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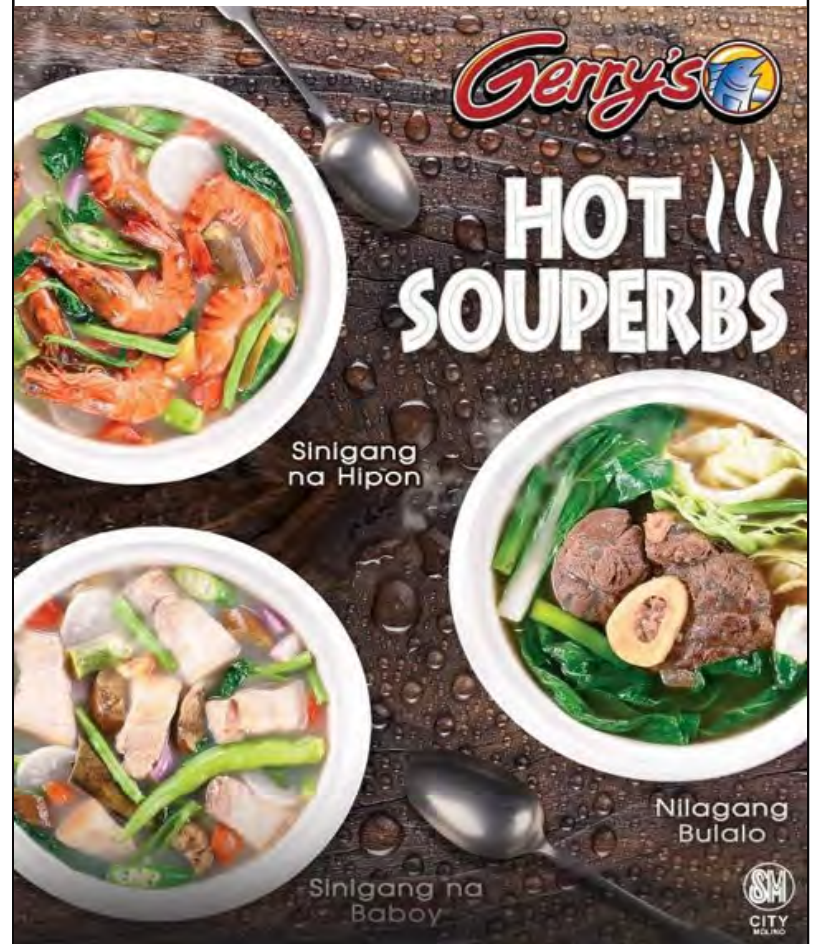
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Marking team sprays red paint on a bamboo hut installed within Cavite waters to mark the same as one of the structures for demolition. Such bamboo huts serve as the houses of the caretakers of illegal fishery structures in the area---p.2

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DICT, CARMONA LGU COLLABORATE FOR VACCINATION SYSTEM

Trece Martires, Cavite (PIA) – The Local Government of Carmona in collaboration with the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) recently held the pilot testing of the latest version of the DICT's Vaccination Administration System (DVAS).

The DVAS would help the Municipal Health Office (MHO) provide an efficient and shorter vaccination process at the vaccination centers, better organize the recipients' records, and facilitate the process of data sharing, integration, and reporting.

The event was graced by DICT Luzon Cluster 2 Regional Director, Reynaldo Sy together with Carmona LCE Attorney Roy Loyola,

5th District Representative Dahlia Loyola, and DICT Consultant Hadrian Cruz of EBiz-DICT, developer of DVAS, and Engr. Rex Aguila of EBiz-DICT.

The healthcare worker members of the vaccination team underwent training for the DVAS to ensure the proper management of the data and secure data privacy for the information gathered.

Carmona town prides itself for the development and use of Information Technology (IT) supported programs and projects which form part of the town's best practices especially during this time of pandemic. **(Ruel Francisco with reports from the Municipality of Carmona)**

More vaccine needed to stop spread of CoViD-19

Trece Martires, Cavite (PIA) – The Municipal Government of Silang continues with its vaccination rollout to protect the residents against CoViD-19 with the predominance of the Delta variant that causes the rapid spread of the disease.

The LGUs vaccination efforts thru the hard work and dedication of the Team Resbakuna had established a more efficient system for the safe and effective distribution of the vaccines especially to the members of the vulnerable sectors.

Local Chief Executive Corie Poblete appeals for more vaccine supply from the national government thru the provision of the provincial government to help the LGU to speed up distribution of CoViD-19 vaccines to the majority of the target residents and achieve the goal of herd immunity in the town.

"We hope that the National Government will grant our request to have more allocation for our town because the number of cases of the disease continues to rise," said Poblete.

Current CoViD-19 update showed 4,783 Confirmed positive cases recorded out of which 596 are Active cases as of yesterday, September 13, 2021. The vaccination activities

are continuously conducted in the town's vaccination sites: Bulihan Sites and Services Project –ES, Tiibig Covered court, Cavite State University (CvSu)-Silang, Adventist University of the Philippines (AUP)-Gym, Poooc II and Pulong Bunga Covered court, and the RHU mobile clinic with additional schedule of vaccination to accommodate more vaccinees. **(RF/Corie Poblete)**

Get swab tests to protect families, co-workers: Año

MANILA – Persons who exhibit symptoms of the coronavirus or are close contacts of infected individuals should get tested to protect their families and co-workers, Interior Secretary Eduardo Año said. Año said getting a swab test is the best option than costly hospitalization or even death.

"It would be more dangerous if they refuse to get a swab test because if they turned out positive, they could infect their families and co-workers without them knowing about it. Once they get hospitalized, along with the family members they have infected, their medical bills could run in the millions of pesos, and worse of all, they could die," he said in Filipino in a text message Tuesday.

Año was the first Cabinet member to contract the disease, testing positive for the

Legarda: Ensure implementation of Clean Air Act, new WHO air pollution standards

THREE-term Senator and Deputy Speaker Loren Legarda welcomed the World Health Organization's (WHO) release of new outdoor air pollution standards and called for a stronger implementation of the Philippine Clean Air Act (Republic Act No. 8749), which she authored and helped enact into law over two decades ago.

Legarda said air pollution "is a global and national public health concern to which has been attributed millions of premature deaths around the world." Millions more people today are exposed to higher levels of pollution from a growing number of pollution sources. The Philippines is ranked 70 in IQAir's 2020 list of world's most polluted countries.

"Air pollution is literally a question of life and death, with serious impacts on cardiovascular and respiratory health. Our pandemic-defined setting and the aerosols-borne reality of the Delta variant should remind us today to pay far greater attention to this issue," said Legarda, representative of the lone district of Antique.

Legarda said implementation of the law continues to be a major challenge. "The country's ambient air quality standards for harmful pollutants such as sulfur

dioxide (SO_x), nitrous oxide (NO₂), and particulate matter (PM₁₀) have not been updated since the implementation of the Clean Air Act way back in 1999. This is certainly unacceptable. The current standards for these pollutants are still based on the values set in the Implementing Rules and Regulations of the Clean Air Act, all of which fail to meet the 2005 WHO guidelines, much less the upcoming 2021 issuance." "I call on the joint oversight committee on the Clean Air Act to work with think tanks and other expert groups on a comparative study to show if the country is on track or not to beat air pollution and discover what else needs to be done," she added.

Legarda challenged the public to demand that their officials decisively improve the lot of Filipino households struggling with poor health, unstable livelihoods, and an increasingly uncertain future.

"This must be a wakeup call to the executive and to all seeking elective posts next year. It's a harsh reminder that we are still very far from finishing the job in terms of securing a healthier future for all. We must consider our actions today as legacy acts, because however acute the ecological and social crisis is that we are confronting together at present, the opportunity to leave behind the polluting, destructive, and inequitable past is growing just as fast. We must be on the right side of history," she said.

"We need inspirational leadership, we need decisiveness, but more than mere macho boldness, we need caring leadership that sees the high value of establishing resilience at the heart of the country's climate and pandemic action agenda," Legarda added.

From smog hanging over cities to smoke inside the home, air pollution poses a major threat to health and climate. The combined effects of ambient (outdoor) and household air pollution cause about seven million premature deaths every year, largely as a re-

Marking of illegal fishery structures for demolition in Cavite commences

Led by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) CALABARZON and the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office (PENRO) of Cavite, the marking of the illegal fish cages, fish pens, baklads, sapras, and tahungan within Cavite City, Kawit and Noveleta, Cavite for demolition commenced on September 15, 2021.

Divided into three sub-teams, the marking team is composed of selected personnel from DENR CALABARZON Enforcement Division, Regional and Provincial Manila Bay Site Coordinating and Management Offices (MB-SCMO), Municipal/City and Barangay Government Units, Philippine National Police (PNP), PNP-Maritime Group, and Philippine Coast Guard.

Per data given by the respective local government units prior to the actual marking, there are a total of 370 illegal aquaculture structures in Cavite waters: 271 in Cavite City, 97 in Kawit, and 2 in Noveleta. However, per actual marking conducted from September 15-17, 2021, 492 structures had been marked: 333 in Cavite City, and 159 total in Kawit and Noveleta. Also, a team member said they are not yet done with the marking. One of the members of the marking team said there could possibly be errors in the marking considering that it was difficult to determine the borders of each

sult of increased mortality from stroke, heart disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, lung cancer and acute respiratory infections.

WHO estimated that 4.2 million premature deaths occurred worldwide in 2016 as a result of outdoor air pollution, 915 of which were in low- and middle-income regions, while 3.8 million premature deaths occurred in the same year that it attributed to household air pollution, or indoor smoke due to dirty cookstoves and fuels. **PR**

structure due to the waterbody. Another member added that they have no baseline information to rely on as the said structures neither have permits nor record with the concerned local government units.

The marking team will resume their activities on September 20, 2021. The actual demolition, which was earlier scheduled on the said date, will be conducted soon after marking is completed.

DENR CALABARZON Regional Executive Director and MBSCMO-4 Regional Coordinator, Nilo B. Tamoria emphasized that the planned demolition of illegal aquaculture structures is for the sake of the marginalized fisherfolk. "Isang aspeto lamang po ito subalit mahalaga dahil sa dulo at dulo, ang makikinabang po nito ay ang mas nakakarami. Ang makikinabang po nito sa gagawin natin ay ang mga maliliit na mangingisda. Lalawak po ang kanilang pangisdaan. Maisasaayos po natin ang tamang pagsosona at paglalagay ng mga tamang pamamaraan ng pangangisda. At syempre po, aalisin natin ang hindi dapat nababagay", he said.

Tamoria said the demolition is part of the Manila Bay Rehabilitation Program of the DENR. "Yun lang naman po ang ating intensyon, isaayos, bilang bahagi ng rehabilitasyon ng ating Manila Bay dahil 2008 pa tayo inutusan ng kataas-taasang hukuman ng ating bansa na ibalik ang kalidad ng tubig sa Manila Bay sa Class SB. Ang gagawin natin ngayon ay isa sa mga hakbang upang matulungan nating maibalik sa ganung kalidad", he explained.

Early in July 2021, Environment Secretary Roy A. Cimatu ordered DENR CALABARZON to regulate illegal aquaculture structures in Manila Bay, in view of the huge amount of bamboo poles from fish pens, fish cages, and baklads/sapras, which were washed from Cavite waters into the shore of Manila Bay due to the recent southwest monsoon. **PR**

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NATIONAL HOME MORTGAGE FINANCE
CORPORATION (NHMFC),
Mortgagee,

Foreclosure Case No. F-065-21

-versus-

SAMUEL V. RABANAL
Mortgagor,

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Upon Extra-judicial for Sale under Act 3135 as Amended by Act 4118, filed by the Mortgagee, **NATIONAL HOME MORTGAGE FINANCE CORPORATION (NHMFC)**, with business address at 104 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Village, Makati City against the Mortgagor, **SAMUEL V. RABANAL**, with residence and postal addresses at Capitol Hills Exec. Subd. Lot 5-A Blk. 8 Yellow Bells St. Trece Martires City, Cavite, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of 31 August 2021 amounts to **THREE MILLION EIGHTY ONE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY EIGHT PESOS & 62/100 (Php 3,081,438.62)**, 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 **November 25, 2021** at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at the main entrance of the Government Center Bldg. located at the Provincial Capitol Compound, Trece Martires City, to the highest bidder of CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following described property with all improvements thereon, to wit:

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Trece Martires City, September 14, 2021

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BAKIT KA NAGPABAKUNA?

KANTIYAWAN sa kanilang umpukan ang mga tropa nating lansangan. Usap lang sila na may kinalaman sa bakuna sa COVID-19 at mayroon ilan sa kanila ang tampulan ng pang-aalaska. Ang dahilan ay dati pa man ay mayroon sa kanila na tigas ang pagsasabing hindi sila magpapabakuna. Ilan sa kanila ang nagsasabi noon na hinding-hindi magpapabakuna kahit anong mangyari. Kumbaga ay walang sino man ang makakapilit sa kanila para magpapabakuna kahit pa ang gobyerno. Pero heto kamakailan sa kanilang pag-uumpukan ay lahat sila ay pawang bakunado na. Ang katwiran ng noon ay ayaw magpapabakuna pero nagpapabakuna na rin

ay hindi dahil takot sila sa COVID-19. Hindi rin sila nagpapabakuna na dahil sa mga prebelehiyo ng mga fully vaccinated na. Kaya sila nagpapabakuna ay dahil na rin sa matindi at paulit-ulit na pakiusap ng kanilang mga mahal sa buhay kagaya ng asawa, magulang, kapatid at kaanak. Ang nakahimok sa kanila ay ang pamilya nila at hindi ang opisyal ng barangay tulad ni kagawad o tserman at maging lokal na opisyal kagaya ni mayor, vice mayor, konsehal at ipa ba. Pagpapakita at patunay lamang na napakalakas ng hikayat ng mga mahal sa buhay. Iyon ang kanilang dahilan, eh kayo po bakit ka nagpapabakuna?

City LGU unveils proposed park project

Trece Martires, Cavite (PIA) – The City Government here unveiled the Proposed Park Project which coincides with the celebration of the 125th Death anniversary and Martyrdom of the 13 Martyrs of Cavite, Monday, September 13, 2021. The unveiling ceremony was led by City Mayor Gemma Buendia-Lubigan together with the members of the Team Bagong Trece. Mayor Lubigan disclosed that the project will be using the city government's funds coming from the residents' tax payments. "Our park is planned to be the premier sports and recreational destination in our city. The plan includes the gymnasium, outdoor amphitheatre, grand plaza, bike lanes, joggers' lane, skate park, children's play-

ground, outdoor fitness area, and retail & outdoor dining," stated Lubigan. The master plan shows the coverage of the overall project with construction commencing on said date. It is the city government's practice to show transparency thru its ability to promote and implement projects in the way the taxpayers money are spent or used properly and wisely. The commencement of the construction of this project and other projects which will be revealed in the coming days prove to show that despite the ongoing health crisis, the city remains resilient and unperturbed with its desire to improve the lives of the people thru development of these initiatives. **(RF/Mayor Gemma Lubigan)**

EDITORIAL

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NAABOT na nga ba ang pinakamataas na kaso ng COVID-19 sa Metro Manila? Oo ang tugon dito ng OCTA Research batay sa ipinalabas na pahayag kamakailan. Pero kaagad naman itong kinontra ng Department of Health. Sa pahayag naman mula sa DOH ay katapusan ng Setyembre o mga unang ng Oktubre ang pagtukoy kung may pagtaas nga ng COVID-19 cases sa National Capital Region. Pagpapakita at patunay lamang ito na sadyang salungat ang pananaw ng kagawaran at ng mga independent experts. Mga Juan dela Cruz o ang taumbayan ang nagdurusa sa mga ganitong magkakaibang pananaw. Hindi batid kung sino o alin ba ang talagang paniniwalaan na nagiging dahilan pa ng pagkakalito ng publiko.

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PENRO CAVITE CELEBRATES THE PHILIPPINE BAMBOO MONTH WITH 100 NEWLY PLANTED CULMS IN CANAS RIVER

By virtue of House Resolution No. 197 series of 2019 declaring September as the Philippine Bamboo Month along with the observance of the World Bamboo Day 2021 with this year's theme "Alay ng Bayan sa Inang Kalikasan, Kawayan", PENRO Cavite planted a total of one hundred (100) bamboo culms of Kawayang tinik within an approximate area of 5,000 sq.m riverbank of Cañas River located at Ciudad Adelina Subdivision, Barangay Conchu, Trece Martires City, Cavite on September 17, 2021 (Friday).

The bamboo planting activity was led by PENRO Cavite headed by Forester Januel R. Peras with the assistance of Production Forest Management Unit (PFMU), Youth and Senior/PWD Desk Officers, and PENRO Information Officer. It was participated in by fifty (50) volunteers comprised of twenty-six (26) males and twenty-four (24) females from Barangay Conchu, Home Owners Association (HOA) of Ciudad Adelina together

with the youth and senior citizen sector of the subject community, and PENRO Cavite personnel.

During the program, Barangay Conchu Chairperson - Irene Aure pledged their full support in PENRO Cavite's environmental activities such as the bamboo planting and other programs towards environmental protection and conservation.

Furthermore, PENRO Peras emphasized the value and importance of bamboo planting as well as the different products that can be derived from bamboo for possible livelihood. He made mentioned that "Isa sa mga pangunahing tulong ng mga kawayan ay Soil Stabilization - na kung saan pinananatili nito ang katatagan ng lupa."

Technical Services Division Chief, Reynaldo A. Belen also extended his gratitude to all the volunteers who exerted their time just to be part of this endeavor and encouraged the public to take actions and be part of the solution contributory to environmental protection and conservation. **PR**

CALAX geared up for energy saving, eco-friendly hwy

Trece Martires, Cavite (PIA) -- The Cavite-Laguna Expressway (CALAX), project of MPCALA Holdings Inc. (MHI), a subsidiary of Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation (MPTC), will showcase the company's role in decarbonizing the transport sector with the use of energy saving, eco-friendly innovations.

"This is in alignment with the company's commitment to build with least disruption to the communities and the environment; and supporting Philippines' first Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emission by 75% by the year 2030," said MPTC Chief Finance Officer and Senior Executive Sponsor for Sustainability, Christopher Lizo.

CALAX, a 45-kilometer high-speed road network connecting the two provinces of Cavite and Laguna is being integrated with resource-saving and emission-reduction technologies while maintaining the high standard of road safety features of the expressway. Existing toll plazas of the operational sections of CALAX are equipped with solar panels and inverters that can power its own

operations which are expected to be operational for 25 years and 10 years, respectively.

The total power output of 116.58kWp, since installation started in May 2021, has avoided over 10,200 kg of carbon dioxide (CO2), which is equivalent to having planted 304 trees.

LED fixtures are used for its lightings and roadway lightings thereby improving the company's energy efficiency measures.

MHI is also implementing carbon offsetting initiatives by planting trees or creating biodiverse areas along CALAX to offset the company's emission and eventually, vehicular emissions of the customers.

Areas of green spaces were developed in various location along the expressway including Mamplasan Entry/Exit (2500 sqm.), Santa Rosa Interchange (8500 sqm.), and Santa Rosa-Tagaytay Entry/Exit (425 sqm.).

While pushing for ecological balance, the toll road company is studying how to further transition its operational toll roads to more sustainable highways.

MPTC's Green Highway Initiative in CALAX aligns with MPIC's sustainability efforts that support the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), particularly in upgrading all industries and infrastructures to make them sustainable (SDG 9) and promoting innovation in building assets in adherence to the company's commitments to climate action. (SDG 13). **(CALAX/MPTC)**

with what we are doing right now," Concepcion said during the ceremony.

LBP president Cecille Borromeo said they continuously design credit windows and financial assistance packages, custom-made for the needs of agriculture to widen credit access of farmers, fishers, and MSMEs.

"We will continue with our designated role, by providing accessible and credible credit assistance and pursue a perfect synergy of pursuing purposive initiatives in the time of the pandemic," she said. **(PNA)**

Cavite MSMEs interested in vacuum-freeze drying tech

MANILA – A good number of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) have expressed interest in vacuum-freeze drying technology as an innovation to their businesses, Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Secretary Fortunato de la Peña announced on Friday.

In a taped report, he said at least 60 have attended a virtual seminar on the use of vacuum-freeze drying facility that the DOST has organized last September 2.

The participants were from the food enterprises, cooperatives, farmer associations, and government sectors, he said.

"Preservation, longevity of shelf life, and hygroscopicity or water-absorptivity which allows for easy reconstitution are among the advantages of this technology," de la Peña remarked. According to him, the resource person talked about how the vacuum freeze-

drying process preserves the nutrient content of fruits or vegetables, compared to other drying methods, such as air-drying or sun-drying. "The speaker, Dr. Adelisa Dorado, an associate professor at the University of the Philippines - Los Baños, also identified long duration of processing time and high operating cost as the disadvantages of this technology," he added.

Meanwhile, de la Peña said the Cavite Provincial Agriculturist Office expressed interest in adopting the technology for its assisted farmers' association.

The DOST-Calabarzon acquired a vacuum freeze-drying equipment, currently housed in the Calabarzon Food Solutions Hub in Laguna, for use of the Association of Laguna Food Processors and other food enterprises in the region in developing and commercializing food products, he said. **(PNA)**

Ex-CamSur treasurer gets 7-year jail term for malversation

MANILA – The Sandiganbayan has sentenced a former town treasurer to up to seven years in prison for malversation of public funds amounting to nearly half a million pesos.

In a 26-page decision dated Sept. 8, 2021 written by Associate Justice Maria Theresa Mendoza-Arcega and recently released online, the anti-graft court's Fifth Division found Reynalda Mariscal, former municipal treasurer of Calabanga, Camarines Sur, guilty beyond reasonable doubt of malversation and sentenced her from six to seven years.

She must also pay a fine of PHP401,334.86, the amount she was found liable for, and indemnify the government with the same amount, with an annual interest of six percent from the date of the decision and until it is fully paid.

The court said that Mariscal's claim that the demand made by the Commission on Audit in 2001 was incomplete for being a mere notice is untenable.

"In malversation of public funds, previous demand is not necessary. Demand merely raises a prima facie presumption that missing funds have been put to personal use," the court stated.

"An accountable officer

may be convicted of malversation even if there is no direct evidence of misappropriation and the only evidence is that there is a shortage in the officer's account which he has not been able to explain satisfactorily. All that is essential is proof that the accountable officer has received public funds but that when demand thereof is made, he is unable to satisfactorily account for the same," the court explained.

In 2001, a confidential office order was issued, directing state auditors to conduct a cash and account examination on Mariscal covering the period June 14, 2001 to Nov. 7, 2001.

At the end of the examination, a letter of demand was sent to Mariscal, informing of her total accountability amounting to PHP966,743.53.

Mariscal presented cash and items amounting to PHP565,408.67 or a shortage of PHP401,334.86.

She claimed in her affidavit that the shortage was given to certain municipal employees as cash advances.

The court, however, noted that Mariscal "has not shown any proof that the funds were actually extended to the municipal employees as cash advances". **(PNA)**

DA, Go Negosyo, LandBank launch agri mentorship program

MANILA – Anticipating the gradual easing up of coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) restrictions, the Department of Agriculture (DA) has partnered with Go Negosyo and Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP) for a mentoring program for agri-entrepreneurs, farmers, and fishers.

The Kapatid Agri Mentor Me Program (KAMMP) aims to nurture and sustain agribusiness through coaching and mentoring. It is implemented through collaboration with government entities, including the DA-Agricultural Training Institute.

"Agripreneurship unleashes the potential of Philippine agriculture to make it more resilient, and continue to be a dependable contributor to the economy. We need to promote more agripreneurship under the new normal environment,"

said DA Secretary William Dar during the virtual signing of the memorandum of agreement (MOA) on Monday.

The MOA states that DA, Go Negosyo, and LBP shall commit to support and provide innovations for micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs), and improve the lives of Filipinos amid the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Go Negosyo, an advocacy of the Philippine Center for Entrepreneurship, promotes programs that will address poverty through entrepreneurship and developing an "optimistic, passionate, creative and innovative, resourceful, diligent, and persevering character".

KAMMP will promote inclusive growth by promoting financial accessibility and focusing on the "three M" principles of Go Negosyo:

Money, Market, and Mentor.

Dar pledged the agency's full support, stressing the need to multiply and promulgate MSMEs in the agriculture sector.

He said the DA will continue to seek better ways and innovate to transform food producers into agripreneurs and populate the agribusiness ecosystem.

"In spite of the challenges of the times, the DA will identify ideas and projects that support agripreneurship and vowed to cover more grounds to expand the services of the government to more farmers and fishers," Dar, one of the program mentors, said.

Presidential Adviser for Entrepreneurship Secretary Joey Concepcion, the Go Negosyo founder, said one of the goals of the initiative is to open the economy and enable it to co-exist with Covid-19.

"If we can do that, the future of the Philippines will be bright. I am optimistic

SECRETARY ANDANAR: IMPLEMENTATION OF MANDANAS RULING TO AID IN REALIZING POTENTIAL COUNTRYSIDE GROWTH

MANILA - Implementing the Supreme Court's Mandanas Ruling in 2022, which will increase the share of national government tax revenue of local governments, will bolster development in the countryside, Presidential Communications Secretary Martin Andanar said on Friday.

The Supreme court ruling in July 2018 affirmed that LGUs are entitled to a "just share" of all national taxes collected by the government and not just those collected by the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR).

This was supported by President Rodrigo Duterte when he signed Executive Order No. 138 last June 2021, which prepares LGUs and the national government on the Devolution Transition Plans (DTPs).

The DTP will serve as the roadmap to ensure strategic and systematic actions as LGUs take full assumption of devolved functions and services.

"The term 'game changer' has now become a cliché but really the Supreme Court's Mandanas Ruling and President Duterte's subsequent EO 138 are just that," Secretary Andanar said during an episode of the Cabinet Report.

He reiterated PCOO's commitment and support in decentralizing government by highlighting the potentials of LGUs, through their untapped and underdeveloped resources, which were featured in the Network Briefing News.

"More than seeing the potential we need to empower them to act on it and that to me is what devolution brings--the power, the authority, the responsibility, and the resources to make what our people dream for themselves happen all across our 7,641 islands," he said.

Shift of power, authority from NG to LGUs According to the Department of the Interior and

Local Government (DILG) Secretary Eduardo Año, with much responsibility and power, LGUs are now in the position to chart the destiny of their people and their community. This will also allow the national government to shift to its oversight functions.

He said there will be a 38% increase in the allotment given to LGUs which translates to more or less P260 billion.

"The national government will be able to focus on macro and strategic priorities in addressing existing development issues. It will shift from rowing to steering, meaning focusing primarily on development policy, service delivery standards, capacity building, providing technical assistance, and LGU compliance monitoring" he said. **PR**

64% OF PNP PERSONNEL FULLY VAXXED VS. COVID-19

MANILA – About 63.94 percent or 142,398 Philippine National Police (PNP) personnel are fully protected with the required vaccine doses against the coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19), nearing its goal of achieving population protection.

Only about 4.16 percent or 9,264 personnel have yet to get their shots, while about 31.9 percent or 71,029 have received their first doses as of September 22.

PNP deputy chief for administration, Lt. Gen. Joselito Vera Cruz, said the police force received an allocation of 9,900 doses of the Russian-made Sputnik V vaccine from the National Vaccination Operations Center on Tuesday for use as second dose.

"Sa panahon ng pananalanta ng Delta variant sa ating bansa, malaking bagay sa ating mga kapulisan ang pagiging fully vaccinated upang maipatupad namin ang aming mga tungkulin ng walang anumang pasu-

bali at pagaalala (With the Delta variant making up a large part of the Covid-19 infections in the country, it is a big deal for our police officers to be fully vaccinated so they could perform their duties without reservations and worries)," Vera Cruz said.

Police officers are among the front-liners in the fight against the pandemic, manning checkpoints and assisting health facilities and vaccination sites.

Meanwhile, the PNP has recorded 152 new coronavirus cases, bringing the total tally since the start of the pandemic to 38,618. It also logged 235 new recoveries, 2,244 active cases, and one death for a total of 114.

Vaccination for Camp Crame-based personnel will start Wednesday; the Aviation Security Group on September 23, the Special Action Force on September 24; and the Philippine National Police Academy on September 27. **(PNA)**

PESO SEEN TO WEAKEN UNTIL NEXT YEAR AMID PANDEMIC

MANILA – The peso is expected to trade within a wide range this and next year given the pandemic-related developments, as policy responses impact on the economy in general, Fitch Solutions said.

In a report dated Sept. 20, Fitch Solutions Country Risk and Industry Research forecasts the peso to trade between PHP49 to PHP52 against a US dollar for the next three to six months.

The local currency is projected to average at PHP40.20 to a greenback this year, and at PHP51 next year. These are weaker than the research firm's earlier forecast of PHP48.10 average for the peso this year and PHP49.00 average for 2022.

"We at Fitch Solutions expect the Philippine peso to weaken within a wide range over the near term, as uncertainty around the pandemic and its policy response weigh on investor confidence," the report said.

On Monday, the local unit closed at 50.24 against the US dollar, weaker than its 49-level finishes last week. The report said its forecast range for the local currency was based on the continued uncertainty on government measures against the coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19), the loose monetary policy stance, and the weakening fundamentals, with the latter due to the pandemic.

"Asian currencies have remained under pressure in Q321 (third quarter of 2021) due to the region's slow pace of vaccinations, Delta variant outbreaks and renewed restrictions, signs of slower growth in China and limited hawkish guidance by central banks," it said.

It said central banks in other regions have turned hawkish, with the US Federal Reserve signaling a possible asset purchase tapering in the next few quarters.

"While we expect the US dollar to trade neutral providing a favourable back-

drop for EM (emerging market) assets in the near term, we note that uncertainty around the Covid-19 situation and global inflationary pressures could result in bouts of volatility," the report added.

It said that with the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) still on an accommodative policy stance, domestic nominal and real policy rates are "relatively less attractive."

"The risks in the near term are that the Philippines faces another surge in cases which sets the economy back further and requires policy to remain accommodative for longer, weakening the investors' appetite for the peso further and seeing the unit test support at PHP52.00/US dollar," it said.

Meanwhile, the report said that for the next six to 24 months, the peso is "fairly valued relative to its long-term average" based on the real effective exchange rate standpoint.

"We see some upside as the economy over time re-

BOC Port of Manila Condemns Php 7 Billion Worth of Counterfeit Goods

AS part of the continuing efforts to curb the proliferation of smuggled and counterfeit items in the nation, the Bureau of Customs Port of Manila (BOC-POM) starts the condemnation activity of Php 7 Billion worth of seized goods in Valenzuela City on September 20, 2021.

Among those who attended the condemnation were officials from the Port of Manila District Collector's Office, Auction and Cargo Disposal Division (POM-ACDD), POM Law Division and members of the Port Enforcement and Security Service (ESS) Customs Intelligence and Investigation Service (CIIS). Also in attendance are representatives from the brand owners and Intellectual

Property Rights Division (IPRD).

The seized items were from Bagong Milenyo Pasay City with an estimated value of Php 7,429,638,000.00, composed of various fake items such as Louis Vuitton scarfs, Crocs sandals, and Nike shoes among others. The items were destroyed via crushing while chemicals such as fake shampoos and lotions were treated to ensure that such would not harm the environment.

As the Bureau of Customs continues to secure the nation's borders, the Port of Manila under the guidance of BOC Commissioner Rey Leonardo remains steadfast in its campaign against smuggling. **PR**

Filipino scholars arrive in Korea

MANILA – Fellows of the Global Korea Scholarship (GKS) from the Philippines have arrived safely in South Korea.

The Embassy of the Republic of Korea in the Philippines' Facebook post on Monday did not mention the number of Filipino scholars but invited more to apply for the program despite the challenges posed by the coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) pandemic.

The Embassy commended the GKS fellows for their "efforts and dedication" and emphasized the importance of education even during the health crisis.

"We also reaffirm our commitment to the importance of education and empowering youth and further

bounds strongly towards its pre-pandemic growth rate of 6.4 percent (as averaged from 2010 to 2019), which in turn should prove attractive relative to developed market growth rates as well as Asia growth more broadly," it said.

This development, the report said, is expected to boost investors' appetite, especially because of the proposed foreign ownership policy easing on utilities and retail sector. This measure "could boost foreign direct investment into the Philippines providing support for the peso", it added. **(PNA)**

solidifying future-oriented people-to-people ties through research programs and training. The Embassy once again wishes them a safe and rewarding stay in Korea," the Embassy said. Application for the 2022 GKS for undergraduate degrees is open until October 7 via https://overseas.mofa.go.kr/ph-en/brd/m_3272/list.do.

More information on the program may be obtained during an online live talk on Sept. 25 by the GKS Alumni Association via its Facebook page.

The Korean government opened 220 scholarship slots for Bachelor (160) and Associate (60) degrees for students under age 25, in good health, and holder of a High School diploma or expected to graduate by Feb. 28, 2022).

This GKS undergraduate scholarship will cover full tuition fee, return air ticket, settlement allowance (200,000 Korean Won or about PHP8,400), monthly allowance (900,000 Korean Won or about PHP38,000), health insurance, language training fee, degree completion grant, and monthly allowance for Korean proficiency grants (100,000 Korean Won or about PHP4,200)

The GKS grantee should pass the first selection process set by the Korean Embassy of the country of origin. **(PNA)**

NATIONAL SYNCHRONIZED MALL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY

COMELEC recently held the National Synchronized Mall Registration Day at 40 SM Malls to accommodate more voter applicants before the voter registration deadline. SM Malls strictly implemented the health and safety protocols and ensured that registration set ups are conveniently accessed by registrants. Photos show registrants at the SM Mall of Asia and Dir. Temie P. Lambino, COMELEC NCR Regional Election Director and SM Supermalls SVP for Operations Bien Mateo.



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- Student ID / Library Card
- SSS / GSIS ID
- Senior Citizen's ID
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VOTER REGISTRATION IN SM CITY BACCOOR FAQs

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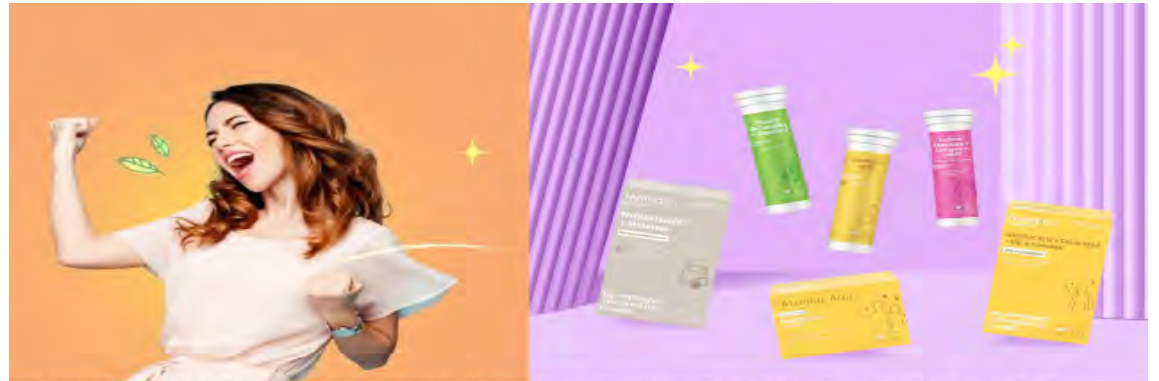
- For Single to Married: PSA Marriage Contract
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PARANGAL NA SELYO NG PHILIPPINE POSTAL CORPORATION SA 4 NA BAYANI SA TOKYO OLYMPICS

Pinarangalan ng Philippine Postal Corporation (PHLPost) ang apat na atletang Pilipino na namuno sa pinakamatagumpay na tag-init ng Olimpiko sa buong bansa noong una nitong taon sa Tokyo sa pamamagitan ng pagkakaroon ng mga ginugunina na selyo para sa kanila. Inilunsad ng PHLPost kamakailan ang mga bagong selyo na may mas mababa sa gintong medalya na si Hidilyn Diaz, mga pilak na medalist na sina Carlo Paalam at Nesthy Petecio, at tansong medalist na si Eumer Marcial na sumasaksi sa kaganapan sa Manila Central Post Office.

"Masarap sa pakiramdam na ang ilan sa ating mga kababayan ay nag-uwi ng karangalan at binigyan inspirasyon sa ating bansa. Ito ang humantong sa amin dito sa Philippine Post Office na mag-isyu ng mga selyo na nagtatampok ng mga imahe ng mga panalang sandali ng ating mga kababayan noong Tokyo Olympic Games," sinabi ng Postmaster General Norman Fulgencio.

"Ang mga selyo na nagtatampok ng mga panalang sandali ng aming kauna-unahang Olympic gold medalist na si Ms. Hidilyn Diaz at ang kapwa niya Team Pilipinas Olympic medalist at mga kampeon sa boksing na sina Carlo Paalam, Nesthy Petecio, at Eumer Marcial ay nagpapaalala sa atin kung gaano kahalaga ang mga ito upang makilala nang maayos sa kung ano ginaga-

wa nila upang mapanatili ang ating watawat sa Pilipinas na mataas at nagningning sa mundo ng palakasan. Ang luwalhati na ibinigay nila sa ating bansa at sa sambayanang Pilipino ay hindi mabibili ng salapi," dagdag niya.

Para sa kanyang bahagi, binigyan din ni Diaz ang kahalagahan ng pagpapadala kahit sa oras na ito kung saan maaari mo lamang ipadala ang iyong mga sulat at file sa pamamagitan ng e-mail o mga chat apps.

"Sa panahong ito ng social media at internet, inaasahan kong mayroon pa tayong puwang at koneksyon na katulad sa pagsulat gamit ang mga selyo," she said. "Sa panahong ito ng pandemik, kahit na hindi tayo nagkita, ipagpatuloy nating magbigay ng inspirasyon at magbigay ng pag-asa at kabayanihan sa iba. Kailangan nating matuklasan ang isang paraan upang gawing malikhain at mas malalim ang ating komunikasyon tulad ng ginagawa ng PHLPost. Salamat para sa karangalang ito. Ito ay naging bahagi ng kasaysayan, hindi lamang para sa akin o para sa mga atleta dito, kundi para sa ating lahat na mga Pilipino."

Ang mga Tokyo Stem commemorative stamp ay hindi lamang ang nailahad dahil ang isang serye ng mga selyo na naghikayat sa lahat na mabakunahan laban sa coronavirus disease 2019 ay pinasimulan din.



4 Hero 2020 TOKYO OLYMPICS

Matatandaan kamakailan lang ay nagpugay ang bansa sa 4 na atletang naka pag uwi ng karangalan sa bansa ng mga medalya matapos ang 2020 Tokyo Olympics ito sina Gold Medalist Hidilyn Diaz, mga pilak na medalist sina Carlo Paalam at Nesthy Petecio, at tansong medalist na si Eumer Marcial kung kaya dahil dito ang Philippine Postal Corporation ay nagkaloob bilang pag kilala sa karangalang nakamit ng bansa pinagkalooban ng parangal ang 4 na hero sa pamamagitan ng pagkakaroon ng mga ginugunina na selyo para sa kanila. (RGN)



PH AZKALS, HEADLINE NG THAILAND GROUP A SA AFF SUZUKI CUP

Ang Philippine Azkals ay nagupo sa Thailand sa group stage draw para sa AFF Suzuki Cup sa AFF headquarters sa Kuala Lumpur.

Ang Azkals at ang Thai ay inaasahan mag-cruise sa Group A, na kinabibilangan din ng Myanmar, Singapore, at ang nagwagi sa kwalipikadong laban sa pagitan ng Brunei at Timor Leste.

Bagaman nagtapos sila sa Thailand, na limang beses nang namuno sa kaganapan, naiwasan ng Azkals ang defensing champion Vietnam habang ang huli ay sumali sa Malaysia, Indonesia, Cambodia, at Laos sa Group B.

Ipinagpalagay na nilalaro noong nakaraang taon ngunit ipinagpaliban sa Disyembre 5, 2021 hanggang Enero 1, 2022 dahil sa coronavirus disease na 2019 pandemya, magsisimula ang Suzuki Cup sa mga yugto ng pangkat.

Ang nangungunang dalawang koponan bawat pangkat ay papasok sa crossover semifinals, na i-play sa isang pares ng dalawang-match na home-and-away series.

Ang mga nanalong semifinalist ay ilalabas ito sa two-legged championship series upang magpasya ang mag-champion.

Kaugnay nito muling pagkaka-kolekta ng Azkals, Thailand, at Singapore at ang posibilidad na ulitin ng Timor Leste ang Brunei, halos katulad ito ng eksena sa yugto ng pangkat ng 2018.

"Ironically the last time we play in the Suzuki Cup, we had Singapore, Timor-Leste, who can be there, and Thailand with the only difference is Indonesia, which is in the other group. Ito ay halos tulad ng isang replay ng 2018," Sinabi ni Head Coach Scott Cooper sa pag-react sa mga resulta ng pagguhit ng pangkat.

Ang Azkals at Indonesia ay inilagay sa Pot 3 ng draw ng grupo, tiniyak na ang parehong koponan ay magkakahalagang walay na paraan sa paglalaro ng yugto ng pangkat.

Sa karagdagan pagtingin sa mga resulta ng pagguhit, idinagdag ni Cooper, "Sa palagay ko hanggang sa mapunta ang draw, ito ay isang nakakainteres. Hindi ko kailanman nais na sabihin na nalulugod ako sa draw ngunit hindi ako nabigo sa draw."

Gayunman, umamin siya na ang Thailand, na nanalo ng kampeonato ng limang beses na, ay malamang na nangunguna sa Group A.

"Siguradong ang Thailand ang magiging nangungunang koponan sa pangkat na maaaring mag-asahan mula sa kanila. Nakakatuwa para sa akin dahil alam kong alam ko rin ang Thailand at ang mga manlalaro," dagdag ni Cooper, na dating namamahala sa panig ng Thai League 1 na Buriram, Muangthong, at Ang pulisya na si Tero pati na rin ang Ubon, na noong siya ay hinirang na coach noong 2015 ay naglalaro sa ikatlong dibisyon.

Samantala, sa kabila ng pagtatapi ng Azkals upang makuha ang iba pang semifinal na puwesto para sa Group A, naniniwala si Cooper na bibigyan sila ng laban ng Singapore, Myanmar, Brunei, at Timor Leste.

"Ang Singapore ay palaging maayos ang pag-ayos at ang Myanmar ay laging may talento, at pareho sa Brunei at Timor-Leste, dalawang koponan na maglalaro," aniya pa.

Pagkatapos ay kinuha niya ang Timor Leste, na kung saan ang Azkals ay makitid na nakatakas sa 2018 Suzuki Cup.

Nagpahayag naman ng pag-asa ang Team Manager na si Dan Palami na makukuha pa rin ng Azkals ang pinakamahasay na mga manlalaro para sa Suzuki Cup.

Ang paligsahan ay kilala sa paglalaro sa labas ng FIFA international window.

Ang mga propesyonal na club ng football ay hindi kinakailangan na pansamantalang ipadala ang kanilang mga manlalaro para sa tungkulin ng pambansang koponan kung ang mga manlalaro ng putbol ay maglalaro sa isang kaganapan sa labas ng window ng FIFA, iyon ay, ang mga koponan ay maaaring mag-opt na panatilihin ang kanilang mga international star mula sa pagsali sa kanilang mga pambansang koponan na naka-iskedyul upang makipagkumpetensya sa labas ng bintana.

"Inaasahan namin, makukuha namin ang pinakamahasay na mga manlalaro na magagamit kahit na ang paligsahan ay nasa labas ng FIFA international window," Palami said. Idinagdag pa niya na kahit na inilagay sila sa isang magaan na grupo, mananatili ang pangwakas na layunin na talunin ang tradisyunal na mga kalaban sa titulo.

"Hindi talaga mahalaga ang draw dahil kailangan pa nating talunin ang pinakamahasay na mga koponan upang manalo sa Suzuki Cup," Palami said.

DALAWANG PINAKA MALAKING KARERA BAGO MATAPOS ANG TAON MAGAGANAP SA OKTUBRE AT DISYEMBRE

Umaasa ang Philippine Racing Commission na pinakamahasay at kasama rito ang pagtaya sa publiko upang mapanood nang personal ang mga karera.

"Inaasahan kong malapit na silang pagyan nila tayo," sabi ng chairman ng Philracom na si Reli de Leon sa online ng Philippine Sportswriters Association (PSA) Forum.

Sinabi ni De Leon habang pinapayagan ng IATF ang 10 porsyento ng kakayahang umupo para sa mga panloob na restawran at iba pang mga establismiyento, ang mga race-tracks ay naghihintay pa rin para sa clearance.

"Kung ang aming mga karerahan ay maaaring tumanggap ng 5,000 mga tagahanga ng karera pagkatapos ng 10 porsyento ng mga iyon ay katumbas ng 500," aniya.

Ang mga karera ay gaganapin mula Huwebes hanggang Linggo at pantay na hinati sa Manila Jockey Club, Inc. sa Carmona, Cavite; Philippine Racing Club, Inc. sa Naic, Cavite; at Metro Manila Turf Club, Inc. sa Malvar, Batangas.

Sinabi rin ni De Leon sa forum na ipinakita ng San Miguel Corporation (SMC), MILO@Philippines, Amelie Hotel Manila, Braska Restaurant at ng Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) na ang Philracom ay mayroon pa ring 12 stakes racing lineup hanggang Disyembre, kasama ang third leg ng Triple Crown sa Oktubre 3.

Ang Presidential Gold Cup

sa Disyembre 12 ang magiging pinakamalaki sa kanilang lahat na may kabuuang P10 milyon na premyong pera ang nakataya, at ang magwawagi ay makakakuha ng record na P6 milyon.

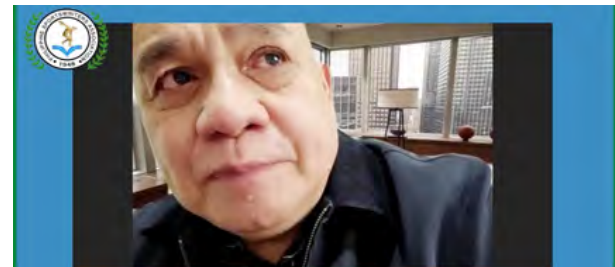
"Iyon ang magiging pinakamalaking premyo sa kasaysayan ng karera ng kabayo sa Pilipinas," dagdag ni De Leon, na iniulat na sa kabila ng pahinga ng tatlo at kalahating buwan ngayong taon dahil sa pandemya, ang Philracom ay nag-post ng napakaraming numero.

Mula Enero hanggang Setyembre ngayong taon, ang Philracom ay nag-post ng mga benta na P1.4 bilyon, at sinabi ni De Leon na walang karagdagan pagkagambala na maaabot nila hanggang sa P2 bilyon hanggang P2.3 bilyon.

"Basta tuloy-tuloy lang. Ngunit sa ngayon, matagumpay. Kung ikukumpara sa nakaraang taon, ipinagmamalaki naming sabihin na mas malaki ang aming benta sa taong ito. Sa mga buwis lamang ngayong taon, nagbayad kami ng P400 milyon," aniya sa parehong sesyon na pinalakas ng Smart at Upstream Media bilang opisyal na kasosyo sa webcast.

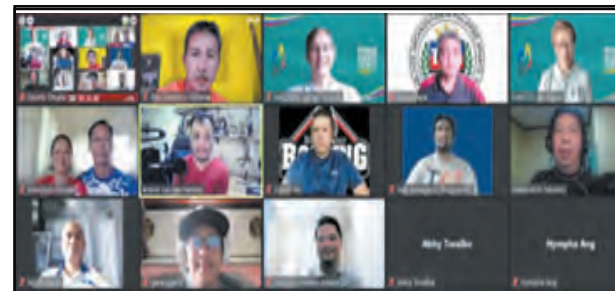
"Ang IATF ay naging napaka kooperatiba, at iyon ang dahilan kung bakit namin napanatili ito. Ang mga karera ng kabayo ay nasa paanan nito," sinabi ni De Leon ng higitang sesyon na nagbibigay ng direktang hindi direktang mga trabaho sa hanggang 12,000.

"Madami magugutom kapag natigil ang karera," he added.



Reli de Leon - PHILRACOM CHAIRMAN

SI PHILRACOM Chairman Reli De Leon sa kanyang mga pahayag patungkol sa pinaka malaking pakarera na magagaap ngayong taon ito ay ang third leg ng Triple Crown ngayong Oktubre 3, at ang Presidential Gold Cup sa Disyembre 12 at ibang mga kaganapan sa ano pa mang pa karera ng maging panauhin ito sa weekly online PSA Forum. (RGN)



TOPS 121 edition

MAKIKITA sa larawan ang naging panauhin sa lingguhang TOPS Usapang Sports via zoom online 121 edition National Sports Academy Executive Director - Joy Reyes National Sports Academy - Email "BONG" Arroyo Father of EJ Obiena Pole Vault Coach Emerson Obiena, Board Member PATAFA Mother of EJ Obiena Coach Jeanette Obiena at nagbigay ng kani-kanilang update sa sports na kinaaniban. Kasama sa larawan ang TOPS President Ed Andaya mga opisyal at membro. (RGN)

PAGBIBIGAY NG GAMOT SA COVID-19 PATIENTS SA MAYNILA

HANDA ang pamahalaang lokal ng Maynila sa pagbigay ng gamot para sa mga COVID-19 patients kahit hindi residente ng lungsod.

Sinusulat ito batay sa pahayag nina Manila Mayor Isko Moreno at Vice Mayor Honey Lacuna ay paparating ang biniling dagdag na 3,000 Remdesivir vials na pinaniniwalaang makakasalba sa mga nasa severe at critical COVID-19 patients.

May order din ang lokal na pamahalaan na Tocilizumab at inaasahan ang pagdating ng mga ito.

"Sa mga nangangailangan, makipag-ugnayan lamang sa Manila Health Department," ani Moreno.

"Pag kailangan ninyo, 'wag mag-atubiling humingi at bibigyan namin kayo ng libreng gamot. Dito man lang sa maliit na kaparaanan ay makatulong ang Maynila para 'di na kayo nasusugatan pa sa gastos," anang alkalde.

Aniya, mahal at hindi basta

nabibili ang Remdesivir at Tocilizumab na kilalang mabilis na magpagaling sa mga nasa kritikal at malalang karamdaman dulot ng COVID-19.

Nabatid na nasa libong Remdesivir at Tocilizumab ang naibigay ng libre ng pamahalaang lokal ng Maynila sa mga pasyenteng mula sa Visayas at Mindanao Regions at magiging sa kalapit na lalawigan ng Metro Manila.

Naninindigan sina Moreno at Lacuna sa 'inclusivity' policy na kahit non-residents ng lungsod ay libre sa health services tulad ng swab testing, COVID admissions at vaccinations, dahil ang COVID-19 naman ay walang boundary sa pag-atake.

"Wag tayo magdadamo. Kita ninyo, sa mga itinutulong natin, tinutulungan din tayo. Love begets love. Kung ano ang ating itinanim ay siya din naman nating inaani," ani Moreno. **(Leonard basilio)**

TESDA to train 20 NBP inmates in urban farming

MANILA – The Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) will be training at least 20 persons deprived of liberty (PDLs) of the New Bilibid Prison (NBP) on urban farming and entrepreneurship.

"This is voluntary for those who would like to avail of the training. This would run for five days, and tentatively set to start on September 30," TESDA Secretary Isidro Lapeña told the Philippine News Agency on Monday.

Initially, 5,000 square meters were allotted for this project, but Lapeña said the Bureau of Corrections has allocated 2.5 hectares of land that can be developed.

"This is not the first time that TESDA is providing training for the inmates. In 2015, TESDA MUNTIPARLASTAPAT (Muntinlupa, Parañaque, Las Piñas,

Taguig, Pateros) conducted training for the inmates," he said.

According to TESDA, the agency has signed a partnership with the Department of Agriculture (DA), the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR), and the Bureau of Corrections last September 15 for the "Bagong Buhay sa Gulay" project.

The initiative aims to help uplift the inmates' economic status and facilitate reintegration into their respective communities.

DA and DAR will provide quality seeds, planting materials, and other inputs.

The training that TESDA will provide will also enable the inmates to grow their own food source.

TESDA added that the Regional Training Center-National Capital Region (RTC-NCR) will also train the Bureau of Correction employees in Agricultural

OE to Pursue Excellence in Energy Efficiency

TAGUIG CITY - Energy Secretary Alfonso G. Cusi signed Department Order (D.O.) No. DO2021-09-0014 or the Guidelines on Energy Efficiency Excellence Awards to institutionalize Energy Efficiency Excellence (EEE) Awards in promoting and acknowledging energy management system and best practices on energy efficiency on Wednesday (15 September).

"Gearing towards an energy efficiency country, the Energy Efficiency Excellence (EEE) will provide venue to those who are exemplary in the field of energy efficiency – serving as example and suitable to be acknowledged," Cusi said. The EEE Awards is aligned with section 26 of the Republic Act No. 11285 or "The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Act" on the provision of non-fiscal incentives of establishments that will implement or are implementing energy efficiency projects.

The EEE Awards aims to promote energy management systems and best practices on energy efficiency in designated es-

tablishments including local and government facilities; adopt innovative energy management approaches into policies, guidelines, and practices; motivate industries in implementing energy management practices to enhance business growth; acknowledge demonstrated best practices in industries; and, promote renewable energy and energy-efficient technologies in Designated Establishments.

With the passage of the D.O., the DOE is now in search of excellence in Energy Management for Industries and Buildings, Outstanding Individuals / Groups, Government, and other special awards.

"In recognizing industry participants, we put premium on 'excellence' and we should be able to determine those practices that shall be emulated by other partners," Cusi added.

To learn more about the Energy Efficiency Excellence Awards, a copy of Department Order is found here: <https://www.doe.gov.ph/sites/default/files/pdf/issuances/do2021-09-0014.pdf>. **PR**

BOC Files Smuggling Raps vs Cigarette Traders

THE Bureau of Customs, through the initiative of the Bureau's Action Team Against Smugglers (BATAS), Port of Subic, and Port of Cagayan de Oro, filed criminal complaints against the two (2) importers of cigarettes allegedly smuggled into the country. The first case is against BONVER CONSUMER GOODS TRADING for alleged unlawful importation and misdeclaration of two (2) containers of smuggled cigarettes amounting to P107,694,206.76 last July 18 & 23, 2021 at the Port of Subic.

The second case is against LMRC 418 DIRECT IMPORT EXPORT CORPORATION due to the alleged misdeclaration of 2 con-

Crops Production NC II for them to become certified trainers. **(PNA)**

tainers of filtered cigarettes and premium filter kings estimated to be worth P78,782,778.91 on February 2, 2021 at the Port of Cagayan de Oro.

Both respondents violated Republic Act No. 10863, otherwise known as the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA) in relation to Customs Memorandum Order No. 20-2006; Tax Reform Acceleration and Inclusion Law; National Tobacco Administration (NTA) Board Resolution 079-2005; National Tobacco Memorandum Circular No. 03, s. 2004; and the Intellectual Property Code of the Philippines.

The Bureau of Customs has strengthened its investigation and legal action against unscrupulous importers and customs brokers involved in illegal and irregular activities. **PR**

DENR CALABARZON conducts clean-up of water hyacinth in Angono River

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) CALABARZON and the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office (PENRO) of Rizal conducted a river clean-up activity at Lakeside Eco-Park, Brgy. San Vicente, Angono, Rizal on September 17, 2021, in celebration of the International Coastal Clean-up (ICC) Day observed every third Sunday of September of each year. The theme of this year's celebration is "Understand and Beat Marine Pollution".

Led by DENR CALABARZON Regional Executive Director Nilo B. Tamoria, a total of 46 personnel from the regional and provincial department participated in the activity. Rizal PENRO Ramil R. Limpiada, PENRO Technical Services Division Chief Ernesto M. Diso, Jr., and Manila Bay Site Coordinating and Management Office (MB-SCMO) - Rizal Site Coordinator Marilyn B. Paunil also graced the event. The barangay government headed by Hon. Domingo P. Perez and the local River Rangers also joined.

The volunteers collected a total of 615 kg water hyacinth and 75 kg assorted waste composed of straw, plastic cups, plastic bottles, plastic bag, diaper and styrofoam. The collected wastes were hauled by the Municipal garbage collectors for proper disposal.

MBSCMO-Rizal staff, Jenesis P. Erana said Angono

River is one of the major river systems connected to Laguna Lake where water hyacinth are observed. Per recent assessment made by the DENR National Capital Region, the water hyacinth proliferating in Laguna Lake and its tributaries eventually float towards the Napindan Channel, Pasig River, and Manila Bay.

Early in August 2021, Environment Secretary Roy A. Cimatu ordered the immediate removal and control of water hyacinth in Manila Bay area. "Part of phases of the operational plan (for the Manila Bay Rehabilitation Program) is to clean the baywalk from garbage. When garbage continue to flow, hindi talaga masa-satisfy ang standard. We must prevent at all cost the entry of garbage to baywalk," Cimatu said while referring to the recent garbage issues in Manila Bay, particularly, the flow of water hyacinth from Laguna and Rizal, and bamboo poles from illegal aquaculture structures in Cavite, towards the Bay.

DENR CALABARZON encourages the public to join the regional department in its advocacy to rehabilitate Manila Bay and the coastal areas of the region by regularly conducting clean-ups within and outside their respective homes and by exercising ecological solid waste management practices such as waste segregation-at-source, proper waste disposal, composting of biodegradable waste, and recycling. **PR**

Babala ni 'Yorme sa booster shot

BINALAAN ni Manila City Mayor Isko Moreno ang sino man na magpaparehistro sa 'vaccination program' ng siyudad ngunit target na makakuha ng 'booster shot' na huwag ng ituloy ang plano dahil maaaring may kaharapin pa silang kaso.

Sinabi ng alkalde na dapat unawain ng publiko na hindi pa talaga inirerekomenda sa ngayon ang 'booster shot' o ikatlong dose ng bakuna dahil sa nararansan pa rin na kakapusan sa suplay ng Pilipinas.

Dahil sa pagsingit ng iba para makakuha ng booster shot, pinagkakaitan naman nila ng pagkakataon ang ibang kababayan na

maproteksyunan din ang mga sarili laban sa COVID-19.

Nasa proseso pa nga ang pamahalaan sa pag-hahanda para mabakunahan naman ang mga populasyon na nasa edad 12-17.

Iginiit ni Moreno na huwag nang magtangka ang sino man dahil sa si-guradong matutukoy sila ng kanilang mga opis-yales sa Manila Health Department at maaari pang masampahan ng kaso tulad ng ginawa ng ilang lokal na pamahalaan sa Metro Manila na nakadiskubre ng ganitong panlalamang. **(Leonard basilio)**

Finding opportunities, persevering amid pandemic

MANILA – Many businesses, big or small, have been striving to get through as the world deals with the pandemic. When the going gets tough, how can they keep going?

Actor turned entrepreneur Marvin Agustin shared how he found opportunities amid the struggles.

"Nothing is too small to start," he said in a virtual summit hosted by Globe Business over the weekend. He emphasized how his humble beginnings taught him to muster up courage.

Speaking virtually in front of about 800 micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) and aspiring entrepreneurs, Agustin noted that he did not inherit his businesses. As a child, he was picking up bottles to sell, sell meat in their community, among others.

When he doesn't find bottles, he had to choose between taking the bus or starving. The young Agustin (Marvin Jay Marquez Cuyugan in real life) learned to take the long walk. Fast forward, he became a mascot in a restaurant, and a waiter.

Through selling meat, he learned how customers value every peso they spend. These jobs had enriched him as a person.

"Until I became a boss," he shared, adding that a leap of faith is necessary for one to succeed.

During his first days in show business, he was only using two shirts and one pair of pants. "But I was able to save and invest," he recalled.

Agustin said he knew all along that showbiz has a timeline, that love teams cannot last forever. Thus, when asked for an endorsement, he did not ask for money but for a franchise. He enrolled in a culinary school, and had over 10 branches of a Japanese restaurant.

The former actor was in a board meeting when the lockdown was announced last year. He got worried about the safety of the employees and customers. "Food sector was among the hardest hit by the pan-

demic," he said, and added that opening restaurant branches became difficult as lockdown classification changes every two weeks. "I taught (them) about sustaining the business while retaining people," Agustin said. He encouraged the attendees to be more aggressive in planning, problem-solving. "Maybe (the businesses) were paralyzed, but the world won't stop revolving," he emphasized.

Looking for inspiration, he started learning baking through YouTube. His creations were posted on his social media accounts, and people started ordering.

"Before long, I needed a legitimate commissary, bigger oven, and a legitimate online platform to take the customers' orders," he narrated.

Aside from pastries, cochinillo has been among the products that Agustin offers. Cochinillo is a piglet roasted after feeding on sow's milk for roughly two to six weeks.

While shooting for a video that he would post on social media, the oven's brand was seen. Many have inquired about the oven, and so the manufacturer sent him another oven, he jested.

This, he said, is an opportunity amid the crisis.

"Innovation, perseverance, adaptability -- these are still the (keys) that I will be using in the business," Agustin said. He reiterated that in order for an entrepreneur to strive, he/she must always remember hard work and perseverance.

Meanwhile, the summit also featured learning sessions on new market trends, best practices in working remotely, and digital solutions that mobilized different business operations.

Ayala Corporation chief executive officer Fernando Zobel de Ayala said MSMEs have always been key partners of the Group. An estimated 250,000 small and medium enterprises (SMEs) are part of the Ayala ecosystem, he said. **(PNA)**

Tobacco excise tax collections grow 31% to P83B in Jan-July

MANILA – Excise tax collections of the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) from cigarettes rose by 31 percent to PHP83 billion in the first seven months of 2021 compared with the PHP63 billion collected during the same period last year.

An analysis done by the Department of Finance (DOF) based on data from the BIR shows that Philip Morris Fortune Tobacco Co. Inc. (PMFTC) remained the top cigarette manufacturer with excise tax payments amounting to PHP42.04 billion from Jan. 1 to July 31, which is 6.9 percent more than the PHP39.3 billion it paid during the same period last year.

In her report to Secretary Carlos Dominguez III, DOF Assistant Secretary Ma. Teresa Habitan said that despite Japan Tobacco International (Philippines) Inc. (JTI) registering the highest year-on-year (YOY) excise tax increase of 73.1 percent for the same period, it remained at the second spot in terms of market share with PHP38.8 billion in excise taxes paid.

JTI paid PHP22.4 billion in excise taxes from January to July of 2020, which means JTI's tax payments grew by PHP16.4 billion in the same period this year.

"Based on the actual volume as of July 2021, cigarette excise tax collections reached PHP82.97 billion or a 31-percent increase than last year's collections of PHP63.3 billion," Habitan said during a recent DOF executive committee (Execom) meeting.

The remaining PHP2.13 billion of the total PHP82.97 billion in excise tax collections for the January-July 2021 period was paid by other cigarette manufacturers, such as the Associated Anglo American Tobacco Corp. (AAATC) and Kenstand Philippines Inc. (KPI).

Habitan said that based on tax data, PMFTC's market share of 50.7 percent remained higher than JTI's

share of 46.8 percent for the first seven months of 2021.

"However, it should be noted that JTI's share for (this) period increased by 11.4 percentage points when compared to last year. This was due to JTI's increased volume of 55.8 percent year-on-year while PMFTC's reported volume declined by 3.8 percent," she said.

Based on the tax collections, JTI's volume of removals was 498 million packs and 777 million packs for the first seven months of 2020 and 2021, respectively.

"This is equivalent to an increase of 278 million packs for the first seven months of the year," Habitan said.

She said that of the PHP16.4-billion increase in taxes collected from JTI, PHP3.9 billion was the result of the increase in the tax rate while PHP12.5 billion was because of the increase in volume.

The tax rate on JTI's tobacco products rose by 11.1 percent or PHP5 per pack, while volume increased by 55.8 percent or 278 million packs.

For PMFTC, the volume of removals for the first seven months of 2020 and of 2021 was 874 million packs and 841 million packs, respectively.

Habitan said this is equivalent to a decline of 33 million packs for the first seven months of the year.

Of the PHP2.7-billion increase in the tax collections from PMFTC, PHP4.2 billion was because of the increase in the tax rate, while there was a revenue loss of PHP1.5 billion from the decline in volume.

The tax rate for PMFTC's products also increased by PHP5 per pack, while its volume declined by 3.8 percent or 33 million packs, Habitan said.

Habitan said the total combined volume of JTI and PMFTC as of July 2021 rose by 245 million packs or by 17.9 percent when

SEPT. MEMORIES: FIRST NATIONAL POLLS UNDER THE 1935 CONSTITUTION

MANILA – On September 16, 1935, or exactly 86 years ago, the Filipino voters went to the polls to elect the first set of officials of the Philippine Commonwealth government as provided for in the 1935 Constitution signed by United States President Franklin D. Roosevelt on March 23, 1935.

That was the first national election held under the 1935 Charter drafted and approved on Feb. 8, 1935 by the 202-member Constitutional Convention of 1934 chaired by Senator Claro M. Recto and ratified by the Filipinos in a nationwide plebiscite on May 4, 1935.

Section 1, Article XVIII (The Commonwealth and The Republic) of the 1935 Constitution stated: "The government established by this Constitution shall be known as the Commonwealth of the Philippines." According to the book "Philippine History and Government" (5th edition of Aug. 5, 2002) authored by prominent historian Dr.

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IMPLEMENTASYON NG PHILHEALTH KONSULTA

“Bilang isang miyembro ng PhilHealth nakakatuwang isipin na may programang tinatawag na PhilHealth Konsulta. Sa pamamagitan nito mas lalawak ang serbisyo ng PhilHealth that will cater health and medical needs of a member without being hospitalized”

Isa lamang si Leola Mae Pasumbal sa maraming miyembro ng PhilHealth na natutuwa sa paglabas ng PhilHealth Konsulta na magbibigay daan sa pagpapalawig ng pangunahing pangangalagang pangkalusugan o primary care.

Sa pamamagitan ng Universal Health Care (UHC), isinusulong ang primary care bilang mekanismo upang mabigyan ang bawat Filipino ng maayos at sapat na pangangalaga sa kalusugan. At isa ang PhilHealth Konsulta o Konsultasyong Sulit at Tama upang mabigyang kaganapan ito.

Katuwang ng PhilHealth ang mga pasilidad sa pagpapatupad ng PhilHealth Konsulta at isa ang Tayabas CHO sa accredited PhilHealth Konsulta Provider. Kaya naman para kay Tayabas City Health Officer Dr. Hernando C. Marquez, “Ang PhilHealth Konsulta benefit package ay dagdag tulong upang matugunan ang pangangailangan ng mamayan sa Primary Care Services at dito higit na maibigay ang serbisyonang sulit at tama para sa kalusugang pangkalahatan”.

Kaya naman patuloy ang pakikipag-ugnayan ng mga Local Health Insurance Offices (LHIOs) katuwang ang Accreditation at Quality Assurance Section (AQAS) ng PhilHealth Regional Office IVA upang mas maraming pasilidad ang mahikayat sa sumali at magpa akredit bilang PhilHealth Konsulta Provider.

Kaugnay nito, isinagawa kamakailan ang virtual inspection ng Biñan Rural Health Unit kung saan tiningnan dito ang pagkakaroon ng maaayos at kumpletong kagamitan, gumaganang IT system at ebalwasyon sa kakayahang magbigay ng serbisyo ng pasilidad.

Gayundin, naaprubahan na ang akreditasyon bilang PhilHealth Konsulta Provider ng Calamba CHO

sa Brgy Punta, Calamba CHO sa Lungsod ng Calamba, Laguna at ang Liwag Medical Center sa bayan ng Tiaong, Quezon. Samantalang ang mga Rural Health Units (RHU) ng Tagkawayan, Candelaria at Lopez sa Quezon, Siniloan at Mabitan sa Laguna ay naghihintay na lamang ng validation ng kanilang mga requirements.

Gayundin, hinihintay na ang pagpasa ng mga kaku-langan dokumento ng mga sumusunod na pasilidad para sa kanilang akreditasyon bilang PhilHealth Konsulta Provider:

*Sta Maria Rural Health Unit

*Biñan City Health Office 1

*Biñan City Health Office 2

*Green Pasture Medical Specialist Clinic

*Our Health Center

*Bay Rural Health Unit

*Sta. Rosa City Health Office 1

Sa kasalukuyan, mayroon nang 12 na pasilidad na accredited bilang PhilHealth Konsulta provider sa buong Region 4A:

1. Athena Heart Center (Private)

2. Athena Diabetes Care and Medical Center (Private)

3. Sentrong Pangkalusugan Pagbilao Rural Health Unit

4. Real Rural Health Unit

5. Lucena City Health Office

6. KMT Primarycare and Multispecialty Clinic

7. RAKKK Prophet Medical Center Inc.

8. Atimonan Health Center and Birthing Homes

9. City Health Office of Tayabas

10. Liwag Medical Clinic (Private)

11. Calamba City Health Office (Brgy. Punta)

12. Calamba City Health Office

Ang PhilHealth Konsulta ay isang benepisyong magbibigay-daan sa mandato ng UHC Law na bigyan ang lahat ng Filipino ng primary health care. Ito ang pinalawak na primary care benefit package para matulungan ang bawat Filipino na makaiwas o maagapan ang paglala ng sakit.

Sa pamamagitan nito, magkakaroon ng pangunahing mangangalaga sa kalusugan ng miyembro at maiiwasan ang paglala

‘Tulak’ swak sa P100K halaga ng shabu

TINATAYANG mahigit sa P100K halaga ng shabu ang nasamsam at pagkakaaresto sa hinihinalang tulak sa isinagawang buy bust operation sa Bacoor City, Cavite.

Kinilala ang naaresto na si Aaron Celestino, alias “AA”, 42, ng 3-052 Brgy Panapaan 3, Bacoor City. Sa ulat ni Pat. Jerome Asid, ng Bacoor City Police Station, dakong alas-6:45

Lunes ng gabi ay nagsagawa ng buy bust operation and mga operatiba ng Drug Enforcement Unit (DEU) ng Bacoor CPS sa 3-052 kung saan target ang suspek at nagresulta sa kanyang pagkakaaresto.

Narekober sa suspek ang 15 gramo ng hinihinalang shabu na may street value na P102,000, isang itim na pouch at buy bust money. **GENE ADSUARA**

Kelot, sugatan sa ‘Oplan Solignum’

SUGATAN ang isang lalaki habang arestado ang live-in partner nito at nakatakas ang isa pa nang nabaril ang una matapos paputukan ang mga operatiba habang nagsasagawa ng ‘Oplan Solignum’ Dasmariñas City, Cavite.

Ginamot sa isang ospital ang suspek na si Daniel Bronola, 26, habang arestado ang live-in partner nito na si Maricel Buena, 28, at nakatakas ang isang alias Jake.

Sa ulat ni Pat Arthur Rejano, ng Dasmariñas City Police Station, dakong alas-9:30 Lunes ng gabi habang nagsasagawa ng ‘Oplan Solignum’ ang mga operatiba ng Police Community Precinct (PCP) Salawag ay napansin ang isang Nissan Sentra na

may plakang UKR 512 na kaduda-dudang nakapapalapa sa harapan ng Bank of Makati sa kahabaan ng Molino-Paliparan Road, ng naturang barangay. Lalapitan sana ng mga operatiba nang bumaba ng sasakyan si Bronola at pinaputukan ang mga pulis.

Gumanti ang mga awtoridad na nagresulta sa tama ng bala ng baril sa kaliwang hita at tiyan ng suspek. Nakatakas naman ang isa pang kasama sa sasakyan na si alais Jake.

Ayon kay Rejano, nangongontra umano sa construction ang mag-live-in subalit hindi naman maiipaliwanag kung bakit may baril ang suspek at ano ang ginagawa nila sa lugar. **GENE ADSUARA**

INANTOK SA PAGMAMANEHO NG ‘OTO, NAKADED

PATAY ang isang rider nang salpukin ang kanyang motorsiklo ng driver ng kotse na umano’y inantok sa pagmamaneho sa Alfonso, Cavite.

Isinugod pa sa Pobleto Hospital ang biktima si Arnold Caluya, 36, pero namatay din habang ginagamot.

ng karamdaman o upang maagapan ang anumang sakit na maaaring human-tong sa pagkaka-ospital. Ang mga Konsulta Providers ang magsisilbing tulay kung saan makakamit ng mga miyembro ang mga serbisyonang medikal gaya ng konsultasyon sa duktor o regular na pagpapatingin at pagsusuri, mga laboratoryo, at mga gamot para sa ilang sakit.

Kinilala naman ang driver ng Geely Coolray SX11GS na si Jean Paolo Tenorio, 29, binata.

Sa ulat ni Corporal Dever-son Salinas, ng Alfonso Police Station, minamaneho ng biktima ang kanyang kulay pula na motorsiklo Suzuki MC na may plakang NC 58201 patungo sa direksiyon ng Batangas West at binabagtas ang kahabaan ng Tagaytay-Nasugbu Highway.

Minamaneho naman ni Tenorio ang kanyang kotse sa opposite direction dakong alas-9:30 Linggo ng umaga.

Pagsapit sa Brgy Buck Estate ay inantok umano ang driver ng kotse dahil upang mapunta at sakupin ang kabilang lane ng kalsada at nagresulta sa head-on collision.

Dumausdos din ang kotse at nahulog sa bangin pero himalang sugat lang ang tinamo ng driver. **GENE ADSUARA**

14 sabungero, tiklo

LABING-APAT na sabungero kabilang ang isang senior citizen ang dinampot ng Cavite police sa isinagawang tupada sa magkahiwalay na lugar sa lalawigan.

Sa ulat ng Cavite Police Provincial Office (PPO), dakong alas-11:50 ng hapon nagsagawa ng anti-illegal gambling sa State Land Hills, Brgy Mangahan, Gen Trias City, at naaktuhan na nagsasagawa ng tupada kung saan anim na lalaki kabilang ang 62-anyos na senior citizen ang dinampot.

Narekober sa kanila ang dalawang tari, dalawang panabong at P1,700 na pusta.

Sa Naic, dakong alas-2:15 ng hapon nagsagawa ng anti-illegal gambling operation ang mga operatiba ng PSOG Cavite PPO sa Mabolo St., Brgy Sabanong, at naaktuhan nagsasagawa ng tupada at nagresulta sa pagkakaaresto ng walong lalaki.

Narekober sa kanila ang halagang P2,200 na pusta, dalawang tari at dalawang panabong. **GENE ADSUARA**



BATANG CABRERA, NAGWAGI! 3RD LEG TRIPLE CROWN, KASADO NA!

Walang hirap na nagwagi ang liyamadong kabayo na si Batang Cabrera sa ginanap na 2021 Philracom Special Invitational Race na inilaga sa Santa Ana Park sa Naic, Cavite. Sakay ng hineteng si AM Tancio ay bumanderang tapos si Batang Cabrera at pinakain ng alikabok ang kanyang mga nakalaban. Sa simula ng takbuhan ay mabilis na umarangkada si Batang Cabrera paglabas ng aparato upang hawakan ang bandera, habang pinipilit na makalapit ni Chinito na nirendahan ni Jeff Zarate sa unahan, nasa ikatlong puwesto sa tabing balya ang kabayong si Juliana’s Gold ni AR Manabat at nasa ika-apat na posisyon naman si Hawk Eye na ginabayan ni GL Siego. Pag pasok sa tres oktobos (600 meters) ay nagsimula ng lumayo si Batang Cabrera laban sa nagpupumilit na makadikit na si Chinito. Pagsapit sa huling 400 meters ay nilayuan na ng todo ni Batang Cabrera ang kanyang mga nakatunggali at pagdating sa rektahan ay wala ng nakadikit sa winning horse kaya walang kahirap hiras nitong tinawid ang meta. Nilampaso ni Batang Cabrera ang kanyang mga karibal at tinapos ang laban ng may halos walong kabayong agwat laban sa nasegundo na si Iniki Runner ni PO Refe, tersero si Crown In My Head ni JA Guce at pang-apat naman si Juliana’s Gold. Nakapagtala si Batang Cabrera ng tiyempong 1:18 (7’-22”-22”-25”) para sa distansiyang 1,300 meters. Nauwi ni Batang Cabrera ang karagdagang premyo na P60,000 mula sa Philracom. Nakatakdang naman ikasa sa Oktubre 3 araw ng Linggo ang isa sa pinaka-aabangan ng mga karerista na 2021 Philracom 3rd Leg Triple Crown Stakes Race na ilalarga sa PRCI Saddle & Clubs, Santa Ana Park sa Naic, Cavite. May mahabang distansiya na 2,000 meters ang huling leg ng triple crown at may nakalaan na malaking papremyo mula sa Philracom. Magtatagisan ng bilis at galing ang mga batang kabayo sa 3rd Leg ng Triple Crown kabilang ang paboritong si Nuclear Bomb. Pakay ng mayari ni Nuclear Bomb na masungkit ang 3rd leg upang mawalis ang Triple Crown Series. Matatandaan na napagwagian na ni Nuclear Bomb ang 1st at 2nd leg at kung papalarin sa 3rd leg ay magiging pang 13 sa listahan ng mga kabayong nakawalis ng Triple Crown Series sa kasaysayan ng karera.

DOE Moves to Reduce Dependence on Imported Oil

TAGUIG CITY –The Department of Energy (DOE) has issued a directive meant to lessen the country's vulnerability brought about by disruptions in the supply or price of imported oil.

Issued on 16 September 2021, Department Circular (DC) No. DC2021-09-0028, establishes the "Philippine Strategic Petroleum Reserve Program". "This Circular will help bring the country closer to attaining energy security by decreasing our dependence on the importation of crude oil and finished petroleum products to meet our fuel requirements," Secretary Alfonso G. Cusi said.

In 2019 the DOE had already directed the Philippine National Oil Company (PNOC), under DOE Memorandum Order No. MO2019-11-0001, to conduct a feasibility study for establishing a Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR). The SPR consists of large stockpiles of crude oil as well as petroleum products, stored in facilities located around the country—and possibly overseas—that are released during periods of local or international oil supply disruptions.

The new DOE circular serves as the implementing guidelines for the establishment of the Philippine Strategic Petroleum Reserve Program (PSRP), with the PNOC and DOE jointly implementing the program.

Through the circular, the DOE seeks to establish a government-owned reserve of crude oil, finished petroleum products and biofuel reserve to enhance the security of fuel supply in the country. This would enable the government to address a severe international supply interruption or to implement the Targeted Fuel Relief Program.

Under the circular, the PNOC is tasked to acquire the necessary storage and blending capacity by construction, lease, or other acquisition options based on the agreed minimum and maximum volume level determined by the fea-

sibility study and specified on the approved Guideline on securing storage and blending facility.

The storage and blending facility should be consistent with the supply contract and products portfolio.

In addition, it is the job of the PNOC to acquire the appropriate supply contracts and product type portfolio that allows it to secure the necessary volume to attain the objective of PSRP.

The approval of supply contracts and maintenance of product type portfolio should take into account the feasible and sustainable operation of the PSRP in the manner most economical and advantageous to the government.

PNOC is also responsible for establishing the competence to distribute products to the intended purpose of the PSRP, from the transport logistics down to the fuel discharge to the end consumers.

The distribution chain may be done through lease or acquisition. To address immediate disaster or emergency response deployment, the PNOC should ensure the availability of Mobile Distribution Vehicle.

The circular mandates the DOE and PNOC to utilize the assistance of the existing Inter-Agency Contingency Committee (IECC) created by Administrative Order No. 6 in the implementation of the preparatory activities and the actual implementation of the PSRP.

The two agencies are also tasked with ensuring continuous engagement and participation with international commitments on oil stockpiling projects and initiatives. Such engagement includes consistent participation in training and meetings, joint studies and projects, and compliance to approved international agreements.

The new circular will take effect 15 days following its complete publication in two newspapers of general circulation. **PR**

DOLE warns vs. fake certificates of involuntary separation

MANILA – The Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) has warned the public against the use of unofficial and counterfeit Certificates of Involuntary Separation.

The DOLE-Bureau of Local Employment (BLE) issued the warning after receiving reports of fake certifications for the Social Security System (SSS) unemployment benefit claim.

The said document appeared to have been issued by DOLE Regional Offices and bearing the letterhead and electronic signatures of concerned officials.

Any person or entity found conducting illegal reproduction of the said document shall be dealt with the full extent of law, the DOLE said.

At the same time, the labor department said SSS members may file for certification directly at the DOLE Regional Office having jurisdiction over their workplace, free of charge. For interested applicants, they may visit the appropriate DOLE Regional Office's website for instructions on the process.

Meanwhile, the DOLE and SSS are set to sign a joint memorandum circular to establish guidelines on the enhanced online filing of SSS unemployment benefit claims.

The application for claims should be filed through the SSS website including the application for Electronic Certification of Involuntary Separation from DOLE. **(PNA)**

De La Salle Lipa: 1st PH institution to get STARS Silver Rating

LIPA CITY, Batangas – De La Salle Lipa (DLSL) received the internationally-renowned STARS Silver Rating for its continuous efforts in practicing sustainability on many fronts, the first academic institution in the Philippines to earn this accolade.

STARS means Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System, a self-reporting framework for colleges and universities to measure their sustainability performance. It is a program of the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE), which measures and encourages sustainability in all aspects of higher education.

DLSL's STARS report is now publicly available on the STARS website: <https://reports.aashe.org/institutions/de-la-salle-lipa-batangas/report/2021-07-07/>. The institution joins the ranks of only 153 Colleges and Universities all over the world that have been given the STARS Silver rating.

Silver Rating De La Salle Lipa proudly reported to its Lasallian stakeholders that they were conferred a Silver Rating on its first application, skipping the Reporter and Bronze categories.

The rating starts with 'Reporter' status, then Bronze, Silver and Gold, with the highest rank being Platinum. There are only 11

institutions worldwide that have been granted Platinum Ratings, and among the notables are Stanford University, University of California-Berkeley, and Cornell University. 132 institutions worldwide have earned gold ratings.

Among the current 153 HEIs with similar silver ratings are Boston College and Boston University, University of Ottawa, Universidad de Monterey, and University of Toronto-Mississauga.

Quest for Sustainability DLSL, pursuing the goal of "compliance with and certifiable by a global sustainability standard" under its Strategic Direction to Create Sustainable Futures, aspired to adopt the STARS Program of AASHE to create a baseline for continuous improvement, generate fresh ideas for advocacy, and adopt sustainable, just and inclusive practices – by its students, faculty, parents and other stakeholders - to continuously take care of its side of the planet.

Bro. Dante Jose Amisola FSC, DLSL president, De La Salle Lipa, believes in the importance of taking care of the planet and of progress that is not at the expense of the planet.

"It is a progress of inclusive societies, which are essentially sustainable societies. It is a space where our children live in a world that

PH set to host hybrid world tourism summit in March 2022

MANILA – The Philippines is set to host the World Travel & Tourism Council (WTTC) Global Summit in March 2022, the Department of Tourism (DOT) officially announced Tuesday. The event was supposed to be held in the Philippines in October 2021 but was moved to 2022 due to global travel restrictions. In a presser on Monday, Tourism chief Bernadette Romulo-Puyat said the Interagency Task Force has approved the hosting of the event considering the stringent health and safety protocols that would be put in place before and during the summit proper.

"We will be hosting this. This would be March of 2022. So the Philippines is already chosen. Actually, it was already approved by the IATF," she said.

Around 800 delegates composed of leaders from the largest and most prominent international travel and tourism companies from

airlines, hotels, resorts, travel agencies, and tour companies are expected to attend the event, with over 30,000 people participating virtually.

The WTTC Global Summit is widely considered the most influential event for travel and tourism professionals and stakeholders, providing opportunities for industry leaders to meet with policymakers and address the most pressing issues faced by the industry. 'Boosting MICE'

The DOT is optimistic hosting this event will not only spur the country's tourism sector but also strengthen Manila's position as a competitive meetings, incentives, conferences and exhibitions (MICE) destination in Asia.

The Tourism Promotions Board (TPB), the marketing arm of the DOT, is recalibrating the country's MICE Roadmap to adapt to the challenges brought by the pandemic.

TPB chief operating officer Maria Anthonette Velasco-Allones said the agency has started to identify destinations that are ready, willing, and able to host MICE events under the new normal.

Aside from the traditional MICE destinations like Baguio, Cebu, Clark in Pampanga, Iloilo, Davao, and Cagayan de Oro, Velasco-Allones said TPB is working with DOT-Western Visayas to prepare Boracay as a potential hub in the region.

"TPB is helping to promote, in fact, we have facilitated them to develop the Boracay roadmap for MICE. So hindi nalang talaga sya leisure. (So it's not solely for leisure)," she said in the same presser.

Among others, TPB is also hosting the 8th edition of the Philippine MICE Conference next month, where MICE professionals will tackle key issues and concerns affecting the industry.

The global travel industry has suffered a decline of 72.9 percent in international visitor arrivals in 2020.

The Philippines, on the other hand, registered a much steeper 82-percent slide from 8.26 million tourist arrivals in 2019 to just 1.48 million in 2020.

Based on its reformulated National Tourism Development Plan 2016-2022, the DOT is currently looking at a recovery period of between two to four years. **(PNA)**

is safe, inclusive, where growth is inclusive, where the planet is taken care of, and, where future generations are regarded in the decisions we make today," he said.

In 2020, De La Salle Lipa was acclaimed as EAUC International Green Gown Awards (IGGA) Finalist for all of its three categories: Benefitting Society, Student Engagement, and Sustainability Institution of the Year.

STARS Program Rationale With more than 900 participants in 40 countries, AASHE's STARS program is the most widely recognized framework in the world for publicly reporting comprehensive information related to a college or university's sustainability performance.

Unlike other rating systems, this program is open to all higher education institutions, and the criteria that determine a STARS rating are transparent and accessible to anyone. Because STARS is a program based on credits earned, it allows for both internal comparisons as well as comparisons with similar institutions.

For more information about De La Salle Lipa, visit <https://www.dlsl.edu.ph/>.

For more information about AASHE, visit www.aashe.org. **(PR)**

MILYONG DROGA, NADALE SA CAVITE

TINATAYANG mahigit sa P3 milyong halaga ng hinahinalang shabu ang nasamsam at nagresulta sa pagkakaaresto sa dalawang dayuhan at isang Filipina sa isinagawang buy bust operation sa Gen Trias City, Cavite.

Kinilala ang mga naaresto na sina Stephen Michales, alias Sam, 36, Ghanian national; Agbe Monday Patrick, alias Liberty, 27, binata, estudyante, Nigerian national; at Roca Kaylene Glynnis Mejia, 30, call center agent.

Sa ulat, dakong alas-7:00 Martes ng gabi nagsagawa ng buy busy operation ng mga operatiba ng PDEA Pampanga, PDEA

Bulacan, PDEA 4-A, CIDG Pampanga at Gen Trias City Police Station sa isang subdibisyon (hindi binanggit ayon sa pakiusap ng homeowners association) na nagresulta sa pagkakaaresto sa tatlo.

Narekober sa kanila ang tinatayang 500 gramo ng shabu na may street value na P3,400,000, isang kalibre 45 na may pitong bala, isang unit ng Nissan Almera Gray na may plate number NAT 4083, isang cellular phone at buy bust money.

Kasong paglabag sa Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002 ang kinaharap ng tatlo. **GENE ADSUARA**



NASAMSAM ng mga elemento ng Station Drugs Enforcement Unit (SDEU) sa pamumuno ni P/Major Briant Ian Salazar, ng P'que City Police na nasa pamunuan naman ni PCol. Maximo Frial Sebastian, ang suspek na isang kusinero na nakilalang si Joey de Leon y Sotto, ng Pasay City, ang 379 grams ng hinihinalang shabu na may street value na P2.5-M sa harap ng Sea Side Market, Roxas Blvd. Service Road, Barangay Baclaran, P'que. Naging seizing officer si PcpI Erwin Sagman (SDEU). **(JIMMY HAO)**



ARESTADO ang dalawang suspek na sina Junior Iso y Golez, 34; at Felipe Golez y Tayao, 20, sa mga tauhan ng Sub Station 5, na ang team Leader ay si PLt. Joel Valencia, at ang mga arresting officer ay sina PcpI Jackson Banwa at George Wansen sa ilalim ng pamumuno ni P/Major Tirso T. Pascual. Nakumpiska sa kanila ang isang sachet ng hinihinalang shabu na tumitimbang ng 25 grams at ang street value ay nasa P170,000. Naganap ang Oplan Sita sa loob ng Manila Memorial Park, Brgy. B.F Homes sa lungsod ng P'que. **(JIMMY HAO)**

'Lumaking busabos, pero 'di bastos'

"OPO, lumaki akong busabos, ngunit hindi ako naging bastos."

Ito ang tinuran ni Manila City Mayor Isko Moreno makaraang pormal na magdeklara ng kanilang kandidatura ni health vlogger Doc Willie Ong para sa darating na Presidential at Vice-Presidential elections sa 2022 sa Baseco, Tondo, Maynila.

Ibinahagi ni Moreno na hanggang ngayon ay nakakaranas pa rin siya ng pangmamata dahil sa kaniyang pinagmulan sa Tondo.

Ngunit iginiit niya na ang natutunan niya sa 'public administration' ay hindi niya natutunan sa paaralan ngunit sa mga 'squatter's area' ng Tondo.

"Buong kababaang-loob na inihahayag ko sa inyo mga kababayan ko: Sa darating na Mayo, tanggapin n'yo po ang aking aplikasyon bilang Pangulo ng Pilipi-

nas," bahagi ng talumpati ni Moreno.

Iginiit ni Moreno na hindi ang matayog na am-bisyon ang nagtulak sa kaniya sa desisyon ngunit ang kalunus-lunos umanong kundisyon ng bansa. Habang ginagawa umano ng ibang bansa ang 'best practices' sa paglaban sa COVID-19, ginagamit naman umano sa Pilipinas ang taumbayan bilang mga 'guinea pigs' sa pinakamahaba at pinaka-istriktong "unli quarantines".

"557 days na po tayong nasa quarantine. But instead of flattening the curve, we have flattened our eco-nomy," ayon pa sa alkalde.

Sinusulat ito ay ilalabas ni Moreno ang kaniyang plataporma ngunit marami sa mga ito ay ginagawa na umano niya sa lungsod ng Maynila. **(Leonard basilio)**



ANG dalawang suspek na sina Marivic Carcagante y Florante at Rhegor Lavallo y Tupas ay inaresto dahil sa paggamit umano ng shabu kasabay ng pagkaka-kumpiska sa kanila ng isang pirasong aluminum foil strip, rolled aluminum foil at disposable plastic color violet. Naharap sila sa kasong paglabag sa R.A.9165 Section 12 at 13, Ang pagkakaaresto ay naganap sa Tomas Claudio St., Brgy. Baclaran sa lungsod ng P'que. Ang mga arresting officer ay sina PCPL Napoleon Ancheta at PSSg Alvin Miranda, ng Brgy. Baclaran Sub Station-1. **(JIMMY HAO)**

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Ano ang ipaglalaman sa unang distrito ng Cavite?; at mandurugas na 'reporter'

TULOY ang laban sa unang distrito ng Cavite. Nakita o nabasa ko lamang ang post na ito sa social media.

Sa naturang post ay dagsa ang komento at kagaya ng aking palaging nasasabi sa ganitong mga pagkakataon ay nahahati ang pulso ng mga tao.

Kung may mga positibo ay mayroon ding mga negatibong komento. Batay sa post, ang pagbabago raw ay ibibigay ni 'Cong.' Jolo.

Si Jolo ay kasalukuyang bise gobernador ng Cavite.

Sa tema ng post ay nangangahulugan na kapag naging kongresista si Jolo ay ibibigay nito ang pagbabago sa first district ng lalawigan.

Ang unang distrito ng probinsiya ay binubuo ng Noveleta, Kawit, Rosario at Cavite City.

Nakapukaw lamang sa aking atensiyon ang mga nagbigay ng komento na isang patanong.

Tuloy ang laban, eh ano nga ba ang ipaglalaman?

Pakisagot Cong. 'este Vice Gov. Jolo. Pakilinaw daw po kung ano ba ang ipaglalaman o ipaglalaman.

Pakisama na rin sa paliwanag kung anu-ano ang mga pagbabago na iyon.

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Isang lalaki sa Cebu City na ang pakilala ay bilang mamamahayag o

reporter.

Itong si reporter-kuno ay may katransaksiyong isang lalaki para sa pagbili ng dalawang manok na panabong.

Nagkasundo sila sa presyong pitong libong piso para sa dalawang manok dahil P3,500 ang isa.

Pagkakuha sa dalawang manok ay may itinurong bahay si reporter-kuno na doon kukunin ang pambayad sa dalawang manok.

Namuti ang mga mata ng lalaki dahil kahit anino ni reporter-kuno ay hindi na niya nasilayan.

Ang daming ipakikilalang propesyon sukat na reporter pa ang gamit bilang pagpapanggap.

Mandurugas na 'reporter' ang unang impresyon dahil ang pakilala ay isa siyang mamamahayag. Mandurugas ang loko subalit may taglay na kabobohan kaya patunay na hindi siya tunay na reporter.

Kung hindi ba naman 'bopols' ay ipinost sa kanyang Facebook ang dinugas na dalawang manok at ibinebenta.

Hayun at natuntong si reporter-kuno ng mga alagad ng batas kaya sa halip na mga manok ang himas-himas ay rehas na lamang.

Sa mga mandurugas diyana, wag kayong magpapakilala o magpapanggap bilang reporter.