiterate their unwavering commitment to combating illegal drug trade and associated criminal activities. The collaboration between these two agencies in this case is a testament to their resolve to uphold the rule of law and protect the safety and well-being of the Filipino people," the DOJ said.

Last April 10, Interior Secretary Benjamin Abalos Jr. revealed that ranking PNP officials were seen in video footage of the operation, which led to the arrest of dismissed police Master Sergeant Rodolfo Mayo Jr. and nine others. Abalos said some police officers took 42 kg. of shabu before the inventory of the confiscated 990 kilos of illegal drugs based on the CCTV footage.

The stolen 42 kilos of shabu were recovered on Oct. 15. (PNA)

PBBM BROUGHT HOME OVER 200K JOB OPPORTUNITIES FROM HIS FOREIGN TRIPS – DTI

President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. has brought home not only billions of pesos worth of investment pledges in the Philippines, but has also brought over 200,000 job opportunities for the Filipino people from his official foreign trips from the last quarter of 2022 until 2023.

In its update on investment leads from the presidential and state visits of President Marcos, the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) said that the President's visit last year generated 7,100 job opportunities from Indonesia on September 4-6; at least 14,932 from Singapore on September 6-7; and, 98,000 from New York on September 18 to 24.

President Marcos also brought home 5,500 job opportunities from his visit to Thailand on November 16-19; at least 6,480 from his visit to Belgium on December 11-14; and 730 from the Netherlands on December 15-17 (a department investment

mission), according to the DTI.

For 2023, the DTI noted that President Marcos' visit to China on January 3-5 has resulted in 32,722 employment; 24,000 job opportunities from his visit to Japan from February 8-12; 6,386 from his visit in Washington, DC on April 30 to May 4; and 8,365 from Malaysia on July 25 to 27.

The President's visit to Singapore on September 14-17 also generated 450 job opportunities; 2,550 employment from his visit to the US on November 14-17; and, 15,750 employment from his visit to Japan on December 15-18.

Presidential Adviser on Investment and Economic Affairs Frederick Go earlier said that PhP169 billion worth of investment pledges from President Marcos' state visit in Japan have already been actualized, providing thousands of job opportunities to Filipinos. | **PND**

PH one of top performing Asian countries in 2023

MANILA – The Philippine economy grew by 5.9 percent in the third quarter of the year, bringing the year-to-date economic growth to 5.5 percent.

National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) Secretary Arsenio Balisacan said this makes the Philippines among the best-performing economies in Asia.

"In the face of many domestic and international challenges, we have effectively implemented the appropriate strategies to sustain the economy's forward momentum," he said.

Balisacan said real gross domestic product (GDP) per capita already recovered and exceeded its pre-pandemic level.

He noted that most sectors have already reached higher levels than their pre-pandemic performance.

"While some sectors such as mining and quarrying, construction, transportation and storage, accommodation and food service, real estate, and other services have not yet

fully recovered as of the end of the third quarter, this also implies that we can still look to these sectors as continued growth drivers of our economy, especially as we continue boosting efforts to promote tourism and ramp up the construction of major projects," Balisacan said.

Infrastructure flagship projects In a bid to further boost growth, the NEDA Board chaired by President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr., approved 197 infrastructure flagship projects amounting to PHP8.7 trillion.

These projects aim to address the long-standing infrastructure deficits.

"By prioritizing the completion of vital projects like highways, bridges, airports, railways, ports, telecommunications, and other infrastructure, we will be able to significantly reduce the cost of doing business, expand market opportunities, especially for micro, small, and medium enterprises, and promote high-quality job creation

and innovation," Balisacan said.

A report released by the Department of Finance (DOF) showed that the government has so far secured several grants and financing packages for big-ticket infrastructure flagship projects.

These include the USD2.02 billion for the North-South Commuter Railway Extension project, USD801.9 million for the North-South Commuter Railway project (Malolos-Tutuban), USD1.07 billion for the Davao Public Transport Modernization Project, and USD650-million Bataan-Cavite Interlink Bridge Project.

"This strong pipeline of projects, backed by the Philippine government and its development partners, continue to form the bedrock for the nation's continued development and economic expansion," the DOF said.

Maharlika Investment Fund

Signed into law in July, Republic Act 11954 or the Maharlika Investment Fund (MIF) Act, is also expected to boost growth in the long-term.

The creation of the Maharlika Investment Fund provides the government with an additional vehicle for making strategic investments in areas critical to the development of the country.

The MIF will be used to invest in a wide range of assets, including foreign currencies, fixed-income instruments, domestic and foreign corporate bonds, joint ventures, mergers and acquisitions, real estate and high-impact infrastructure projects that contribute to the attainment of sustainable development.

2024 outlook

As the government ramps up efforts to accelerate growth, Philippine economic growth is projected to accelerate next year.

For 2024, the Development Budget Coordination Committee targets to attain a 6.5 to 7.5 percent GDP

with hearing impairment, and rheumatic heart disease. (**PNA**)

expansion.

NEDA vowed that it will advocate for the critical pieces of legislation in its policy advisory role and as the Secretariat of the Legislative-Executive Development Advisory Council.

"These forthcoming reforms are designed to optimize the utilization of limited and valuable resources such as land, minerals, and public revenues," Balisacan said.

"The legislative measures addressing systematic challenges in particular sectors are intended to facilitate the development of industries and economic drivers that will create a more significant number of high-quality jobs, open up a variety of opportunities for our workers, and lead to sustained reductions in poverty and vulnerability in the future," he added.

Balisacan assured that the government would also implement measures that mitigate the impact of the El Niño.

An economist believes that the government's economic growth target for next year is attainable.

Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation chief economist Michael Ricafort expects the Philippine economy to grow by 6 to 6.5 percent in 2024, driven by overseas Filipino workers' remittances, growth in manufacturing, and further increase in government spending especially on infrastructure.

He said the delivery of more fiscal reform and other measures "would help further ease limits on foreign ownership, would help attract the entry of more foreign investment and create more jobs."

Ricafort said other bright spots for the Philippine economy include the possible pickup in exports, near record low unemployment rate, and resumption and the recovery in the tourism sector.

Offsetting risk factors however include elevated inflation that could reduce consumer spending, higher interests rates, and geopolitical risks such as the Israel-Hamas war. (**PNA**)

PhilHealth to adjust benefit package rates in 2024

MANILA – The Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) is set to adjust the rates of most of its benefit packages starting 2024.

PhilHealth must adjust its rates in order for members to cope with the increasing cost of medical care, PhilHealth president and chief executive officer Emmanuel Ledesma Jr. said in a statement on Friday.

"We want our members to feel the value of their benefits which translates to meaningful financial risk protection. Dapat ramdam ng mga kababayan natin ang benepisyo nila sa PhilHealth (Our fellowmen must be able to feel their benefits from PhilHealth)," he added.

The state health insurer first implemented the case rate payment system in 2013, wherein it reimbursed a fixed amount for a specific medical condition or surgical case.

With the set adjustment, the case rates are likely to increase to a maximum

of 30 percent across all cases, resulting to lower out-of-pocket expenses during hospitalization and even during outpatient care.

To minimize untoward inflationary effects after rate adjustments, PhilHealth will prescribe a cost-sharing mechanism wherein health facilities and the members will have fixed co-payment rates on top of what is being paid for by PhilHealth.

This way, health facilities will be more efficient in the use of resources to achieve desired health outcomes while members can predict how much they should pay for amenities and other extra services availed of beyond those provided in basic or ward accommodations.

Other strategies to control the untoward effects of this adjustment include measures to prevent insurance fraud and doctor moral hazard.

"This will be our way of controlling healthcare costs, in making member's expenses predictable, and

in discouraging irrational use of healthcare services among facilities," Ledesma said.

The PhilHealth shall adopt a variable inflation adjustment across types of health facilities, which means that higher-level facilities shall get higher adjustments in rates up to a maximum of 30 percent. Ledesma said the upward adjustment in case rates is on top of the ongoing benefit expansion and rationalization that was already approved by the PhilHealth Board.

For 2023, PhilHealth has implemented the expansion of dialysis coverage to 156 sessions from the previous 90 sessions, and rationalized the rates for conditions mostly availed of among Filipinos.

Through Circular 2023-0021, it increased the coverage for ischemic stroke from PHP28,000 to PHP76,000, and hemorrhagic stroke from PHP38,000 to PHP80,000. It is set to release a circular before yearend to widen its

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SM CITY DASMARIÑAS

After a quick run at the mall for some errands, make a stop for lunch at Out of Nowhere Kitchen at the lower ground floor for a wider variety of food choices.



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Lunch at Out of Nowhere was really a not-your-ordinary meal of the day and it is nice to also have some not-your-ordinary dessert at Puffy's Souffle Pancake Café at the lower ground floor.



SM CITY DASMARIÑAS

After enjoying your lunch and dessert, shopping is what you need to do and while going around the mall or before going home carry a very healthy food that will set a good mood, grab a froyo at the first ever branch of BLK 513 in SM Malls in Cavite. Located at the upper ground floor near H&M.



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CHRISTMAS DAY PBA IN ACTION GINEBRA - TONY BISHOP JR VS KELLY WILLIAMS - TNT

HIGIT pang nagpakitang gilás sa aksyon si Ginebra import Tony Bishop Jr. ng walang nagawa sa depensa ang katunggaling si Kelly Williams ng Talk N Text Tropang Giga sa kasagsagan ng kanilang laro sa Season 48 PBA Commissioner's cup sa Araneta Coliseum. (REY NILLAMA)



2 Olympic Qualifying lalahukan ng Philippine lifters

Ang mga Pinoy weightlifter na umaasang maka-qualify sa 2024 Paris Olympics ay nakatakdang sumali sa dalawa pang tournament para palakasin ang kanilang mga pagkakataon. Walong atleta, sa pangunguna ni Tokyo Olympics gold medalist Hidilyn Diaz-Naranjo ng Zamboanga City, ang sasabak sa Asian Championships sa Tashkent, Uzbekistan sa Feb. 3-10 at sa World Cup Marso 31 hanggang Abril 11.

Ang iba pa sa line-up ay sina Zamboangueñas Rose Jean Ramos (W45kg), Rosegie Ramos (W49kg) at Kristel Macrohon (W71kg); Lovely Inan ng Angono, Rizal (W49kg); Cebu City's John Febuar Ceniza (M61kg) at Elreen Ann Ando (W59kg); at Vanessa Sarno ng Bohol (W71kg). May walong atleta na lumahok sa International Weightlifting Federation (IWF) Grand Prix II noong Disyembre 5-10 sa Doha, Qatar. Gayunpaman, tanging sina Rose Jean Ramos at Ceniza ang naghatid ng mga medalya. Nasungkit ni Ramos, 18, ang tatlong pilak na

medalya - snatch (70kgs), clean / jerk (85kgs) at kabuuang (155kgs). Nakuha ni Ceniza, 25, ang pilak na medalya sa kabuuan (298kgs) sa kabila ng pang-apat sa snatch (133kgs) at panglima sa clean / jerk (165kgs). Ang kanyang mga pag-angat ay mga bagong pambansang rekord. "The World Cup is a very tough competition and I'm sure John Febuar will do his best, just like what he did in Qatar," sabi ni national coach Christopher Bureros sa isang panayam. "Sinabi ko sa kanya na manatiling nakatutok at kailangan niyang lampasan ang kanyang mga dati niyang personal na rekord upang mapabuti ang kanyang pagkakataong maging kwalipikado sa Paris," dagdag ni Bureros, na kasama ni coach Ramos Solis, ang nangangasiwa sa pagsasanay ni Ceniza. May Top 10 lifters na makakakuha ng quota place para sa kani-kanilang bansa at bodyweight category sa pamamagitan ng IWF Olympic Qualification Ranking tournaments mula Agosto 1, 2022 hanggang Abril 28, 2024.

Batang Pinoy 2023 Baguio City overall Champion 32 gold, 25 silvers at 40 bronze

Pinalakas ng Baguio City ang overall title champion sa katatapos na Batang Pinoy makaraang pangunahan ang taekwondo at judo para manatili sa pinakamatatag sa pagtatanggol ng overall title sa Batang Pinoy-Philippine Youth Games na ginanap sa iba't ibang venue sa Metro Manila. Matatandaan na tatlong beses na nag kampeon ang City of Pines na nakakolekta ng 32 ginto, 25 pilak at 40 tanso upang manatili sa tuktok ng medal tally ng torneo na inorganisa ng Philippine Sports Commission para sa mga atleta na 17 taong gulang pababa. Kate Julliane Cortez (Indibidwal na Kadete na Babae); Caleb Angelo Calde (Indibidwal na Cadet Male); Acey Kiana Oglayon (Indibidwal na Junior Female); Jaidev Nicolas Montalbo, Marcus Jared Maquiray, at Ryan Clifflin Nabejet (Team Male Cadet); Angel Lyn Yvaine Dacanay at Calde (Mixed Pair Cadet); Aesha Kiaa Oglayon at Jonas Sales (Mixed Pair Junior); at Kate Julliane Cortez, Trisha Lobnonan at Dacanay (Poomsae Team Female Cadet) ay nagwagi sa mga patimpalak sa taekwondo sa Cuneta Astrodome sa Pasay City. Naghatid din ng limang ginto ang Baguio judokas sa Olympia Community Center sa Makati City. Nagdagdag si Archer Chass Mhaiven Nawew Colas ng dalawang ginto mula sa male 60-meter recurve at 1440-round recurve. Nanguna siya sa 30-meter recurve at 40-meter recurve events. "Ang mga layunin ko palagi kapag nakikipagkumpitensya ako ay talunin ang aking sarili, upang maging isang mas mahusay na tao.

I don't expect to win all the time, I just enjoy the games, pero nagulat pa rin ako kapag nanalo ako," the 14-year-old Baguio City National High School student said. Nakakuha rin ang Baguio City ng siyam na gintong medalya sa kickboxing competitions ng Araullo High School sa Maynila, sa kagandahang-loob ni Janna Mae Tinay (Kicklight Juniors Female 42.1-46kg); Shekinah Jonan Lab-oyan (Kicklight Juniors Female 50.1-55kg); Lorenzo Iseo Jr. (Kicklight Juniors Lalaki 47.1-52kg); Jeyhan Bestre (Kicklight Older Cadets Male 37.1-42kg); Gerwin Lete (Kicklight Older Cadets Male 47.1-52kg); Leejohn Masedman (Kicklight Older Cadets Male 52.1-57kg); Klerhob Cabinto (Point Fighting Young Cadets Babae 32.1-37kg); Stephanie Lipiano (Point Fighting Young Cadets Babae 37.1-42kg); at Clark Fattit (Point Fighting Older Cadets Male 28.1-32). Pumapangalawa naman ang Pasig City na may 25 golds, kabilang ang anim mula sa swimmer na si Arabella Taguinota, 27 silvers at 40 bronzes. Pangatlo ang Cebu City na may 20 ginto, 15 pilak, at 21 tanso kasunod ang Davao City (20 -14-16), Zamboanga City (18-6-5), Mandaluyong City (17-12-15), Quezon City (16), -19-26), Parañaque City (13-11-9) at Taguig City. Ang nangungunang limang local government units ay tatanggap ng cash prizes tulad ng sumusunod: PHP5 million (champion), PHP4 million (2nd), PHP3 million (3rd), PHP2 million (4th), at PHP1 million (5th)



BATANG PINOY DISCUS THROW BOYS DENVER TACAY JR GOLD MEDALIST

KITA ang determinasyon ni Denver Tacay Jr. ng Baguio City sa kanyang konsentrasyon sa hagupit ng Discus Throw boys sa katatapos na BP-PNG Athletics na ginanap sa PhilSports Trackvol Pasig City kung saan top over all champion ang Baguio City. (REY NILLAMA)



PREMIER VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE 2ND CONFERENCE INDIVIDUAL AWARDS RONDINA MVP

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS - Iginawad sa awarding ceremony ng ginanap na PVL Premier Volleyball League All Filipino Conference 2023 sa Araneta Coliseum ang individual awards sa mga sumusunod. (pang apat mula kaliwa) Chery Ann Rondina Choco Mucho Conference MVP, Cigna HD Best Setter Angel Cayuna, Creamline Best opposite spiker Michelle Gumabao, Choco Mucho Thang Ponce Best Libero, Best Outside Hitters Creamline Jema Galanza at Chery Tiggo Eya Laure, Best middle Blockers Signal HD Rea Meneses at Creamline Pangs Panaga. (REY NILLAMA)

Sisi Rondina MVP sa PSL 2nd All Filipino Conference 2023

TINANGHAL bilang final MVP ng PSL 2nd AFC si Sisi Rondina ng Choco Mucho Flying Titans sa katatapos na Premier Volleyball League 2nd Invitational Conference. Ang 5-foot-6 spiker mula sa Cebu ay tinanghal na Most Valuable Player of the Conference sa SMART Araneta Coliseum. Si Rondina, na nasa kanyang ikalawang conference pa lamang sa nag-iisang professional league ng bansa para sa women's volleyball, ang nangungunang scorer para sa nangungunang apat na koponan na umabante sa semifinals, na may kabuuang 236 puntos pagkatapos ng ikalawang round. Dating stalwart ng Unibersidad ng Santo Tomas si Rondina na pumangatlo sa pinakamabisang spiker sa 36.98%, ika-siyam na pinakamahusay na server sa 0.20 bawat set, ikaanim na pinakamahusay na digger sa 2.33 digs bawat set, at pangalawang pinakamahusay na receiver sa 38.67% na kahusayan, na humantong sa Choco Mucho sa pangalawang- tapusin ang lugar.

Nasa All-Premier Team ang kapwa Flying Titan na si Thang Ponce, na nanalo ng Best Libero plum. Si Ponce ang pinakamahusay na digger sa liga na may average na 4.76 digs bawat set habang nagtabla sa ikaapat sa reception sa 30 percent. Ang Creamline naman ay mayroong tatlong manlalaro sa All-Premier Team na sina Jema Galanza (Best Outside Spiker), Michele Gumabao (Best Opposite Spiker), at Jeanette Panaga (Best Middle Blocker). Ito ang pang-apat na best outside spiker citation ni Galanza, ang pangatlo naman ay si Gumabao bilang best opposite, at ang panglima si Panaga bilang best middle. Si Eya Laure ng Chery Tiggo ang isa pang Best Outside Spiker habang si Ria Meneses ng Signal ang isa pang Best Middle. Nakuha ni Meneses ang kanyang pangatlong titulong Best MB. Kumpleto sa all-PVL team si Gel Cayuna, na nag-uwi ng kanyang pangatlong Best Setter award pagkatapos na pumangatlo sa setting sa average na 4.57 excellent sets per set habang ika-23 sa scoring sa 63 puntos.

BALIK AKSYON SA SUBIC BAY NG NATIONAL AGE GROUP TRIATHLON (NGAT) 2024

Muling magiging tampok ang PH triathletes na kalahok sa 2024 National Age Group tourney matutunghayan muli ang pinakamagagalang sa Triathlon ng bansa na makikitaan ng aksyon sa National Age Group Triathlon (NGAT) sa Enero 27 at 28, 2024 sa Subic Bay Freeport sa Olongapo. Una dito sa kompetisyon ay makikitaan ng husay sa Super Sprint Distance (500m swim-10km bike-2.5km run), Sprint Distance (750km swim-20km bike-5km run), Standard Distance Individual at Team Relay (1.5km swim-40km bike-10km run) at Super Mga kaganapan sa Trikids. Ang mga kategorya ay Super Trikids (6 pababa, 7-8, 9-10, 11-2); Super Sprint (13-15 lalaki at babae); Sprint (Elite Men and Women, Jr. Elite Men and Women 16-19 years and Age Group

Men and Women 16-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50 and above); at Pamantayan (Mga Lalaki at Babae 18-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50 pataas). Ang deadline ng pagpaparehistro ay sa Disyembre 31. Ang torneo, na inorganisa ng Triathlon Philippines sa pamumuno ni Ramon Marchan, ay magsisilbing qualifying race para sa 2025 Thailand Southeast Asian Games. Sa NGAT ay bahagi rin ng mga pagsubok at pagkilala sa talento ng triathlon association para sa Philippine team. Ang sprint elite champion noong nakaraang taon ay sina Filipino-Spanish Fernando Jose Casares (men) at Cebu City's Raven Faith Alcosaba (women), habang ang mga nanalo sa Junior Elite divisions ay sina Dayshaun Ramos at Cebuana Kira Ellis ng Benguet.



NATIONAL AGE GROUP TRIATHLON @ SUBIC BAY METROPOLITAN AUTHORITY SBMA

MAGIGING tampok muli ang kumpetisyon sa larangan ng Triathlon sa darating na Enero 27 - 28, 2024 ang NAGT National Age Group Triathlon 2024 Subic Bay International Triathlon sa Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority SBMA ng aksyon masasaksihan ang pang laban ng bansa sa pangunguna ng dating kampeon na si Fernando Casares para sa sprint elite habang sa Junior Elite divisions naman ng kababaihan ay nangunguna dito ang tubong Cebu na si Kira Ellis. Kasama sa larawan ang pangulo ng TRAP Ramon Marchan. (REY NILLAMA)

Republic of the Philippines
Fourth Judicial Region
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT
AND EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF
Dasmariñas City, Cavite

**HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND
(PAG-IBIG Fund)**

Petitioner/Mortgagee,

-versus-

File No. FC-DC-1216-23
For: Extra- Judicial Foreclosure
of Real Estate Mortgage under Act
No. 3135, as amended by Act No.
4118

MARITES NIELES,
Respondent/Mortgagor.

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act No. 4118 filed by petitioner/mortgagee, **HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (PAG-IBIG Fund)**, a government financial institution duly organized and existing under and by virtue of Republic Act No. 9679, with postal address at The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City, in favour of the CAPITOL DEVELOPMENT BANK., a corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the Republic of the Philippines with principal place of Pacific Place Bldg., Pearl Drive, Ortigas Ave., Pasig City, Metro Manila against the respondent/mortgagor, **MARITES NIELES** with postal address 92-A Rd. 6 1st West Crame, San Juan, Metro Manila; Lot 19, Block 1, Ph.3, Ch-San Marino West, Brgy. Salawag, Dasmariñas City, Cavite and for the satisfaction of the mortgaged debt which as of 9 October 2023 amounts to **ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY THREE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED NINE PESOS & 98/100 (Php 183,709.98)**, exclusive of legal fees and expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on **January 12, 2024** at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter in the Court Room of Branch 90, Regional Trial Court, Ground Floor, Dasmariñas Community Affairs (DASCA) Building, Congressional Road, Buro 1, Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite to the highest bidder and for CASH or CERTIFIED CHECK, in Philippine Currency, the following described real property together with all the buildings and other improvements existing thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE No. T-448670

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in the Municipality of Dasmariñas, Provice of Cavite, bounded and described as follows:

A parcel of Land (Lot 19, Blk. 1 of the subd. plan, PSD-042106-063621, being a portion of Blk. 39, PSD-042106-061813, LRC Rec. No.), situated in the Brgy. Salawag, Municipality of Dasmariñas, Province of Cavite, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the SE., along line 1-2 by Lot 2, PCS-042106-007023; on the SW., along line 2-3 by Lot 18, Blk. 1; on the NW., along line 3-4 by Rd. Lot 11; on the NE., along line 4-1 by Lot 20, Blk. 1, all of the subd. plan. Beginning at a point marked "1" on plan, being N. 48 Deg. 23'W., 864.66 m. from Mon. No. 164, Imus Estate; thence S. 59 Deg. 45'W., 3.75 m. to point 2; thence N. 30 Deg. 15'W., 9.33 m. to point 3; thence N. 59 Deg. 45'E., 3.75 m. to pt. 4; thence S.30 Deg. 15'E., 9.33 m. to the point of beginning, containing an area of **THIRTY FIVE (35) SQ. METERS**. All points to are indicated on the plan and are marked on the ground by P.S. Cyl. Conc. Mons. 15x40cm; bearings true; date of original survey July 27, 1905- June 11, 1908 and that of the subd. survey: May 22-23, 1993 and was approved on June 30, 1993.

Prospective buyers and/or bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title of the said real property and the encumbrance thereon, if there be any.

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above-stated time and date.

In the event the publication auction should not take place on the said date and time, it shall be held on **January 26, 2024** at the same time and place without further notice.

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
Branch 90
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**HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND
(otherwise known as PAG-IBIG Fund)**
Petitioner/Mortgagee,

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File No. FC-DC-1187-23
EXTRA- JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE
OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE
UNDER ACT 3135, AS AMENDED
BY ACT NO. 4118

MARILOU GALICIO CEDRO MARRIED TO
ROLANDO GRUTAS CEDRO,
Respondent/Mortgagor.

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Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite, December 13, 2023.

GERALD A. FARGAS
Sheriff IV

ATTY. MARCELA L. BAYBAY
Clerk of Court VI & Ex-Officio Sheriff

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**EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF
THE LATE FUMIHIRO TACHIBANA AMONG HEIRS**

NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late **FUMIHIRO TACHIBANA** who died on September 17, 2022 at General Trias City, Cavite, left properties located at General Trias City, Cavite covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 057-2023012227 consisting of ninety-seven (97) square meters and Transfer Certificate of Title No. 057-2023012228 consisting of ninety-nine (99) square meters was extrajudicially settled by the legal heirs, executed before Notary Public Atty. Mareza G. Ambat as per Doc No. 132, Page 27, Book VI, Series of 2023

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A parcel of Land (Lot 5, Blk. 57 of the cons. subd. plan, Pcs-04-00011234, being a portion of the cons. of Lot 7, Pcs-042106-008804, Lot 4, Pcs-04-003272, lot 7228-A, Psd-04-022816 (Rs-04-002224), & Lot 6995-N, Imus Estate (Rs-04-002199) L.R.C. Rec.No.), situated in the Brgy. Paliparan, Mun. of Dasmariñas, Prov. of Cavite. Bounded on the SE., along line 1-2 by Lot 6; on the SW., along line 2-3 by Lot 4; on the NW., along line 3-4-5 by Lot 2 & 3, all of Blk. 57; on the NE., along line 5-1 by Footpath 45 all of the cons./subd. plan. Beginning at a pt. marked "1" on plan, being *is registered in accordance with the provisions of the Property Registration Decree in the name of* **MARILOU GALICIO CEDRO** married to **ROLANDO GRUTAS CEDRO**, both of legal age, Filipino 8.10 deg. 22'E., 2601.67 m. from Mon. No. 163, Imus Estate; thence S. 72 deg. 44'W., 8.60 m. to pt. 2; thence N. 17 deg. 16'W., 5.00 m. to pt. 3; thence N. 72 Deg. 44'E., 3.60 m. to pt. 4; thence N.72 deg. 44'E., 5.00 m. to the pt. 5; thence S. 17 deg. 16'E., 5.00 m. to pt. of beginning, containing an area of **FORTY THREE (43) SQUARE METERS**. All pts. referred to are indicated on the plan and are marked on the ground by P.S.Cyl. conc. mons. 15x60 cm; bearings true; date of original survey July 27, 1905- June 11, 1908 and that of the cons. subd. survey: Sept. 2-28, 1995 and was approved on Dec. 22, 1995.

Prospective buyers and/or bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title of the said real property and the encumbrance thereon, if there be any.

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above-stated time and date.

In the event that the public auction should not take place on the said date and time, it shall be held on **January 30, 2024** at the same time and place without further notice.

Dasmariñas City, Cavite, December 11, 2023.

ARLYN P. BARCELON
Sheriff IV

ATTY. MARCELA L. BAYBAY
Clerk of Court VI & Ex-Officio Sheriff

Copy Furnished:
**HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND
(Otherwise known as PAG-IBIG Fund)**
The Petron Mega Plaza Building,
No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City

MARIA VICTORIA D. CAPIRAL
C/O ANTONIO E. ESCOBER
CONSORTIUM (TAGAYUNA PANOPIO ESCOBER
LAW FIRM)
2/F AZPHI Bldg., Ma. Aurora St., cor. E. Zobel St., Brgy.
Poblacion, Makati City

MARILOU GALICIO CEDRO MARRIED TO
ROLANDO GRUTAS CEDRO
(1) 057 Brgy. Old Bulihan, Silang, Cavite
(2) Lot 5 Block 57, Phase 4, Mabuhay Homes Dasma,
Brgy. Paliparan, Dasmariñas, Cavite

- Notice posted at:
- 1.The Bulletin Board of Regional Trial Court, Dasmariñas City, Cavite
 - 2.The Bulletin Board of Dasmariñas City Hall
 - 3.The Bulletin Board of Dasmariñas City Post Office
 - 4.The Bulletin Board of Dasmariñas City Public Market

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Republic of the Philippines
Fourth Judicial Region
Regional Trial Court of Cavite
Office of the Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff
New Justice Hall, J.P. Rizal Avenue, Kaybagal
South, Tagaytay City

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND
(otherwise known as **PAG-IBIG Fund**),
Mortgagee,

-versus-

EJF NO. TG-23-103
FOR: Extra-Judicial Foreclosure
of Real Estate Mortgage Under
Act No. 3135, As Amended

FERDINAND N. PALISOC married to
JANNETE DE VERA PALISOC,
Mortgagors

X ----- x

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial foreclosure sale under Act 3135, as Amended by Act No. 4118, filed by Mortgagee, **HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (otherwise known as PAG-IBIG Fund)**, a government financial institution duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the Republic Act No. 9679, with principal office and place of business at The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Loan and Mortgage Agreement ("MORTGAGE") executed and notarized on March 15, 1999 by Debtor/Mortgagor, **FERDINAND N. PALISOC married to JANNETE DE VERA PALISOC**, both of legal age, Filipino citizens with residence and postal addresses at (1) 67, 6th St., Countryside Village, Pasig City and (2) Lot 30, Blk 33, Rancho Imperial De Silang, Brgy. Tartaria, Silang, Cavite, as security for the payment of his/her HDMF (Pag-IBIG) loan in favor of the Petitioner/Mortgagee, over a real estate property including improvements thereon, described in and covered by TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-(843405) 17894 of the Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City, in order to satisfy the outstanding loan obligation of the Mortgagors/Borrowers in the amount of **TWO HUNDRED FIFTY- TWO THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY EIGHT PESOS AND 46/100 (Php252,728.46)**, exclusive of penalties and other charges, as of September 5, 2023, the undersigned Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff of the Regional Trial Court of Cavite thru her deputy, Alex E. Martinez, will sell at public auction on **February 1, 2024** at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter, at the New Hall of Justice of Tagaytay City, to the highest bidder, for Cash or Manager's Check and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all its improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-(843405) 17894
Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City

"IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the land situated in Mun. of Silang, Prov. of Cavite bounded and described as follows:

A parcel of land (Lot 30 Blk. 33 of the cons./subd. plan Pcs-04-012899, being a portion of Lot 8014, 8015, 8017, 8018, Cad. 452-D, Silang Cad., Lots 8016-A to 8016-H, Cad-04-006071-D, Lot 15709-A, Csd-042118-012810-D & Lot Blk. 71, Pcs-04-011250, L.R.C. Rec. No.), situated in the Brgy. of Tartaria, Mun. of Silang, Prov. of Cavite. Bounded on the NE., along line 1-2 by Lot 31 of Blk. 33; on the SE., along line 2-3 by Rd. Lot 27 (8.00 m. wide); on the SW., along line 3-4 by Lot 29; and on the NW., along line 4-1 by Lot 20 both of Blk. 33, all of the cons./subd plan. Beginning at a pt. marked "1" on plan, being S. 64 deg. 38'E., 5053.36 m. from BLLM No. 1, Cad. 452-D, Silang Cad.; thence S. 21 deg. 34'E., 10.00 m. to pt. 2; thence S. 68 deg. 26'W., 4.50 m. to pt. 3; thence N. 21 deg. 34'W., 10.00 m. to pt. 4; thence N. 68 deg. 26'E., 4.50 m. to pt. 1; beginning, containing an area of **FORTY FIVE (45) SQ. METERS**. All pts. referred to are indicated on the plan and are marked on the ground by PS cyl. conc. Mons. 15x60 cm.; bearings true; date of orig. survey, Dec. 7, 1973 - Dec. 4, 1975 and that of the subd. survey, Aug. 1-30, 1997 and was approved on December 5, 1997.

Is registered in accordance with the provisions of the property Registration Decree in the name of **FERDINAND N. PALISOC**, married to Jannete de Vera Palisoc, both of legal age, Filipino"

Century old na puno sa Pasay, kinilalang heritage tree

LUNGSOD QUEZON, (PIA) -- Nilagyan ng "marker" o pananda at kinilala kamakailan bilang "Heritage Tree" ang isang 100-taong gulang na puno ng Botong na matatagpuan sa Barangay 13 ng Lungsod Pasay.

Pinangunahan ni Pasay City Mayor Emi Calixto-Rubiano, Pasay Culture and Arts Council Teresita Robles, at Department of Environment and Natural Resources-National Capital Region (DENR-NCR) ang unveiling ceremony na sinundan ng paglagda ng memorandum of agreement na pangangalagaan at iingatan ang nasabing puno.

Siniguro rin ni Mayor Emi na pangangalagaan ng pamahalaang lungsod ang naturang heritage site, tungo sa isang internationally competitive eco city.

Layon ng programang Heritage Tree ng DENR-NCR na hikayatin ang mga mamamayan ng Metro

Manila na mapanatili at mapangalagaan ang mga natitirang matatanda at naglalaking puno sa rehiyon, lalo na ang mga indigenous at endemic na may malaking bahagi sa kasaysayan ng lugar. (**Pasay City/PIA-NCR**)

Bulacan, iniwi ang ikapitong SGLG award

LUNGSOD NG MALOLOS, (PIA) – Muling naiwi ng pamahalaang panlalawigan ng Bulacan ang Seal of Good Local Governance o SGLG sa 2023 National Awarding Cluster 2 na ginanap sa Maynila.

Ito na ang ang ika-pitong magkakasunod na taon na nakamit ng probinsya and seal matapos ilunsad and SGLG noong 2014.

Ang parangal ay nagpapakita ng epektibo at matapat na pamamahala ng lalawigan sa paghahatid ng serbisyo sa mga Bulakenyo.

Bagong farmers at fishermen training center, agri office bukas na

LUNGSOD NG MALOLOS, (PIA) – Maari ng mapakinabangan ng mga magsasaka, mangingisda at kawani ng Provincial Agriculture Office o PAO ang bagong tayong farmers at fishermen training center at agriculture office sa

compound ng kapitolyo. Ang dalawang palapag na istruktura na nagkakahalaga ng P14 milyon ay magsisilbing tanggapan ng PAO at training center upang mas mabigyan ng kasanayan ang mga magsasaka at mangingisda sa lalawigan. Sa unang palapag ay may silid para sa Program Management, Agribusiness and Marketing Assistance Division, Farmers' Information and Technology Services Center, Provincial Agriculture and Fisheries Extension Center, at dalawang silid para sa training rooms.

Mayroon namang apat na silid sa ikalawang palapag para sa Crops Development Division, Fisheries Development Division, Conference Room, at tig-isa para sa Administrative Division at Tanggapan ng Provincial Agriculturist.

May hiwalay ring gusali na siyang magiging Farmers/Fisherfolks Training Center dormitory at guest room.

Ayon kay Gobernador Daniel Fernando, umaasa siyang higit na makatutulong ang nasabing pasilidad upang mas higit na yumabong ang sektor ng agrikultura at pangisdaan sa lalawigan. Dagdag naman ni Provincial Agriculturist Ma. Gloria SF. Carrillo na sa pamamagitan ng training center, mabibigyan ang mga magsasaka at mangingisda nang angkop na mapaunlad ang kanilang mga gawain sa bukid at palaisdaan, at gayon din ay gumanda ang kanilang mga kita. (**MJSC/VFC-PIA 3**)

Tumanggap ang Bulacan ng P4 milyong pisong halaga ng SGLG Incentive Fund Subsidy na magagamit sa mga high-impact project sa lalawigan.

Ayon kay Gobernador Daniel Fernando, ang pagkilala ay salamin ng sama-samang pangako sa epektibong pamamahala, pag-unlad, at kahusayan sa serbisyo.

Kinilala rin ni Fernando ang mga pagsisikap ng SGLG sa pag-udyok at paghamon sa mga pamahalaang lokal upang matugunan ang mga pamantayan na nagreresulta sa mas produktibo at progresibong administrasyon na pakikinaabangan ng kani-kanilang mga nasasakupan.

Kabilang sa 493 lokal na pamahalaang nakapasa sa pamantayan para sa 2023 SGLG award ay ang mga munisipalidad ng Angat, Balagtas, Bulakan, Doña Remedios Trinidad, Guiguinto, Marilao, Pandi, Pulilan, at Santa Maria; at Lungsod ng Baliwag, kung saan bawat isa ay tumanggap ng SGLG Incentive Fund Subsidy na nagkakahalaga ng P1.8 milyong piso.

Hinamon naman ni DILG Secretary at Council of Good Local Governance (CGLG) Chair Benjamin C. Abalos Jr. ang mga lokal na pamahalaan sa buong bansa na magpatupad ng mas epektibong pamamahala.

Upang maging kwalipikado ang isang lalawigan, bayan o lungsod para sa SGLG award, kinakailangan ng mga LGU na maipasa ang assessment criteria para sa iba't ibang governance areas

kabilang na ang financial administration; disaster preparedness; social protection and sensitivity; health compliance and responsiveness; sustainable education; business-friendliness and competitiveness; safety, peace, and order; environmental management; tourism, heritage development, culture, and the arts; at youth development. (**MJSC/VFC-PIA 3**)

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **February 8, 2024** without further notice.

Prospective bidders or buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate and verify for themselves the TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-(843405) 17894 the encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above stated time and date.

Tagaytay City, Philippines, December 1, 2023.

ATTY. VARBRA ANN A. VARIAS-DIMAYUGA
Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff

ALEX E. MARTINEZ
Sheriff-in-Charge

WARNING:

IT IS ABSOLUTELY PROHIBITED TO REMOVE, DEFACE OR DESTROY THIS NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE ON OR BEFORE THE DATE OF THE AUCTION SALE UNDER THE PENALTY OF LAW

Copy Furnished:
HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND
(otherwise known as **PAG-IBIG Fund**),
Mortgagee
The Petron Mega Plaza Building,
No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City

MARIA VICTORIA D. CAPIRAL C/O
ATTY. RIZALDY F. DE LEON
Attorney-in-Fact of Mortgagee, Bernales & Associates Corp.
Suite 6 Third, A. Francisco Gold Condominium I,
784 EDSA West Kamias District, Quezon City

FERDINAND N. PALISOC married to
JANNETE DE VERA PALISOC
(1) 67, 6th St., Countryside Village, Pasig City
(2) Lot 30, Blk 33, Rancho Imperial De Silang, Brgy. Tartaria,
Silang, Cavite

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Republic of the Philippines
Fourth Judicial Region
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT
City of Bacoor
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Telephone No. 09273707489

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND
(Otherwise known as Pag-IBIG Fund)
Mortgagee,

-versus- Foreclosure No. 2023-451
For: Extra Judicial Foreclosure
of Real Estate Mortgage

NENITA V. LABRADOR married to
ROMAN C. LABRADOR,
Mortgagors.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE

Upon Extra-judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135 as Amended by Act 4118 filed by the mortgagee, HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (otherwise known as Pag-IBIG Fund), at The Petron Mega Plaza Bldg., No. 358 Sen Gil Puyat, Makati City and against the mortgagors NENITA V. LABRADOR married to ROMAN C. LABRADOR at 99 Concha St., Tinajeros, Malabon, Metro Manila and Lot 19 Blk. 26 Wood Estate Village Bo. Molino, Bacoor, Cavite; ROMAN C. LABRADOR is herein represented by his Attorney-in-Fact NENITA V. LABRADOR, to satisfy the mortgagee indebtedness which as of October 8, 2023, amounts to FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY SEVEN THOUSAND SIXTY THREE PESOS & 58/100 (P557,063.58), Philippine Currency, inclusive of interest, and penalty charges but exclusive of other fee incident to this foreclosure, the undersigned or her duly authorized representative will sell at the public auction on January 25, 2024 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter, at the main entrance of the Hall of Justice of Bacoor City, Cavite, to the highest bidder for CASH and In Philippine Currency, the following described property with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE No. T-585951

"A Parcel of Land (Lot 19 Blk. 26, of the cons. subd. plan, Pcs-042103-008724, being a portion of the cons. of Lots 5570, 5526, Imus Estate, & Lot 5871-A, Fls-1059, L.R.C. Rec. No.), sit. in the Bo. of Molino, Mun. of Bacoor, Province of Cavite, Is. of Luzon. X x x, Containing an area SEVENTY FIVE (75) SQ. METERS"

"All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above stated time and date."

"In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on February 1, 2024, without further notice."

Prospective buyers or bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title to the said property and encumbrances if any there be.

City of Bacoor, December 5, 2023.

MELY C. HERMOSURA-VISTA
Clerk of Court VI

By:

ELIAS E. ESCALA
Sheriff IV

COPY FURNISHED:
HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND
(Otherwise known as Pag-IBIG Fund)
The Petron Mega Plaza Bldg. No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Ave., Makati City

ATTY. J. V. ROMMEL C. CUBELO
3F Fass Inteli College Bldg., No. 11 Pittsburgh St., Brgy. Silangan, Cubao, Quezon City

NENITA V. LABRADOR married to
ROMAN C. LABRADOR
99 Concha St., Tinajeros, Malabon, Metro Manila
L19 Blk. 26 Wood Estate Village Bo. Molino, Bacoor, Cavite

WARNING: It is absolutely prohibited to remove, deface or destroy this notice of Extra-judicial Sale on or before the date of sale.

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION
BRANCH 4-FC
CITY OF IMUS, CAVITE

BDO UNIBANK, INC.,
Mortgagee,

-versus-

EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF
REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER
ACT 3135 AS AMENDED BY ACT 4118

FC CASE No. 18776-23

MICHAEL DAUAG VELASCO,
Mortgagors.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 as amended by Act 4118 filed by BDO UNIBANK, INC., mortgagee, with principal place of business at 11th Floor, BDO Towers Valero (formerly Citibank Tower), 8741 Paseo de Roxas, Makati City, against MICHAEL DAUAG VELASCO, mortgagor, with residence and postal address at 3635 Magistrado Arellano, Bacood, Sta. Mesa Manila and/or Block 6 Lot 37 Camella Pristina Expansion, Barangay Tanzang Luma, Imus, Cavite, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of November 15, 2023 amounts to THREE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY THREE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FORTY FOUR PESOS AND 23/100 (Php3,573,344.23), Philippine Currency, excluding interest, penalties, attorney's fees, sheriff's fees and all other charges incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned will sell at public auction on January 23, 2024 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter at the main entrance of the Office of the Clerk of Court, RTC-Imus, Hall of Justice, Aguinaldo Highway, Imus City, Cavite to the highest bidder, for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all the improvements therein, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF
TITLE No. 057-2015052250

"X X X

LOT NO: 37 BLOCK NO: 6 PLAN NO: PCS-04-027672
PORTION OF: LOT 5469, IMUS ESTATE AND LOT 8,
BLOCK 5, ALL OF PSD-04-209229 AND LOT 13,
BLOCK 6, ALL OF PSD-04-209229; LRC REC.
NO. 8843

LOCATION: BARANGAY OF TANZANG LUMA,
MUNICIPALITY OF IMUS, PROVINCE OF CAVITE

X X X

BOUNDARIES:

Table with 3 columns: LINE, DIRECTION, ADJOINING LOT(S). Rows include 1-2 NW ROAD LOT 4, PCS-04-027672; 2-3 NE LOT 38, BLOCK 6, PCS-04-027672; 3-4-5 SW, SE LOT 64 (EASEMENT), BLOCK 6, PCS-04-027672; 5-1 SW LOT 36, BLOCK 6, PCS-04-027672

X X X

AREA: NINETY NINE SQUARE METERS (99), MORE OR LESS
X X X"

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above stated time and date.

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on January 30, 2024 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning without prior notice.

Prospective bidders/buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title to the said property and encumbrance therein if any there be.

City of Imus, Cavite, Philippines, November 24, 2023.

ROSVIDA C. NOCUM
Sheriff IV
Branch 22



3 YEAR OLD & ABOVE MAIDEN RACE

Panalo ang paboritong kabayo na si Give Me A Break sa ginanap na 3 Year Old & Above Maiden Race noong nakaraang Linggo na pinakawalan sa karerahan ng Metro Manila Turf Club Inc. (MMTCI) sa Malvar Tanauan City, Batangas. Pursigido ang hineteng si John Sajhed De Ocampo na maipanalo ang kanyang sakay na si Give Me A Break na kahit nahirapan at nabulabog sa harapan ay nairaos pa rin sa rektahan. Sa umpisa ay maganda ang naging salida ng ating bida na si Glve Me A Break ngunit agad siyang kinapitan ni Mr. Brown upang makipagsabay sa unahan. Pagsapit ng medya milya ay naglulutsahan pa rin sa harapan sina Glve Me A Break sa gawing labas at Mr. Brown sa tabing balya, habang

sabay na umaarangkada sa likuran sina Lateral Gaze at Tanging Ikaw. Pagpasok ng far turn ay si Tanging Ikaw naman ang bumubulabog kay Give Me A Break habang bumagsak sa ikatlong puwesto si Mr. Brown. Pagsungaw ng rektahan ay halos magpantay sa unahan sina Glve Me A Break at Tanging Ikaw ngunit hindi nagpatinag si John Sajhed at binagsakan ng todo ang kanyang sakay kaya pagdating sa huling 100 meter ay naging klaro na ang kalamangan ng winning horse. Sumegundo kay Give Me A Break si Tanging Ikaw, tersero si Mr. Brown at si Lateral Gaze ang pumang-apat. Pumoste si Glve Me A Break ng tiyempong 1:28.6 (14-23'-24'-27') para sa 1,400 meter race.

Bringing healthcare to the heart of Barangay Anabu II-C, Imus, Cavite!

On December 21, 2023, the Office of the Provincial Governor's Medical Mission Team in partnership with the Office of the Provincial Health Officer conducted a compassionate health outreach activity in Brgy. Anabu II-C in the City of Imus, providing 260

residents with free medical check-ups, consultations, and essential medicines. The program is a testament to the Provincial Government of Cavite's commitment to community health and well-being. OPIO

APPROVED:

ARMIE A. FRANCISCO
Clerk of Court VI

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JACEL DL. FLORENCIO
RISK MANAGEMENT GROUP-REMEDIAL MANAGEMENT UNIT
BDO UNIBANK, INC.,
11th Floor, BDO Towers Valero (formerly Citibank Tower), 8741 Paseo de Roxas, Makati City

MICHAEL DAUAG VELASCO
3635 Magistrado Arellano, Bacood, Sta. Mesa Manila and/or Block 6 Lot 37 Camella Pristina Expansion, Barangay Tanzang Luma, Imus, Cavite

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4 PATAY, 2 SUGATAN SA AKSIDENTE NG MOTORSIKLO SA CAVITE

APAT na indibidwal ang naitalang patay habang dalawang pasahero nila ang sugatan sa motorsiklo sa magkakahiwalay na insidente sa Cavite sa mismong araw ng Kapaskuhan.

Isinugod pa sa CARSIGMA Hospital ang mga biktima na sina Ronnie Panes Del Rosario, at Anna Mikaela Diche Salmiron, habang sa General Emilio Aguinaldo Hospital naman dinala ang isang 'di kilalang lalaki na tinatayang may edad na 30-40, malaki ang pangangatawan, nakasuot ng kulay dark na t-shirt, short pants at pulang slippers at walang anumang dalang Identification card; at Mojia Rhegie y Carable, 32, ng Blk 252 Lot 4 Jupiter Int St Group 2 Zone 13 Pembo, Makati City, subalit pawang idineklarang dead on arrival.

Sugatan naman at ginamot sa ospital sina Russel Placido Brinas, Floressa Camille Labrada, 27, call center agent; at Ma. Elisa Joyce Dulay y Tan, 23, ng Batasan Hills Quezon City at Rhegie Mojica Y Carble, 32.

Sa ulat, dakong alas-10:00 Lunes ng gabi naganap ang insidente kung saan minamaneho ni Brinas ang kanyang motorsiklo na Honda Click habang angkas nito si Del Rosario at nawalan ng kontrol sa manibela at bumangga sa center island ng Congressional Road, Brgy Lumbreras, General Mariano Alvarez (GMA, na nagresulta sa pagkamatay ni Del Rosario.

Minamaneho naman ni Salmorin ang kanyang motoriskko na Honda Click at angkas nito si Labrada sa kahabaan ng Congressional Road, Brgy Poblacion 4, GMA, dakong alas-3:40 ng hapon at pagsapit sa pinangyarihan ng insidente ay nawalan din ng kontrol sa motorsiklo at sumalpok sa center island ng kalsada na nagresulta sa pagkamatay ni Salmorin.

Binabagtas naman ng isang 'di nakilalang lalaki ang kahabaan ng Purok 1 Conchu-Amadeo Road

Brgy. Conchu, Trece Martires City, sakay ng kanyang motorsiklo na Yamaha Mio Sporty dakong alas-10:45 ng gabi at pagsapit sa palikong bahagi ng kalsada ay nawalan ng kontrol sa manibela at sumalpok sa konkretong poste.

Dahil sa insidente ay tumilapon ito sa madamong bahagi ng lugar at dahil sa walang suot na anumang helmet ay napuruhan ang ulo na dahilan ng kanyang pagkamatay.

Nabatid na nakainom umano biktima.

Minamaneho naman ni Dulay ang kanyang motoriskko na Yamaha Mio Sporty at angkas nito si Mojica sa direksiyon ng Maragondon galing Tanza habang patungo naman sa direksiyon ng Tanza galing Maragondon ang minamanehong Isuzu Closed van ni Jerome Butar y Remojo at pagsapit sa palikong kalsada sa Governor's Drive Brgy San Roque Naic, ay bahagyang pumasok ito sa lane ni Dulay dahilan ng pagsalpuhan ng dalawang sasakyan at nagresulta sa pagkamatay ng angkas sa motorsiklo na si Mojica makaraang masagi ang motorsiklo ng huli. **GENE ADSUARA**

Bahay 'sinalakay' ng 3 totoy

TATLONG hinihinalang miyembro ng Akyat Bahay na pawang menor de edad ang inaresto matapos pasukin ang isang bahay at tangayin ang kulang P100K halaga ng cash at gadget sa Imus City, Cavite Miyerkules ng gabi.

Hawak ng City Social Welfare and Development (CSWD) ng Imus City ang mga suspek na kinilala sa mga alyas na Carl, JR, at Makmak, na inireklamo ni alyas Carlito, ng Jade Residence, Brgy Malagasang 1-C, Imus City.

Sa reklamo ni Carlito, December 26 ay umalis sila ng buong pamilya sa bahay at nagtungo sa kamag-anak sa Alabang, Muntinlupa City para sa family gathering.

Nitong December 27

Guwardiya, dedo sa kabaro

ISANG security guard ang binaril at napatay ng kanyang kabaro matapos na nagtalo dahil sa kanilang duty sa Tanza, Cavite Lunes ng umaga.

Namatay sa pinangyarihan ng insidente ang biktima na si Cerilo Morales, ng Tanza, habang tinutugis naman ang suspek na si alyas Dennis, ng Noveleta. Sa ulat, dakong alas-10:00 ng umaga ay nagkaroon umano ng pagtatalo ang dalawa hinggil sa kanilang

duty sa Casa Amaya South Subdivision sa Brgy Amaya 1, Tanza.

Humantong umano sa mainitang pagtatalo hanggang sa binunot ang service firearm ng suspek at walang sabi-sabing binaril ang kabaro.

Matapos ang pamamaril ay sumakay ang suspek sa kanyang motorsiklo na Rusi at pinasibad papalayo patungo sa direksiyon ng Tanza proper. **GENE ADSUARA**

Babaing tulak, swak sa selda

SWAK sa kulungan ang babaeng tulak matapos maaresto sa kinasang buy-bust operation at nasamsam ang P115K halaga ng shabu sa Bacoor City, Cavite Martes ng gabi.

Kinilala ang naaresto na si alyas Ate, na nasa listahan ng Street Level Individual (SLI).

Sa ulat ni Police Corporal Jerome Asid ng Bacoor City Police, dakong alas-11:00 ng gabi ay nagsagawa ng buy bust operation ang Station Drug Enforcement Unit (SDEU) ng Bacoor City Police sa Block 6 Lot 9, Banuyo St., Phase 2 Camella Springville Brgy Molino 3, na nagresulta sa pagkakaaresto sa suspek. Nakuha sa kanyang pag-iingat ang tinatayang 17 gramo ng hinihinalang

shabu na may street value na P115,600.00, buy bust money at itim na coin purse. **GENE ADSUARA**

Bagong gawang Moriones Museum, magsisilbing tahanan ng mayamang kultura ng Marinduque

BOAC, Marinduque (PIA) -- Tapos na ang konstruksiyon ng bagong gawang museum na matatagpuan sa katabing bahagi ng Moriones Arena sa Barangay San Miguel sa bayan ng Boac, Marinduque. Ayon kay Engr. Gerald A. Pacanan, regional director ng Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH)-Mimaropa, ang Moriones Museum na mayroong dalawang palapag ang magsisilbing tahanan ng mayamang kultura, tradisyon at kasaysayan ng probinsya. "The completion of the two-storey multi-purpose building is dedicated to preserve, showcase, and relive the rich cultural heritage of the province, by offering visitors an immersive experience and opportunity to dive into the history, artistry, and significance of the tangible cultural elements of the province of Marinduque," wika ng pangrehiyong direktor.

Dagdag pa ni Pacanan, kayang mag-accomodate ng nasa 40 hanggang 50 na mga bisita kada araw ang nasabing museum na inaasahang paglalagakan ng iba't ibang sagisag ng kultura at likhangyaman ng lalawigan lalo na ang may kaugnayan sa mga moryon kung saan kilala ang Marinduque.

Ang Moriones Museum na pinondohan nang halagang P25 milyon ng National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) sa pamamagitan ni Cong. Lord Allan Jay Velasco ay bahagi ng mithiin ng ahensya na makapagpatayo

'Modus ng customer' 'di umubra sa sekyu

HINDI umubra sa security guard ng supermarket ang modus operandi ng customer na tinangkang lituhin ang una upang ipuslit ang mahigit P8,000 na pinamili sa Tagaytay City, Cavite Martes ng hapon.

Hawak ng pulisya ang suspek na si alyas Ana dahil sa reklamo ni Ramil Ramos, ng Metro Supermarket.

Sa ulat, dakong alas-7:11 ng gabi ay pumasok ang suspek sa nasabing supermarket na matatagpuan sa Fora Mall Tagaytay at Brgy. Silang Crossing East, Tagaytay City.

Modus operandi ng suspek

ay nagkunwang mamimili at matapos nakapamili ay binayaran nito at dinala sa baggage counter at iniwan doon, gayunman, kumuha siya ng eco bag at muling pumasok sa supermarket at matapos isilid ang pinamili sa eco bag ay pumasok ito sa comfort room, lumabas at kinuha ang eco bag na kanyang binayaran at muling pumasok sa comfort room at doon isinilid ang pangalawa niyang kinuha sa binayarang eco bag saka muling bumalik sa baggage counter at iniwan ang pinamili.

Muli itong pumasok sa comfort room at paglabas ay dumiretso na ito sa exit paglabas dahil upang habulin siya ng security guard na si Analiza Tumbocon.

Hindi naman magawang tumakbo ang suspek dahil may akay-akay na bata.

Narekober mula sa suspek ang tinatayang P8,397.50 na kabuuang halaga na kanyang ipinusulit. **GENE ADSUARA**

Natumbok ng dyip, tepok

PATAY ang isang binata na nasagasaan ng pampasaherong jeepney habang tumatawid sa General Mariano Alvarez (GMA), Cavite Linggo ng gabi.

Isinugod pa sa CARSIGMA Hospital ang biktimang si Reuege Zusuki, nasa hustong gulang, ng Brgy Elises, GMA, subalit idineklarang dead on arrival.

Kinilala ang driver ng pampasaherong jeepney

na may plakang DXK 695 na minamaneho ni alias Ronald, 52.

Sa ulat, dakong alas-9:42 ng gabi naganap ang insidente habang tumatawid ang biktima sa Congressional Road, Brgy Elises GMA, at nasagasaan ng pampasaherong jeepney na minamaneho ni Arnold.

Bagamat naisiugod pa sa ospital ang biktima ay wala na ring buhay ng nakarating ito. **GENE ADSUARA**

2 M4 Assault Rifle, mga bala; nahukay

DALAWANG M4 Assault Rifle at mga bala nito na umano'y mula sa New People's Army at nakabaon sa dating pinagkukutaan nito ang nakuha ng mga militar sa Talaingod, Davao del Norte kamakailan.

Ang pagkakahukay sa mga naturang armas at mga bala sa Sitio Nalubas, Barangay Palma Gil, Talaingod, ay bunsod na rin sa ibinigay na impormasyon sa militar ng dating kasapi ng NPA na umano'y nagbalik loob sa pamahalaan.

Nabatid na kaya isinagawa na lamang ang pagbabaon sa lupa ng mga nasabing armas at mga bala ay bunga ng umano'y kapos na sa mga miyembro ang NPA sa naturang lugar.

Lumilitaw na marami umanong NPA member ang nagpasyang magbalik loob na sa pamahalaan.

Dagdag pa ang mga matatagumpay na operasyon ng militar kontra mga rebelde. **RUBEN LACSA**



(Larawan mula sa PIA)

BJMP ENHANCES MEASURES TO EASE JAIL CONGESTION IN CALABARZON

CALAMBA CITY (PIA)

— The Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) in Calabarzon has committed to modernizing its jail facilities and upskilling its personnel to ensure the safety and welfare of Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDL) under their care.

In an interview with PIA Calabarzon's Sulong Calabarzon program, Jail Chief Supt. Hilbert Flor emphasized their commitment to enhancing the capacity of their jail personnel through a series of training in marksmanship and administrative functions, among others.

"We are continuously enhancing the capability of our jail personnel to ensure the security and safety of PDLs and our jail facilities. We are also modernizing our facilities by installing CCTVs to monitor our jail units," Flor said.

As of December 2023, the BJMP Calabarzon recorded a 600 percent-congestion rate among its 64 operational city, district, and municipal jails. The majority of prisoners are facing drug-related cases equivalent to 70 percent of its total population, followed by crimes against property, crimes against persons, and other index crimes.

"We are coordinating with local government units (LGU) and other agencies to help us construct new and larger facilities where we can transfer the PDLs from our most congested jails," he added.

The BJMP has also

established its partnership with the courts to expedite hearings that will provide them the basis for the PDLs' transfer to institutions managed by the Bureau of Corrections (BuCor) or release of qualified PDLs on recognizance and Good Conduct Time Allowance (GCTA) mechanisms.

Although they have been denied their right to freedom, Flor clarified that PDLs still enjoy their rights to access their basic needs, including decent food, clothing, and the right to receive healthcare services.

PDLs can also exercise their constitutional right to vote provided that they are registered voters and their cases have yet to be decided by the courts, the jail official added.

Flor added: "[The difference is that] PDLs no longer enjoy their right to freedom and go to places they wish. But they still enjoy basic human rights [such as] their access to necessities, food, housing, clothing, [and] medicines."

To ensure their health, the BJMP is also working with the Department of Health (DOH) in providing healthcare services such as vaccines, medicines, bloodletting activities, and medical and dental missions.

"Our regional office has its [own] health service with nurses, [as well as] uniformed personnel who are also nurses that are assigned in our jail offices to monitor the health of [our PDLs]." (PB/PIA-4A)

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Basahin Mo Ito!

Trials and triumphs: Upholding the commitment to serve and protect

MANILA – The year 2023 has proven to be a moment of ups and downs for the Philippine National Police (PNP), as it saw trials and triumphs in fulfilling its mandate to serve and protect – from undertaking an intense crackdown on "narco police officers", dealing with an uptick in election-related incidents, achieving a lower crime rate and top cop seeing a term extension.

Radical cleansing At the start of the year, controversies rocked the police force after Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Secretary Benjamin 'Benhur' Abalos Jr. called on all police colonels and generals to submit their courtesy resignation in a radical move to cleanse the institution of those linked to illegal drugs.

The move came a few months after the October 2022 drug operation in Manila that yielded 990 kg. of shabu worth PHP6.7 billion and led to the arrest of dismissed police master sergeant Rodolfo Mayo Jr., which exposed a drug recycling scheme involving police officers.

A five-member committee composed of retired police general and Baguio City Mayor Benjamin Magalong, then defeated senatorial bet and now Defense Secretary Gilberto Teodoro Jr., then PNP chief Rodolfo Azurin Jr., Office of the Presidential Adviser on Military Affairs Undersecretary for Police Affairs Isagani Nerez and retired Court of Appeals Justice Melchor Sadang screened the courtesy resignations of more than 900 third-level police officials.

On April 10, Abalos revealed that ranking PNP officials were seen in a video footage of the operation. Abalos said some police officers took 42 kg. of shabu before the inventory of the confiscated 990 kg. of illegal drugs based on the CCTV footage.

Just a day after his second State of the Nation Address (SONA), President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. accepted the resignation of 18 third-level officers of the PNP who are allegedly involved in illegal drug activities, based on the recommendation of the National Police Commission Ad Hoc Advisory Group that investigated the matter.

Meanwhile, the advisory group recommended the non-acceptance of the courtesy resignation of 935 other police officials.

The Department of Justice said a panel of prosecutors has been constituted to handle additional complaints arising from the operation.

Higher poll violence incidents; focus crimes down

The number of validated election-related incidents (ERIs) more than doubled for this year's Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections (BSKE) 2023 compared to figures from the previous polls.

PNP spokesperson Col. Jean Fajardo said a total of 105 validated ERIs were recorded during the election period from Aug. 28 to Nov. 29 -- an increase of 65 incidents from 40 validated ERIs during the 2018 polls.

Fajardo, however, said these incidents did not mar the overall electoral process and that no recorded failure of elections nationwide.

Meanwhile, a total of 29 people were killed while 100 others were injured in these incidents. Fajardo said a total of 2,672 persons were also arrested during the implementation of a nationwide gun ban for the BSKE.

From Jan. 1 to Dec. 19 this year, the police force recorded 37,089 focus crime incidents or 8.22 percent lower than the 40,411 incidents logged in the same period in 2022.

Classified as focus crimes are murder, homicide, physical injury, rape, theft, robbery, vehicle theft and motorcycle theft.

The PNP has also recorded a 67-percent drop in focus crimes during this year's Christmas Eve compared to last year.

Based on its data, the PNP said 34 incidents were recorded on Dec. 24 this year as compared to 101 incidents from last year.

Extended tenure For the first time, a sitting President extended the PNP chief's tour of duty for his good handling of internal security initiatives.

President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. has extended the term of PNP chief Gen. Benjamin Acorda Jr. until March 31, 2024. He was supposed to retire from the service upon turning 56 on Dec. 3.

Executive Order 136, series of 1999, recognizes the power of the President to extend the service of presidential appointees beyond the compulsory retirement age for exemplary meritorious reasons.

Acorda, then PNP's director for intelligence, was appointed as the country's 29th top cop on April 24.

Marawi blast On the day of Acorda's supposed retirement, the PNP dealt with another major security incident – the bombing at a Mass inside the Mindanao State University gymnasium in Marawi City that killed four and injured dozens.

On Dec. 6, the PNP identified two members of the Daulah



Bagong buhay

BAGONG TAON ay magbagong buhay....bahagi ito sa isang kanta subalit dapat ay isinasakatuparan at hindi inaawit lamang. Ano nga ba ang babaguhin sa buhay?

Sa tuwing nagpapalit na ng panibagong taon ay kalimitang nasasambit ang katagang magbabago na ako.

Iba-iba ang iniisip at pinaplanong babaguhin pagsapit ng Bagong Taon.

Pero dapat ang numero uno na binabago ay ang pag-uugali at sana ay ginagawa at pinaninindigan. Masasamang dati na ugali ay tama lamang na iwaksi na at sikapin ang tunay na pagbabago.

Lahat naman ay nakagawa ng kasalanan at nagkakamali dahil walang perpekto. Ang isa sa kailangang

baguhin sa pag-uugali ay ang pagkilala at pagtanggap ng pagkakamali.

Nakagawa na ng mali o kasalanan pero lintek pa rin sa taas ng 'ihi' at walang balak humingi ng pasensiya o paumanhin.

Sabi nga sa kanta ay para lumigaya ang buhay dagdag pa ang pagsisikap upang makamtan ang kasaganahan.

Korek naman kaya kung nakasanayan ang pahigahiga at patambay-tambay lang ay kailangang itaguyod ang buhay hindi lamang para sa iyo kundi maging sa kaanak lalo at pamilyado pa.

Ikaw ba ay mayroon ng 'New Year's Resolution'?

Piliitin at sikaping ito o ang mga ito ay gagawin o magagawa para sa bagong buhay.



PUMASOK ang 2024 na sadyang tinangkilik pa rin ng marami nating kababayan ang mga bilog na prutas kahit pa nagtaas ang presyo ng mga ito bago ang pagtatapos ng nakaraang taon. **CHRISTIAN HERAMIS**

Islamiyah-Maute Group as the culprits behind the bombing -- Kadapi Mimbasa alias 'Engineer' and Arsani Membesa alias 'Khatib', 'Hatab' and 'Lapitos'.

On the same day, military troops arrested another suspect in the incident -- Jafar Gamu Sultan alias "Jaf" and "Kurot."

Women power Women have also proven to shine in the police force -- a profession dominated by men. Data from the PNP showed there are 41,780 females serving in the country's law enforcement agency, comprising 18.32 percent of the 228,000-strong police force.

Of the figure, 2,978 are officers while 38,802 are non-commissioned officers. Two ranking female police officers made history this year -- Col. Jean Fajardo, who became the first female chief of the

PNP's Public Information Office and Brig. Gen. Portia Manalad, the director of the Women and Children Protection Center.

Manalad, the sole woman who graduated from her batch in 1995, is the first-ever female police general from the PNP Academy.

She has led numerous operations that led to the rescue of women and children from human trafficking and sexual abuse.

Another female police who was named to a key post is Col. Grace Madayag, the chief of police of Mandaluyong City.

Meanwhile, 14 of the country's 17 police regional offices have female law enforcers as their public information officers. These include the National Capital Region Police Office, represented by its spokesperson, Lt. Col. Eunice Salas. (PNA)