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NAMAMATAY SA TIGDAS SA CALABARZON NADAGDAGAN NA NAMAN

UMABOT na sa 73 ang bilang ng mga namamatay sa tigdas habang umabot na sa 3,077 ang bilang ng kaso sa CALABARZON (Cavite Laguna Batangas Rizal Quezon).

Sa Quick count ng Department of Health (DOH)-CALABARZON nitong alas-8:00 Biyernes ng umaga (Pebrero 22), umabot na sa 73 kaso ng namamatay sa tigdas habang 3,077 ang bilang ng kaso nito.

Nanguna pa rin Rizal sa may pinakamataas na bilang ng namamatay na 51 at may 1,586 na kaso, sumunod ang Cavite na 8 ang namatay at 437 na kaso, Laguna na may 7 bilang ang namatay at 427 na kaso, Quezon na 4 at may 298 na kaso at Batangas na 3 at may329..

Paliwanag ni DOH-CALABARZON Regional Director Eduardo Janairo na ang pagtaas ng bilang ng namamatay ay dahil sa pagkahawa at mahinang immune system ng mga pasyente.

Pinayuhan din ni Janairo ang mga magulang ng mga bata na agapan ang pagpapabakuna sa kanilang anak. **GENE ADSUARA.**

Rider, patay sa van

PATAY ang isang 25-anyos na coffe shop staff nang araruhin ang minamaneho nitong motorsiklo ng isang pick up van na kanyang nakasalubong sa gitna ng kalsada sa Dasmarinas City, Cavite.

Hindi na umabot ng buhay sa Pagamutan ng Dasmarinas City ang biktimang si Jovic Muñoz, 25, binata ng B31 L8 Victoria Reyes, Dasmariñas City habang naaresto naman ng pulisya ang driver ng Chevrolet pick up (UIQ 924) na minamaneho ni Ronnie Berin, 50, ng B51 L1 P3 Brgy Salawag, Dasmariñas City.

Sa report ni PO1 Norman Guerra, ng Dasmarinas City Police Sation, minamaneho ng suspek ang kanyang pick up van habang binabagtas ang kahabaan ng Molino-Paliparan Road, sakop ng Dasmarinas City dakong alas-9:00 Miyerkules ng umaga sa direksiyon ng Paliparan nang pagsapit sa nasabing lugar nang nag-overtake ito sa isang pampasaherong jeepney.

Gayunman sa kanyang pag-overtake ay napadaan ito sa isang basa at madulas na bahagi ng kalsada dahilan upang nawalan ng kontrol ang kanyang manibela at sakupin ang kabilang linya kung saan paparating naman ang minamanehong motorsiklo ng biktima.

Tinangka umanong tumigil ang minamanehong motorsiklo ng biktima subalit hindi na kinayang kontrolin ng driver ng van at salpukin ang biktima.

Isinugod pa ang biktima sa ospital subalit dahil sa lakas ng kanyang pagkakasalpot at hindi na ito umabot ng buhay. **GENE ADSUARA**

12 Katao, 'dakma sa gagamba

SWAK sa kulungan ang labindalawang katao, kabilang ang hepe ng barangay tanod at estdyante matapos na naaresto dahil sa labanan ng gagamba sa Rosario, Cavite.

Kasong paglabag sa PD 1602 o Illegal Gambing ang isinampa laban sa mga naarestong susek na sina Rodelito dela Cruz, 55, tanod ng Brgy. Silangan 1, Rosario; Leandro Mendreje, 25; Eduardo Tan, 37; Arde Abad, 19; Danilo Alcala, 38; Crisanto Baron, 53; Mark Edison Salumba, 31; Joel Anciano, 52; Aubrey Baron, 18, estudyante; Leo Escobilla, 37; Christopher Zapanta, 34 at Joseph Castro, 43, pawang residente ng Rosario.

Sa ulat ni PO1 Lynard Pareja, ng Rosario Municipal Police Station, dakong alas-6:00 ng gabi nang nagsagawa ng operasyon ang Rosario MPS laban sa illegal gambing sa Brgy Bagbag 2, Rosario kung saan naaktuhan ang mga suspek na nagsusugal gamit ang mga gagamba.

Nakuha sa kanilang pag-iingat ang isang kahon na naglalaman ng mga buhay na gagamba at P3,700 na kanilang taya.

Nabatid na madalas umanong nagsasagawa ng tinatawag na "Palaban ng mga Gagamba" sa nasabing lugar kung saan umaabot ng libo ang kanilang pustahan. **GENE ADSUARA**

Gamitin ng wasto ang salapi-BSP

MANILA (PIA)—Muling nagbigay paalala ang Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) sa publiko kaugnay ng wastong paggamit ng ating salapi.

Ayon sa BSP, ang sadyaang pagsira, pagpunit, o pagsunog ng mga salaping papel at barya ng Pilipinas ay may kaparusahang multa na hindi hihigit sa Php20,000 o pagkabilanggo na hindi hihigit sa limang taon ayon sa Presidential Decree No. 247.

Nakasaad din sa naturang batas na ang mga salaping papel at barya ng Pilipinas ay inalabas sa sirkulasyon upang gamitin bilang pambayad o panukli, at ang paggamit nito para sa iba pang layunin ay hindi nagpapakita ng paggalang na naaangkop para sa ating salapi.

Ang mga sumusunod na gawain ay halimbawa ng ipinagbabawal na pagsira ng salapi: pagsusulat o paglalagay ng mga marka sa mga salaping papel at mga barya; sadyang pagpunit, pagsunog, o pagsira, sa anumang paraan, ng salapi ng Pilipinas; labis na pagtupi o paglukot ng mga salaping papel na maaaring magdulot ng pagkalupaypay at pagkasira ng istraktura nito; at sadyang pagbabad ng mga salaping papel o mga barya sa mga kemikal na maaaring magdulot ng pagkasira.

Paalala rin sa publiko na iwasang mag-staple o kaya'y magdikit ng anumang bagay sa mga salaping papel at barya dahil ito ay maaarng makaapekto sa integridad ng istruktura ng salapi.

Hinikayat din ng BSP ang publiko na ipagbigay-alam ang anumang impormasyon ukol sa sadyang pagsira ng salapi sa pinakamalapit na istasyon ng pulis o ahensiyang nagpapatupad ng batas para sa naaangkop na aksyon, o makipag-ugnayan sa Currency Management Sector ng BSP sa telepono bilang (02) 988-4833 at (02) 926-5092. **(BSP)**

PIA, i-Club launch 'Candidates' Hour'

TUGUEGARAO CITY, Cagayan (PIA) - - The Philippine Information Agency, in partnership with the Informers' Club Media Association (i-Club), launched the Candidates' Hour program, Friday (Feb. 15).

PIA-2 Regional Director Purita S. Licas, chair of the i-Club, said the program aims to provide an avenue for all local candidates vying for public office, to present their platforms of government.

"This program will give every candidate the opportunity to inform the public of their thrusts and plans for their constituents. It will also give the voters the opportunity to select the best among the candidates," Licas said.

Lawyer Boris Banawag, legal counsel of the Commission on Elections (Comelec) in Region 2, said the program will enable voter empowerment as it provides channel for the voters to determine who among the candidates have the best agenda in running for a public office.

The Candidates' Hour will run up to April to be conducted at the PIA Conference Hall every Friday from 9:00 am to 10:00 am.

To accommodate all candidates who would be willing to present their platform in the program before the election day, the organizers will set special episodes if needed.

Lawyer Jims Dandy Ramos, Tuguegarao City election officer, further urged the candidates to take the program seriously as it will give them the opportunity to present their platform. He also advised voters, he advised to be wise in selecting their candidates who will be running the government for three years.

Licas, for her part, urged the candidates and the supporters to avoid negative arguments with a their opponents as the program merely aims to provide a venue for candidates to present their own platforms of government. (MDCT/OTB/PIA 2-Cagayan)

LUMUHOD ang suspek na si Regie Balatbat, 21, walang trabaho, nakatira sa Solis st., Tondo, Maynila, sa harapan ng biktimang menor de edad na 14-anyos na babae na umano'y ni-rape nito at ng isa pang suspek na pinaghahanap pa. Nahuli ang suspek sa pamamagitan ng warrant of arrest na dala ng kapulisan ng MPD-DPIOU. (JEROME AMOROSO)

ARESTADO ng Manila Police District District Police Intelligence Operation Unit (MPD-DPIOU) sa pamumuno ni PCI Rix Supremo Villareal, si Regie Balatbat na suspek sa panggagahasa sa biktimang menor de edad na babae. (JEROME AMOROSO)

Magkakamag-anak, 3 pa arestado sa 'bato'

TINATAYANG aabot sa kalahating milyon na halaga ng shabu ang nakumpiska matapos na naaresto ang magkakamag-anak at tatlong iba pa sa magkahiwalay na buy bust operations sa Cavite.

Kinilala ang mga naarestong magkakamag-anak na sina Amenodin Taha, alias "Amen" 20, Farhana Taha, 23 at Nayer Amer y Taha, 25, pawang residente ng Brgy Datu Esmael, Dasmarinas City, Cavite; John Carlo Macarido, Abdulracman Abo at Glen Diega, pawang residente ng Tropical Village, Pabahay 2000, Brg San Francisco General Trias City, Cavite.

Sa report ng Dasmarinas City police, dakong alas-4:50 ng madaling araw nang nagsagawa ng buy bust operation ang mga miembro ng Drug Enforcemnt Unit (DEU) ng Dasmarinas CPS sa Brgy Datu Esmael, na nagresulta sa pagkakaaresto ng magkakamag-anak.

Narekober sa kanila ang 5 hinihinalang sachet ng shabu na tumitimbang ng 62.4 gramo na may street value na P405,600 at buy bust money.

Samantala, arestado rin sina Macarido, Abo at Diega sa isinagawang buy bust operation ng mga miembro ng Geneal Trias City police sa Tropical Village, Pabahay 2000, Brgy. San Francisco dakong alas-4:00 ng madaling araw.

Nakuha sa kanilang pag-iingat ang 6 na hinihinalang shabu na tumitimbang ng 7.1 gramo o may street value na P48,000 at buy bust money GENE ADSUARA

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Kandidato parang produkto

NAKAKATUWA ang ilang umpukan na aking nadaanan minsan.

Usap lang sila tungkol sa halalan na nakatakda sa nalalapit na Mayo.

Ang mga kandidato raw ay maihahalintulad sa isang produkto.

Iyon bang napapanood sa telebisyon na komersiyal ng mga produkto kagaya ng sabon, shampoo, kape at kung anu-ano pa.

Para bang produkto na animo'y nililoko lamang ang mga tao sa sistema ng pag-eendorso.

Sinasabing ang ganitong produkto ay mahusay, mabisa at iba't ibang pang-eengganyo.

Sabagay kung tawagin ito ay market strategy para ang produkto ay bilhin at tangkilikin.

Ang mga nag-endorso ay kalimitang mga artista para nga naman mayroong hatak.

Ang tanong ay ang artista o endorser ba mismo ay gumagamit o ginagamit ang produktong kanilang iniindorso?

Kaya naman naihalitulad ito sa mga kandidato na puro pambobola at pagsisinungaling ang nalalaman.

Kasama sa usap nila ay ang pagboto ng mga baguhang kandidato.

Mas makakalamang daw na ang iboboto nila ay mga bago para baka may ibang pagbabagong mangyari.

Pero depende rin naman daw sa mga lumang kandidato, kung sa alam nila na karapat-dapat pa rin na manatili sa posisyon ay kanilang iboboto.

Ang problema nga lamang ay iilan na lamang sa mga luma o dating kandidato ang karapat-dapat daw.

May punto ang kanilang usap-usap, bakit nga naman iboboto pang muli ang mga dating hindi naman na dapat.

Totoo rin ang usapan nila na mas nakakalamang ang mga kandidatong sikat o kilala.

Dagdag pa kung ito ay mayroong maraming salapi na maaaring maging daan ng kanyang ikakapanalo.

Kaya ang sabi o payo nila ay huwag tingnan ang mga kandidato bilang isang produkto.

Alamin at suriin ang mga bagong sumisibol baka nga naman mas kakailanganin sila ng publiko.

Kandidato parang produkto, hahaha nakakatawa.

ZERO CAVITIES CAMPAIGN 2019: The Provincial Government of Cavite thru the Provincial Health Office in collaboration with Colgate-Philippines gears up for this year's Oral Health Month celebration, promoting the Zero Cavities Campaign of the province on February 15, 2019. Instilling the importance of proper dental care, the dental team headed by Dr. Mary Ann Montenegro visited the pupils of Maduya Elementary School in Carmona and carried out the free fluoride application for children to have stronger teeth and healthy smiles. Likewise, to further raise awareness on the value of good oral health, a puppet show carrying the slogan "Kapag bongga ang smile, bongga ang future" was led by volunteers from Colgate, keeping the participants focused during the event. They also gave away sets of toothbrush and toothpaste for free. The partnership efforts will surely keep Caviteños smiling as the team is set to conduct similar oral health promotion activities on dental caravans to other towns including Rosario, Amadeo and Tagaytay City. The school principal, Ms. Gina Minardo, thanked Governor Boying Remulla and the rest of the team for having chosen their students as beneficiaries of the province's oral health program. **(PICAD)**

EDITORYAL

Mga kaukulang ahensiya, dapat nakahanda

BATAY sa pahayag ng PAGASA ay mararamdaman ang epekto ng El Niño sa bansa sa pagtatapos ng buwan ng Pebrero.

Ayon kay PAGASA Administrator Vicente Malano, ang criteria para maideklara ang simula ng El Niño sa bansa ay narating na.

Isa sa sinasabing criteria ay ang matinding init ng temperatura sa Pacific Ocean.

Senyales din ang halos walang ulan na nararanasan sa iba't ibang panig ng bansa.

Aasahan na natin talaga ang mas mainit na summer season ngayong taon.

May posibilidad na maaaring maramdaman hanggang buwan ng Hunyo ang matinding tag-init.

Dapat ay nakahanda ang mga kaukulang ahensya sa posibleng magiging epekto ng El Niño.

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CAVITE TOWN SLATES MONTH-LONG ANTI-MEASLES IMMUNIZATION

NOVELETA, Cavite — As the spread of the contagious measles disease placed rural health units (RHUs) in the Calabarzon region on heightened alert and monitoring, this smallest Cavite town has slated its month-long free immunization to children in its 16 villages here.

Mayor Dino Reyes Chua and RHU head Dr. Hilda Bucu on Monday announced the free vaccination for measles including anti-polio and vitamin A supplementation for children ages 6 months to 5 years old, saying these vaccines are safe to provide protection for their kids from the measles contagion.

"Nananawagan po ako sa aking mga kababayan dito sa Noveleta, na maaring makipagtulungan sa kani-kanilang mga health centers sa kanilang barangay para sa pagpapabakuna sa kanilang mga sanggol o baby (I am appealing to our Noveleta constituents to seek assistance from their health centers in every barangay for the vaccination of their infants and babies)," Chua said.

The mayor said barangay health workers have been mobilized in the respective villages to embark on house-to-house information campaign to encourage mothers to bring their children to local health centers from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.

They also advised parents to bring the children's vaccination record booklet to properly document and monitor the immunization program.

The health center in Barangay San Rafael IV has scheduled the vaccination on February 19-20, Barangay Salcedo 2 next on February 25-26, and Barangay Santa Rosa 1 on February 27-28.

The vaccination for children in San Juan 2 has been scheduled on March 1; San Antonio 2 - March 4; Poblacion Proper – March 5; San Rafael 3 - March 6-8; Barangay Magdiwang - March 11; Barangay Salcedo 1 - March 12; San Antonio 1 on March 13 – 15 and 18; San Jose 1 on March 19; San Jose 2 on March 20-21; Santa Rosa 2 - March 25; San Rafael 1 on March 26; San Rafael 2 on March 27-28; and San Juan 1 on March 29.

Calabarzon region is composed of five provinces —Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal and Quezon. ***(Dennis Abrina/ PNA)***

Andanar: PCOO officials sent to Europe, part of NTF to End Communist Armed Conflict

QUEZON CITY (PIA)— Communications Secretary Jose Ruperto Martin M. Andanar stressed that officials of the Presidential Communications Operations Office (PCOO) sent to Europe are part of the government's official delegation to clarify the issue on "involuntary disappearances," anti-communist terrorist groups, among others.

In a statement issued Monday (Feb. 18), he clarified, PCOO, being a committee member of the National Task Force (NTF) to End Communist Armed Conflict pursuant to Executive Order 70, provides communications support in terms of messaging and content to the anti-Communist Terrorist Groups efforts.

"The engagement of PCOO in the NTF alongside relevant agencies of gov't in the security cluster is necessary in the adoption of a National peace framework as directed by the President by putting together the context, messaging and communication plan for the whole-of-nation approach to be executed by the NTF," Andanar, in his statement said.

To maximize the official trip, the PCOO delegation found it an opportune time to bring the Press Freedom Caravan in Brussels and Geneva.

"The Communications Department has been holding Press Freedom caravans locally and internationally to bring government closer to Filipinos even those in the international community," Andanar said.

The first caravan in a foreign country was conducted in Bangkok, Thailand last January 2019.

Andanar said the caravan is a side event in-between official meetings with officials from the EU Parliament, Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, UN Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances (WGEID), European Commission, and leaders of the Filipino community.

The Secretary also clarified a radio interview regarding the arrest of Maria Ressa, the chief executive officer of Rappler, that was taken out of context.

"My radio interview was taken out of context. I only used Ressa's case as an example of what might be raised in the caravan; We didn't know much about the Ressa case when we prepared for this trip," the Secretary said.

He clarified that the arrest of Ressa happened two days after the official delegation left for Europe.

"Nobody from the delegation was aware it was coming. In any case, it is just natural for me to instruct the PCOO officials in Europe to answer possible queries about Ms. Ressa," Andanar said.

He assured the public that no public funds are wasted in the official mission which came about from a directive from the National Security Council.

"All engagements in Bosnia, Brussels and Geneva are all part of PCOO mandate to deliver and disseminate information relation to policies, programs, and achievements of the President and Executive Branch," he assured.

He bared that the PCOO may also set up and maintain local and international field offices to ensure that accurate information from the President and the Executive Branch is promptly and efficiently relayed. **(PIA)**

2019 ORAL HEALTH MONTH CELEBRATION CONTINUES IN ROSARIO:With this year's National Oral Health Month theme, "Ngiping Malusog at ProtektaDOH, Masaya at Maningning na Ngiti ang Hatid sa Mundo," 1,300 more pupils from 22 daycare centers in Rosario benefited from the free fluoride application on February 20, 2019 during another leg of dental caravan. The program to promote zero cavity in the province was led by the Provincial Health Office-Dental Department headed by Dr. Mary Ann Montenegro in collaboration with Colgate-Philippines and MHO-Rosario. The children along with their parents were also provided lecture on proper oral healthcare and sets of toothbrush and toothpaste as freebies. (PICAD)

Suspected MERS-CoV patient in Laguna tested negative

CALAMBA CITY (PIA)— The Department of Health-4A said results of the laboratory test on a patient suspected of MERS-CoV yielded negative of the virus.

DOH4A spokesperson Glen Ramos stated that the Research Institute for Tropical Medicine has confirmed the findings last night, February 20.

Before the result was release, the patient suspected to have developed symptoms of the Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus or MERS-CoV remained under monitoring after blood samples were taken for testing.

"The patient is alive," Ramos said dispelling reports that the patient had died.

The 47 year-old male patient from Laguna, who arrived last February 14 from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, is said to have experienced fever and cough and immediately went to the Laguna Doctor's Hospital in Santa Cruz, Laguna as a precautionary measure.

He said the Laguna Doctor's emergency room has resumed operations after it was temporarily shut down for decontamination, a standard procedure in all infectious cases.

"There's no reason to be afraid in going to the hospital," Ramos said.

Since the patient tested negative, it is now clear that MERS-CoV does not exist in the country. **(Joy Gabrido, PIA4A)**

TRUTHFUL UNDERTAKING TOWARDS ENVIRONMENT CONSERVATION: On behalf of Governor Boying Remulla, his brother Governor Jonvic Remulla visited the residents of Barangay Salitran 1 in the City of Dasmariñas on February 15, 2019 as part of the Lingap sa Kalikasan Program initiated by the provincial government of Cavite. Governor Jonvic conveyed his message to the locals and ensured his truthful undertaking in his thrust for a livable community. With him was Wow Pilipinas Representative Patty Keng who also disclosed her willingness to support the programs involving environmental conservation.—(PICAD)

DOH-CALABARZON HOPES TO SLOW DOWN MEASLES CASES BY MARCH

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) — Health officials expect measles cases to drop beginning next month with the government's response measures kicking in.

But for now, the Department of Health (DOH)- Calabarzon monitoring as of February 14 showed that measles cases were still on the rise with 1,645 cases or up by 673 from the previous report of 972 cases on February 9. Deaths were also up from 25 last week to 40 incidents as of yesterday.

In another meeting over the weekend, DOH-Calabarzon Director Eduardo Janairo presented the department's strategies to address the measles outbreak that included surveillance, public awareness and education, vaccination, and taking care of measles patients in health care facilities.

"Because of the severity and the comprehensive coverage of the measles outbreak DOH will be collaborating (with partner-agencies for specific responses)," Janairo said.

The DOH enumerated the responsibilities of each government agency namely:

- Department of Social Welfare and Development will involve their Day Care Workers in ensuring that all their pupils will be vaccinated;

- Department of Education to ensure that all school children will get their dose of measles vaccine;

- Department of the Interior and Local Government to request for the extension of immunization schedules beyond regular hours and provide supplemental immunization activity (SIA) from February to March;

- Department of Transportation to provide transport in times of emergency;

- World Health Organization to assist in the development of checklist for LGUs;

- Armed Forces of the Philippines for the deployment of medical personnel in conflict areas and ensure the safety of personnel;

- Philippine National Police and Bureau of Fire Protection to provide additional personnel and logistical support;

- Philippine Information Agency and private partners for continuous advocacy and awareness promotion.

The DOH targets to vaccinate a total of 430, 292 children in CALABARZON from an estimated population of 15, 936, 725.

The number of children for immunization are as follows: Cavite - 113, 064; Laguna – 90,160; Batangas – 79, 839; Rizal – 87, 019; and Quezon – 60, 210.

"Everyone's cooperation and support are essential to be able to successfully prevent the spread and lessen the cases of measles in the country," Janairo said. **(PIA4A with reports from DOH Calabarzon)**

'Sustainable Agriculture' hangad ng DA na maisakatuparan sa bansa

LLANERA, Nueva Ecija (PIA) — Hinahangad ng Department of Agriculture o DA na gawing kapaki-pakinabang sa mahabang panahon ang mga proyekto at programa ng kasalukuyang administrasyon.

Ito ang ipinahayag ni Secretary Manny Piñol sa kanyang pagbisita sa lalawigan nang pangunahan ang paggawad ng Solar-Powered Irrigation System Project sa mga magsasaka sa bayan ng Llanera.

Aniya, magbago man ang mga nanunungkulan sa bansa ay mananatiling pangunahing pangangailangan ng mamamayang Pilipino ang sapat na suplay ng pagkain.

Kung kaya't hangad ng kagawaran na mapalago ang sektor ng pagsasaka gamit ang makabagong kasanayan at teknolohiyang subok na at tunay na tatagal sa mahabang panahon.

Inihalimbawa rito ng kalihim ang bansang Israel na mayroon lamang humigit dalawang milyong ektaryang lupain at iisang ilog.

Bagamat lamang aniya tayo sa pagkakaroon ng mga likas na yaman ay higit na kinikilala sa larangan ng pagsasaka ang Israel na nangunguna sa buong mundo gamit ang makabagong teknolohiya.

Pahayag ng kalihim, ito ang hangad ng kagawarang maipasa sa mga Pilipino katuwang ang mga eksperto mula sa nabanggit na bansa na pagpapatayo at pagpaparami ng Solar-Powered Irrigation System na layong patubigan ang nasa 2,500 ektaryang bukirin sa bansa.

Sa kanyang pagbisita sa lalawigan ay pormal nang inilipat sa pamamahala ng Caridad Norte and Sur Irrigators Association ng bayang Llanera ang 140-panel Solar-Powered Irrigation System.

Ang naturang pasilidad ay natapos noong Mayo 2018 at sa kasalukuyan ay nakakapag-generate ng 30 to 37 kilowatts upang patubigan ang 50- ektaryang sakahan.

Ayon kay Ginoong Paulino Mimis, pangulo ng samahan, lubos na ipinagpapasamalamat ng samahan ang natanggap na proyekto na nakatutulong ngayon upang mapatubigan ang 120 palayan kumpara sa dating 70 ektaryang bukiring kaya lamang ng kanilang diesel pump irrigation.

Resulta aniya ng pagkakaroon ng maayos na patubig ang mas malaking ani na umaabot sa 120 hanggang 150 cavans ng palay sa kada ektaryang sakahan.

Bago umalis ang kalihim ay kanyang ipinangako ang pagdaragdag ng solar panels para sa pagpapalawak ng proyekto gayundin ang limang-milyong pisong pautang mula sa DA Agriculture Credit Policy Council at pamamahagi ng libreng traktora at combined harvester sa samahan. **(CLJD/CCN-PIA 3)**

SAYANG lang ang pagpapagawa ng footbridge na ito sa lugar ng Nepumuceno st., Quiapo Maynila ng pamahalaan ng nasabing Lunsod, dahil sa hindi naman nadadaanan o nagagamit ng mga taong tumatawid dito kaya't nakakapanghinayang ang nilabas na pondo sa proyektong ito. **(J.ROBERT AMOROSO)**

PNR to use DOST-made train soon; more units eyed

MANILA — Soon, passengers of the Philippine National Railways (PNR) would be able to use the hybrid electric train (HET) made by engineers of the Department of Science of Technology (DOST).

In an interview with the Philippine News Agency (PNA) on Thursday, DOST Secretary Fortunato dela Peña said the HET just needs to undergo some testing, and that Transportation Secretary Arthur Tugade has expressed interest to have more units of the DOST-made train.

"The training of PNR drivers and maintenance personnel will start on the first week of March. (That would be) two weeks training, and another two weeks operating the HET without a passenger," he said.

He added that there is a required 150 hours of validation testing that would take 25 days or one month of 6-hour service operation with passengers.

The possibility of using the HET by April would depend on the PNR, dela Peña said.

At present, there is only one unit of HET from the DOST. Dela Peña said the DOST has always been open to technology adoption. "In the Philippines, of course PNR is the main company (for this train)," he said.

"The good news is that Secretary Tugade expressed his desire to have more units of this DOST hybrid train. Our DOST MIRDC (Metals Industry Research and Development Center) engineers are ready for this should a decision be made," dela Peña emphasized.

He said Tugade did not mention the number of HET units needed, except the trains are for the PNR.

In July 2018, the DOST led a demo run of HET between PNR Dela Rosa station to PNR EDSA station. The activity was part of the National Science and Technology Week observance.

Launched in 2016, the HET is said to be energy-efficient since it is powered by batteries. The train could run at a speed of about 50 kph and could accommodate 220 passengers, according to DOST.

Apart from HET, the DOST has also developed a hybrid road train. **(PNA)**

DOJ chief backs PRRD line on students may lose scholarships

MANILA—Justice Secretary Menardo Guevarra on Thursday sided with the President Rodrigo Duterte's recent pronouncement that students who overtly support terrorist organizations may be validly dropped from the rolls of scholarship.

"The President's statements are legally correct. Mere affiliation or subscription to any leftist ideology is not unlawful; it's when you put this into action by joining or providing support (arms, supplies, recruits etc.) to armed groups seeking to overthrow the duly constituted authorities that makes you an enemy of the state," Guevarra told reporters in a message.

Guevarra underscored that freedom of speech, like freedom of the press, does not enjoy absolute protection.

"If once incites others to sedition, for example, he or she must face the consequences of the felonious act," he said.

"Scholarships are generally determined and maintained by academic standards, but some schools may require that the scholar has no pending case in court or other tribunal. So a scholar who is charged with a crime such as inciting to sedition will be prosecuted and may lose his/her standing as a scholar, depending on the requirements of his/ her particular school," Guevarra added.

President Duterte earlier said students in state-run schools may lose their eligibility for scholarships for overt acts of support for the communist rebels that aim to overthrow the government.

"If they espouse [support against] the very government feeding food on their mouth, they will lose that," Duterte was quoted as saying.

National Youth Commission chairperson Ronald Cardema previously asked the President to issue an executive order removing the scholarships of "all rebellious anti-government scholars" particularly those allied with communist rebels who have been involved in the killing of government troops. ***(PNA)***

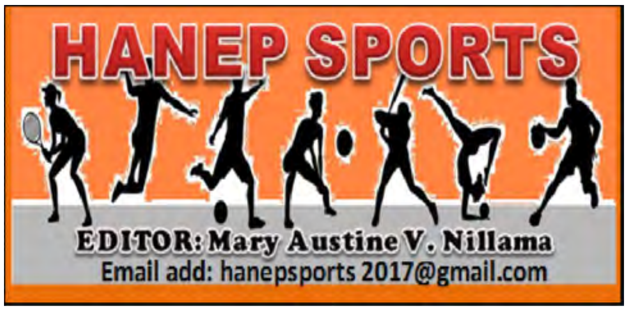
GM Laylo, IM Young, IM Garcia at FM Pacis Susulong sa Patrol Partlist Chess

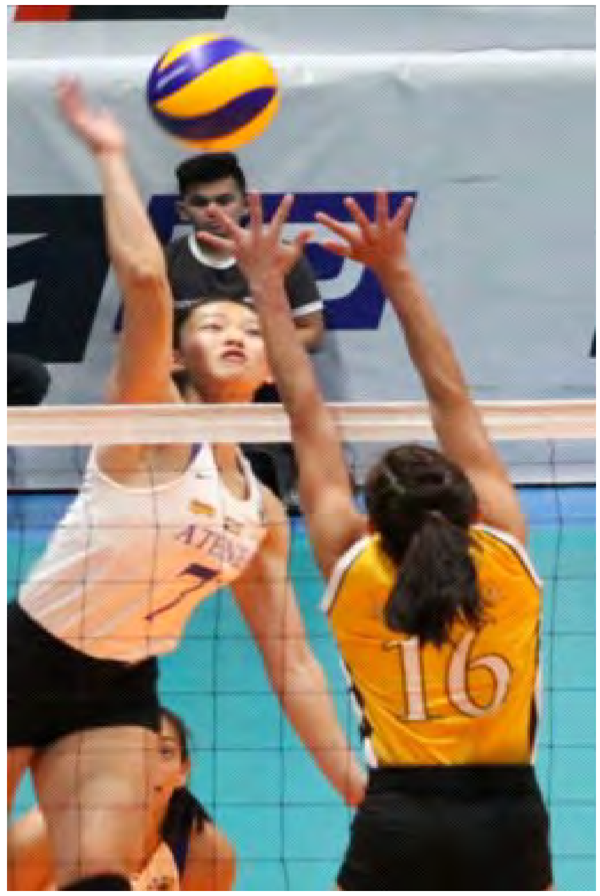
INAASAHANG mapapalaban ng husto ang Patrol (60) Party list chess team ni International snooker/billiards champion Marlon "Marvelous Captain" Manalo kontra sa mga paboritong koponan nina Grandmaster Darwin Laylo, eight times Illinois, USA champion International Master Angelo Young, International Master Jan Emmanuel Garcia at kauna-unahang Fide Master (FM) sa buong mundo na si Adrian Ros Pacis sa paginog ng 1st Coach Idle Datu at Atty. CB Beltran Tatlohan Chess Team Tournament na iinog sa third floor ng Alphaland Southgate Mall, Edsa Magallanes sa Makati City.

Ang Patrol (60) Party list chess team na suportado ni International snooker/billiards champion Marlon "Marvelous Captain" Manalo ay rerendahan nina National Master/United States chess master Almario Marlon Bernardino Jr., United States chess master Jose "Jojo" Aquino Jr., at Genghis Katipunan Imperial ay sariwa pa sa pagsalo sa ika-5 hanggang ika-8 puwesto sa Hon. Alfredo "Fred" De Veyra III Cup Open Chess Team Tournament na ginanap nitong Enero 20, 2019 sa Alphaland Southgate Mall, Edsa Magallanes sa Makati City.

Ang iba pang koponan na nakatutok sa P40,000 plus trophy na magsisilbing punong abala sina Coach Idle Datu at Atty. Chris "CB" Beltran ng 3rd district ng Maynila ay ang San Beda University chess team, Ateneo High School chess team, University of Sto. Tomas chess team, University of the East chess team, MSI Konstruct chess team, Laurence Wilfred "Larry" Dumadag chess team, Virgilio Alba chess team, Kevin Arquero chess team, Jun Panopio chess team at team manager Samson Go ng National University chess team.

May nakalaan din sa second hanggang fifth placers na cash prizes worth na tig P25,000, P15,000, P10,000 at P7,000, ayon sa pagkakasunod sa National Chess Federation of the Philippines (NCFP) sanctioned event na pangangasiwaan naman ng Chess Arbiter Union of the Philippines (CAUP) sa pangunguna ni Fide National Arbiter Alexander "Alex" Dinoy. **(Marlon Bernardino)**





UAAP WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL - BUMIRA ng pag bomba si Ateneo spiker Mae Tolentino sa harap ng depensa ni Ejya Laure ng UST habang nasa kainitan ng laro nila sa UAAP Season 81 Women's volleyball sa Fil Oil Flying V Centre tagumpay ang Ateneo sa UST ng 3 set 25-21, 25 - 18, 16-25, 25 - 22. **(RGN)**

PBA RETURN OF THE RIVAL - ILAN lamang ang tagpong sa pagitan ng San Miguel Beer at Alaska sa unang laro para sa Return of the Rival ng PBA sa Smart Araneta Coliseum. **(RGN)**

Suyamin nanguna sa GM Eugene Torre Cup

PANGUNNGUAHAN ni Philippine whiz kid Bonjoure Fille Suyamin, grade 3 pupil ng Del Rosario Christian Institute mula General Trias City, Cavite ang mga finalist sa GM Eugene Torre Cup Elementary & High School Chess Championship sa Mayo 18, 2019 na gaganapin sa Mapua Gym, Intramuros, Manila.

Makakasama ni Suyamin na finalist na dumaan sa qualification tournament sa Chess Education for Age_Group (CEFAG) at isa sa pambato ni PH chess coach Ederwin Estavillo na nagpakitang gilas sa Thailand Pattaya Youth Chess Championship 2018 na ginanap sa Bay Beach Resort Pattaya, Banglamung, Chin Buried sa Pattaya, Thailand nitong Oktubre 20 hanggang 24, 2018, sa main draw ng Elementary division ay sina Vince Pascual, Lemuel Adena, Mar Aviel Carredo, Al-Basher Buto, Hanz Pangan, John Matthew Alvarado, Karlycris Clarito Jr.Juncin Estrella,Dennis Jocel Mendoza, Dennis Jomari Mendoza, Gio Troy Ventura, Jersey Marticio, Genesis Jahk Andres, Clark Jimuel Cabatian, Joel Sebastian, King Christian Tabuzo, Charlemagne Romanillos, Relghie Columna at John Martin Firmalino.

Ito ay inorganisa ng Mapua FilChi Alumni Association sa magiting na pamumuno ni FIL-CHI President Engr. Edmond Aguilar sa pakikipagtulungan nina Past NAMA & FIL-CHI President Engr. George Ong-Tan, NAMA EVP & Past President of FIL-CHI Engr. Joseph Cua, FIL-CHI VP Richard Chan, Former Mapua Chess Champion Engr. Nelson Salazar, Engr. Bong David, Past President FIL-CHI Engr. Elias Ang. (MARLON BERNARDINO)

ANTI-DOPING - SI (nasa dulong kaliwa) PHI-NADO Philippine National Anti-Doping Head Dr. Alejandro V. Pineda sa kanyang mga pahayag patungkol sa Anti-Doping sa bansa partikular sa larangan ng palakasan kung saan magaganap sa bansa ang 30th SEA Games kasama sa larawan ang mga opisyal na sina WADA Director Tom May, WADA Regional Director Kazuhiro Yahashi, at SEA RADO Director General Gobinathan Nair. makaraang ganapin ang dinner fellowship kasama ang Philippine media sa Pan Pacific Hotel Ariatico Malate, Manila. **(RGN)**

MPBL - TINALAKAY ni Kenneth Duremdes MPBL Commissioner ang magaganap na All-Star festivities sa Marso 2 sa Mall of Asia Arena, Pasay. City na ilan lamang sa naging topics ng TOPS Usapang Sports sa NPC Intramuros **(RGN)**

IMUS LAUNCHES GREEN SCHOOL PROJECT

IMUS CITY, Cavite — The city government has launched the implementation of the greening concept including public schools here to promote environmental protection.

The legacy project of Mayor Emmanuel Maliksi takes an integrated approach in promoting sustainable development through installation of solar panels, rainwater harvesters, sewage treatment plant, and providing e-vehicles for all public schools.

"Gusto nating ipakita dito hindi lang sa paaralan, kungdi sa buong lungsod na ang inyong mga opisyal ay me pagpapahalaga sa kalikasan," (what we want to show here, not just in schools but in the whole city, that your officials put value on environment)," Maliksi said as he led the launching ceremony at the main campus of Imus City National High School on Monday.

Maliksi said the project will help promote renewable sources of energy, improve water quality, as well as water and energy conservation.

"May this serve as an inspiration for other institutions to be in the forefront of helping our environment," he said.

The mayor now leaves it to the Department of Education (DepEd) to institutionalize the project that will enable the schools to produce their "very own eco-friendly culture" and ensure the creation of eco-friendly leaders for the next generation.

Maliksi and Vice Mayor Arnel Cantimbuhan and DepEd Imus City officer-in-charge (OIC), Superintendent Dr. Hermogenes Panganiban, signed the memorandum of agreement (MOA) for the project.

Noemi Paranada, OIC Regional Director of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), commended the city's efforts in serving as the agency's partner in promoting plans and programs for the environment.

"As the city continues to grow, it is not only moving forward in terms of productivity and competitiveness, but also cleaner, liveable and sustainable," she said.

After Monday's launch, information dissemination would make the public become more aware of the project before they convene all stakeholders to plan, implement, and monitor programs for the greening of institutions.

The greening project has an appropriate incentive scheme for its sustainability. ***(Gladys Pino-PNA)***

IMUS CITY 'GREEN SCHOOL' PROJECT – City mayor Emmanuel Maliksi (2nd from right), along with vice mayor Arnel Cantimbuhan (rightmost) and other Department of Education (DepEd) signatories, flash the thumbs-up sign following the forging of the memorandum of agreement (MOA) on the green school program at the Imus National High School (INHS) main campus on Feb. 18, 2019. ***(Photo courtesy of Imus CIO)***

Expanded Maternity Leave to cost SSS P7.5-B more

MANILA — The Expanded Maternity Leave law, which was signed into law last February 20, is expected to cost the Social Security System (SSS) an additional PHP7.5 billion in benefits.

In a briefing Thursday, SSS President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Emmanuel Dooc said this amount is on top of the PHP6 billion in maternity benefits disbursed in 2017.

Some 289,000 SSS members received maternity benefit in 2017.

As of end-September 2018, SSS disbursed about PHP5.2 billion worth of maternity benefits and this was extended to 241,680 members.

Dooc said they will look for ways to fund this additional benefit even as the state-run pension fund for private sector workers can now impose a hike in monthly contributions following the signing into law of Republic Act (RA) 11199 or the Social Security Act of 2018.

RA 11199 strengthens the pension fund's actuarial life since the mandated additional one percentage point increase in contribution from the current 11 percent, scheduled to be implemented this year, will bring in about PHP31 billion in contribution collections.

This, in turn, will extend the actuarial life of SSS from 2038 to 2045.

Under the Expanded Maternity Leave law, pregnant workers will have 105 days of paid maternity leave, 7 days of which are transferable to fathers.

It gives single mothers additional 15 days leave while a 30-day extension can be made but this will be without pay.

Also, the expanded leave does not discriminate whether the member has already exceeded four pregnancies.

Out of the 11 percent combined contribution of both the members and their employers, only 0.4 percent is allocated for maternity benefit to date.

Dooc said this share should have been increased to 0.5 percent when the maternity leave was increased to 60 days from 45 days for normal delivery and to 78 days from 60 days for caesarian delivery.

He explained that with the deficiency the contribution should be hiked by as much as 0.6 percent.

He said that Taguig Congresswoman Pia Cayetano, who is one of the measure's authors, has given assurance that SSS has the authority under the expanded maternity leave to increase contribution to address the additional cost. ***(PNA)***

Rice prices seen to drop by at least P7 due to tariffication law

MANILA - The prices of rice are expected to decrease by P2 to P7 per kilo following the signing of the tariffication law by President Rodrigo R. Duterte, the Department of Finance (DOF) said on Tuesday.

"The implementation of the rice tariffication law is vital to the national interest and it should be done as soon as possible," DOF Assistant Secretary Tony Lambino said in the weekly economic briefing in Malacañang.

Lambino allayed the fears of farmers' groups that the new law will be disadvantageous to them.

"Ang gusto po nating gawin (What we want to do) is through rice tariffication iyong makakalap po nating taripa ay para sa mga magsasaka lamang at iyan po ay naka-earmark po based on the law (tariffs collected are solely for farmers and it will be earmarked based on the law)," he said.

Lambino expressed confidence that local farmers will be able to compete internationally following the signing of the law.

He cited data from the National Economic Development Authority that showed 57 provinces are rice growing and have the potential to be internationally competitive adding some areas are already competitive.

"Because of better productivity and the use of technology and agricultural sciences ay makakalaban po ang maraming lugar sa Pilipinas na rice growing (many rice-growing places in the Philippines can compete)," he said.

Aside from lowering the prices of rice in the country, Lambino said the law's passage is also seen to lower inflation significantly by 0.6 percentage point based on estimates from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas.

Lambino said the tariffication of rice in the country has been delayed for more than 20 years already.

"Dalawang extension na po ang binigay sa atin (We have already been given two extensions), based on our international commitments to the WTO. So since 1996 ay humingi na po tayo ng (we have been asking for) special treatment for rice and we have been saying that we will improve productivity before we tariffy," Lambino said.

"So we are now fulfilling our international commitment para po (so that) we are true to our word and also, so that we do not run the risk that other countries will retaliate in terms of tariffs on other Filipino products. So we really needed to do this," he added.

Lambino said the National Food Authority (NFA), which previously had the monopoly in importing rice, will restructure and handle emergency buffer stocking under the new rice tariffication law.

Duterte signed the rice tariffication bill into law last Friday.

The signing will result in a switch from the current quota system in importing rice to a tariff system, where rice can be imported more freely. ***(PNA)***

PGC INTENSIFIES ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS: In the aim to cultivate environmental awareness and protect nature for future generation, Cavite Governor Atty. Jesus Crispin "Boying" C. Remulla led the conduct of Kalinga sa Kalikasan at Southville Subdivision Phase 2 Covered Court in Brgy. Aguado, Trece Martires City on February 18, 2019. The chief executive elaborated the positive impact of working as one in pursuing a common goal to have a clean and healthy environment. Along with him were Governor Jonvic Remulla, Indang Councilor Ping Remulla and Tanza Councilor Lito Langit who also shared their insights on the current state of the environment and the call to save it. — (PICAD)

MUSIKA LABIS NA MAHAL NI CATRIONA GRAY

HINDI maikakaila at sadyang binabanggit ni 2018 Miss Universe Catriona Magnayon Gray ang kanyang labis na pagmamahal sa musika.

Mabilis ang pagtakbo ng mga araw at mamamalayan na lamang na matatapos na ang termino ni Catriona.

Well, dahil labis na mahal ni Catriona ang musika ay tututok siya sa kanyang singing career after her term.

Music is one of the most loved hobby ni Catriona, kinahihiligan niya itong gawin.

Si Catriona ay mayroong Master Certificate in Music Theory mula sa Berklee College of Music sa Boston.

Alam naman natin na bago pa ang kanyang pagsabak sa pageant ay kilala na siyang singer at model.

Hindi ba at inilabas din ang music video niya na 'We're In This Together.'

Ito ay bilang pagsuporta ni Catriona sa Young Focus organization.

Speaking of youth o bata, mukhang hindi pabor ang ating Miss Universe 2018 na ibaba ang minimum age of criminal responsibility.

May punto naman siya na kailangan ay isentro ng bansa ang pagtukoy sa mga dahilan at nakakagawa ng krimen ang isang bata.

Aniya, maaaring isa sa mga dahilan ay dulot ng kapaligiran nito.

Malapit sa puso ni Catriona ang mga bata lalo at nagsosolo lamang siyang anak.

Dati ng aktibo si Catriona sa mga programa na nakakatulong sa mga bata partikular ang mga mahihirap.

First Christmas ni Catriona as Miss Universe last year, hindi ba ang kanyang sa publiko ay pasayahin ang mga bata kahit sa simpleng regalo.

Daan ito sa pagkakaroon ng positive outlook ng mga bata sa sa buhay sa pagpasok ng 2019.

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BABY BOY FOR MIRIAM

It's ang baby boy for Miriam Quiambao, napakalusog na sanggol.

Congrats sa iyo Miriam at sa iyong husband na si Ardy Roberto.

Bumuhos ang pagbati sa aktres sa kanyang mga kasamahan sa showbiz.

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PANALO SA PUSO NG MGA PINOY

Kahit bigo ang Pinay young aspiring singer na si Angelica Bolando Hale sa pagkatalo sa ginanap na finals ng America's Got Talent (AGT): The Champions ay panalo pa rin siya sa puso ng mga Pinoy.

Tanggap naman ng 11-anyos na si Angelica ang kabiguan kasabay ng pahayag na siya ay bilib sa talento ng magician na si Shin Lim, na tinanghal na kampeon.

Tama ka Angelica sa pagsasabing ikaw ay 'luckiest girl in the world.'

Mabuhay ka iha, congrats!

Ikinararangal ka ng lahat.

(ika- 105 labas)

KUNOT ang noo ni Lyka habang kinakausap si Kardo pero hindi naman siya nagagalit.

"Tatakbo ka lang din naman bakit di pa sa mas mataas na posisyon, ayoko ng vice mayor."

Desidido talaga si Kardo na manatili pa sa larangan ng pulitika.

Pero naguguluhan si Kardo kung ano nga bang posisyon ang kanyang tatakbuhin.

Napapalapit na ang paghahain ng kandidatura kaya kailangang makapagpasya na siya.

'Mayor…mayor…mayor…'yan ang tatakbuhin mo. Ako ang sundin mo."

Ipinipilit ni Lyka kay Kardo na mayor ang kailangan niyang tatakbuhin.

Sa puntong ito medyo nahihirapang magpasya si Kardo dahil iba naman ang suhestiyon ng kanyang misis.

Kung si Inday ang tatanungin at masusunod ay mas nais niyang vice mayor lamang ang takbuhin ng kanyang mister.

Mistulang naiipit si Kardo sa dalawang batong nag-uumpugan, sa pagitan nina Inday at Lyka.

Sino nga ba ang kanyang pakikinggan at susundin, ang tunay na asawa o ang ibang babae o kabit niya?

Kung tutuusin ay pareho naman napakinggan na ni Kardo ang bawat paliwanag ng dalawa.

Nabanggit naman ni Inday ang mga dahilan kung bakit mas kailangang vice mayor lamang ang dapat niyang takbuhin.

Naipaliwanag naman din ni Lyka ang mga oportunidad bakit itinutulak siyang maging mayor.

"Sa pagkakataong ito ay ako ang sundin mo, uulit-ulitin ko sa 'yo na mananalo kang mayor."

Hindi tumatango o sumasagot si Kardo kay Lyka dahil kailangan pa rin niyang makapag-isip mabuti.

"Hayaan mo muna akong makapag-isip-isip, nalilito pa ako sa ngayon."

Hindi naman muna pinilit ni Lyka si Kardo subalit mahigpit talaga ang kanyang bilin na sundin siya.

"Ayoko…ayoko…basta ayoko ha."

(Itutuloy)

(ika-104 labas)

HINDI kaanu-ano o kadugo ni Aling Tita ang tatlong magkakapatid subalit sariling pamilya na ang turing niya sa mga ito.

"Tumatanda na rin ako at nais kong mas lalong sumaya ang bahay na ito 'pag mayroong mga bata na."

Ang hiling pala ni Aling Tita na kung magkakaroon ng kanya-kanyang pamilya ang tatlo ay sama-sama pa rin sila sa bahay.

"Aayusin natin ang bahay na ito para kahit paano ay mayroon kayong sari-sariling ginagalawan."

Kumbaga ay parang isang compound na magkakadikit lamang at hindi sa iisang bubong.

"Naku Bert, bilis-bilisan mo na."

Napunta naman kay Bert ang usapan at sa kakakulit ni Aling Tita ay napaamin itong may niliigawan na rin naman siya.

"Ang 'di lamang pupuwede ay magiging sukob kayong tatlo o kahit dalawa lamang sa inyo."

Naniniwala pa rin si Aling Tita sa mga kasabihan o pamahiin na hindi puwedeng magkasukob o magkasabay ang kasal ng magkakapatid sa loob ng iisang taon lamang.

"Auntie ayos lang naman sa akin kahit mauna na si Jerome magpakasal."

"Pagkatapos pakasal nina Jerome at Maribeth ay kami naman ng nililigawan ko ang pakakasal."

Sa pagbibida ni Bert ay bahagya siyang biniro ni Aling Tita sa pagsasabing kung sasagutin ito ng niliigawan.

"Si auntie naman, wala po kayong kabilib-bilib sa akin ah."

Sabi ni Bert kay Aling Tita ay napakalaki ng kanyang tsansa na mapasagot ang niliigawan niya.

"Maganda ang record mo bilang isang abogado, marami ka na ring accomplishments."

Kay Dagul naman napunta ang usapan, na ang nais ding tumbukin ni Aling Tita ay ang pag-aasawa nito.

"Hahayaan ko muna sina Bert at Jerome na makapag-asawa, sila muna po auntie."

Ikinatwiran ni Dagul na may mga nais pa siyang patunayan sa kanyang propesyon.

"Manananggol…mananatili po ako auntie bilang isang manananggol."

Sabi ni Dagul ay wala naman siyang hangad na umakyat pa sa mas mataas na estado.

Hindi raw siya interesado na maging isang piskal at lalong wala sa kanyang hangad para maging isang judge.

"Mananatili po ako bilang isang mananaggol. Gagawin koi to 'dun sa alam kong karapat-dapat na ipagtatanggol."

(Sundan)

DOST-NCR STILL HAS 27 LOAN ASSISTANCE SLOTS FOR MSMEs IN 2019

MANILA —The Department of Science and Technology - National Capital Region (DOST-NCR) still has 27 slots to fill up this year under the DOST's Small Enterprises Technology Upgrading Program (SETUP), an executive told the Philippine News Agency (PNA) on Tuesday.

SETUP is DOST's nationwide program that aims to encourage and assist micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in adopting technological innovations to improve their products and operations.

Through SETUP, the DOST helps improve the MSMEs' productivity and competitiveness by providing them a loan that is payable in three years.

DOST-NCR PAMAMARISAN (Pasig, Marikina, Mandaluyong, San Juan) Cluster Director Oscar Sevilla said DOST-NCR has a total of 64 SETUP slots to fill up this year.

"About 37 applications are already for approval. So we can still accommodate 27 enterprises," he said.

Sevilla clarified that the 64 slots he was referring to include financial aid. "We provide other technical assistance under SETUP. That includes assistance in packaging, etc. We provide a lot of technical assistance, but for the slots where we could aid the enterprises financially, we (DOST-NCR) only have 64," he said.

To inform the public of the DOST's programs and the assistance it could provide, Sevilla said the DOST-NRC conducts a "roadshow" yearly.

During roadshows, the DOST-NCR invites officials and the media to visit some of the SETUP beneficiaries.

"We do this (roadshow) to showcase the programs that we provide to the industry, community and the academe," he said.

Sevilla noted that the DOST-NCR also uses this roadshow to find potential partners or SETUP beneficiaries. "We also showcase this to the academe for possible collaborative R&D (research and development)," he added.

On Tuesday, DOST-NCR representatives and Secretary Fortunato dela Pena visited five MSMEs who were SETUP beneficiaries.

They visited Aretei Foods Corp., Bristol Shoes, Twinville Homeowners' Association Inc., TJ Milky Mushroom and Marikina Mushroom Coop (a beneficiary of DOST's Community Empowerment through Science and Technology program).

"It is important for us to show the impact of DOST's programs among those we have helped," Sevilla remarked. ***(PNA)***

SC upholds 3rd martial law extension

MANILA — The Supreme Court (SC) on Tuesday ruled to uphold the constitutionality of Malacanang's Proclamation No. 216 extending martial law and suspending the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus in Mindanao.

In a briefing, SC Public Information Office (PIO) chief, lawyer Brian Keith Hosaka, announced the decision which was written by Asssociate Justice Rosmari Carandang after the high court's regular en banc session.

Nine magistrates voted to dismiss the four petitions questioning the proclamation, while a minority of four justices voted against the suits.

"The Supreme Court ruled to uphold the constitutionality of the extension of the declaration of martial law and the suspension of the privilege of writ of habeas corpus in Mindanao until December 31, 2019," Hosaka said.

Chief Justice Lucas Bersamin, Associate Justices Diosdado Peralta, Mariano Del Castillo, Estela Perlas-Bernabe, Andres Reyes Jr., Alexander Gesmundo, Jose Reyes Jr., Ramon Paul Hernando and Carandang voted to dismiss the suits.

On the other hand, Senior Associate Justice Antonio Carpio and Associate Justices Marvic Leonen, Francis Jardeleza and Alfredo Benjamin Caguioa were in the minority.

The four petitions were filed by lawmakers led by Albay Rep. Edcel Lagman, militant party-list lawmakers led by Bayan Muna party-list Rep. Carlos Isagani Zarate, a group led by former Comelec chair Christian Monsod, and that of lumads from Mindanao assisted by the Free Legal Assistance Group (FLAG).

They argued that the extension of martial law is unconstitutional as it failed to satisfy public safety requirement under the 1987 Constitution.

Last December 12, Congress voted to re-extend the martial law in the region up to the end of this year.

State lawyers cited data from the Armed Forces of the Philippines on active terrorist groups.

The military said Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG) still has as a total of 424 members with 473 firearms who are scattered in 138 barangays in Basilan, Sulu, Tawi-Tawi and Zamboanga On the other hand, the Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters (BIFF) has 264 members with 254 firearms and affecting 50 barangays.

The Daesh-affiliated Maute, Maguid and Turaifie groups have around150 members with various firearms.

The report said they are scatted in at least 204 barangays in Mindanao.

He also noted that the New People's Army continues to rise publicly and take up arms against the government. ***(PNA)***

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PHILIPPINE SAVINGS BANK,
Mortgagee,

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-440-18

-versus-

SPS. LUISITO AMARILLE ESPANTO
and JANILYN DE SAGUN ESPANTO
Mortgagors.
X -x

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed by Mortgagee **PHILIPPINE SAVINGS BANK** with business address at PS Bank Center, 777 Paseo de Roxas corner Sedeño Street, Makati City against the Mortgagors, **JANILYN DE SAGUN ESPANTO, for herself and as Atty-in-Fact of LUISITO AMARILLE ESPANTO,** with residence and postal address at Blk. 37, Lot 44, Jacinth St., Crystal Aire Subd., San Francisco,Gen. Trias City, Cavite to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of December 17, 2018 amounts to **ONE MILLION SIX HUNDRED THIRTY EIGHT THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FOURTEEN PESOS and 86/100 (P1,638,614.86),** Philippine Currency, including interest, penalties and other charges as of said date but exclusive of all other expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on **March 19, 2019** at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at the main entrance of the Government Center Building located at the Provincial Capitol Compound, Trece Martires City, to the highest bidder for **CASH** and in Philippine Currency, the following described properties with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE No.1363859

A parcel of land (Lot 44, Block 37 of the subd. plan Psd 0042108-076214, being a portion of Lot 2, Pcs-042108009239, LRC Rec. No.__), situated in Brgy. Elang, Mun. of Gen. Trias, Prov. of Cavite, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the NW., along line 1-2 by Lot 42, Block 37; on the NE., along line 2-3 by Alley 3; on the SE., along line 3-4 by Road 13; and on the SW., along line 4-1 by Lot 43, Blk.37, all of the subd. plan. Beginning at a point marked "1" on plan. **x x x containing an area of ONE HUNDRED NINETEEN (119) SQUARE METERS x x x**

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

In the event of public auction should not take place on the said date and time, it shall be held on **March 26, 2019** without further notice.

Trece Martires City, **February 4, 2019**

LUCIO C. ALEJO III
Sheriff IV

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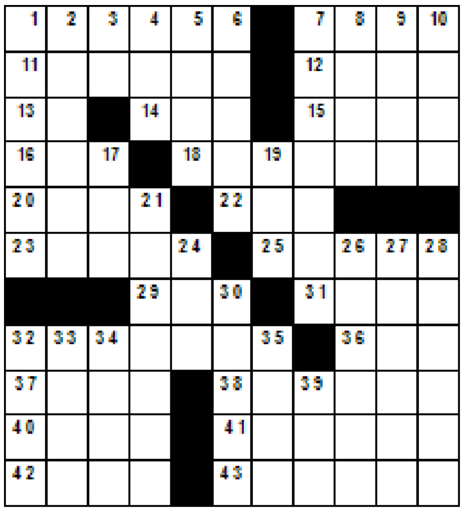

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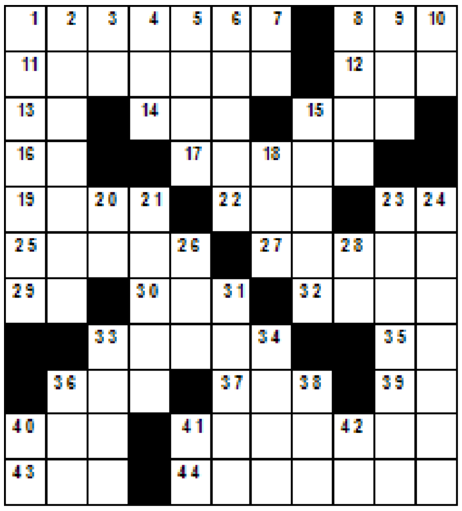

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E-TRIKES MULA SA DOE DUMATING NA SA BROOKE'S POINT PALAWAN

PUERTO PRINCESA, Palawan (PIA) — Dumating na sa Bayan ng Brooke's Point noong nakaraang linggo ang 50 unit ng E-Trikes mula sa Department of Energy (DOE) sa ilalim ng Energy Efficient Vehicles Project o "E-Trike Project".

Ang nasabing mga E-Trikes ay nagkakahalaga ng nasa mahigit P22 milyon, ngunit ibinigay ito ng libre ng DOE sa nasabing lokal na pamahalaan dahil sa pagkakapili nito bilang pilot area ng 'Urban Green City' sa buong lalawigan.

Ayon kay Mayor Maryjean Feliciano, nasa proseso na ang kanyang tanggapan ng pagpili ng mga magiging benepisyaro ng proyektong ito sa pamamagitan ng rent-to-owned scheme. Aniya, priyoridad dito ang mga tricycle driver na walang sariling sasakyan o 'yong mga tricycle driver na nakiki-boundary lang at dapat miyembro ito ng mga TODA.

Dagdag pa ni Mayor Feliciano, sa kanilang pag-aaral ay nasa mahigit P200 kada araw lamang ang magiging arkila ng bawat isang E-Trikes na kung saan ay halos katumbas lamang ito ng arkila o boundary ng isang tricycle kada araw at magiging pag-aari na ito ng isang benepisyaryo kapag natapos na niyang nabayaran ito sa loob ng tatlong taon.

Hinikayat naman ni Mayor Feliciano ang mga mamamayan ng Brooke's Point at mga bisita na tangkilikin ang mga bumibiyaheng E-Trikes. Aniya sa pamamagitan ng pagsakay sa E-Trikes ay nakakatulong na agad ang bawat isa sa pangangalaga ng kalikasan dahil ang mga e-trike ay hindi maingay at hindi rin nagbubuga ng usok. **(OCJ/PIA-Mimaropa, Palawan)**

Makikita sa larawan ang ilan sa mga E-Trikes mula sa Department of Energy (DOE) na ibinigay sa Lokal na Pamahalaan ng Brooke's Point, Palawan. Dumating ito nito lamang nakaraang linggo. **(larawan mula kay Romeo Tan ng Brooke's Point, Palawan)**

PGC TAKES PART IN THE 2019 1st QUARTER NSED: Cavite Provincial Government employees as well as those of the national agencies within the provincial capitol compound in Trece Martires City took part in the 2019 1st Quarter Nationwide Simultaneous Earthquake Drill (NSED) on February 21, 2019. The disaster response exercise led by the Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (PDRRMO) aims to raise public awareness on the possible risks and guide employees on the proper response during an earthquake in line with the government's #BidaangHanda campaign. Everyone was advised to remain calm and observe the duck-cover-hold technique under desks, tables and chairs and stay away from falling objects to ensure their safety and security. The drill lasted for 30 minutes which was actively participated by PGC employees. Meanwhile, the next earthquake drill is expected in June. — **(PICAD)**

PRO-Cor recognizes 9 police officers

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet (PIA) — The Police Regional Office – Cordillera(PRO Cor) recognized nine police officers for their accomplishments in the campaign against illegal drugs recently.

Entrepreneur David Sanchez, guest of the PRO-Cor flag raising and Distinguished Visitors Program last week, led the awarding of the Medalya ng Kagalingan and the Medalya ng Papuri to the recipients. He was assisted by PRO-Cor Regional Director PCSupt. Rolando Nana and Deputy Regional Director for Administration PCSupt. R'win Pagkalinawan.

Awarded the Medalya ng Kagalingan were Supt. Radino Belly, Senior Police Officer 2 (SPO2) Geofrey Langbayan, and SPO1 Benafin Dayucong, Jr for the successful implementation of anti- illegal drugs operations in Kayapa, Bakun and Tacadang, Kibungan in Benguet last month.

Senior Inspector Edwin Sergio, SPO1 Melvin Llanes, and SPO1 Arsenio Vidal received the same award for the successful service of search warrant against Jomar Barbosa Purugganan a.k.a Mamay. This resulted in the confiscation of 21 pieces of heat sealed transparent plastic sachet containing shabu, Php81,000.00 cash, and one Cal. 380 with one magazine containing nine live ammunition and other drug paraphernalia on February 1, 2019 at Sitio Pacpaco, Gaddani, Tayum in Abra.

Awardees of the Medalya ng Papuri were Insp. Nicasio Sacliwan, SPO3 Washington Kitongan and SPO2 Prudencio C Tinong for the successful arrest of Real Gold Boclongan Olsim, and Celso Bayongawan Capuyan, whose arrest resulted in the confiscation of 17 pieces heat sealed transparent plastic sachet of shabu, one Cal. 9mm Armscor, one magazine loaded with nine live ammunition and other drug paraphernalia at Purok Datu, Bulanao, Tabuk City, Kalinga last month.

Nana said their hard work, cooperation and perseverance greatly contributed in PRO-Cor's accomplishment of its mission.

Engineer Sanchez who is from Baguio City, and owner of the Holiday Inn, commended the leadership of PRO-Cor for having a well organized system and manner in carrying out their specific tasks.

"It shows that you have everything well planned and everything well implemented. You exemplify not only being professional law enforcers but professionals with a value of true professionals."

Sanchez compared a police officer to an engineer who he said are both professionals in their field and in their jobs.

"Police officers and engineers should be professionals and should have the values of a professional. In doing our jobs and achieving our goals, we need to do it the right way," Sanchez said in his keynote message.

"Being a true professional is more than acquiring a title. A true professional must possess the basic attributes of professionalism like being true and excel in your profession- competency, integrity, ethics, respect, accountability or simply doing what is right," Sanchez said.

He urged the police officers of the PRO Cor to continue being professionals in doing their jobs as public servants and peace keepers. **(JDP/RMC- PIA CAR)**

ERRATUM

This is to correct the entry made in the Extra-Judicial Sale of CONRADO P. TALAVERA married to MARINA M. TALAVERA read as the date of publication February 4,11 and 18, 2018 but should be read as February 4,11 and 18, 2019.

AYAW SUMAMBA, NANAKSAK NG MAG-ASAWA

SUGATAN ang isang 47-anyos na ginang at mister nito matapos na pagsasaksakin sa ulo ng pinsan lalaki na nagalit matapos na sabihang magsamba sa Mendez, Cavite.

Inoobserbahan pa sa Intensive Care Unit (ICU) ng Tagaytay City Medical Center si Noralyn Mendoza dahil sa saksak sa ulo at likod habang nasa maayos ng kalagayan ang mister nitong si Sony Mendoza, 42, jeepney driver at kapwa residente ng Bgry. Asis 1, Mendez.

Arestado naman ang suspek na si Vergel Ibarra, 27, binata at pinsan ni Sonny at kapisan sa bahay ng mag-asawa.

Sa ulat ni PO1 Gilbert Opulencia, ng Mendez Municipal Police Station, sinabihan umano ni Sonny ang suspek na magbihis na at sabay-saby na silang magsamba dakong alas-7:30 ng gabi kung saan pawang kaanib sila ng Iglesia ni Kristo (INK).

Sumunod naman umano ang suspek at nagbihis subalit sagit lang ay nagpalit din ng damit at nagtungo sa kusina at kumuha ng patalim at sinugod si Noralyn at sinaksak sa ulo at likod.

Tinangkang awatin ni Sonny ang kanyang pinsan subalit siya naman ang binalingan at sinaksak naman sa kaliwang balikat.

Kapwa isinugod sa pagamutan ang mag-asawa kung saan nasa ICU si Noralyn habang naaresto naman ang suspek. **GENE ADSUARA**

Katiwala, tumangay ng benta

PINAGHAHANAP ngayon ng Cavite police ang isang 25-anyos na caretaker sa isang tindahan ng Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) matapos nitong tangayin ang tinatayang P103K na pinagbentahan nito sa Dasmarinas City, Cavite.

Kinilala ang suspek na si Ryan Flores, 25, stay-in sa Block 29-A Lot 35, Cityhomes Resortville R Brgy Langkaan 2, Dasmarinas City dahil sa reklamo ni Rodolfo Mallorca , 56, negosyante, ng Brgy San Agustin 3, Dasmarinas City.

Sa reklamo ni Mallorca kay SPO1 Sean Francisco, ng Dasmarinas City Police Station, dakong 9:30 ng umaga nang nagsagawa ito ng imbentaryo sa kanyang tindahan kung saan natuklasan nito na nawawala ng tinatayang P103,380 halaga ng benta.

Lumayas din ang suspek na nagsisilbing caretaker sa tindahan.

Nabatid na ang suspek ay may dati nang naisampang kasong Qualified Theft noong November 18, 2018 sa Dasmarinas City Prosecutors Office. **GENE ADSUARA**

HPG to apprehend motorcycle drivers with kids on board

DUMAGUETE CITY – The provincial team of the Highway Patrol Group (HPG) in Negros Oriental is urging the public to heed the law prohibiting small children from riding on board motorcycles.

Senior Insp. Silvestre Cenia, Jr., head of the Provincial Highway Patrol Team (PHPT), on Thursday explained that this is in line with Republic Act 10666 or An Act Providing For The Safety Of Children Aboard Motorcycles.

"Balaod na gud na, mao nga kinahanglan nga musubay ang katawhan ani (it is already a law and therefore the people should heed it)," he said, citing the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of RA 10666 earlier signed by Department of Transportation Secretary Arthur Tugade and Land Transportation Office (LTO) Assistant Secretary Edgar C. Galvante.

The IRR has stipulated that only children who can reach or rest his/her feet on the standard foot peg of a motorcycle, can reach around and grasp the waist of the motorcycle driver, and is wearing a standard protective head gear or helmet are allowed on board a motorcycle.

Under the said law, it is unlawful for a motorcycle driver to have a child on board in areas where there is heavy volume of traffic and high density of fast-moving vehicles.

Cenia said the PHPT has been implementing this since the IRR was released in 2017, but due to limited number of personnel, they can only do so much.

He noted that there are only four of them assigned to the PHPT and yet they cover the entire province of Negros Oriental.

"Mao nga gikinanglan namo ang kooperasyon sa mga tawo (that is why we need the cooperation of the people)," he said. "Ug madakpan, pasensya lamang (if one gets caught, it would be just unfortunate for that person)."

Although they cannot sustain their operations on a regular basis, the PHPT chief said they will continue to flag down those violating this particular law. ***(PNA)***

Balik bisyo, balik preso

BALIK kulungan ang isang 33-anyos na dating surrenderee ng Barangay Anti-Drug Abuse Council (BADAC) matapos itong bumalik sa kanyang bisyo nang naaresto ito kasama ang tatlong iba pa sa Gen. Trias City, Cavite.

Kasong paglabag sa Section 5 at 11 ng Art II ng RA 9165 ang isinampa sa mga naarestong suspek na sina Simple Ace Catingcoy, alias Ensong, isang BADAC surrenderee; Adonis Gascon, 35; Richard Paguiran, 51, postman, na pawang residente ng Brgy. Pasong Camachilee 1, Gen Trias City; at Louie Tacsay, 25 ng Sabang, Dasmarinas City, Cavite.

Sa ulat ni Marck Raquel, ng Gen. Trias City Cavite, dakong alas-5:30 Mates ng hapon nang nagsagawa ng buy bust operation ang mga miembro ng Station Drug Enforcemen Unit (SDEU) ng Gen. Trias police sa Parklane Subd., Bgry San Francisco, kung saan mismong kay Ctingoy nakabili ang poseur buyer ng sachet ng shabu.

Sa pagkaaaresto sa suspek, narekober din ang 7 pang hinihinalang shabu sa mga kasamahan nito.

Nabatid na si Catingcoy ay kabilang sa mga lumantad na adik at sumuko sa BADAC, isang organisasyon na nakikipagtulungan sa Philippine National Police (PNP) kung saan binuo upang matukoy ang mga drug addict/users sa isang barangay. **GENE ADSUARA**

PNP AKG lauded for rescuing Australian kidnap victim

MANILA — Philippine National Police (PNP) Chief, Director General Oscar Albayalde on Thursday hailed the Anti-Kidnapping Group (AKG) for rescuing an Australian national from his alleged kidnappers in Makati City.

PNP Spokesman, Senior Supt. Bernard Banac said Albayalde congratulated the PNP AKG under Chief Supt. Glenn Dumalo for their 'accomplishment' as the AKG also arrested the alleged kidnappers.

"We thank the public for their constant support to our campaign against criminality. The PNP will remain steadfast to its mandate to enforce the law and keep the peace and order in our communities," Banac in a statement.

Banac said the kidnap victim was identified as Jianting Chen who was reportedly kidnapped by four Chinese nationals on Feb. 19 in Pasay City.

Chen's friend, William Choi from Hong Kong and a certain Rachel Ball from Australia reported the incident to the police after the suspects demanded 200,000 RMB (PHP1.5 million) ransom payment from the victim's family.

According to reports, the suspects even threatened to cut Chen's finger if the family refuses to pay ransom.

Banac said the suspects identified as Xue Zhao (female) and Hao Meng Zhen, Zhao Ping Zheng, and You Hua were arrested during the rescue operation at 9387A Calantas St, Brgy. San Antonio, Makati City.

The suspects, reportedly members of a loan shark syndicate, are now under custody of PNP AKG and inquest proceedings will be conducted before the Department of Justice. ***(PNA)***

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'No ID No Money'

ANG proseso ng procurement para sa Philippine Identification System o PhilSys ay sinisimulan na ng Philippine Statistics Authority.

Isasagawa ang malawakang pagpaparehistro sa Setyembre at target ng PSA na makapagrehistro ng anim na milyong Pilipino sa huling tatlong buwan ng kasalukuyang taon.

Next year naman ay aasahan ng ahensiya na aabot sa 25-31 milyon ang makakapagpatala.

Kasama na rin kasi sa pagpaparehistro ang mga Overseas Filipino Workers, imigrante at dual citizens.

Nasa kabuuang P30 bilyon pondo ang nakalaan sa programang ito na nakatakdang ipatupad hanggang 2023.

Ang pagpaparehistro para sa national ID ay libre at kailangang magdala lamang ng patunay ng pagkakakilanlan o valid ID upang makapagpatala.

Ang national ID ay may natatanging serial code depende sa petsa at lugar kung saan ka ipinanganak gayundin ang tinutuluyan o tirahan ng magrerehistro.

Halimbawang ikaw ay may kapangalan ay mayroon itong sequential code.

Isinasaad sa batas na ang Philippine ID ay maglalaman ng biometric na impormasyon.

Kinabibilangan ito ng pitong demograpikong datos gaya ng buo at kumpletong pangalan; kasarian; petsa at lugar ng kapanganakan; uri ng dugo o blood type; tirahan, nasyonalidad, at tatlong opsiyonal na impormasyon tulad ng marital status, numero ng telepono, at email address.

Ang PSA ay makikipagpartner sa mga lokal na pamahalaan na maaaring pagtayuan ng registration center na patatakbuhin ng hindi bababa sa limang tao at may eye scanner, printer, biometrics, kamera at mabilis na koneksyon ng internet.

Sana nga lamang ay maayos ang sistema ng pagpapatupad nito upang hindi maasar ang taumbayan.

Speaking of ID, sa Cubao sa Quezon City ay tila ipinatutupad ang 'No ID, No Money.'

Ang mga 'nanlilimos' sa puwesto na binabantayan ng isang alyas Joseph ay hinahanap nito ng ID.

Kapag walang ID ay walang 'limos' hehehe, ibang klaseng patakaran.

Mayroon din ganitong 'polisiya' sa bahagi ng Rizal na pinangangasiwaan ng isang nangngangalang Willy.

Marami pang puwesto sa iba't ibang lugar na nagpapairal ng ganitong 'sistema.'

'Wag ID ang hanapin ninyo dahil madali lang gumawa o magpagawa nito riyan sa Recto.