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COC FILLING ENDS WITH SEVERAL UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES IN CAVITE

Trece Martires, Cavite (PIA) – The last day of filing for Certificate of Candidacy (CoC) in the province saw several unopposed candidates for the congressional seats. provincial board members, and other city officials.

Based on the records of the Provincial Election Office headed by Provincial Election Supervisor At-torney Margaret Joyce Reyes-Cortez, three (3) congressional candidates: Imus City Councilor Adrian Jay Advincula running for Congressman for the lone District of Imus, reelectionist Congressman Crispin Jesus 'Boying' Remulla of the 7th District, and General Trias City Mayor Antonio Ferrer, Congressional candidate of the lone district of General Trias, have no

challengers running. Board Candidates for Board Members without challengers are re-electionist Bacoor Board Member Edwin Malvar, newbie Bryan Revilla, eldest son of Senator Bong Revilla and Bacoor City Mayor Lani Revilla, reelectionist Board Member Kerby Salazar, and General Trias Vice Mayor Maurito Sison.

Mavoral candidate for General Trias City, incumbent Congressman Luis Ferrer IV along with running mate for Vice Mayor Jonas Labuguen, and candidate Council members are also unopposed.

Tagaytay City mayoral candidate Abraham 'Bambol' Tolentino, with re-electionist running mate Vice Mayor Raymund Ambion, and ten councilors are also without challengers, as well as re-electionist Mayor Yuri Pacumio and running mate ABC Simon Matro ran unopposed for the local government executive posts for the municipality of Tanza

"Candidates who filed their respective CoCs here in Cavite province has until November 8, 2021 to correct the errors on their COCs, while the switching of candidates has until November 15, 2021," November 15, 2021," said PES Reyes-Cortez. (Ruel Francisco/Dennis Abrina)

Thousands of migratory birds observed during DENR CENRO Calaca's monitoring for October

WORLD Migratory Bird Day is being celebrated every 9th day of October. This was created by the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS) to raise awareness about the condition of migratory species of wild animals.

On October 13 & 14, 2021, the DENR CENRO Calaca Conservation and Development Section (CDS) team conducted monitoring of the migratory birds in Brgy. San Diego, Lian and Brgy. Alas-as, San Nicholas, Batangas, respectively. The monitoring in San Nicholas was also participated in by the staff from DENR Protected Area Management Office of Taal Volcano Protected Landscape (PAMO-TVPL).

Most areas in San Nicholas were affected by the Taal Volcano eruption that occurred on the first quarter of 2020. To date, the volcano still emits sulfur

DAHIL sa problemang pin-

nas City.

dioxide. The group is attributing the decrease in number of migratory birds observed currently due to the eruption. There were fewer birds seen roosting on the site as compared to those observed prior to the Taal Volcano eruption.

Meanwhile, in Barangay San Diego, in Lian, there were no changes in the number of birds observed. Some of the migratory species observed in both areas include the Little Egret, Great Egret, Grey Heron, Black Crowned Night Heron, and Rufous Night Heron with a total count of approximately 1,120 in Brgy. Alas-as and 2,400 in Brgy. San Diego.

October is the season of the yearly bird migration in the Philippines wherein birds from the northern hemisphere migrate to escape the winter, find shelter, and feed along wetlands and forests across the country. PR

Public, private cemeteries still closed on 'Undas' 2021 TRECE MARTIRES. Cavite (PIA) - Several local

government units in the province order the temporary closure of public and private cemeteries from October 29 to November 2 or 3.

With the country still grappling with the effects of the ongoing pandemic, restrictions on traditional holiday observance such as the 'Undas' are once again in effect to avoid crowding in the cemeteries and columbariums to prevent transmission of the disease.

Local chief executives of Tagaytay city Mayor Agnes Tolentino, and Alfonso town Mayor Randy Salamat approved executive orders for the temporary closure of public and private cemeteries in their respective jurisdictions on October 30 - November 3, 2021.

The City of Dasmariñas released an Advisory for implementing guidelines on the observance of 'Undas' with the cemeteries in the city closed on October 30 -November 2, 2021.

The public is highly urged to visit their departed family's, relatives' gravesites to offer flowers, candles and prayers on the dates prior to or after the indicated dates of temporary closure

Pursuant to IATF recommendations, the city government of Imus yesterday approved Executive Order no. 86 S. 2021 that ordered the temporary closure of public and private cemeteries in the city on October 29 to November 3, 2021. Other LGUs are expected to release advisories for guidelines for the observance of 'Undas' as the

nation remembers our

dearly departed loved ones amidst the pandemic.

SC extends deadline for examinees to pick preferred bar exam site

MANILA - The Supreme Court (SC) on Wednesday extended the deadline for examinees in the next bar examination to select their preferred local testing cen-

ter. "In view of some technical issues in the Bar Personal Login Unified System (Bar PLUS) the Venue Matching Module shall close on Oct. 24, 2021 subject to further extension if the technical issues persist," the SC said in a bar bulletin.

The court had originally set an October 20 deadline for examinees to choose their preferred venue under innovations adapted by the court partly in response to the complications arising from the Covid-19 pandemic.

Last September, the tribunal moved the bar examinations from November 2021 to Jan. 16, 23, 30, and Feb. 6 next year due to the health crisis.

It will be the first bar exams to be held in multiple sites after the SC approved the 24 testing venues in Auaust. The four-Sunday examination was canceled last year

due to the pandemic. Associate Justice Marvic Leonen, the bar examinations chair, said while bar applicants will select their preferred local testing center venue matching will not be on a first-come, firstserved basis. The court has earlier said instead. applicants from remote areas will be prioritized.

"We reiterate that venue matching shall not be on a first-come, first-served basis. The system will process all choices simultaneously. Earlier submissions of venue choices shall not gain priority over the available slots in the local testing centers," Leonen said. "All bar candidates will be given the opportunity to choose their local testing centers within the appropriate period,".

The SC earlier advised applicants to choose the testing center that is closest to their residence. (PNA)

Cavite fisher folks awarded with FRP boats for livelihood

Trece Martires, Cavite (PIA) - Several fisherfolks in the province were awarded with the Fiber Reinforced Plastic (FRP) boats under the FB Pagbabago Program of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) 4A.

FB Pagbabago Program is one of the livelihood interventions of DA-BFAR which aims to improve the socio-economic living status of fisherfolks through the provision of disasterresilient and resourcefishing boats and resource appropriate fishing gears. On October 7, 2021, four (4) units of FRP boats with engine and complete accessories were awarded to eight registered fisherfolks from Barangays Ligtong I, Ligtong 4, Wawa III, and Muzon I in Rosario town.

With the support of the local government, the boats were fabricated and was finished from September 15 – 17, 2021.

In a previous ceremony,

five units of FRP boats fabricated by recipients from five fisherfolk organizations in Cavite City were likewise awarded to them on September 22, 2021.

The 3-day fabrication of boats was done under the supervision of Mr. John Dave Frankie Dayo and Mr. Vincent De Mesa, both technical staff of BFAR 4A Freshwater Demonstration Fish Farm from September 8 - 10, 2021.

Aside from the boats with engine and accessories, the recipients were also given four (4) unit bottom set gillnets to the fisherfolks in Rosario, and seventeen (17) units bottomset gillnets to the recipients from Cavite city.

Both events were led by OIC, PFO-Cavite Soledad M. Cajulis together with the representatives from concerned offices the of the respective LGUs. (Ruel Francisco/BFAR-Provincial **Fisheries** Office Cavite)

ansiyal, pinili ng 56-anyos na lalaki na hiwalay sa asawa na wakasan ang kanyang buhay sa pamagitan ng pagbigti sa Dasmarinas City, Cavite. trical Kinilala ang biktima na si leeg. Gery Timbang, ng Palomar

Nagpatiwakal, dahil sa problemang pinansiyal?

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Domingo, ng Dasmnarinas City Police Station, dakong pakamatay. Tumanggi rin ang pamilya nito na isailalim sa autopsy alas-9:00 Martes ng umaga ay nadiskubre ni Jocelyn examination ang katawan Moralla, 47, katulong, ang ng biktima dahil naniniwala biktima na wala ng buhay silang walang naganap na foul play sa pagkamatay nito. **GENE ADSUARA** sa loob ng kanilang bahay. Sa imbestigasyon ng puli-

Binatilyo, 14 pa; huli sa droga

ISANG 17-anyos na binatilyo at isang babae ang kabilang sa labinlimang hinihinalang tulak ang inaresto sa magkakahiwalay na lugar sa Cavite.

Sa ulat ng Cavite Police Provincial Office (PPO), sa pagitan ng alas-3:15 ng hapon hanggang ala-1:00 ng madaling araw nagsa-gawa ng buy bust operation sa apat na lungsod at limang bayan sa lalawigan. Nanguna sa may pinaka-

sva, nadatnan ang biktima na nakabulagta sa flooring ng bahay habang ang mukha nito ay nakaharap sa bakal ng hagdanan at may nakapulupot na eleccord sa kanyang Ayon sa kapatid nito na si Florante Timbang, nakakaranas umano ng proble-

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sa Gen Trias City at isang

babae mula sa Cavite City.

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Republic of the Philippines Fourth Judicial Region **REGIONAL TRIAL COURT** Branch 130, Trece Martires City rtc1tmt130@judiciary.gov.ph 09198753023 / 09561662514

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FOR CANCELLATION OF ADVERSE CLAIM

CENON C. ABAD, JR. JOSEPH C. ABAD, MA. SABINA C. ABAD, ADELAIDA C. ABAD, CECILIA C. ABAD, VICTORIA C. ABAD and VICTOR C. ABAD, Petitioners

-versus-

RAEMULAN LAND, INC. Respondent. - - - - - - x

ORDER

LRC CASE NO. 6832-015-21

In today,s initial hearing, one of the petitioners, Ma. Sabina C. Abad and their counsel, Atty. Maria Regina Victoria L. Paňo both appeared through videoconference hearing. There were no appearance from petitioners Cenon C. Abad, Jr., Joseph C. Abad, Adelaida C. Abad, Cecilia C. Abad, Victoria C. Abad and Victor C. Abad, as well as the respondent Raemulan Land,

Atty. Paňo moved for the resetting of this case considering that the Order for today's hearing has not yet been posted and published which was granted by the Court. As such, reset the initial hearing of this case to November 17, 2021 at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon, at which date, hour, and place any and all interested persons are required to appear and show cause why the Petition should not be granted.

Let a copy of this Order be published for three (3) consecutive weeks at the expense of the petitioner, in a newspaper of General Circulation and posted at Tanza Public Market, Municipal and Barangay Hall, where the property is situated as well as on the land itself located at Tanza, Province of Cavite, and other copies together with the petition be furnished to the Register of Deeds of the Province of cavite, Office of the Solicitor General, Petitioners and their counsel.

The Sheriff of this Court is hereby directed to post the copy of the Order accordingly.

Send a copy of this Order to Office of the Clerk of Court (OCC) for raffle of the publication.

Ma. Sabina Abad and Atty. Paňo were both notified through videoconferencing for the next setting.

SO ORDERED.

GIVEN through REMOTE VIDEOCONFERENCE HEARING on September 15, 2021 in Trece Martires City, Cavite, Philippines.

> GAYSOL C. LUNA Presiding Judge

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SA AYAW O SA GUSTO AY MAY **KAKALABANIN KANG TAO** ng hangarin na makatulong sa bansa kung papalaring magig-ing pangulo. Tanong lamang ng tropa natin, paano kung matatalo si Mar-cos sa eleksiyon? Ano na o paano na ang kan-yang sinasabing pagtulong sa bansa?

Kapag panalo lamang ba maisasagawa ang pagtulong? Heto pa ang komento ng tropa,

kahit naman sabihing walang kakalabaning tao sa pagtakbo ay ang realidad ay laban-laban

naman talaga ang halalan. "Tatakbo akong presidente, tatakbo akong vice president,

tatakbo akong vice president, tatakbo akong vice president, tatakbo akong governor, tat-akbo ak

iyong pagkandidato sa eleksi-yon. Maliban na nga lamang kung solo ka lamang sa target position dahil walang ibang naghain ng kandidatura kaya wala kang kalaban. Senator Manny Pacquiao, Senator Ping Lacson, at Ma-nila Mayor Isko Moreno ang pinagpipilian ng ating tropa na kanilang isusulat sa balota sa halalan next year. Kung bakit ay hindi pa na-kasama sa kanilang usap lang, sakali sa mga sususnod ay malalaman natin ang dahi-lan nila.

PINAGTATALUNAN ng pub-liko partikular ng kani-kanilang mga taga-suporta ang tungkol sa pahayag ng dalawa sa mga kilalang kakandidato sa pagka-pangulo. Sa pagkakasabi ni Vice Presi-dent Leni Pobrada kaya siya

Sa pagkakasabi ni Vice Presi-dent Leni Robredo kaya siya tatakbong pangulo ay upang maharang ang pagkakapasok ng isang Marcos sa Palasyo. Batay naman sa pahayag ni dating Senator Bongbong Mar-cos sa kanyang pagkandida-tong pangulo ay wala siyang kakalabaning tao bagkus ang kanyang hangarin ay makatu-long sa bansa. Masaya ang paksang ito ng

Masaya ang paksang ito ng ating tropang lansangan dahil nagtatawanan pa sila sa kanilang pagkukuwentuhan.

Ang pagkukuwentuhan. Nagkataon kasi na wala kina Marcos at Robredo ang napipi-sil ng tropang kalye natin na kanilang ibobotong presidente sa eleksiyon sa susunod na taon.

Kaya naman usap lang sila na kumbaga sa pagtatagayan ay nagsilbing pulutan sina Robre-do at Marcos. Najintindihan naman daw nila

Naintinginan naman daw nila kung bakit ganoon ang pag-kakasalita ni Robredo. 'Ika nga nila, kung iyon man ang pinakapangunahing rason ni Robredo kaya tatakbo bilang pangulo ay natural lamang na gagawin at magagawa pa rin nito ang obligasyon o tungkulin sakaling palaring mahalal na president. Nanalo si Lobredo sa pakay

president. Nanalo si Lobredo sa pakay pero hindi naman doon lamang magtatapos ang laban. Siyempre ay gagampanin ni Lobredo sa abot ng kanyang makakaya ang nakaatang na responsibilidad. Sa parte naman ni Marcos sa pagsasabing walang kaka-labaning tao ay hindi rin naka-ligtas sa usap lang ng tropang kalye natin.

kalye natin. Pinuri nila si Marcos bunsod

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Dagok sa health care system

NAKIKITAAN ng hindi magandang epekto ang pagbibitiw sa tungkulin ng mga health worker sa ating bansa sa darating na anim na buwan.

Sa pahayag ni Private Hospitals Association of the Philippines Inc. (PHAPI) president Dr. Jose Rene De Grano, ito ay may negatibong epekto sa kalagayan o estado ng health care system sa bansa.

Lumilitaw sa talaan na umaabot na sa sampung porsiyento ng bilang ng mga health workers ang nakapagsumite na ng kanilang resignasyon.

lisa ang dahilan ng resignation, trabaho sa abroad upang kahit paano ay kumite ng maayos at maganda.

Kung hindi kaagad mahahanapan ng kapalit ang mga nagbitiw sa trabaho ay malaking epekto sa ating health care system.

Angbilangngmganagbitiwaymaaaring madadagdagan pa pagkatapos ay wala o napakaliit lamang ng bilang na magiging kapalit.

Habang hindi natatamo ng ating mga health worker ang makatarungang benepisyo ay magsisilbing dagok sa health care system ng bansa.

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VACCINES EFFECTIVE IN LOWERING COVID-19 CASES IN TACURONG CITY – TOWN CHIEF

MANILA – The efficient and aggressive vaccination program in Tacurong City has helped in the downtrend of COVID-19 cases in the city for the last two weeks, its local chief executive said on Monday.

In an interview during Network Briefing News on October 18 hosted by Presidential Communications Sec. Martin M. Andanar, Mayor Lino Montilla shared that one of the reasons why the COVID-19 situation in the city has been contained in the last14 days is because of the intensified vaccination program in all age groups.

"Ang COVID-19 cases po natin ay going down. As of October 1, ay nasa 93 po ang active cases po, but as of yesterday, October 17, bumaba na po sa 31 ang active cases po natin. [Our COVID-19 cases are going down. As of October 1, there are 93 active cases, but as of yesterday, October 17, our active cases have dropped to 31.]," Mayor Montilla said.

He emphasized that the national government has been actively allocating COVID-19 vaccines for the people of Tacurong City.

"Dahil na rin po ito siguro na dumarami na po iyong mga vaccine na dumadating po dito sa atin sa Lungsod ng Tacurong at in-intensify natin iyong [information dissemination] campaign po natin. [This is probably because the number of vaccines being given to us in Tacurong City is increasing and we have intensified our [information dissemination] campaign.]," he said.

The City Health Office formed two vaccination teams stationed in the central vaccination hub in Poblacion while the other group was assigned to vaccinate senior citizens in farflung areas.

natin iyong "In-intensify vaccination drive natin para na rin bumaba ang COVID-19 cases natin. Mayroon din tayong mobile vaccination program para mailapit natin ito sa ating mga tao. We have intensified our vaccination drive so that our COVID-19 cases will also go down. We also have a mobile vaccination program so we can bring it closer to our people.], Mayor Montilla added.

Construction of Isolation Facilities

The Department of Health also established a quarantine and isolation facility in Tacurong City while the construction of another isolation facility funded by the Office of Civil Defense is still ongoing, according to Mayor Montilla. Both agencies released 10 million pesos of funds for these quarantine facilities.

The city government also constructed two isolation facilities and plans to establish the People's Dialysis and Diagnostic Center dedicated to giving free access to quality health care. Enabling the capacity of the city to receive more COVID-19 vaccines, Mayor Montilla shared that they procured two sub-zero freezers worth Php 1.183 million pesos for Pfizer and Moderna vaccines last August 17, 2021.

The Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases has placed the city under Modified General Community Quarantine started last October 16 to October 31.

since many workers have

not reported to work and

numerous establishments

have either ceased or

downgraded operations, the computation of the 13th

month pay will be different.

'The understanding of most

of our employers is that

the 13th month pay is the

total monthly salary of the

worker but the computation

of the 13th month pav is

not like that because many

workers did not report to

work and we implemented

suspensions of work. I think it is only proportion-

ate that we have a correct

DENR INKS PARTNERSHIP WITH LGUS AND PRIVATE SECTOR ON ADOPT-A-RIVER PROGRAM

The Department of Environment and Natu-(DENR) ral Resources CALABARZON inked an agreement with DENR-Environmental Manage-ment Bureau (EMB) CAL-Manage-ABARZON, C-Joy Poultry Meat Production, Inc. and local government units of Barangay Sta. Teresita in Santo Tomas City and Barangays Plaridel, Lumbang and San Lucas in Lipa City for the protection, rehabilitation and safequarding of a 4-kilometer portion of Tigiro River that is connected to San Juan River.

"Malaking bagay ang pribadong sektor at lokal na pamahalaan sa effort na ito," DENR CALABAR-ZON Regional Executive Director Nilo B. Tamoria acknowledged the initiative of C-Joy Poultry Meats and the said barangay LGUs to conserve, protect and develop the said river.

In the agreement, the private sector agrees to lead in the conduct of river clean-up activities in the area during environmental celebrations and in the conduct of information drives regarding the importance of riverbank stabilization and river protection. They shall coordinate with the barangay LGUs and landowners on the stabilization of the riverbanks and improvement of the river's water quality. They will be the one to provide tree guards and quality bamboo planting materials and other suitable forest tree species, participate in tree planting activities in the area, and ensure the survival of bamboo and trees planted.

The barangay LGUs, on the other hand, shall lead the site preparation, pass and implement an Ordinance for the protection of the newly planted trees

computation," he added.

Given this situation, Benavidez said it is likely that employers would spend less for the 13th month pay of their workers. Benavidez reminded that

the payment of the benefit is a statutory obligation. Meanwhile, he said that in 2020, the agency has

in 2020, the agency has logged an 85 percent compliance rate of employers or companies in giving 13th month pay.

Under the law, private-sector employees have to receive their 13th month pay on or before December 24. (PNA) from stray animals and other man-made destruction, work with the private sector in ensuring the survival of the bamboo and trees planted, actively participate in all other activities for the protection, conservation and development of the river, and endeavor to relocating the informal settlers along the riverbank by informing the proper agency that has jurisdiction on the matter.

Tamoria highlighted the important roles of the LGUs in the initiative and emphasized the need to work hand-in-hand with the concerned stakeholders for the overall success of the program. "At the end of the day, ang local government units ang naiiwan sa area. Sila ang nandoon 24/7 kaya po kami sa national government agency, nandito po ang aming mandates, pero ang success ng effort natin for the protection and conservation of the environment lies sa pagtutulung-tulong po nating lahat", he said.

In the agreement, the DENR CALABARZON through the Regional EMB and Provincial and Com-Environment and munity Natural Resources Offices concerned are responsible for the provision of technical assistance in riverbank stabilization, capacity building, and all other activities pertaining to the rehabilitation, protection, conservation, and management of Tigiro River.

Though the agreement encompasses four barangays, Tamoria clarified that the department knows no boundaries in implementing its mandate. "Ang DENR po ay walang tinatawag na 'political boundary'. Ang tubig po na nanggagaling sa taas ay nag-e-end up sa baba. Kung ano man ро ang nangyayari sa headwaters at sa lake ay may impact sa kalaliman ng dagat at sa reef, he ex-

plained. He stressed that the agreement is a step towards sustainable development. 'Ang effort natin ngayon ay isang malaking bagay para makapag-contribute sa pagsu-sustain ng integrity ng ating environment. And this is not just for us, but most importantly, for the next generations", he said. The agreement has a period of one year and may be renewed thereafter upon mutual agreement of the parties.

Public e-bidding for agricultural lots set on November 19

MAKATI CITY -- The Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation (PDIC), the statutory Liquidator of closed banks, will sell a total of 59 agricultural lots owned by various closed banks through electronic public bidding (e-bidding) on November 19, 2021. The PDIC announced that

it will accept bids from interested buyers from 9:00 a.m. on November 18, 2021 to 8:00 a.m. on November 19, 2021, via its e-bidding portal at https:// assetsforsale.pdic.gov.ph. Bids will be opened starting at 9:00 a.m. on November 19, 2021.

To be sold individually on an "as-is, where-is" basis are 53 agricultural lots (two of which have improvements) and six mixed agricultural-residential lots (two of which have improvements) with a combined minimum disposal price of P110.2 million. The properties are located in Bataan, Batangas, Cagayan, Laguna, La Union, Leyte, Marinduque, Palawan and Pangasinan. To complete the required one-time registration, interested parties can go to the PDIC Assets for Sale website at https://assetsforsale. pdic.gov.ph/. The PDIC Real and Other Properties Acquired (ROPA) Disposal Committee will only accept bids submitted by regis-tered direct buyers through the e-bidding portal of PDIC https://assetsforsale. at pdic.gov.ph/. Registered bidders with submitted bids can observe the scheduled e-bidding proceedings through the said portal or by clicking the Assets for Sale icon on the homepage of PDIC's website at www.pdic.gov.ph.

Bidders are reminded of their responsibility to determine the actual condition, status, ownership, and other circumstances of the properties they wish to acquire which include the possible coverage of these assets in the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP) and the issuance of Emancipation Patents or Certificates of Land Ownership Award. Additional information on these may be inquired from pertinent registries, government agencies, and other entities such as the Municipal Agrarian Reform Officer (MARO) and Provincial Agrarian Reform Officer (PARO) of the Department of Agrarian Reform where the properties are located. As part of the bid requirements, bidders must submit a Certification from the PARO that the property for which he is submitting a bid is not covered by the CARP and that no Emancipation Patent or Certificate of Land Ownership Awards have been issued for said property.

The complete list and description of the properties, requirements, e-bidding process, and Conditions of Bid are posted on the e-bidding portal. The standard format for the Affidavit of Aggregate Landholdings stating that the bidder's aggregate landholdings, including the property/ies to be acquired during the bidding does not exceed the five (5) hectare limit set by law may

be downloaded from the e-bidding portal. For participants who are submitting bids on behalf of another individual or an organization, respectively, the standard format of the Special Power of Attorney and Secretary's Certificate are also available from the same e-bidding portal.

For more information on the e-bidding, interested buyers may call the PDIC Public Assistance Department at (02) 8841-4141, during office hours. Those outside Metro Manila may call the PDIC toll-free hotline at 1-800-1-888- PDIC or 1-800-1-888-7342, also during office hours. Inquiries may also be sent via email at pad@pdic.gov.ph or private message on PDIC's Assets for Sale Facebook (@PDICAssetsforpage Sale) or PDIC's official Facebook page (@Official-PDIC).

As liquidator, the PDIC disposes of various closed bank assets through public biddings and negotiated sale. Proceeds from the liquidation of closed banks' properties are added to the pool of liquid assets of these banks for distribution to uninsured depositors and other creditors subject to the rules on concurrence and preference of credits. The disposal of these assets increases the chances

of recovery of uninsured depositors and creditors of their trapped funds in the closed banks. (**PDIC**)

DOLE set to issue 13th month pay computation advisory

MANILA – The Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) is set to come up with an advisory on the proper computation of 13th month pay for privatesector workers amid the coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) pandemic.

"So we will issue that labor advisory to clarify exactly how much amount a worker will receive, especially now during the pandemic," Labor Undersecretary Benjo Benavidez said in a Laging Handa briefing on Tuesday.

Benavidez added that



BOC Operations Yield Smuggled Agriculturaland Frozen Food Products

ON various operations, elements of the Bureau of Customs (BOC) together with other government agencies seized an estimated value of two million pesos in San Nicolas, Manila, and fifteen million pesos in Caloocan City, both smuggled frozen food products; and smuggled agricultural products in Cagayan De Oro.

On October 15, 2021, the implementing teams for the simultaneous operations in San Nicolas and Caloocan were composed of the Customs Intelligence and Investigation Service (CIIS) of Manila International Container Port (MICP), National Bureau of Investigation, and PCG Task Force Aduana.

Upon arrival at the cold storages, a buy-bust operation was immediately conducted. After a positive outcome of the said operation, an inspection of the said facilities was conducted and found more Peking Ducks, and other imported foodstuff.

Since other regulated imported foodstuff was found, a Letter of Authority was then issued by the Commissioner against the owners, representatives, and whoever is in possession of the imported goods found.

Inventory of the imported goods found was led by

the customs examiner and was witnessed by CIIS MICP, PCG, and Enforcement and Security Service, and representative/s of the cold storages.

In the initial inventory of the goods in San Nicolas Manila, found were hundreds of boxes of frozen Peking duck, shabu shabu balls, dimsum, mushroom, Chinese sausage, and others. On the other hand, frozen pork, chicken, fish, beef plus pork liver, fish skin, and others were found in Caloocan.

On the same date, two containers that arrived at Port of Cagayan De Oro consigned to South Road Consumer Goods Trading said to contain "Frozen Malt" were inspected and found out to contain onions. The examination was witnessed by the customs examiner, CIIS, and ESS personnel at the MICTSI. Meanwhile, on October 18 on the same port, another examination of two containers consigned to Glimmer Cape Food Products Trading said to contain seasoning was conducted, resulting in the discovery of onions.

The subject goods shall be subject to seizure and forfeiture proceedings in violation of Section 1113 of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act.

185,000 Agroforestry seedlings planted in 370 hectares of forestland of Lian and Nasugbu, Batangas

AS part of the agroforestry plantation establishment project under Enhanced National Greening Program (ENGP) CY 2021, the DENR CENRO Calaca in partnership with the Tulo Farmers Association and Samahan ng mga Magtatanim sa Pinagbanderahan Peoples Organization, planted 56,000 Agroforestry seedlings including Annona muricata (Guvabano), Coffea sp. (Coffee), Theobroma cacao (Cacao), Anacardium occidentale (Cashew) and Annona squamo-(Sugar apple/Atis) in the 112-hectare NGP plantation located in Brgy. Kapito, Lian,

located in Brgy. Kapito, Lian, Batangas. On the other hand, 129,000 Agroforestry seedlings including Annona muricata (Guyabano), Coffea sp. (Coffee), Theobroma cacao (Cacao), Anacardium occidentale (Cashew), Annona squamosa (Sugar apple/Atis), Syzygium cumini (Java plum/Duhat), and Nephelium lappaceum (Rambutan) were planted in the 258-hectare agroforestry plantation in Brgys. Latag, and Butucan, Nasugbu Batangas. The DENR CENRO Calaca in partnership with four (4) Peoples Organization namely: Samahan ng Magsasaka sa Sitio Cueba, Maangyo Fruit Bearing Planter, Matahong Forestry Group, and Samahan ng mga Magsasaka ng Sitio Pingkian Alacaac Bernanda, initiated its establishment. Maintenance and protection

activities such as weeding, replanting, staking, brushing, and continuous patrolling and monitoring of the planted seedlings will be done until the year 2024 to ensure its high survival rate.

The National Greening Program (NGP) as the DENR banner program is a convergence initiative of DA-DAR-DENR where the DENR stands as the lead agency. It was issued in the year 2011 under Executive Order No. 26 which aims to plant 1.5 billion trees in 1.5 million hectares of lands of the public domain for a period of six (6) years from CY 2011 to CY 2016. This was extended through Executive Order No. 193 in 2015 which aims to rehabilitate all the remaining unproductive, denuded, and degraded forestlands estimated at 7.1 million hectares from 2016 to 2028.

PH TO KICKSTART MOTORCYCLE TOURISM IN NOVEMBER

MANILA – The Tourism Promotions Board (TPB) will kickstart its refreshed motorcycle tourism program next month, picking up the pace amid the pandemic to regain the public's confidence to travel again. Called the Philippine Motorcycle Tourism (PMT), the TPB-led program seeks to attract motorcycle sports enthusiasts and rides as a potential tourism niche market.

"We are pushing our boundaries to come up with even more safe and creative ways to set the tourism industry and all those who depend on its path to recovery. (The) PMT showcases the interesting culture and heritage sites, shops, restaurants, and other tourism products all over the country that Filipinos can discover themselves on two wheels," TPB Chief Operating Officer Maria Anthonette Velasco-Allones said on Tuesday.

on Tuesday. The TPB will hold a hybrid webinar on November 19 to entice the motorcycle riders' communities and influencers to promote the Philippines as a fun and safe destination while advocating for road safety travel.

travel. It will invite experts and motorcycle enthusiasts to share their knowledge and hands-on experiences in defensive driving, group riding etiquette, and safe riding.

Life terms on Portuguese, Filipina cybersex den operators upheld

MANILA – The Court of Appeals has upheld the life imprisonment sentence imposed by the Taguig City court on a Portuguese national and a Filipina who were found guilty of running a cybersex den in Angeles City in 2008.

In a 16-page decision dated October 15 and written by Associate Justice Ramon Cruz, the CA Eleventh Division upheld the 2019 ruling of Taguig Regional Trial Court Branch 266 that sentenced Portuguese Jorge Manuel P. Ribiero (a.k.a. George Smith) and Rowena Pineda for qualified trafficking in persons and fined them PHP3 million each and additional PHP600,000 in damages. A third accused, Maricel Sebastian, remains at

large. The case arose from the complaint of "Maritess", a Taguig resident who claimed she was recruited on June 10, 2008 to work at an internet cafe.

She was then transferred to three apartments operating as cybersex dens in Also part of the campaign is the staging of the PMT Ride and Tours on November 20-21 that will be joined by about 250 riders, with the starting point set at Rizal Park in Manila.

The TPB initiated this micro-ride in identified destinations in Luzon in collaboration with the Department of Tourism 4-A (Calabarzon).

The riders will travel approximately 850 km. to 980 km. along a pre-identified route covering Manila and the provinces of Rizal, Laguna, Quezon, Batangas, and Cavite for two days as they explore several interesting pitstops and share with the public the beauty of the country on two wheels. Some riders' events are also scheduled in Central Luzon and Mindanao this year -- the Motorbike Tour in Tarlac and Nueva Ecija on October 21-22; the Halal foods Rediscovery Motorcycle Ride to promote Halal food and establishments; and the 10th Mindanao Freedom Ride on November 5-12 spearheaded by the Norminring Motorbikes. "We are hopeful that through these activities, we will rebuild the confidence of the traveling public to travel domestically and, eventually, for the tourism industry to bounce back from the negative impact of the pandemic crisis," Allones said. (*PNA*)

Barangay Bagong Bayan

Maritess was forced to

perform sexual acts before

online clients via website

She escaped later on when

she was directed to accom-

pany a minor co-worker

to a bus terminal in Dau,

where she sought police

The CA said the accused's

defense that the complain-

ant "was not deprived of

liberty when she stayed

in the apartment, which

turned out to be a cybersex

den, is irrelevant" because

under the law, trafficking in

persons is committed with

or without the victim's con-

The court said photos and

files in the convicts' com-

puter of naked women

posing in front of a camera

or performing sexual acts

among themselves "indubi-

tably strengthens the case

of the prosecution because

the accused were indeed

maintaining a cybersex

den and sexually exploited

several women". (PNA)

sent or knowledge.

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assistance.

and Cutcut, Angeles City.

PH needs adequate budget for housing sector: DHSUD chief

MANILA – At least a PHP50-billion budget is needed per year to meet the country's housing demands for Filipinos, according to Department for Human Settlement and Urban Development (DH-SUD) Secretary Eduardo del Rosario on Wednesday.

During the Laging Handa press briefing, del Rosa-rio said the DHSUD is determined to address the issues of informal settler families (ISFs), particularly those residing in the danger zones and other floodprone areas to reduce casualties during calamities. Del Rosario cited the challenging part in fulfilling their task of providing decent and safer houses to ISFs due to budget constraints. "Actually, we requested about PHP70 billion na suporta para sa (support for) Department for Human Settlement and Urban Development at saka aming limang (and our five) attached agencies. Unfortu-nately, with PHP71 billion request ang naibigay lang po sa amin ay (we only got) PHP6 billion, even less 10 percent of what we need," he said.

Despite the inadequate budget provision, del Rosario said DHSUD has remained steadfast in providing decent, safe, and resilient shelters for all Filipinos.

"In our assessment for us to meet our housing needs of 6.5 million, we needed at least PHP50 billion a year. So, kung kami nabibigyan ng average (we are only given budget averaging) to PHP4 to PHP5 billion every year since 2016," he said. "That's why almost every year, we are requesting more or less PHP70 to PHP77 billion at ang nakukuha naman (and we are receiving fund) ranges from to PHP4 to PHP6 billion only."

Del Rosario said the DH-SUD is doing its best to capacitate the low-income families "to be able to purchase a house and lot of their own dream house."

"We consider shelter as a right of every Filipino family," he said. He also hopes that ev-

He also hopes that every Filipino will be given a chance to feel "physical security and comfort in their respective homes."

Del Rosario stressed the need to relocate ISFs into safer places which can greatly contribute to building more resilient communities in the Philippines. (PNA)

74K PDLs in BJMP facilities get Covid-19 jabs

MANILA – More than 74,000 persons deprived of liberty (PDL) in 472 jail facilities nationwide that are managed by the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) have been vaccinated against the coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19).

(Covid-19). "Sa total na bilang natin na 123,848 inmates sa lahat po yan ng 472 jails nationwide, 74,730 na ang nabakunahan so that's roughly around 60 percent (Of our total number of 123,848 inmates in all 472 jails nationwide, 74,730 have been vaccinated so that is roughly around 60 percent)," said BJMP spokesperson, Chief Insp. Xavier Solda, in a radio interview on Tuesday.

Of this number, Solda said 38,811 inmates have been fully vaccinated.

Solda said this is the result of the directive of BJMP chief, Jail Director Allan Iral, for regional directors to coordinate with local government units (LGUs) for the inclusion of inmates in their vaccination activities.

He added that all inmates at the Bocaue Municipal Jail in Bulacan and the Bataan District Jail have already been vaccinated against Covid-19. "Sa mga LGUs, talagang maya't maya, pinapaalala namin sa kanila na huwag sana nila makalimutan yung kanilang mga constituents, including inmates, at nagpapasalamat kami sa kanilang positibong response (From time to time, we remind LGUs not to forget their constituents, including inmates, and we are grateful for their positive response)," Solda stressed.

Solda said 4,404 inmates in BJMP jails have recovered from Covid-19 out of a total of 4,595 confirmed infections. Meanwhile, active cases are placed at 77 while 114 inmates

"Nagtayo tayo ng ating mga "Ligtas Covid-19 centers' para immediately matugunan natin 'yung may mga mild symptoms lamang na mga Covid-19 patients of course in partnership with the local health units at sa DOH (Department of Health) (We have set up 'Ligtas--19 Covid centers' so that we can immediately take care of those with mild symptoms, of course in partnership with the local health units and the DOH). The BJMP leadership has been proactive in setting up isolation facilities to give more focused medical attention to those who need it," he added.

As of October 7, Solda said around 13,755 jail officers have been fully vaccinated. (PNA)

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SMALL TALK WITH SMALL LAUDE AND SM



Well-known socialite, entrepreneur, and celebrity vlogger Small Laude chronicles her latest shopping adventures with SM Call to Deliver in Shop All You Can with Small Laude from October 15 to November 15, 2021.

Small gets her essentials on the comforts of her home thru SM Call to Deliver.



SM Call to Deliver's personal shopper looks for the items of Small. "The personal shoppers are competent and very accommodating. They will find and source all your needs," says Small.

Play SM Call to Deliver's Scratch & Win from October 15, 2021 -January 15, 2022 and get a chance to win exclusive youchers and freebies.

Although her name is Small, Filipina socialite, entrepreneur, and celebrity vlogger Small Laude knows what it is to live large. Funny, exuberant, and down to earth, her effortless humor has gained her 350K subscribers and followers who love her videos on fashion, lifestyle and her own shopping adventures in her You-Tube channel. She also stars in her own 4-part TV special, It's a

Her latest shopping adventure takes her to SM, as host of Shop All You Can with Small Laude, where she highlights SM's Call to Deliver service from October 15 to November 15, 2021 at The SM Store's Facebook page facebook.com/thesmstore.

As some who has traveled and lived abroad extensively, Small admits "I didn't shop a lot in Manila before." She was there-fore amazed when she started shopping at SM and discovered the store's extensive offerings.

"SM has everything," she enthuses. "Even some of the items I have from abroad, SM has them! So many nice things. I enjoy shopping at SM now, the experience is exciting!"

She has been especially delighted with SM's Call to Deliver service, which she calls "a great and modern experience." Small describes the Call to Deliver service as "quite easy and

convenient! The personal shoppers are competent and very ac-commodating. They will find and source all your needs." She was impressed with the service "because of the vast mer-

chandise that's available to choose from. Being able to get ev-erything in one place and the convenience of having the personal shopper complete all you need and deliver it right to your door was fun and exhilarating!" Her personal picks from her Call to Deliver shopping adventure?

"Of course my Kitchen Aid!" she quickly answers. "I never knew The SM Store has it. I love the clothes and shoes, and perfumes that I selected. The scent collection of SM can compare those of

other stores abroad! Too many to mention, really." Small's shopping tips for the new normal" "Everything SM be-cause they've got it all for you!" Watch Small Laude's Shop All You Can video, and use her promo

code to avail of FREE Delivery, with a minimum P1,000 The SM Store Call To Deliver purchase.

As SM continues to celebrate the birth month of its founder Henry Sy Sr. this October with Super Month, you can get a chance to win exclusive vouchers and freebies from The SM Store Call to Deliver Scratch & Win promotion starting October 15, 2021 to January 15, 2022. Play Scratch & Win by registering a Phil-ippine-issued mobile number using mobile phones or tablets at rewards.thesmstore.com.

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JAWO PINARANGALAN NG MGA COMMEMORATIVE STAMP

Inilabas ng Philippine Postal Corporation (PHLPost) ang isang espesyal na commemo rative stamp series na nagtatampok sa alamat ng Philippine Basketball Association (PBA) na si Robert Jaworski

Inilunsad ng PHLPost ang seryeng siyam na selyo na may mga larawan niya na naglalaro sa kanyang mga pangunahing araw noong dekada '70 at dekada '80.

Ang anak ni Jaworski na si Dodot at ang kanyang mga anak na lalaki, komisyoner ng PBA na si Willie Marcial, komisyoner ng Komisyon ng Pam-bansang Komisyon na si Mon Fernandez, ang kaibigan ni Jaworski sa dibdib noong mga araw nila kasama ang Toyota, at ang kasalukuyang mga bituin sa Ginebra na sina Joe Devance, LA Tenorio, Stanley Pringle, Mark Caguioa, at Scottie Thompson ay pinaran-galan ang kaganapan kasama si Executive Secretary Salva-dar Madialdaa dor Medialdea.

ipahayaq "Payagan akong ang aking pagbati at pagpapa-halaga sa Philippine Postal Corporation sa pag-isyu ng isang serye ng mga espesyal salamat: Pagpupugay sa mga Alamat'. Gayunpaman, ito ay isang mas malaking karangalan na maisama sa listahan ng mga taong mayroong napili ng iyong minamahal na korporasyon upang maituring na mga alamat ng ating pa-nahon. Hayaan mo akong ipahayag ang aking malalim na pasasalamat para sa dakilang karangalang ito, "sinabi ni Ja-worski na inihatid ng kanyang anak, na bahagi ng lineup ng Ginebra sa kanyang huling mga taon ng paglalaro noong kalagitnaan ng 90s

Ang paglabas ng mga bagong selyo ay bahagi ng parangal ng PHLPost sa mga bayani sa palakasan ng Pilipinas habang ipinagdiriwang ng ahensya ang ika-75 anibersaryo ng paglabas ng unang mail stamp sa Pilipinas.

Ang PHLPost ay dating naglabas ng isang hanay ng mga

espesyal na selyo na ipinagdiriwang ang matagumpay na kampanya ng koponan ng Pilipinas sa panahon ng Tokyo Olympics kasama ang gintong medalist na si Hidilyn Diaz, pilak na medalist na sina Nesthy Petecio at Carlo Paalam, at tansong medalist na si Eumir Marcial sa mga selyo.

Sa pagkakataong ito, pinalawak ng PHLPost ang paggalang nito sa mga bayani sa palakasan ng Pilipinas sa pa-mamagitan ng pagdaragdag kay Jaworski, na bago pa man akayin ang Tamaraws at ang Gin Kings sa maraming titulo sa liga ay isang mahalagang miyembro ng UE Red Warriors squad na nanalo ng pitong tu-wid na titulo ng UAAP noong dekada '60 at bahagi rin ng pambansang koponan.

'Hindi ko kailanman naisip na mailalagay ako sa selyo ng aming minamahal na republika," dagdag ng pahayag ni Jaworski.

Ang 75-taong-gulang na ala-mat ng PBA, na naging sena-dor mula 1998-2004 kasunod ng kanyang pagreretiro sa basketball, ay hindi maaaring dumalo habang gumagaling siya mula sa isang bihirang karamdaman sa dugo na isiniwalat ni Dodot sa isang pakiki-

panayam. "Kung paano ko ninanais na nandoon ako sa inyong lahat ngayon upang personal na salamat sa iyo para sa kahanga-hangang pribilehiyo at karangalang ito," Jaworski rued habang ang kanyang anak ay karagdagang relay.

Si Dodot, na papasok din sa larangan ng politika kapag nag-ing kongresista siya sa Pasig, pagkatapos ay nanawagan sa mga tagahanga ng kanyang ama na magpatuloy na mana-

langin para sa kanyang ka-lusugan na maging maayos. "Patuloy kaming humihiling sa mga tao na manalangin na siya ay lumakas at siya ay bumalik sa kanyang normal na sarili sa lalong madaling pana-hon," sinabi ng nakababatang si Jaworski



PHILIPPINE PARA DANCE TEAM PINAGHAHANDAAN ANG WORLD PARA DANCE SPORT CHAMPIONSHIPS

May kumpiyansa sa paghahanda para sa prestihiyosong World Para Dance Sport Championships na nakatakda sa Ulsan, South Korea mula Nobyembre 26 hanggang 28.

"Mayroon pa tayong isang buwan na paghahanda at gagawin namin ang aming makakaya sa pagsasanay,' sabi ni head coach Genice Bong Marquez sa online Philippine Sportswriters Association Forum.

Ang mundo na magkikita ay magtitipon ng mga entry mula sa hanggang 40 bansa, kabilang ang mga paborito na Russia, Ukraine at Estados Unidos.

Sinabi ni Marquez na ang kaganapan ay tiyak na maglalabas ng pinakamahusay mula sa mga entry sa Pilipinas na magmula sa isang hindi malilimutang pagtatapos sa Polish Open, na nagsilbing huling kwalipikasyon para sa buong mundo na pagkikita.

Nag-uwi ang Pilipinas ng pitong ginto, apat na pilak at walong tanso na medalya mula sa Lomianki, Poland. Isang kabuuan ng 16 na mga bansa ang lumahok sa kaganapan.

Nakapag-uwi ng apat na gintong medalya si Evelyn de Asis (solong freestyle 2 ng kababaihan, solong maginoo 2, duo freestyle 2 kasama ang kasosyo na si Julius Obrero at junior kompetisyon). Ang iba pang gintong medalist ay sina Obrero (combi Latin class 2 at freestyle combi class 2 kasama ang kapareha na si Rhea Marquez) at ang pares nina Jhona Pena at Joey Maglasang (duo standard class 2).

Nanalong pilak na medalya sina De Asis at Shaquile Hanze Basan, Christian Apolinario, Jhistine Glyde Baguio, Filemon Baguio II, Obero at Pena. Ang mga medalya ng tanso ay sina Anne Charlaine Santos kasama ang apat, Jed Villaruel, Christian Apolinario at Joey Maglasang.

Sinabi ni Marquez sa lingguhang forum na ipinakita sa San Miguel Corporation (SMC), MILO® Philippines, Amelie Hotel Manila, Braska Restaurant, Daily Tribune, at ng Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) na lahat ng mga medalist sa Poland ay maglalaban sa pandaigdigang kaganapan. Pinarating din nina Obero

at Rhea Marquez sa forum, na nagsusumikap sila sa bubble training sa Novaliches upang matiyak na ang Pilipinas ay kinatawan ng maayos sa Ulsan.

"Nagsasanay kami mula 6 ng umaga hanggang 8 ng gabi. na may solo kasanayan sa pagitan at nakita namin na napaka-epektibo, "sabi ni Marquez.

"Ang pagsasanay sa bubble ay mahirap sa simula ngunit umayos kami ng maayos dito," dagdag ni Obero, isang tekniko ng prosthetics sa UERM.



Marlon Manalo and Mariz Manalo SI International Billiards at Snooker Champion Marlon Manalo sa kanyang pagbibigay gabay ng tamang pagsulong at depensa sa piyasa ng chess sa kanyang pamangkin na si Mariz Manalo ng unang distrito sa Lungsod ng Mandaluyong. RGN

MULI NG MAGBABALIK ANG CHOOKS 3X3 SA INVITATIONAL TOURNEY

Ang premier na propesvonal na 3x3 basketball liga ng bansa ay magbabalik bilang bagong panahon.

Ang isang espesyal na isang araw na kaganapan, na tinawag na Chooks-to-Go 3x3 Invitational, ay magtatapos sa 2021 na kalendaryo para sa nasabing liga.

Ang may-ari ng Chooks-to-Go Pilipinas 3x3 na si Ronald Mascariñas ay nagsabi na ang paligsahang ito ay isinasagawa sa Laus Events Center sa San Fernando City, Pampanga na dahil sa ang coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) ay pinabagal ang liga dahil Nilalayon nitong maging kwalipikado nang direkta para sa 2024 Paris Olympics.

"Naapektuhan talaga ng pandemiya ang aming layunin na makakuha ng mahalagang FIBA 3x3 puntos para sa bansa sa pangarap nating maging kwalipikado para sa 2024 Paris Olympics," sabi ni Mascariñas. "Para sa amin, inayos namin ang isang araw na paligsahan na ito na walang bayad sa pagpasok. Ito ay tungkol sa oras na 3x3 na pagbalik ng basketball.

Labindalawang club ang tu-manggap ng hamon, katulad ng HeiHei Manila, Pacquiao Coffee Bacolod, BRT Sumisip Basilan, Homegrown Grains Bocaue. AMĂCOR Man daluyong, RBR Cabiao Nueva Ecija, Pasig Kingpins, Adam Esli Pasay, MNL Kingpin Quezon City, Essen Immuno-boost Sarangani, Zamboanga Valientes, at ARQ Builders Cebu.

Makikipagtalo ang mga koponan para sa isang premyo sa kampeonato na PHP100,000. Ang pangalawang placer ay makakakuha ng PHP50,000, habang ang pangatlong placer ay uuwi ng PHP20,000. Ang isang pagpupulong bago ang paligsahan ay ginanap kung saan tinalakay ng mga opisyal ng liga ang mga pa-takaran ng paanyaya pati na rin ang mga Covid-19 na mga protokol na itinakda para sa . kaganapan.

"Pinupuri ko ang kumpanya sa paghahanda para sa kaganapang ito. Lubhang nagpapasalamat ako sa Chooks-to-Go sa paghila ng kaganapang ito dahil oras na upang bumalik sa normal," sinabi ng liga na dok-tor na si Jefferson Pagsisihan. 'Tiyak, posible na magkaroon ng ligtas na kaganapan na ito hangga't ang mga koponan at liga ay sumunod sa mga patakaran ng GAB (Games and Amusements Board) at and IATF (Inter-Agency Task Force para sa Pamamahala ng Mga umuusbong na Sakit na Na-kakahawa), magagawa natin ang paligsahan na ito. " Sinabi niya sa mga kalahok na

baller na "maglaro lang at aliwin ang mga tao dahil kailan-gan natin ng 3x3 pabalik."

fulad ng nakaraang Chooks 3x3 legs, ang buong FIBA 3x3 na patakaran ay ipapatupad sa patungo sa paglalagay ng Pilipinas, kasalukuyang ika-24 sa mundo sa panlalaki na mga ranggo, sa loob ng Top 4, na awtomatikong karapat-dapat mga spot sa Paris Olympics.

"Ang importante kasi dito ay mabigay natin yung (The im-portant thing here is that we can give the) international standard of officiating in our liga. Si Chooks kasi ang nagpapataas sa pagraranggo natin kaya dapat (Chooks is the one boosting our world ranking so) kailangan nating sundin ang parehong pagdiriwang sa mga internasyonal na paligsahan, "sinabi ng pinuno ng liga na si Hector Villanueva.



PSA FORUM - PHIL DANCE SPORTS NAGBIGAY ng mga pahayag sa weekly online PSA forum ng ang tatlong Philippine Para Dance Sport Team sa pangunguna ni coach Genice Bong Marquez at ang two-time world champion na pares na sina Julius Obero at Rhea Marquez, sa mga naging karanasan nila sa nakaraang Polish Open World Qualifying Round kung saan ang koponan ng Pilipinas ay nag-uwi ng pitong ginto, apat na silvers, at walong tanso habang nag-qualifier sa Lomianki, Poland (*RGN*)



TOPS USAPANG SPORTS

TOPS USAPANG SPORTS Beach Volleyball, Golf at Swimming ang naging talakayan sa weekly zoom online ng TOPS Usapang sports 125th edition na nagbigay ng kani-kanilang mga updates sa kinaanibang sports na sina Charo Serano – Founder Beach Volleyball Repub-lic, Jessie Lopez – National Team member Men Volleyball, Tonton Asistio – Golf, Jalkhaldi- Two time Olympian swimming. kung saan ay tumalakay din ng pagpa-sok sa politika nila Charo Serano bilang councilor ng Cagayan, habang si Tonton Asistio ay sa unang distrito ng Caloocan para councilor. Kasama sa larawan ang pangulo ng TOPS na si Ed Andaya, mga opisyal at membro nito. (*RGN*)

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Ilan sa mga paksa na tinalakay ay ang PD 705 o Revised Forestry Code, as amended, DAO 2008-22 o ang Revised Guidelines on the Deputation of ENROs, RA 9147 o Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act, RA 11038 o Expanded National Integrated Protected Areas Act, RA 7972 o Philippine Mining Act, RA 9003 o Ecological Solid Waste Act, Licensing and Permitting Regulations, at Prosecution of illegal logging cases, wildlife act violations, at iba pang batas pangkalikasan. Binigyang pasalamat rin ni RED Tamoria ang mga DENRO ng rehiyon, "mahalaga po ang ating mga DENRO dahil kung kami lamang po sa DENR ay hindi po namin matutugunan ang hamon at pangangailangan para sa tuloy tuloy na proteksyon at pagpapatupad ng ENR Laws."

"Ang amin pong mga kasalukuyang forest ranger at mga enforcement officers ay umaabot ng 4,000 hanggang 5,000 hektarya ang binabantayan. Hindi na po iyon ideal size dahil hindi po biro ang iikutin ng isang forest ranger (ang ganyan kalaking lugar) para mabantayan ang ating kagubatan" dagdag pa ni RED Tamoria. Ilan lamang sa tungkulin ng DENRO ay ang pagpapatupad ng mga batas pangkalikasan, pagsasagawa ng iba't ibang Information, Education, Communication (IEC) Campaign na tungkol sa kalikasan, at pagsasagawa ng Administrative Confiscation Proceedings, tulad ng pag iisyu ng apprehension receipts, seizure orders, at notisya ng mga paglilitis.

"Dahil sa napaka lawak po ng sinasaklaw ng ENR laws ay hindi po biro ang magiging responsibilidad at mga nararapat na kakayahan na mayroon po ang isang DENRO. Ang training po natin sa loob ng tatlong araw ay isang mahalagang requirement para matugunan natin ang basic capacity skills ng ating deputized enforcers" lahad ni RED Tamoria.

Ang tatlong araw na aktibidad ay dinaluhan ng 319 na deputized at prospective ENROs sa buong rehiyon na binubuo ng Masungi Georeserve Foundation Inc., 34th Special Action Company, 3rd Special Action Battalion, PNP-SAF Infanta, Quezon, Supreme Task Force Inc., Police Hotline Movement Inc., Mt. Banahaw Forest Protection and Conservation Unit, Southern Luzon State University, PNP-DENR-Anti IIlegal Logging Task Force, Provincial Government Office of Public Safety, City at Municipal ENRO ng Sto. Tomas, Tayabas, Rosario, at Cavite, at lokal na pamahalaan ng Bacoor, Liliw, Siniloan, Pakil, Lemery, Liam, Gumaca, Agdangan, General Luna, Pitogo, Calauag, Alabat, Sampaloc, Atimonan, Plaridel. Patananungan, Brangay I at 4 Poblacion, at Pulong Saging.

Binibigyang diin ng kasalukuyang administrasyon na pinapangunahan ni DENR Honorable Secretary Roy A. Cimatu, ang pagpapalakas ng mandato ng ahensya kaugnay sa enforcement ng iba't ibang batas pangkalikasan.

Patuloy pa rin ang pagtulak sa pagpapatupad ng ihinain na bill ukol sa pagtataguyod ng Environmental Protection and Enforcement Bureau *(EPEB).*

DOST to the Scientific Community: R&D Output should be "genderized"

TUGUEGARAO CITY -- Research and development (R&D) outputs should be 'genderized', where both men and women can benefit from them.

Deapartment of Science and Technology (DOST) Undersecretary for R&D, Dr. Rowena Cristina L. Guevarra, highlighted this point during a recent DOST Region 02 webinar on Integrating Gender Lens in Research and Development Projects, as a pre-event acitivity, in celebration of its 2021 Regional Science and Technology Week.

"A gender lens will allow us to see the ways and processes from which gender issues and concerns stem. Not only the R&D community, but the entire Philippines Science, Technology and Innovation landscape can be identified and addressed through our collaborative efforts," USec Guevarra explained.

With this year's theme, "Agham at Teknolohiya: Tugon sa Hamon ng Panahon," DOST 02 introduced gender awareness and sensitivity to address Gender and Development (GAD) issues in society. The theme aims to aid researchers in understanding the need to pursue gender sensitive and responsive R&D Projects.

In his opening remarks during the webnar, DOST Undersecretary for Regional Operations, Engr. Sancho A. Mabborang, pointed out that the main concern today is how the R&D community can adapt to the changes in society as it becomes more gender-responsive.

"We need to understand that these concepts are more intertwined than what we assumed them to be. In fact, they should be lodged together and must be considered an important variable when conducting societal researches to avoid bias and promote inclusivity," he stressed.

Dr. Jhamie Tetz-Infante Mateo, director of the Gender Resource Research and Development Center of the Isabela State University (GRRDC-ISU), and National GAD Resource Pool Member of the Philippine Commission on Women lectured on several salient gender-related concerns on the subject.

Her lecture covered the following: legal basis and mandates; gender mainstreaming and data; gender disaggregated data and harmonized gender and development guidelines (HGDG); and project development cycle and HGDG to integrate gender lens in R&D Projects. This likewise includes the importance of program and project implementation, management, monitoring and evaluation (PIMME) to measure the achievement of GAD or gender equality results.

Dr Mateo commended DOST Region 02's initiative in "starting to genderize the DOST R&D Community, continuously creating opportunities which allow both women and men researchers as well experts and students, to meet and exchange inclusive innovations and ideas towards Philippine development." DOST Region 02 Assistant Regional Director and GAD Unit head, Dr. Teresita A. Tabaog, who organized the webinar, noted that the approach to the gender issue "is a timely response to contemporary challeng-She also highlighted es." their agency's role in the Regional Gender and De-Committee velopment (RGADC), to facilitate gender R&D mainstreaming, and prepare researchers

for gender-based project proposals.

DOST Region 02 OIC-Regional Director. Ms. Virginia G. Bilgera, for her part, expressed her gratitude for another milestone, to the R&D Community.

"I hope, this will inspire other regions to also become more gender-responsive," she said, adding that "DOST Region 02 will demonstrate the approach really works so that the other regions will follow as well". Dr. Diana L. Ignacio, DOST Assistant Secretary for HRMMSSC, DOST-Wide GAD Focal Person shared that she envisions R&D projects to be included in their agency's GAD Attributed Program.

The webinar was participated in by 340 researchfrom the different ers academes, research institutions, national government agencies and regional line agencies nationwide. Engr. Mark Gil Hizon and his team from the R&D Innovation Management Unit of DOST R02 facilitated the participation of researchers from Cagayan Valley region. (S&T Pen 02-Jericho Fronda)

Port of Subic Conducts 4th Stakeholders' Forum on Workplace Professionalism and Civility

THE Bureau of Customs – Port of Subic conducted its Local Learning and Development Training on Workplace Professionalism and Civility attended by the personnel of the Port of Subic in two batches last October 13 and 14, 2021. The purpose of the said training is to further enhance the professionalism and civility of the port's personnel.

District Collector Maritess T. Martin believes that public servants must always act with utmost professionalism. It is the responsibility and obligation of the port to its personnel and transacting the public. The said training is part of the Values Transformation Program of the said port. It is the first training conducted by the port after 5 years.

The speaker of the training was Ms. Rechilda T. Oquias who was designated over the years as Chief, Export Division; Chief, Auction, and Cargo Disposal Division, Chief of Staff to various District Collectors, and Asst. Chief of the Liquidation and Billing Division. Currently, she is the Chief of the Export Coordination Division - POS-AOCG and the Head Executive Assistant to the Commissioner of Customs. Equipped with her experience, Ms. Oquias led a successful, informative, and interactive webinar training.

In her closing remarks for the training which she described as a gem, Atty. Aileen E. Amada-Tortoles, Deputy Collector for Administration of the port stressed that public servants must earn the trust and respect of colleagues and the transacting public by being professional.

The Port of Subic will continue its efforts in conducting more training that will further improve its services to its personnel and the transacting public. **PR**

PCOO REGULARIZES LONG

TIME CASUAL EMPLOYEES



BOC's ETRACC System detects 67 Alarms on Transit Cargoes

MANILA -- In line with the celebration of the 11th Anniversary of the **Presidential Communica**tions Operations Office (PCOO), the agency hired additional 32 regular employees and regularized 15 personnel, who have been working as casual and contractual workers in the PCOO for over 10 years.

Since the start of the leadership of PCOO Secretary Jose Ruperto Martin Andanar in 2016, the PCOO has started regularizing employees who had been with the PCOO for five years or longer, and have been in short-term renewable contracts that denied them the security, opportunities and benefits of full-time regular emplovees.

PCOO Secretary Andanar led the oath taking ceremony and signing of the appointment papers of the newly regularized personnel on Monday, 18 October 2021, at the Times Plaza Building, Manila, the new office of the PCOO.

Among the 15 employees regularized were drivers who have been hired as contractuals for years.

Aside from the security of tenure, the said personnel will receive benefits, a yearend bonus, a performancebased bonus, incentives, and allowances.

As part of PCOO's ongoing efforts in regularizing its contract of service (COS) personnel, the agency has requested additional plantilla positions from the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) for its employees. The COS employees have also undergone Civil Service Examination (CSE) last July to qualify for the plantilla positions.

The PCOO urged the regularization of its deserving and hardworking employees, in order to ensure job security especially now that the country is being challenged by the global health crisis, as well as to motivate its employees to become more productive civil servants.

This year, the DBM has granted the PCOO around 27 plantilla positions but the agency is working on increasing this number in order to regularize more of its employees.

TO secure the transit and transfer of imported goods, the Bureau of Customs (BOC) continues to track. of the trip. monitor, and audit the lo-

cation and condition of cargoes through the implementation of the Electronic Tracking of Containerized Cargo (E-TRACC) System. From January to September 2021, ÉTRACC recorded 67 confirmed alarms on transit cargoes. The ETRACC System, launched in 2020, has an alarm feature that can detect diversion and tampering. The alarms are categorized into five (5): (1) Corridor Alarm or Route Deviation - a vehicle has deviated from normal routes; (2) Unauthorized Start Trip - a vehicle has departed origin before the Control Tower has authorized the start trip; (3) Tamper Alarm - the cable of the Electronic Customs Seal is cut or the seal has been disengaged; (4) Missing Heartbeat - the device has not transmitted a signal for more than 3 minutes; and (5) Unauthorized End Trip - the container has reached the destination, but the Electronic

officer of the illegal drug to the forensic chemist for laboratory examination: and turnover and submission of the marked illegal drug seized by the forensic In this case, there were "no records that the required inventory and photography under the first link of the seized items in the presence of the required witnesses were conducted".

that there had been no stipulations as required under the fourth link between the two parties agreeing that the forensic chemist received the seized article, marked, sealed and intact. and that the chemist resealed it after examination of the contents and placed his own marking to ensure that they could not be tampered with pending trial.

the fourth link cannot be established, thus resulting in the acquittal of the accused," the court said.

"(F)or the failure of the

Customs Seal was disengaged before the Control Tower authorized the end

The Enforcement and Security Service (ESS), as mandated under Customs Memorandum Order No. 04-2020, immediately responded to the reported alarms, and conducted an investigation and other necessary and appropriate enforcement action, which led to the issuance of 67 Mission Orders for Pursuit Operations. Subsequently, during the inspection by the designated examiner and witnessed by ESS personnel, all subject cargoes were found to be in order and no violation was committed.

Furthermore, based on the latest report submitted by the BOC's Assessment & Operations Coordinating Group (AOCG), the ETRACC recorded 189,003 completed trips from January to September 2021. Of the total completed trips, 106,009 are intended to PEZA, 47,613 for Cold Storage Warehouse, 19,475 for Customs Bonded Warehouse (CBW) Imports, 11,861 trips for Container Yard/ Container Freight Station accounts, 2,688 trips for CBW Exports, and 645 for Condemned trips. These cargoes were processed through the Port of Manila, Manila International Container Port, Port of Batangas, Port of Subic, Port of Cebu, Port of Davao, and Port of Cagayan De Oro.

The ETRACC system remains a vital tool for BOC in identifying and preventing illegal activities during the movement of cargoes such as erroneous delivery of containers, missing containers, or unauthorized diversion.

apprehending officers to demonstrate compliance with the first and fourth links of the chain or to provide any justifiable reasons for their deviations thereof, a reasonable doubt exists as to the integrity and evidentiary value of the items confiscated from the accused-appellants, thereby warranting their acquittal," the SC ruled. (PNA)

DOE Asks Congress to Amend the Oil Deregulation Law

TAGUIG CITY - The Department of Energy (DOE) asking Congress to is amend the Oil Deregulation Law to provide a framework for the government to intervene and address sudden, prolonged oil price spikes, including the unbundling of the cost of petroleum retail products to determine their true and passed-on costs. In a letter addressed to the Committee on Energy Chairman Senator Sherwin T. Gatchalian and Representative Juan Miguel M. Arroyo, the DOE mentioned several reasons on the prolonged oil price spike due to a continuing rise in world market prices resulting from the sudden global increase in demand and an unanticipated lack of supply. Demand, which is estimated at 103.22 million barrels a day (as of October 16, 2021 vs. a supply of 100.32 million barrels/day) is attributed to the following:

(1) the surge of economic activities due to the containment of COVID-19 as a result of measures adopted and implemented worldwide (i.e. mass vaccination, control of the Delta and other variants, "no-lockdown' Europe's policy, and China's economic boost). This led to a sudden demand in energy utilization, including the demand on oil products in the transportation sector like gasoline and diesel;

(2) the stocking of petroleum products' inventories as winter approaches to cover demand from October this year to March of next year, with stocking expected until February 2021;

(3) slowed production due to the current global direction of sourcing energy from low-carbon emitting sources. This has limited the optimum level of production, causing the halt and event withdrawal of investments in the development and expansion of the

fossil fuel industry; (4) International sanctions to oil-producing countries like Iran and Venezuela that stopped the drilling of oil companies and the buying of oil products from these countries:

(5) Hurricane Ida a category 4 storm that hit the US gulf coast on August 29 had caused an estimated loss of US crude oil production by as much as 30 million barrels.It can be recalled that Energy Secretary Alfonso G. Cusi in May 2019 issue a department circular (DC2019-05-0008) requiring the unbundling of oil prices for its data gathering and policymaking function. Upon the opposition of the oil industry players, the circular has been subjected to an injunction by the RTC despite the DOE's argument that the 'unbundling policy' is not violative of the Oil Deregulation Law.

Worldwide Coping-up

Before the pandemic, the latest recorded total worldwide supply is, more or less, 104 barrels a day. To cope-up with the supply, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) committed to increase the production and supply of crude oil by 400,000 barrels/ day. The OPEC will meet on 4 November 2021 to discuss and reassess the situation.*Philippine Situation*

The Philippines utilizes the equivalent of 425.000 barrels/day, which is around 0.4% of the world supply.

The DOE has also met with the oil industry stakeholders to ensure supply while the problem persists, and asked if discounts could be extended to the public, especially to the public transport sector. Supply was assured and some companies (e.g. Jetti, Seaoil, Phoenix, Shell. Unioil) agreed to extend discounts to the public transport industry on top of existing discounts currently given like vaccination and loyalty incentives.

Aside from the Departimmediate ment's response, a Whole-of-govapproach and ernment medium and long-term policy directions were also taken in consideration of this matter.

The DOE required the unbundling of the cost of retail products to determine their true and passed-on cost.

The DOE maintains that the unbundling of oil prices would result to greater market transparency by establishing the trends in the prices of oil and finished petroleum products. This, in turn, would help ensure a level playing field within the oil industry, while upholding the best interests of consumers.

BROTHERS ACQUITTED IN DRUG CASE DUE TO PROCEDURAL LAPSES

MANILA – The Supreme Court (SC) ordered the acquittal of three brothers nabbed 15 years ago in Pasig City on drug charges after procedural lapses in the handling of evidence were established.

In a resolution recently posted online, the SC reversed the 2012 decision of the Court of Appeals (CA) which had denied the appeal filed by Longpi, Ali, and Kamal Bagul on illegal possession and sale of drugs and drug paraphernalia charges.

The three were arrested on Nov. 8, 2006 in Barangay Pinagbuhatan in a drug buy-bust where they were caught selling a plastic sachet containing shabu to an undercover cop, Police Officer 1 Philip Aure, for PHP200.

The court, in ordering the acquittal, said "establishing every link in the chain of custody is crucial to the preservation of the integ-

rity, identity and evidentiary value of the seized illegal drug" and that "procedural lapses committed by the law enforcers herein, which were left unacknowledged and unexplained, could not be considered minor".

The court said strict compliance with the chain of custody procedure may not always be possible and as such, the seizure would not necessarily be void and invalid provided that there is justifiable ground for noncompliance and the integrity and evidentiary value of the seized items are properly preserved.

The SC said under the law, the chain of custody is divided into four links -- seizure and marking, if practicable of the illegal drug recovered from the accused by the apprehending officer; turnover of the illegal drug seized by the apprehending officer to the investigating officer; turnover by the investigating

chemist to the court. Likewise, the court noted

'Absent such stipulations,



BAMBOO PLANTING, WATER HYACINTH REMOVAL AT CLEAN-UP **ACTIVITIES, ISINAGAWA NG PENRO** LAGUNA AT CENRO STA. ANA

Pangil, Laguna – Kaugnay ng selebrasyon ng World Bamboo Day at International Coastal Clean-Up 2021 ay nagsagawa ng sabayang Bamboo Planting, Water Hyacinth Removal at River Clean-Up activities ang PENRO Laguna at CENRO Sta. Cruz sa bayan ng Pangil, Laguna ngayong ika-12 ng Oktubre, 2021.

Sa tulong at suporta ng lokal na pamahalaan ng Pangil, sa pamumuno ni Mayor Gerald A. Aritao kasama ang iba't-ibang ahensya ng gobyerno at organisasyon kasama ang Laguna Provincial Police Office, Pangil Municipal (MPS), Station Police Pangil Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), MENRO Pangil, MENRO Siniloan, Crime Watch, Gal-Pa Upland Farmers Association kasama din ang mga River Rangers ng Pangil at Siniloan. Kabilang din sa mga nakiisa sa nasabing mga aktibidad ang mga piling kawani mula sa PENRO Laguna at CENRO Sta. Cruz.

Tinatayang 500 punla ng Kawayang Tinik ang naitanim ng mga nakilahok sa bamboo planting sa 2017 National Greening Program (NGP) Bamboo Plantation sa Brgy. Galalan, Pangil, Laguna.

Kasabay nito, ay nagsagawa din ng clean-up activity sa kahabaan ng Pangil River at nakapagkolekta ng 70 sako ng basura na may bigat na humigit-kumulang na 945 kilograms. Halos 80% ng nakolektang basura ay mga nabubulok o biodegradable. Dagdag pa rito ay nagkaroon din ng pagtatanggal ng mga water hyacinth upang maiwasan ang pagbabara sa mga katubigan o tributaryo patungong Manila Bay.

Pagkatapos ng mga nasabing aktibidad ay nagkaroon ng maikling programa na ginanap sa bulwagan ng Pangil River Ecological Park sa Brgy. Natividad. Ito ay dinaluhan ng mga panauhin kabilang na sina PENRO Ronilo L. Salac, CENRO Venerando U. Garcia, Mayor Gerald A. Aritao, Vice Mayor Divine Grace G. Astoveza at Police Lieutenant Colonel Rodelino B. Aspiras na nagbigay ng kani-kanilang mga mensahe.

Ani PENRO Salac, ang mga tuloy-tuloy na pagsasagawa ng PENRO Laguna katuwang ang CENRO Sta. Cruz ng mga iba't-ibang aktibidad at proyekto sa Pangil ay kabilang sa action plan ng opisina bilang pagtugon sa hamon ni DENR Secretary Roy A. Cimatu na mapanatiling pinakamalinis na iloq sa bansa ang Pangil River at muling gawing Class A ang kalidad ng tubig ng nasabing ilog.

Lubos naman ang pasasalamat ni Mayor Aritao sa DENR sa pagbibigay ng importansya at pakikipagtulungan na mapanatiling maayos ang kapaligiran ng kanilang maliit ngunit napakagandang bayan.

Ang maikling programa ay natapos sa isang closing remarks mula kay CENRO Venerando U. Garcia. Ayon kay CENRO Garcia, and pagsasama ng iba't ibang ahensya ng gobyerno at iba pang organisayon ay sumisimbilo ng isang pinagtibay na pagtutulungan tungo sa isang layunin na mapangalagaan ang mga katubigan at watershed areas ng lalawigan.

Central, Tagaytay City. **PATAY** ang magkapatid na

mga suspek sa pagbaril sa isang vendor at pagmolestiya sa anak nito nang nanlaban sa mga awtoridad sa isinagawang hot pursuit operation sa Tagatay City, Cavite.

Kinilala ang napatay na magkapatid na sina Denmark at Ariel Consumo, kapwa nasa wastong edad at residente ng Bry Halang, Naic.

Sa ulat ni Corporal Braiann Balani, ng Tagaytay City Police Station, dakong alas-11:00 Linggo ng umaga nagsagawa ng hot pursuit operation ang pinagsamang puwersa ng Naic Police Station, Force Commander at Tagaytay CPS sa Brgy Kaybagal

33 katao, tiklo sa 'bato'

TATLONG menor de edad, tatlong babae, at isang senior citizen ang kabilang sa tatlumpu't tatlong hinihinalang tulak na dinampot ng Cavite police sa isinagawang magkakahiwalay na buy bust operation.

Sa ulat ng Cavite Police Provincial Office (PPO), dakong alas-6:00 Lunes ng umaga hanggang kinabukasan alas-2:30 ng madaling araw nagsagawa ng buy bust operation sa limang lungsod at limang bayan sa lalawigan.

Nanguna sa pinakamaraming bilang ng mga tulak na naaresto ang lungsod ng Dasmarinas na pito;

Rider, tigbak; 6 pa sugatan sa driver na nakainom ng alak

habang sugatan ang anim na iba pa at nasira ang kanilang sasakyan nang banggain ng umano'y nakainom na driver ng Isuzu Rebuilt sa Imus City, Cavite.

Kinilala ang nasawi na si Michael dela Cruz, 20, at sugatan sina Robert Kent Murphy Reyes, Clark Dominguez at Joseph Yerro, pawang nasa wastong edad, habang nasira ang kanilang mga sasakyan, gayundin ang pasahero ng

Mag-utol, dedbol; nanlaban sa operasyon

Bago ang nasabing operasyon ay nakatanggap ng impormasyon ang Naic CPS na ang magkapatid ay nagtatago sa kanilang kamag-anak sa nasabing lugar.

Subalit nang isagawa ang hot pursuit operation ay nanlaban ang magkapatid na nagresulta sa kanilang kamatayan.

Ang magkapatid ay suspek sa pagpatay kay Richard Ellaran, 35, fruit vendor, ng Bronzeville Subd.. Brgy Halang, Naic, noong October 14, 2021 nang magsumbong ang una dahil sa pagmomolestiya sa 15-anyos nitong dalawang anak.

Suspek din ang dalawa sa

sumunod ang Cavite City na anim; tig-lima naman ang Gen Trias City at Tanza; talo naman sa Rosario; tig-dalawa naman sa Bacoor City at General Mariano Alvarez (GMA); habang ang Alfonso, Maragondon at Trece Martires City ay

tig-isa o kabuuan na 33. Sa nasabing operasyon, tatlong menor de edad na may edad 15 at 16 ay naaresto sa Cavite City at dalawa sa Gen Trias habang ang tatlong babae ay dinampot sa Cavite City, Bacoor City at Dasmarinas City habang nagmula sa Bacoor ang Senior Citizen. **GENE ADSUARA**

NASAWI ang isang rider Isuzu Rebuilt na sina Dana Emmanuel Natuin, 20, Jefferson Mark Olaes at Martorillas Craic. 19.

Kasong multiple physical injuries, damage to property at R.A. 10586 (drunk driver) ang isinampa laban sa driver ng Isuzu Rebuilt FB Body na may plakang WEI 600 na si Arnaldo Balajidiong, nasa wastong edad.

Sa ulat ni PSSg Wilfred Guevarra, ng Imus City Police Station, binabagtas ni Balajidiong ang Centennial Road patungo sa direksiyon ng Bacoor City dakong alas-11:00 ng gabi at pagsapit sa Pag-asa 3 ay ipinaling ang sasakyan sa kaliwa upang makapagcounter flow dahilan upang mabangga nito ang minamanehong motorsiklong Rusi Kraken ni Reyes; mimananehong Toyota Inova na may plakang TIL 449 ni Dominguez; motorsiklong Kawasaki ni Yerro at motorsiklong Honda TMX ni

isang barilan na naganap noong April 21, 2021 sa Belmont Subd., Brgy Halang, Naic.

Si Denmark Consumo ay dating nakulong dahil sa paglabag sa RA 9262 at 9265 noong 2019 at sangkot din sa paglabag sa RA 9165 noong 2017. GENE ADSUARA



TO IT'S SI BING, NAKASILAT!

Masaya ang mga dehadista matapos makasilat ang kabayong si To It's Si Bing sa ginanap na Condition Race 20 na inilarga sa pista ng Metro Manila Turf Club Inc. sa Malvar-Tanauan City, Batangas. Sakay ng hineteng si Patty Dilema, ay binigo ni To It's Si Bing ang liyamadong si Candaba na nirendahan ni Rodeo Fernandez, pati na rin sina Kapayapaan at Easy Landing. Sa simula ng labanan ay nakauna sa arangkadahan ang kabayong si Summer Cruise na ginabayan ni MD De Jesus, ngunit agad naman na sinunggaban ni To It's Si Bing ang harapan upang hawakan ang bandera, nasa ikatlong puwesto si Easy Landing ni Jeff Zarate, pang-apat si Kapayapaan na pinatungan ni AR Villegas, kasunod si Kalanggaman Island ni Claro Pare Jr., nasa ika-anim na posisyon ang paborito na si Candaba, habang si Sir Joaquin ni RM Garcia ang bugaw sa takbuhan. Pagdating sa huling kurbada ay bandera pa rin ang winning horse habang papalapit na ang mga katunggali na sina Kapayapaan sa tabing balya, Easy Landing sa gitna at Candaba sa gawing labas. Pagsapit sa huling 50 meters ay biglang bumulusok si Candaba sa gawing labas habang pinipilit ni To It's Si Bing na kumapit sa unahan. Naging kapana panabik ang pagtatapos nang nasabing karera dahil naging dikit ang dalawa sa pagtawid sa meta, ngunit lumamang pa rin si To It's Si Bing laban sa nabitin na si Candaba, tersero si Kapayapaan at pang-apat si Easy Landing. Nakapagtala si To It's Si Bing ng tiyempong 1:10.4 (23'-21'-25') para sa distansiyang 1,200 meters. Masaya din ang may-ari ni To It's Si Bing na si Bingson Tecson dahil sa pagkapanalo ng kanyang imported horse. Congrats!!

Dela Cruz.

Dahil sa lakas ng pagkakabangga, pawang nasugatan ang mga driver nito at nasira ang mga sasakyan pero napuruhan si Dela

Obrero, arestado sa pagnanakaw

ARESTADO ang 28anyos na obrero na naaktuhang tangay nito ang isang cast iron manhole para sa Cavite Expressway (CAVITEX) na nagkakahalaga ng P35,000 sa Bacoor City, Cavite.

Kinilala ang suspek na si Marvin Refil, binata, ng Bernabe compound, Brgy Zapote V, Bacoor City, dahil sa reklamo ng CAVITEX Infrastructure Corporation.

Sa ulat ni Corporal Ronald Abalos, ng Bacoor

Cruz na nagresulta sa kanyang kamatayan.

Nabatid na nakainom Balajidiong si habang nagmamaneho. GENE ADSUARA

City Police Station, alas-12:20 Miyerkules ng tanghali ay binitbit si Refil ng naka-duty na security guard nang naaktuhan na bitbit at tangkang ilabas sa compound ng CAV-ITEZ Infrastructure Corporation sa Wawa bridge, Brgy Zapote 5 Bacoor City, ang isang cast iron na manhole cover na nagkakahalaga ng P35,000. theft Kasong and isinampa laban sa kanya. **GENE ADSUARA**



Libreng Patitulo Para sa mga Residente ng Batangas City, Inumpisahan na

Calamba City, Laguna - Ang Department of Environment and Natural **Resources (DENR) CAL-**ABARZON, katuwang ang Lokal na Pamahalaan ng Batangas City, ay nagsagawa ng mas pinalawak na programa ng handog titulo para sa mga Batangueños. Nito lamang Oktubre, apat (4) na Agricultural Patent at 14 na Residential Patent ang iginawad sa mga residente ng mga Barangay ng Sampaga, Libjo, Banaba Center, Banaba West, Kuta, Sta. Rita Kalsada, Kumintang Ilaya, at Concepcion sa Programang Handog Titulo sa ilalaim ng Rapid Land Tenure Agreement (RLTA).

Ang programa na ito ay bunga ng opisyal na paglagda ng Memorandum of Partnership Agreement at DENR CALABARZON noong Pebrero 2014. Sa kasalukuyan ay nakapag gawad na ng mahigit 218 na libreng patitulo sa mga residente ng Batangas City.

Lahad ni DENR CALA-BARZON Regional Executive Director Nilo B. Tamoria, "Noong taong 2020 po ay nakapag isyu po tayo ng libreng patitulo sa buong probinsya ng Batangas sa

ating 782 na kababayan. Ngayong taon po ay patuloy po tayo sa pagsasagawa ng Handog Titulo Program at iba pang aktibidad para makapag bigay ng maganda at karapat dapat na serbisyo sa ating mga kasama dito sa buong CALABARZON.

Ang Handog Titulo program ay alinsunod po sa ating DENR Priority Program na Improved Land Administration and Management, na naglalayong makapag isyu ng parehong residensyal at agrikultural na libreng patitulo.

Para makilahok sa libreng patitulo ng DENR, maaaring makipag ugnayan ang mga LGUs sa pinakamalapit ng DENR Office sa inyong lugar. Maaaring magpadala ng kahilingan ang mga Punong Bayan sa r4a@denr.gov.ph . Kung may katanungan, maaaring tumawag o magbigay ng mensahe sa 8888 hotline 09561825774/ numero 09198744369 at Trunkline No. (049) 540-DENR (3367) / (049) 554-9840 -48 local - 121. Sundan ang opisyal na Facebook page ng DENR CALABARZON: https://www.facebook.com/ DENR4AOfficial/ para sa iba pang updates. PR

10 mangingisda, nalambat

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ang inaresto dakong alas-

11:00 ng gabi sa baybayin

malapit sa Brgy San Juan

1, Ternate, Cavite dahil sa

illegal na pangingisda sa

Ang motorbanca ng na-

sabing mga mangingisda

at iniskortan ng PCG sa

impounding area ng na-

kaaksakop na bayan para

sa documentation at pag-

sasampa ng kaso laban sa

Kasong paglabag sa Mu-

nicipal Ordinance (Illegal

Fishing) at Section 4.3

dahil sa illegal na paggamit

ng trawling gears. GENE

UMABOT sa sampung mangingisda ang binitbit ng Philippine Coast Guard (PCG)-Cavite dahil sa illegal na pangingisda at paggamit ng illegal na kagamitan sa magkahiwalay na lugar sa lalawigan.

Sa ulat ng PCG-Station Cavite dakong alas-5:00 ng hapon ay naaresto ang sampung mangingisda na sakay ng Dexwin Ace sa baybayin ng Carabao Island, Maragondon, dahil sa illegal na pangingisda at paggamit ng trawling gears.

Šamantala sa Ternate, limang mangingisda naman

zation of Peoples, will lead

the beatification ceremony

of Venerable Pauline Ma-

rie Jaricot in Lyon, France

The Roman Catholic Arch-

diocese of Manila (RCAM)

announced on Thursday

that the former archbishop

of Manila has been named

to lead the Church event to

It said the announcement of

Jaricot's beatification was

made by Gaëtan Boucha-

rlat de Chazotte, secretary

general of the Pontifical

be held on May 22, 2022.

scheduled next year.

Tagle to lead beatification of Pauline Marie Jaricot

MANILA – Luis Antonio Mission Societies (PMS) in Cardinal Tagle, the Vati-France. can's Prefect of the Con-On the other hand, Fr. gregation for the Evangeli-

ADSUARA

Brian Lucas, Catholic Mission national director, welcomed the scheduled beatification, saying that the event will occur during the year marking the 200th anniversary of the foundation of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

"As a laywoman committed to supporting the missionarv activities of the church. she reminds us that holiness is not confined to those in holy orders or members of religious congregations," he said on the Catholic Mission website.

Reticulated python at Philippine Hawk Eagle, naiturn-over sa DENR CALABARZON Regional Wildlife Rescue Center

Calamba City, Laguna – isang Reticulated Python (Malayopython reticulatus) at isang Philippine Hawk (Nisaetus philip-Eagle pensis) ang naiturn-over ng DENR CENRO Real sa DENR CALABARZON Regional Wildlife Rescue Center (RWRC) ngayong Oktubre. Ang wildlife ay nirescue sa Barangay Minahan at Barangay Anoling sa General Nakar, Quezon. Ang python ay may bigat na 5.75 kilograms at haba na 160 cm. Ang Philippine Hawk Eagle naman ay isang juvenile na may bigat na .75 kilograms.

Ayon sa datos ng IUCN Red List of Threatened Species, ang Reticulated Python ay nakalista bilang Least Concerned, samantala, and Philippine Hawk Eagle naman ay kasalukuyan nang nakalista bilang Endangered species. Pagkatapos masuri ang

mga hayop sa Regional

Jaricot was born in Lyons, France in 1799. She was the founder of the Pontifical Society for the Propagation of Faith and the Association of Living Rosary.

She was declared Venerable by Pope John XXIII on Feb. 25, 1963.

On May 26, 2020, Pope Francis authorized the publication of the decree recognizing the miracle attributed to the intercession of Jaricot.

Beatification is a process guided by the Vatican's Congregation for the Causes of Saints, that begins with an intensive investigation of a deceased person's life, writings, and virtues and, except in the case of martyrs, proof of one miracle worked by God through the intercession of the person.

If the person meets all of the requirements, the Pope gives the person the title "Blessed" and decrees that he or she may be honored or venerated.

Aside from the processes required for beatification and canonization causes. the Congregation for the Causes of Saints is a Vatican delegation that is also responsible for the preservation of relics of holy people. (PNA)

Wildlife Rescue Center ay agad din itong papakawalan sa kanyang natural na tirahan. "Hangga't maaari ay pinapakawalan agad natin ang mga narerescue na wildlife, lalo at wala itong sugat o sakit, para makaiwas sa domestication ang mga ito. Mayroon ding tayong mga technical staff sa Region at sa Rescue Center para obserbahan ang mga wildlife na natatanggap natin sa Rescue Center." Ani DENR CALABARZON Regional Executive Director Nilo B. Tamoria.

Ang Regional Wildlife Rescue Center sa Calauan, Laguna ay may 147 na ibat ibang uri ng wildlife. Ngayong 2021 ay nakapag sagawa na na iba't ibang releasing activities para makabalik ang mga wildlife na ito sa kanilang natural na tirahan. Sa darating na Oktubre 23 ay magsasagawa ng isang releasing activity para sa apat (4) na Philippine Scops Owl (Otus megalotis), tatlo (3) na Reticulated Python, at isa (1) na Marbled Water Monitor Lizard (Varanus marmoratus) sa Binahaan River Watershed Forest Reserve (BRWFR), Pagbilao, Quezon.

"Ang lahat nang mahuhuli na may ilegal na pagmamay ari ng kahit anong wildlife species na walang kaukulang permit ay kakasuhan ng paglabag ng Republic Act 9147 o ang Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act", dagdag pa ni RED Tamoria.

Hinihikayat ng DENR CAL-ABARZÓN ang publiko na makiisa sa laban para sa proteksiyon ng buhay ilang o wildlife. Para sa may mga sumbong ukol sa ilegal na gawain na may kaugnayan sa kalikasan ay maaaring tumawag o magbigay ng mensahe sa 8888 hotline numero 09561825774/ 09198744369 at Trunkline No. (049) 540-DENR (3367) / (049) 554-9840 - 48 local - 121. Ang mga litrato, bidyo, at iba pang impormasyon ay maaari ring ipadala sa opisyal na Facebook page ng DENR CALABARZON: https:// www.facebook.com/DEN-R4AOfficial/. ###

'Super Tucano' aircraft fleet now in Sangley airbase

MANILA - The Philippine Air Force (PAF)'s fleet of newly-acquired Embraer A-29B "Super Tucano" aircraft officially transferred to its new home at the Major Danilo Atienza Air Base (MDAAB) in Sangley Point, Cavite City on Wednes dav

"The fleet of A-29B ST (Super Tucano) commanded by Maj. Jonathan C. Barawed, Squadron Commander, 16th Attack Squadron, took off from Clark Air Base and performed formation low pass before making their first land-ing at MDAAB. After landing, the aircraft were rendered the traditional water cannon sa-lute and were blessed by Maj. Edison M. Lotilla, CHS (Chaplain Service). It was followed by the ceremonial champagne pouring to mark both the joy and sanctity of the occasion," the PAF's 15th Strike Wing said in a Facebook post on Wednesday night. It added that 15th Strike Wing

commander, Brig. Gen. Aristotle D. Gonzalez, and other ranking officials of the unit, welcomed the pilots and the five A-29B aircraft. "This very significant event

culminates years of hard work and a realization of a dream for the 15th Strike Wing to ac-quire a modern and more capable fixed-wing platform that will continue to enable the AFP to deliver the much-needed firepower against all forms of enemies who intend to distort peace in our country," Gonza-İez said.

Four of the A-29B close-sup port attack aircraft arrived in the country on Sept. 19, 2020, while the remaining two ar-rived on October 1 of the same year.

One of the aircraft is still undergoing repairs following a mishap in July this year.

Embraer pilots flew the aircraft from the company airfield in Sao Paulo, Brazil, and made fueling stops in the Canary Is-lands, Portugal, Malta, Egypt, Bangladesh, the United Arab Emirates, India, Thailand, and Vietnam before landing in the Philippines.

The A-29B aircraft were ear-

POEA warns public vs. fake appointment docs

MANILA - The Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) on Thursday warned the pub-lic particularly against the selling of fake appointment forms for the processing of documents of overseas Filipino workers (OFWs).

In a Facebook post, the agency said many applicants have been victimized by unscrupulous individuals selling fraudulent appointment documents for lier scheduled to be delivered by the end of July last year but the coronavirus pandemic

and subsequent travel bans skewed the delivery timetables.

The "Super Tucano" is a turboprop aircraft designed for light counter-insurgency, attack. close air support, aerial reconnaissance missions in low threat environments, as well as providing pilot training. The contract for the aircraft is worth PHP4.97 billion and was issued in late 2017. (PNA)

tion or certification of OFW records.

been caught holding fake appointment forms they say they bought from some employees of recruitment agencies and computer shops," it said.

It added that in these instances, either the name or the date indicated in the appointment form is altered in these documents. At the same time, the POEA

reminded jobseekers that the genuine appointment form is for free and can be found on its website.

"The free and genuine appointment form is only available at ofwrecords. poea.gov.ph," it said. Meanwhile, the agency said those involved in the falsification of official government documents will criminal charges. face (PNA)





Manila – In celebration of National Mental Health Week, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the Philippine Department of Health (DOH) launched Lusog-Isip – the country's first mobile application for mental health and self-care.

Lusog-Isip aims to expand access to culturally adapted, evidence-based tools and interventions on mental health.

Developed by USAID and DOH in response to the growing need for mental healthcare during the COVID-19 pandemic, the app was soft-launched during the 4th Public Health Convention on Mental Health held on October 15. Mental It will be available for both Android and iOS devices through the Google Playstore and Apple App Store. "We hope that Lusog-Isip will provide access to selfhelp tools and materials for improving clients' mental health, and address substance use - one of USAID's key priorities," said USAID Philippines Office of Health Director MiThe app screens individuals to get a better sense of their overall well-being and how they usually cope with

chelle Lang-Alli.

stress before recommending ways they can help themselves through workbooks, exercises, audio guides, journaling, mood tracking, or even just simple self-care reminders. It also provides a list of mental health and psychosocial support service providers online or nearby. USAID is committed to supporting the promotion of this mobile app in schools, workplaces and communities.

places, and communities. "This app is a timely innovation, and we thank our partners at USAID for making this a reality. As the Department of Health and our health workers strive towards coping and living with this pandemic, we must find ways to care for the mental well-being of our fellow Filipinos who continue to suffer because of this current circumstance," said Frances Prescilla Cuevas, Chief Health Program Officer of the DOH Mental Health Division.

Mga kawatan, nagmistulang daga

MULA sa isang creek, dumaan sa drainage saka naghukay patungo sa loob ng kilalang convenient store ang mga kawatan at tinangay ang mahigit P260K cash, alak at cellphone sa Silang, Cavite. Sa ulat ni Corporal Ramil Legaspi, ng Silang Police Station, dakong alas-5:05 Lunes ng umaga ay natuklasan ang pagnanakaw sa tindahan ni Lexander Nazareno, 24, store crew ng Alfamart Buho Branch sa Brgy Buho, Silang, pagpasok nito sa trabaho.

Sa salaysay ni Nazareno, napansin nito na maputik ang loob ng tindahan at bukas din ang safety vault at nawawala ang tinatayang P244,714.00 cash na kita ng tindahan, tatlong bote ng Johnny Walker na nagkakahalaga ng P4,050.00 ; tatlong pirasong Red Label na nag-

KALABOSO ang inabot ng suspek na si Angelo Bartolay y Dongon na nahulihan ng dalawang pirasong sachet ng hinihinalang shabu na tumitimbang ng 50 grams at nagkakahalaga ng Php 430,000, isang pirasong empty pack ng Marlboro white at isang pirasong back pack sa isinagawang buy bust operation sa Barangay B F.Homes sa lungsod ng Paranaque. Naging team leader sa nasabing operation si P/Lt.Joel Valencia at sa pamumuno ni P/Major Tirso Pascual na nasa liderato ni P/Col. Maximo Frial Sebastian Jr., hepe ng P'que City Police, (JIMMY kakahalga ng P1,671.00 at isang Huawei cellphone na P10,000 o kabuuang halaga na P260.435.00

ga na P260,435.00. "Nagmula ang mga suspek sa creek malapit sa lugar tapos dumaan sila sa drainage ng kalsada saka sila nagbutas sa lupa patungo sa Alfamart," ayon kay Legaspi sa kanyang inisyal na imbestigasyon. Ayon pa kay Legaspi, 100 metro ang layo mula sa drainage hanggang sa Alfamart at doon din sa butas dumaan pabalik ang mga kawatan.

Hindi naman masabi ng imbestigador kung ilan ang suspek at kung ilang araw isinagawa ang paghuhukay.

Papag-aralan din ang CCTV sa loob ng tindahan kung may makukuhang mahalagang impormasyon laban sa mga suspek. *GENE ADSUARA*





ARESTADO ang walong suspek na sina Clifford Valencia, Carlos Valencia, Katrina Illisan, Cyril Siramen, Suzuki Adriel, Aragon Allen, Rosarito Rolando, at Agustin Marco.Nasamsam sa kanila ang 6 pirasong sachet ng hinihinalang shabu (5 grams) na nagkahalaga ng P34,000, 19 na pirasong sachet ng pinatuyong marijuana (26 grams) na nagkahalaga ng P31,000, 1 pirasong sachet ng marijuana (34 grams) P41,000 at 24 pirasong Ecstasy na nagkahalaga ng P48,000. Ikinasa ang buy bust operation ng mga tauhan ng Station Drugs Enforcement Unit(SDEU) sa pamumuno ni PMajor Briant lian Salazar at sa pamunuan ni PCol. Maximo Frial Sebastian Jr., hepe ng P'que City Police. Ang buy bust operation ay isinagawa sa Kay Talise St., Bgry. San Dionisio sa lungsod ng P'que. (JIMMY HAO)



PNP chief

SINO kaya ang mapipisil ni Pangulong Rodrigo Duterte na papalit sa pwesto ni PNP Chief Gen. Guillermo Eleazar? SadaratingnaNobyembre 13 ay 56 taong gulang na ang mahusay nating PNP chief.

Aabot na sa mandatory retirement age kaya lilisanin na ni Eleazar ang bakuran ng PNP.

Depende na lamang sa pasya ng ating pangulo kung may pagpapalawig na magaganap.

Sinusulat ito ay wala pang katiyakan subalit may hawak na si Duterte na listahan na kandidato bilang next PNP chief. Kapag ang susundin ay ang rule of succession, possible contenders sina: PLt. Gen. Joselito Vera Cruz, Deputy Chief for Administration na ikalawang PNP's highest official; Lt. Gen. Ephraim Dickson, Deputy Chief for Operations; at Lt. Gen. Dionardo Carlos, hepe ng Directorial Staff.

Sina Eleazar, Vera Cruz, at Dickson ay pawang miyembro ng PMA Class of 1987 habang si Carlos ay kasapi ng PMA Class of 1988.

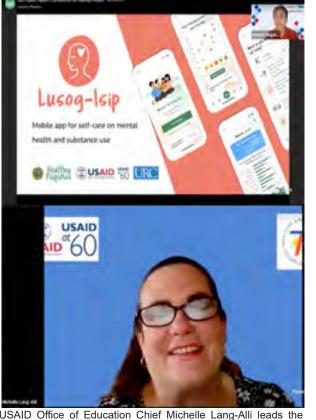
Kasama rin sa listahan na contender si NCRPO chief Maj. Gen. Vicente Danao.

Si Danao naman ay miyembro ng PMA Class of 1991.

Sino kaya ang magiging ika-27 hepe ng PNP? Si Eleazar kasi ang ika-26 na PNP chief. Sa tantya ko si Danao.



Paquet"Dela Cruz sa Comelec para tatakbong konsehal sa District 1 sa lungsod ng Paranaque. Nagpapasalamat siya sa "Tiwala at Suporta" #Serbisyong Bagong Paranaquet tayo. *(JIMMY P.HAO)*



USAID Office of Education Chief Michelle Lang-Alli leads the launch of Lusog-Isip, the Philippines' first mobile application for mental health and self-care, in response to the growing need for mental healthcare during COVID-19.