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#EndTB CAMPAIGN CONTINUES WITH 3,171 CAVITE CITY HOUSEHOLDS REACHED

TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite (PIA) -- The #EndTB campaign of the USAID's TB Platforms Projects in partnership with the Cavite Positive Action Group (CPAG) had reached 3,171 households since the start of the campaign in January 2021.

CPAG and USAID's TB Platforms continue to conduct community TB education in six barangays in Cavite City. The city is one of the highly burdened of TB cases in CALABARZON region, according to the Department of Health. In collaboration with CPAG's barangay champions, households were provided information regarding TB symptoms and the high-risk groups for the disease with regular house-to-house visits and community outreach activities.

They encouraged stakeholders such as the high risk groups and those experiencing TB symptoms for immediate TB screening in the nearest health facilities.

Likewise, city government officials and barangay leaders fully supported the public awareness campaign as Mayor Bernardo Paredes joined their community outreach while daughter Apple Paredes participated in media interviews promoting awareness for TB down to the barangay level.

CPAG Executive Director JC Honra said, "We are grateful that our City Mayor Bernardo Paredes and her daughter, ABC President, Apple Paredes are with us to help raise public awareness that TB is a killer disease but it is treatable and preventable. Our health office and barangay leaders are also collaborating with us to promote health-seeking behaviour for TB amid the CoViD-19 pandemic."

CPAG not only educates people about TB but also helps address stigma relat-

ed to TB and HIV (people with HIV are at higher risk of TB infection) in selected barangays of Cavite City. They will further advocate for increased funding and TB response efforts in the city. *(Ruel Francisco with reports from Dhee Paredes of TB Platforms Projects/CPAG FB page)*

SULONG CALABARZON features LGU Rosario, Cavite

TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite (PIA) -- The Philippine Information Agency (PIA)- 4A's Sulong CALABARZON FB Live episode on May 18, 2021 featured the Municipal Government of Rosario, Cavite represented by Public Information Officer, Professor Pedro Arnel Laparan. Citing the latest report from the Rural Health Office, Laparan said their municipality recorded a total of 653 Confirmed cases of COVID-19, including 33 active cases and 592 recoveries. On the other hand, the municipal government reported 28 COVID-19 related deaths as of May 17.

Laparan shared that the strict implementation of the quarantine protocols, quick conduct of contact tracing, and the immediate isolation and treatment of positive cases helped contain the spread of the CoViD-19 in the municipality.

During the lockdown last year, the municipal government used its funds to distribute relief packs which included vegetables, rice, canned goods, vitamins and medicines, and other food items every two weeks to ensure that the affected families need

Cavite donates speedboat, jet skis to PCG

MANILA -- The Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) on Wednesday received a speedboat and personal watercraft, commonly called 'jet skis,' from the provincial government of Cavite.

In a Facebook post, the PCG said the donations include a twin-engine 150-horsepower speedboat and four Yamaha VX-C WaveRunner personal watercraft.

It said the maritime assets will be used in enforcing maritime laws and in search and rescue operations in vicinity waters off

Cavite to "ultimately ensure the safety of lives and properties at sea".

The PCG said Commodore Leovigildo Panopio, commander of the PCG District National Capital Region (PCG)-Central Luzon, thanked Cavite Governor Jonvic Remulla for the donation in a courtesy visit. Panopio said the new water assets will "greatly help" in intensifying the presence of the PCG in the province and to better serve the locals through upholding maritime security, safety, and environmental protection. *(PNA)*

17 arestado, 1 dedo sa buy bust

PATAY ang isang hinihinalang tulak na nanlaban umano sa awtoridad na kabilang sa labing-walo na iba pa na inaresto sa isinagawang buy bust operation sa magkakahilaway na lugar sa Cavite.

Kinilala ang napatay na si Edwin Callos, 46, ng Brgy Granados, General Mariano Alvarez, Cavite. Sa ulat ni Pat Verlee Gym Tigbao, ng GMA Police Station, dakong alas-12:30 Huwebes ng madaling araw nagsagawa ng buy bust operation ang mga operatiba ng Drug Enforcement Group ng GMA MPS

sa Brgy Granados kung saan target si Callos.

Sa kalagitnaan ng transaksion ay napuna ng suspek na pulis ang kausap kaya nagbunot ng baril at ipinutok subalit nagmintis kaya gumanti ang huli na nagresulta sa kamatayan ng una.

Narekober sa suspek ang 6 na gramo ng hinihinalang shabu na may street value na P40,800 at kalibre 38 na baril.

Samantala, labimpito na iba pa ang naaresto sa isinagawang buy bust operation sa magkakahilaway na lugar sa tatlong siyudad at walong bayan sa pagitan ng alas-9:30 Miyerkules ng umaga hanggang alas-2:30 Huwebes ng madaling araw.

Nanguna ang Imus City at Bacoor City sa may pinakamaraming tulak ang naaresto na tig (3); tig-2 naman ang Gen Trias City, GMA at Silang habang tig (1) ang Alfonso, Noveleta, Indang Carmona, Ternate, GMA at Naic o kabuuan na 17. **GENE ADSUARA**

SC reprimands Davao judge for 'texting' case participants

MANILA -- The Supreme Court (SC) has warned a judge in Davao for texting parties in a pending case before his sala.

In a six-page resolution recently published online by the SC, the court's second division found Davao del Sur Regional Trial Court Branch 15 Judge Mario Duaves guilty of violating the New Code of Judicial Conduct.

Following the recommendation of the Office of Court Administrator (OCA), Duaves "is hereby reprimanded and sternly warned that a repetition of the same or similar act shall be dealt with more severely."

The judge admitted he exchanged text messages with the parties, who have pending property dispute cases.

The SC has time and again underscored the need to show not only the fact of propriety but the appearance of propriety itself.

"The standard of morality and decency required is exacting, so much so that a judge should avoid impropriety and the appearance of impropriety in all his activities," the tribunal said.

The complaint against Duaves was filed by Melanio Prado Jr., the lawyer of Ramon Angeles whose estate is being settled.

Prado cited a number of

incidents when the judge exchanged text messages with all parties.

Duaves countered that the charge is baseless, unfounded, and merely intended to harass him.

He said he exchanged text messages with the parties only to link them.

The OCA took into consideration the fact that the judge had neither been previously adjudged guilty nor penalized for any in-

fraction.

"As impropriety constitutes a light charge, the penalty of reprimand, as recommended by the OCA, is appropriate," the SC ruled. *(PNA)*

LGU Tayabas City, naglaan ng P30M para sa COVID-19 vaccine

LUNGSOD NG TAYABAS, Quezon (PIA) --Naglaan ng inisyal na P30M ang pamahalaang lungsod ng Tayabas para sa pagbili ng bakuna kontra COVID-19.

Sapanayam ng Philippine Information Agency-Quezon at Radyo Pilipinas-1 Lucena City kay Tayabas City Information Officer Willy Tomines, sinabi nito na ang bibilhing bakuna ay karagdagang bakuna sa ibinigay ng nasyonal na pamahalaan.

ang bilang ng mga bibilhing bakuna ng lokal na pamahalaan ng lungsod ng Tayabas ay depende sa kung ilan pa sa target na 70 porsyento ng populasyon ang hindi pa nababakunahan.

Nabatid din kay Tomines na mag-a-apply na sa FDA ng emergency use authorization ang manufacturer ng nasabing bakuna para magamit sa bansa na inaasahang darating sa Nobyembre.

Na-develop ang Covovax vaccine sa ilalim ng partnership sa pagitan ng Novovax Biotechnology Company ng US at Serum Institute of India. *(Ruel Orinday, PIA Quezon at ulat kay Mara Pepano, Radyo Pilipinas 1-Lucena)*

Bagong RED ng DENR CALABARZON, tinanggap ang katungkulan

LUNGSOD NG CALAMBA, Laguna (PIA) – Pormal na tinanggap ng bagong DENR CALABARZON Regional Executive Director (RED) Nilo B. Tamera ang kanyang katungkulan noong Mayo 10, 2021 sa DENR CALABARZON Regional Office sa Brgy. Mayapa.

Si RED Tamera ay may hawak na Engineering degree mula sa Lyceum of the Philippines at conferred Honorary Alumnus ng College of the Forestry and Natural Resources Alumni Association of the University of the Philippines - Los Baños.

Bilang Career Executive Officer III, siya ay naging RED ng Region XII at NCR, nagsilbi bilang Deputy Head ng Task Force Sagip Kalikasan at Director for Special Concerns at bago muling naging RED ng CALABARZON, si Director Tamera ang Executive Director ng Environmental Protection and Enforcement Task Force (EPETF).

“Daladala ko po ang aking dagdag na eksperyensya sa lahat ng aking dinaanan, magmula noong panandalian kong iwan ang Region 4A. Napakarami at napakayaman pong mga karanasan sa usapin ng pagpapalakad at pamumuno sa ating ahensya sa sa iba’t ibang kapasidad,” ani RED Tamera.

Ang karanasan ni RED Tamera sa larangan ng enforcement ay mariin ding binanggit at pinahalagahan ni Assistant Regional Director for Technical Services Alfredo C. Palencia sa kanyang talumpati.

“We are looking forward to your value addition in our Enforcement strategies. We look forward to a strategic strengthening of our skills in this area. We also recognize your experience in community organizing

and stakeholder engagement as well. Looking forward din po kami diyan.”

Si RED Tamera ay nauna nang itinalagang RED ng CALABARZON mula 2008 hanggang 2011. Siya ay muling itinalaga bilang RED alinsunod sa DENR Special Order No. 2021-223 na pinirmahan ni Secretary Roy A. Cimatu noong Mayo 3, 2021.

“I commit to organize, manage, and utilize all our resources as we navigate the new normal. I aim for the improvement not only of our services, but most importantly, of our workforce.” Dagdag pa ni RED Tamera.

Pinarating din ni DENR Undersecretary for Field Operations and Environment Juan Miguel Cuna, ang kanyang buong suporta sa pamumuno ni Director Tamera at sa buong DENR CALABARZON.

DOH CALABARZON reminds public to stay hydrated amid heat

CALAMBA CITY (PIA) - The public must take extra precaution to avoid dehydration as the country experiences tremendous heat.

In separate press releases, the Department of Health Center for Health Development Region IV-A reminded the public to keep themselves hydrated and avoid staying out of the sun to avoid getting sunburn, heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heat stroke.

“Hangga’t maari ay iwasan nating lumabas ng bahay mula alas-9 ng umaga hanggang alas-3 ng hapon dahil ito ang pinakamainit na oras na makapagdulot ng masamang epekto sa ating kalusugan,” Regional Director Eduardo Janairo said, emphasizing that staying indoors is most helpful in preventing exposure to too much heat.

[As much as possible, let us avoid leaving the house between 9 A.M. and 3 P.M. because these are the hot

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May panalo, may talo

HINDI pinalad na mapunta man lang sa lima o sampung kwalipikado para sa paglalaban-laban sa kampeonato o sa korona.

Isang uri ng timpalak na ang pagkapanalo ay sasalalim sa mga hurado.

Pero siyempre ay kinakailangang ipamalas ang angking mga talento na pagbabatayan para sa ikapapanalo.

Dahil hindi nanalo ay nangangahulugan ba na mayroong kakulangan sa talento o katalinuhan?

Pwede bang sabihin na mali ang pagpapasya ng alin man o sino man sa mga tumayong hurado?

Sa mga ganitong pagkakataon ay heto ang ating mga katropa at usap lang sila.

Sila mismo ay magkakasalungat ng opinyon o pananaw para sa usapin o paksa.

Pero sa huli ay halos iisa naman ang kinauwian ng kanilang usap-usapan.

Magkakapareho ang sinasabi nila na katulad sa kasabihang kung hindi ukol ay hindi bubukol.

Sa madaling salita anila ay nakaguhit na raw iyan sa tadhana ng bawat isa.

Halimbawa sa kanila na tropa ng mga vendor o padyak boys na kapag nagkaroon ng halalan ay nasa tadhana ng bawat isa kung magiging pangulo o opisyal ng samahan.

Ganoon lang daw kasimple iyan! Kumbaga sa bawat laban ay may panalo at may talo.

EDITORIAL

Maisalba pa

BAWAT isa sa atin aysinasabing mayroong partisipasyon sa nararanasang kakaibang init ng panahon.

Maging ang paghahagupit ng mgabagyo ay ikinokonsiderang kabahagi rin ang sino mang indibidwal.

Ito ayon sa isa sa mga opisyal ng simbhang katolika ay bunsod ng hindi pag-aalaga sa kalikasan ng mga tao.

Bagkus ay mas nalalagay pa sa malalang sitwasyon dahil sa nangyayaring illegal mining.

Kaya naman mahigpit ang apela ng simbahan sa publiko na alagaan at mahalin ang ating kalikasan.

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844 EDITOR SA FILIPINO-REHIYON 5, DUMALO SA WEBINAR SA OP AT MMP

Dinaluhan ng humugit-kumulang 844 kalahok mula sa 13 Dibisyon ng Rehiyon 5 ang idinaos na Webinar sa Ortograpiyang Pambansa at Manwal sa Masinop na Pagsulat noong 28-29 Abril 2021. Ang mga kalahok ay kinabibilangan ng mga Editor, manunulat at mga gurong nag-eeedit ng mga modyul na binubuo ng iba't ibang Learning Areas tulad ng Araling Panlipunan (AP), Music, Arts, Physical Education at Health (MAPEH), Edukasyon sa Pagpapakatao (ESP), at Edukasyong Pantahanan at Pangkabuhayan (EPP) at iba pang manunulat at editor ng mga kagamitang pampagtuturo na ang midyum na ginamit ay wikang Filipino.

Nagbigay ng mensahe ang mga opisyal ng Panrehiyong Kagawaran ng Edukasyon tulad nina Dr. Socorro V. Dela Rosa; Tagapamanihala, Lungsod Tabaco; Dr. Gilbert T. Sadsad, Panrehiyong Direktor, Rehiyong Bikol; Dr. Ranilo Al K. Firno, Kawaksing Panrehiyong Direktor, Rehiyong 5 at Francisco B. Bulalacaw Jr., Puno ng CLMD.

Sa unang araw, tinalakay ni G. Roy Rene Cagalingan, Senior Language Researcher ng Sangay ng Araling Kultural at Literatura, ang paksang Ortograpiyang Pambansa at ang Masinop na Pagsulat ay tinalakay naman ni Dr. Jose Evie Duclay ng Sangay ng Edukasyon at Net-working sa ikalawang araw ng Komisyon sa Wikang Filipino.

Naging malaking oportunidad at kaalaman sa mga kalahok na nag-eeedit ng mga module at kagamitang pampagtuturo sa iba't ibang learning areas na ang midyum ng pagtuturo ay Filipino hinggil sa Ortograpiyang Pambansa para sa estandardisasyon ng pagbaybay, gamit ang Alpabetong Filipino. At ang kahalagahan ng masinop na pagsulat sa Filipino na maaaring gabay nila sa pag-eeedit tungo sa intelektuwalisasyon ng wika. Masigla ang partisipasyon

ng mga kalahok sa mayalayang talakayan at pagsasanay.

Sa ikalawang araw bago matapos ang webinar, pinamunuan naman ni Komisyoner Carmelita Abdurahman, Fultaym Komisyoner ng KWF ang Panunumpa sa Katungkulan ng mga opisyal ng nabuong Panrehiyon at Pangsangay na Lupon sa Editor. Layunin nitong mapalakas ang ugnayan at network ng mga editor sa Rehiyon 5 at sa KWF tungo sa maayos at nagkakaisang pagtugon sa mga isyu at suliraning pangwika at pagpapaunlad ng Filipino. **PR**

DA, Pagbilao SK to establish urban garden, encourage youth to become farmers

PAGBILAO, Quezon (PIA) --A model urban garden that would encourage the youth to become farmers will soon be established in Barangay Mapagong in this municipality. "Ito [urban garden] po ay magiging model na pwedeng mag-encourage sa kabataan na maging magsasaka."

Pagbilao Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) Federation President Joseph Manuel Go Luce said during the distribution of agricultural interventions of the Department of Agriculture IV-CALABARZON (DA-4A) and the Office of the 1st District of Quezon Rep. Wilfrido Mark M. Enverga on May 12.

SK Pagbilao initiated the establishment of the urban garden with the help and guidance of the DA-4A and Rep. Enverga.

"Kami po ay nagpapasalamat. Hindi po matutupad ang aming plano kung hindi sa tulong ng DA at ni Rep. Enverga" said Luce. DA-4A OIC-Regional Executive Director Vilma M. Dimaculangan and House Committee Chairman for Agriculture and Food Rep. Enverga led the distribution of the agri interventions.

"Nawa'y mas marami pang

SC acquits PADC exec over cash advance case from 2006 China trip

MANILA – The Supreme Court (SC) has acquitted and reversed the Sandiganbayan conviction of a Philippine Aerospace Development Corp. (PADC) official over his failure to liquidate his cash advances for his foreign trip in 2006.

In a recently published decision, the SC's 1st Division granted the petition of Antonio M. Suba, former acting vice president for maintenance, repair, and overhaul service of the PADC, an attached agency of the then Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC).

"While Suba clearly erred in pushing through with the foreign travel despite not having a written travel au-

thority, errors or mistakes are not by themselves indicative of bad faith. So the prosecution must prove the existence of factual circumstances that point to fraudulent intent," the High Court said in granting Suba's petition.

"Mistakes committed by public officials, no matter how patently clear, are not actionable absent any clear showing that they were motivated by malice or gross negligence amounting to bad faith," it added.

The court noted that Suba maintained that he merely obeyed his superior's orders and relied on then PADC president and chief executive officer Roberto R. Navida's assurance that their attendance at the Beijing conference has been approved by then DOTC secretary Leandro Mendoza and allowed by the PADC Board of Directors.

In a letter dated Sept. 15, 2006, Navida requested Mendoza for authority to travel in connection with Navida and Suba's participation in the 4th Biennial International Aircraft Conversion and Maintenance Conference in Beijing, China from Oct. 10 to 14, 2006.

In a letter dated Sept. 19, 2006, then DOTC assistant secretary Emmanuel Noel A. Cruz denied Navida's request citing Administrative Order 103, which suspended all foreign travels at the time.

He also noted that the letting request lacked supporting papers.

On Oct. 6 and 9, 2006, Suba requested cash advances in the amount of PHP217,000, PHP1,500, and USD458.40, for their travel and incidental expenses, which Navida approved.

Disbursement vouchers and checks were consequently prepared and issued under Suba's name.

On Oct. 10, 2006, Suba and Navida flew from Manila to Beijing and attended the conference. They returned on Oct. 14, 2006.

In a 17-page resolution in October 2019, the Sandiganbayan said Suba failed to raise any argument in his motion for reconsideration that would warrant the reversal of its July 31, 2019 decision finding him guilty

of failure to render accounts under Article 218 of the Revised Penal Code. The case particularly stemmed from Suba's receipt of cash advances amounting to PHP132,978 for the Beijing trip.

The Ombudsman said Suba failed to liquidate his cash advances within two months after his trip, in violation of Executive Order 298 and Commission on Audit Circular 96-004.

Trike driver, 3 pasahero; tumilapon

SUGATAN ang apat katao, kabilang ang dalawang menor de edad, nang tumilapon ang mga ito sa tray-sikel matapos banggain ng Toyota Hiace sa Maggallanes, Cavite.

Ginamot sa ospital sina Marilyn Linantod, nasa wastong edad; Myleen at Kathy, kapwa menor de edad, at driver ng tricycle na si Angelito Custodio dahil sa tinamong sugat sa katawan.

Kinilala naman ang driver ng kulay puting Toyota Hiace na may plakang NBN5161 na si Redellbert Ramos, 31, ng Brgy Poblacion 1, Magallanes.

Sa ulat ni PSSgt Amando

In convicting Suba, the anti-graft court's 6th Division said the travel itself was questionable, thus, the liquidation of his cash advances was even more pressing.

In September 2017, the Sandiganbayan separately sentenced Suba to six to 10 years in prison for the unauthorized trip to Beijing and perpetually disqualified him from holding public office. **(PNA)**

Perez, ng Magallanes Police Station, dakong alas-8:45 ng gabi naganap ang insidente kung saan minamaneho ni Custodio ang kanyang tricycle sakay ang tatlong babae at binabagtas ang kahabaan ng National Road sakop ng Brgy Kabulusan, patungo sa Magallanes town proper nang banggain sila ng minamanehong Hiace ni Ramos sa puwitang bahagi ng tricycle.

Dahil sa insidente, pawang tumilapon palabas ng tricycle ang mga pasahero kabilang ang driver dahilang ng kanilang sugat sa katawan. **GENE ADSUARA**

BOC Files 2 Criminal Complaints vs Importers, Customs Brokers

TWO (2) smuggling complaints were filed on 14 May 2021 by the Bureau of Customs before the Department of Justice (DOJ) against the importers and customs brokers of imported aluminum products and airsoft guns and accessories.

A criminal complaint was filed against Mega Precision Corporation and its customs broker for the alleged importation of undeclared 2,000 pieces of aluminum profiles on 16 August, 2018 at the Port of Manila. The goods are estimated to be worth P821,461.69.

Mega Precision Corporation and its signing customs broker allegedly violated Republic Act No. 10863, otherwise known as the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA), and Article 172 in relation to Article 171 of the Revised Penal Code (RPC),

as amended. Another criminal complaint was filed against VMP Trading due to the misdeclaration of P1,303,329.76 worth of various airsoft guns and accessories. The violation was committed on 14 December, 2020 at the Manila International Container Port (MICP).

The unlawful importation of airsoft guns and accessories is a violation of the CMTA, and Section X of PNP Circular No. 11-2007, otherwise known as the "Revised Rules and Regulations Governing the Manufacture, Importation, Exportation, Sale, Possession, Carrying of Airsoft Rifles/Pistols and Operation of Airsoft Game Sites and Airsoft Teams."

To date, 34 criminal cases have already been filed by BOC against unscrupulous importers and customs brokers. **PR**

Decrease in active cases seen due to city initiatives, cooperation

Imus City, Cavite (PIA) – The latest CoVID-19 update from the Imus City Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit (CESU) reported a total of 498 Active cases as of May 11, 2021, a significant decrease from the previous weeks' more than 1,000 Active cases recorded in the city.

This is due to the continued implementation of the initiatives of the city government and the tireless efforts of the city health workers and frontliners.

Accordingly, the operation of the St. Dymphna Community Isolation Facility addressed the immediate isolation of CoVID-19 patients with mild and asymptomatic symptoms.

The isolation of the patients contributed to the containment of the transmission of the virus among members of the household, and the care and treatment of the patients by doctors and nurses trained for this disease. Services are free and the facility is conducive for healing and recovery. Mass testing were also held thru the City Health Office to identify and isolate positive cases, and immediately conduct contact tracing of close contacts.

The constant coordination of the city government with different government agencies brought the mobile antigen testing initiative of the Office of the Vice President that benefited several barangays in the city.

Meanwhile, the vaccination program of the city now conducts distribution for the 2nd dose of the CoVID-19 vaccines for both Sinovac and AstraZeneca recipients in the vaccination site where the 1st dose of the vaccine was received.

As of Friday, May 7, 2021, more than 15,000 resident members of the priority groups A1, A2, and A3 had been vaccinated.

Likewise, the opening of the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) of the Ospital ng Imus on April 30, 2021 intended to increase the medical services capability of the health facility.

Equipped with state-of-the-

art life-saving equipment and machines, the ICU had served and saved Imelda Barja, the first patient admitted in the ICU. She was extubated on May 5, 2021, and is now a CoVID survivor.

Despite the decrease in the number of Active cases, Mayor Emmanuel Maliksi reminded his constituents not to be complacent and stay safe.

"We encourage every Imuseño to continue compliance with the health and safety protocols and other guidelines from the government. With the decrease in COVID-19 cases in Imus, we have proven our cooperation is effective," Mayor Maliksi said. **(Ruel Francisco with reports from the Emmanuel Maliksi FB page)**

DA distributes P1.1M worth of cattle to Quezon farmers

PAGBILAO, Quezon (PIA)- The Department of Agriculture (DA)-4A CALABARZON recently distributed 33 heads of cattle worth P1,155,000 to farmers here as part of the Cattle Fattening Feedlot Project of the Department of Agriculture-4A Livestock Program.

DA-4A OIC Regional Executive Director Vilma M. Dimaculangan and Quezon Province First District Rep. and House Committee Chairman for Agriculture and Food Wilfrido Mark Enverga led the turn-over of the first batch of the cattle distribution.

According to DA-4A, the first batch of beneficiaries were farmers from Barangays Anato, Antipolo, Bigo, Binahaan, Ibabang Bagumbungan and Kanlurang Malicboy who were members of Quezon Agricultural Farmers Multi-Purpose Cooperative (QAFMPC). As requirement, the farmer-beneficiaries underwent a training on cattle fattening last May 7.

Meanwhile, the 2nd batch of beneficiaries were the other 67 members of QAFMPC who attended the

HONTIVEROS PINABABAWI SA MALACANANG ANG EXECUTIVE ORDER NA NAGPAPABABA SA TARIPA NG IMPORTED NA BIGAS

Hinimok ni Senador Risa Hontiveros ang Malakanang na bawiin ang Executive Order na nagpapababa sa taripa sa imported na bigas. Ayon sa Senadora, dagdag-pasanin ito sa ating mga magsasaka na nakaranas na ng pagkalugi at patuloy na naghihirap dahil sa mababang mga kita mula nang ipatupad ang Rice Tariffication Law.

"Hinimok ko ang Malakanyang na bawiin ang EO 135. Kung bababaan ang taripa sa imported na bigas, madidiskaril ang ating byahe patungo sa pagbawi sa rice production at pagbawi sa kita ng ating local rice sector," aniya.

"Kung tumataas ang presyo ng bigas sa world market, ibig sabihin mas maraming bibili ng lokal na produksyon, maibabali-

lik nito ang mga nawalang trabaho o kita dahil sa naunang pagbagsak ng presyo ng palay dahil sa implementation ng Rice Tariffication Law (RTL). Mabagal man, kahit paano ay nakakabawi ng kaunti ang ilan sa mga magsasaka, huwag na sana pigilan pa ang tuloy-tuloy nilang income recovery," dagdag pa ni Hontiveros.

Nilagdaan ni Pangulong Rodrigo Duterte noong Sabado ang Executive Order No. 135 na nagpapababa ng taripa sa Most Favored Nation (MFN) para sa imported na bigas mula 40% hanggang 35%.

Giit ng Senadora, hindi dapat mangamba sa kasalukuyang presyo ng bigas dahil may kapasidad ang ating magsasaka para mag-ani ng sapat na suplay ng bigas. Dagdag niya, marami sa mga magsasaka ang patuloy na nagtatanim ng bigas sa kabila ng napakababang kita.

"Tumaas ang rice production sa bansa. Ang Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund (RCEF) ay nakakapagpondo ng binhi at pataba na siyang nagpapalakas ng produksyon sa ilang mga lugar na may irigasyon," aniya.

"Kaya hindi nakakabahala ang presyo ng bigas dahil mayroon tayong sapat na suplay. Hindi na kailangang ibaba pa ang taripa," dagdag pa ni Hontiveros.

Paliwanag ni Hontiveros, malaking tulong ang dagdag na kita mula sa nakolektang taripa para mapondohan ang RCEF. Ito aniya ang ginagamit para suportahan at mapalawak pa ang mga lugar pagsasaka na benepisyaryo ng Department of Agriculture production assistance. Dahil dito, napapanatiling sa-

pasalamat po kami sa DA at kay Rep. Enverga dahil sa patuloy na pagtulong sa katulad naming magsasaka," Cabile said. **(Ruel Orinday, PIA Quezon with report from DA-RFO IVA RAFIS)**

pat ang suplay ng bigas at tama ang presyo nito.

"Malaking tulong ang additional earnings mula sa nakokolektang taripa para pondohan ang mga programa ng DA para sa pagpapalawak ng pagsasaka. Huwag na sana nating bawasan pa at ipagkait ito lalo sa local rice farmers na hindi pa naaabot ng mga programa," ani Hontiveros. Binigyang diin ni Hontiveros na higit sa presyo ng bigas, trabaho at kabuhayan ng ating mga lokal na magsasaka ang mga isyu na kailangan munang pagtuunan ng pansin lalo't patuloy na humaharap ang bansa sa pagbagsak ng ekonomiya.

Sinabi pa ni Hontiveros na kung ang economic managers ay nag-aalala tungkol sa inflation, dapat nilang bigyang-pansin ang transportasyon na siyang dahilan ng pagtaas nito. "Mukhang misplaced ang mga prayoridad ng mga economic manager. Kung talagang nag-aalala

silang dapat simulan nilang tingnan ang gastos sa transportasyon na siyang nagpapataas sa presyo ng mga bilhin," aniya.

"Bakit hindi unahing solusyunan ang limitadong public transport na nagpapamahala sa pag-angkat ng mga goods and services? Imbes na babaan ang taripa sa imported na bigas, dapat tugunan nila ang problema sa PUV modernization program, sa kumplikadong proseso ng pagrerenew ng permit to operate at inter-LGU mobility restrictions," paliwanag ni Hontiveros.

"Huwag sana nating hayaan na matulad ito sa isyu ng pork importation. Sa panahong naghihirap ang bansa, mas kailangan ng suporta at mga programa para sa mga lokal na industriya, kasama na ang rice industry. Unahin muna natin ang kapakanan ng ating magsasaka at ang pagpapayabong ng lokal na agrikultura," pagtatapos ng Senadora. **PR**

Transparency report released for the distribution of 'Ayuda'

Trece Martires, Cavite (PIA) – A report for Transparency purposes was released by the city government here after the distribution of the Cash Aid from the national government was recently concluded.

The total cash payout amounted to P147,524,000 from the allocated budget of P179,577,000 fund which was distributed to the qualified beneficiaries in all thirteen barangays in the city.

The remaining P32,053,000 will be distributed to those who had filed with the City Grievance & Appeal (G&A) Committee.

According to the report, these claims are currently being processed in other barangays while those already submitted to the G&A committee are being thoroughly studied.

"We want the submission of all barangays to be completed so that we can

begin the distribution for those who filed with our G&A Committee as soon as possible," Mayor Lubigan explained.

Further, it was advised that those who failed to get their cash aid during the distribution will be given 15 days to claim it at the city hall while unclaimed cash aid will be returned to be added to the fund allocated for the grievance appeal.

"This is the Transparency of our Cash Ayuda, it will go to the people and we make sure that it will not go to just anyone," declared the mayor.

The grievance filing resulted to the updating of the City Profiling System (CPS) which the mayor said will be a big help for the conduct of succeeding programs of the city government. **(Ruel Francisco with reports from Mayor Gemma Buendia-Lubigan FB page)**

THE BODY SHOP CELEBRATES 25 FEEL GOOD YEARS IN THE PHILIPPINES



The sparkling scent of British Rose Eau de Toilette contains the essence of handpicked roses.

The Body Shop's first store in the Philippines opened 25 years ago at SM Southmall.

The Body Shop SM Mall of Asia showcases its latest store concept.

British beauty brand The Body Shop marks another beautiful milestone as it celebrates its 25th anniversary in the Philippines. The brand, which introduced cruelty-free and nature-inspired skincare and bath and body treats to Filipinos when it first opened its doors on May 16, 1996 at SM Southmall, now has over 60 standalone stores, and is in 10 The SM Stores all over the country.

The Body Shop is more than a beauty brand – activism is in its DNA, and like its counterparts all over the world, Body Shop Philippines has participated in many campaigns which promote real change. With the support of its customers, help was extended to The Philippine Eagle Foundation in 2018, Yellow Boat of Hope Foundation in 2019 and to SM Foundation for the typhoon victims in 2020.

To celebrate its 25th anniversary, The Body Shop will be delighting everyone with amazing offers and promotions for the entire month of May. The Filipina's most loved Lip and Cheek Stain which was first launched in the Philippines will be going to its old price at 395 during the anniversary month. On top of that, The Body Shop's most loved products over the years such as Tea Tree range, Drops of Youth™ range and White Musk® fragrance collection will be offered at 25% OFF. There will also be weekly offers to watch out for so you can stock up on your favorite skincare and bath and body treats.

Don't miss out on the grand 25th anniversary sale and explore cruelty-free beauty. Visit their online store 24/7, add to cart, and check out anytime of the day at thebodyshop.com.ph. The Body Shop's cruelty-free and vegan products are also available in The Body Shop stores, Call & Deliver, Lazada, Shopee and ShopSM. The Body Shop now accepts SM Advantage Card for points earning and redemption, SM and Sodexo premium pass in all The Body Shop stores nationwide.

About The Body Shop

The Body Shop was founded in 1976 by Dame Anita Roddick in Little Hampton, England. The beauty brand pioneered corporate activism and was built on a philosophy that business can be a force for good. With its brand expression, Beauty with Heart, the company continues to be focused



Draw out impurities and refine your pores with Himalayan Charcoal Purifying Glow Mask.

Last 2018, The Body Shop partnered with The Philippine Eagle Foundation to help protect our endangered Philippine Eagle and let them thrive and breed again.

The partnership with Yellow Boat of Hope Foundation last 2019 helped fund boats which the children of Maluso, Basilan use as transportation to school.



The Body Shop's Tea Tree range, which is perfect for oily and blemish-prone skin, is made with purifying Community Fair Trade tea tree oil from Kenya.



The iconic White Musk® fragrance collection for Women and Men will give that earthy and sensual notes for an ultra-smooth scent.



The Drops of Youth™ range is the perfect addition to your skincare routine for a smoother, supple and younger-looking skin.



Keep your skin and hair silky soft, hydrated and intensely nourished with Coconut Flourishing Dry Oil and Olive Nourishing Dry Oil.

on five core values: Against Animal Testing, Support Community Fair Trade, Activate Self Esteem, Defend Human Rights and Protect The Planet.

All products are created using the finest ingredients sourced from the four corners of the globe, which are not tested on animals and are 100% vegetarian. The Body Shop has been in the Philippine market for twenty-five years with over 60 strategically located stores nationwide.

THE LOUNGE LIFESTYLE AT SURPLUS

As we shift into new lifestyles – WFH arrangements, online classes, zoom meetings, binge-watching our favorite series- loungewear has become a defining fashion staple in many of our wardrobes. And after a year, in elevated style, it has found its way in the spring/summer runways – track pants at Celine and sweat suits at Rodarte and Balenciaga. Cozy, cool, and chill loungewear has been updated with fresh colors and new features at Surplus.

Hoodies are hot, tracksuits are right on track in the new Surplus collection. There are elevated knit sets, including knit polos with a preppie vibe – the ultimate top to make you feel cozy during zoom meetings. Explore soft fabrics such as fleece, ribbed, knits, sweat shorts, biker shorts or loose-fitting pullovers and oversized tees for a stylish comfort. Elevate your loungewear game easily by mixing and matching colors and styles, creating a chic yet effortless monochromatic look or throwing on some accessories.

And while spending more time at home, Surplus has wellness essentials to help you unwind and make staying indoors much more enjoyable. Get cozy with Japanese Tatami Chairs in fun colors; and breathe healthy with Wooden Humidifiers or Wooden Air Purifiers. Create your own spa at home with the Rest Easy Massager and Rechargeable Hot Compress.

Stay cozy and safe with the loungewear and self-care home essentials from Surplus. These and other versatile fashionable pieces and protective essentials are available in Surplus stores located in most SM Supermalls.

There are many ways to shop at Surplus!



Energize your all-white ensemble with a pink hoodie and tote bag made of PVC material which is easy to disinfect after your outdoor errands.
 -Tie-dye leggings paired with a matching green hoodie.
 Hoodies are hot especially when worn with a pair of breezy linen pants.
 Elevate your loungewear with all-black outfit and a brown hoodie.
 Laid-back blues: blue hoodie and jogger pants.



There's a lot of grey matter on the loungewear horizon.
 Upgrade your downtime with this khaki pullover and black coordinates.
 This hoodie and jogger pants combination will take you from lounging at home to Zoom meetings and beyond.
 Lounge in style with neutral tones.
 Comfortable, functional and adjustable Tatami Chairs are available in different colors.



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 Relax and ease your muscle pain with this Rechargeable Hot Compress.
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BAGONG PHILRACOM CHAIRMAN, PUNTERYA ANG 5 BILYON BENTA SA SUSUNOD NA TAON



RELI DE LEON - PHILRACOM CHAIRMAN

PAGMAMALAKING paliwanag ni Philracom Chairman Reli De Leon sa lingguhang PSA Forum via online na ang taon na ito ay magiging mabungang taon para sa lahat kasama dito ang publikong mananaya. Bagamat ng dumating ang COVID-19 at nakansela ang mga karera sa loob ng anim na buwan. Magkaganun man ito ay bumangon sa pamamagitan ng malalaking karera sa pagtatapos ng 2020. (RGN)

SA kabila ng lahat ng mga hamon na sanhi ng nakamamatay na pandemya, ang Philippine Racing Commission ay gumawa ng lahat ng mga hakbang upang matiyak na ang industriya ng horseracing ay mananatili sa tamang landas. "Kami (industriya) ay nakaligtas," sinabi ng chairman ng Philracom na si Reli de Leon sa online ng Philippine Sportswriting Association (PSA) Forum. Sa katunayan, ang lalaking nagdadala ng mahirap na gawain ng pag-chart ng hinaharap ng horseracing ng Pilipinas, ay nagsabi na ang taong ito ay magiging isang mabungang taon para sa lahat, kabilang ang publiko sa pagtaya.

"Mas lalago pa tayo kaysa sa inaasahan natin," sabi ni De Leon, na sumali sa forum ng direktor ng Philracom na si Dr. Andrew Buencamino at ng kanyang representante na si Ronald Corpuz. Sinabi ni De Leon na ang pagsiklab ng COVID-19 noong nakaraang taon ay humantong sa pagkansela ng mga karera sa loob ng anim na buwan. Ngunit sa paanuman, ang mga bagay ay natagpuan ang isang pakiramdam ng pagiging normal sa pamamagitan ng malalaking karera sa pagtatapos ng 2020.

"Sa ngayon sa taong ito, mayroon kaming mga benta na humigit-kumulang na P500 milyon. At inaasahan namin na ang benta ay umabot sa P3 bilyon sa Disyembre," sinabi ni De Leon sa forum na ipinakita ng San Miguel Corporation (SMC), MILO@ Philippines, Amelie Hotel Manila, Braska Restaurant, at ng Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR). Ang mga karera ay gaganapin mula Huwebes hanggang Linggo na may iskedul na pantay na hinati sa tatlong

lahi club ng bansa - Manila Jockey Club, Inc. sa Carmo-na, Cavite; Philippine Racing Club, Inc. sa Naic, Cavite; at Metro Manila Turf Club, Inc. sa Malvar, Batangas. Sinabi ni De Leon na ang mga istasyon ng off-track betting (OTB) ay buong pagpapatatag sa online o digital na pagtaya kung saan kahit ang mga Pilipinong racing aficionado na kilala bilang "Bayang Karerista" na nakabase sa ibang bansa ay maaaring tumaya sa mga karera.

"Ang aming online na pusta ay napabuti mula sa tatlong porsyento ng kabuuang mga benta noong nakaraang taon hanggang sa 18 porsyento sa taong ito. Kahit ang ating mga OFW (mga Pilipinong manggagawa sa ibang bansa) sa barko (seamen) nakakataya," sabi ni De Leon. Dahil mananatiling ipinagbabawal ang mga live na madla, ang mga karera ay makikita o napapanood nang live sa pamamagitan ng iba't ibang mga platform, kabilang ang Mga Channel 106 at 107 sa Signal TV.

Sinabi ni De Leon na ang mga pangunahing karera ay malapit nang matapos ang taon, na magsisimula sa Commissioners' Cup sa Linggo sa Carmona na may garantisadong P2 milyon. Naka-iskedyul sa Hunyo 20 ay ang Chairman's Cup sa MMTC sa Batangas kasunod ang bersyon ng Triple Crown ng bansa noong Hulyo, Agosto at Setyembre, ang Classic Cup, Juvenile Cup noong Setyembre, Silver Cup noong Nobyembre, ang prestihiyosong Presidential Gold Cup sa Dis. 12 at Grand Derby sa Disyembre 26.

"Kung tinitingnan natin ang P2.8 bilyon hanggang P3.2 bilyon na benta ngayong Linggo na may iskedul na pantay na hinati sa tatlong

Bagong PH Sports Training Center itatayo sa Bataan

Ang lugar ng pagsasan-ay para sa hinaharap na mga pambansang atleta ay malapit nang itayo sa Bataan.

Bilang isang regalo sa kaarawan, ang chairman ng Philippine Sports Commission na si Butch Ramirez ay nakatanggap ng isang gawa ng donasyon mula sa hindi gaanong mababa kay Bataan Governor Albert Raymond "Abet" Garcia para sa lugar ng Philippine Sports Training Center (PSTC).

"Tuwang-tuwa ako at nasasabik sa bagong pakikipag-sosyo sa Pamahalaang Panlalawigan ng Bataan. Ito ay magbibigay sa ating mga pambansang atleta ng bagong tahanan habang patuloy silang naghahatid ng karangalan sa ating bansa," sinabi ni Ramirez sa seremonya ng paglagda at pagbibigay seremonya sa The Orient Bataan sa Mariveles, Bataan.

Sa partikular, ang pamahalaang panlalawigan ng Bataan ay nag-donate ng 250,000 metro kuwadrado lupa sa Bagac para sa PSTC.

Magtatampok ang state-of-the-art sports hub ng maraming mga pasilidad para sa pang-administratibo, agham sa palakasan, medikal, at mga dormitoryo para sa mga atleta at coach; na may mga amenities sa palakasan para sa 39 Palarong Olimpiko at di-Olimpiko.

Nakatakda ang isang badyet na PHP3.5 bilyon para sa pagtatayo ng pasilidad.

Ang PSTC ay naka-iskedyul na makumpleto sa pamamagitan ng 2025.

"Nagpapasalamat po kami sa Philippine Sports Commission at sa lahat ng pagtulong-tulong. Isa po itong magandang proyekto para sa lalong madaling panahon sa ating mga atletang Pilipino (Nais naming pasalamatan ang Philippine Sports Commission at lahat na tumulong. Ito ay isang magandang proyekto upang ang

taon," sabi ni De Leon sa forum na pinalakas ng Smart at Upstream Media bilang opisyal na kasosyo sa webcast.

Ngunit upang mangyari iyon, umaasa at nagdarasal ang Philracom na gawin ng gobyerno ang kinakailangang pagsasaayos sa mga buwis para sa industriya ng horseracing.

Tulad nito, ang 29.5 porsyento na buwis sa kabuuang mga benta sa bansa ang pinakamataas sa Asya, kahit na mas mataas kaysa sa Hong Kong sa 16.3 porsyento o Singapore sa isang mapamamahalaang 20 porsyento.

"Sa buong Asya, tayo ang pinakamataas. Inaasahan namin ang isang susog dito. Kahit iparehas na lang nila sana sa Hong Kong or Singapore," dagdag PA ni De Leon.



PSC CHAIRMAN William Ramirez (RGN)

ating mga atletang Pilipino ay maging mas mahusay," Garcia said.

Si Senador Christopher Lawrence "Bong" Go, chairman ng Senate Committee on Youth and Sports, ay naroroon din at tiniyak ang kanyang suporta sa PSTC.

"Kapag nagtutulungan po ang ating mga atleta at ang ating gobyerno ay malayo po ang ating mararating. Siguraduhin na suportado po namin ito (Kung ang mga atleta at gobyerno ay tumutulong sa bawat isa, maaari tayong lumayo. Makatitayag na susuportahan natin ito) PSTC," sabi ni Go.

Sinabi ni Ramirez na pagkatapos ng maraming buwan na pagtimbang ng mga pagpipilian at alok, tinanggap ng PSC ang alok ng Bataan na binigyan ng madiskarteng lokasyon ng venue at ang kahalagahan nito kung ang kasaysayan ng bansa kung saan ang bayaning "pagbibigay ng buhay" para sa watawat at bansa ng mga sumpleng mamamayan ay sumasalamin sa isakripisyo na dumaan ang mga atleta sa kanilang paglalakbay patungo sa kanilang mga layunin.

Ang Batas ng Republika 11214, ang batas na lumikha sa PSTC ay naglalayong "itaguyod at paunlarin ang palakasan sa bansa, upang makamit ang kahusayan sa mga pandaigdigang na paligsahan sa palakasan, upang matiyak ang tagumpay sa hangarin ng bansa na makamit ang pagiging mapagkumpitensya sa Palarong Olimpiko at itaguyod ang internasyonal na amity sa mga bansa," Nilagdaan ni Pangulong Rodrigo Duterte noong Pebrero 2019.

Kasama ni Ramirez sina PSC Commissioners Ramon Fernandez, Arnold Agustin, Celia Kiram, at PSI National Training Director Marc Velasco.

Samantala, sinamahan ni Garcia sina 2nd District ng Bataan Rep. Jose Enrique Garcia III, Municipal Mayor Maria Angela Garcia at Emmanuel Pineda



Ange Kouame opisyal ng pinoy

Opisyal ng pinoy si Ateneo center Angelo Kouame makaraang bigyan ito ng naturalisasyon kaugnay ito sa nilagdaan bilang batas ganun na rin sa naging pag tulong ng Executive Secretary Salvador Medialdea at Senator Bong Go. (REYMUNDO NILLAMA)

Ang Ateneo center na si Ange Kouame ay nabigyan ng pagkamamamayang Pilipino sa pamamagitan ng naturalisasyon, sinabi ng pangulo ng Samahang Basketbol ng Pilipinas (SBP) na si Al Panlilio. "Ang Samahang Basketbol ng Pilipinas ay nagalak na ibalita na ang naturalization ng Angelo Kouame ay opisyal na. Ang SBP ay pinahahalagahan ang ating pagpapahalaga kay Pangulong Rodrigo Duterte sa paglagda nito sa batas at Executive Secretary Salvador Medialdea at Senator Bong Go para sa kanilang tulong," Panlilio said.

Pinasalamanat din ni Panlilio si Senador Sonny Angara, na siya ring chairman ng SBP, at si Kongresista Robbie Puno, din ang bise chairman ng SBP, sa pag-akda ng mga panukalang batas sa pambatasan na nagtutulak sa naturalisasyon ni Kouame. Pinasalamanat din ni Panlilio sina Senador Joel Villanueva at Dick Gordon sa pagsali sa Angara upang gawing posible ang panukalang batas sa Senado.

"Pinasalamanat ng SBP ang lahat ng ating mga kaalyado sa magkabilang bahay na ang suporta ay naging mahalaga sa pagtulak sa batas na ito upang lalong palakasin ang ating Gilas Pilipinas Men," Panlilio said.

Sinabi niya na ginagawa ngayon ni Kouame ang natitirang dapat gawin para sa FIBA upang malinis siya para sa paparating na paligsahan



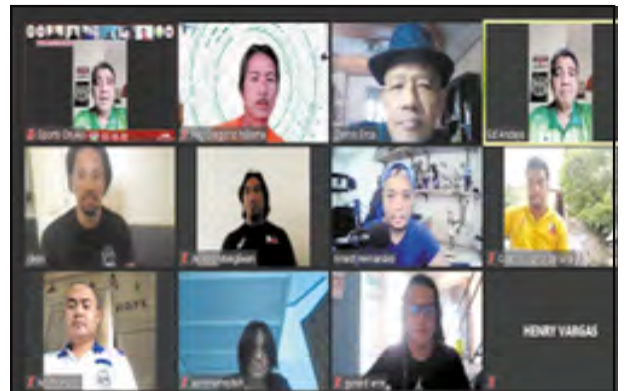
ANGE KOUAME - INAKSYON

ng Gilas. "Tiwala kami na makakalari siya habang nagho-host kami ng FIBA Asia Cup Qualifiers at FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tournament sa Serbia," sinabi ni Panlilio. Sinabi niya na ang pinakamahalagang bagay, gayunpaman, ay isakay si Kouame para sa 2023 FIBA World Cup, na katuwang ng Pilipinas sa Indonesia at Japan.

"Bagaman ang pagkakaroon ni Kouame ay mahalaga para sa dalawang paligsahan na ito, ang pagkakaroon sa kanya bilang isang opisyal na miyembro ng pulutong sa mga paparating na laro ay isang maagang pamumuhunan habang nagtatayo kami patungo sa 2023 FIBA Basketball World Cup," aniya.

Sinabi niya na ang naturalization ni Kouame ay isang highlight ng "isang magandang araw para sa basketball ng Pilipinas."

"Nagpapasalamat kami sa buong suporta ng aming komunidad sa basketball," dagdag ni Panlilio.



TOPS GROUP WEEK 20

TAMPOK sa lingguhang TOPS Usapang sports via zoom online, ang Paralympic, swimming at Jiu-jitsu kung saan ay usapin ang pag papatulong ng mga training ng mga atleta, bagamat laganap pa rin ang pandemya. (RGN)

OFW loses illegal dismissal case due to insufficient evidence

MANILA – The Supreme Court (SC) turned down a petition filed by a repatriated overseas Filipino worker (OFW) who sued her recruitment agency for unpaid wages following the pre-termination of her two-year contract.

In a resolution recently posted online, the SC's Second Division upheld the decisions of the Court of Appeals (CA) and the National Labor Relations Commission (NLRC) which said Gemma G. Bilbao "failed to sufficiently show grave abuse in holding that petitioner was not illegally dismissed and is therefore not entitled to her monetary claims".

The SC affirmed the CA's September 2020 decision, noting that Bilbao did not substantiate her allegations against Meccaj Manpower International Services.

"Other than photocopies of her contract of employment and of her passport showing her arrival in the Philippines on 24 August 2015, no proof was submitted to support her allegations of having been illegally dismissed, constructive or otherwise, and of having been maltreated, physically or verbally," the CA said.

On Feb. 6, 2014, Bilbao left for Saudi Arabia. After two months, she was transferred to another employer for whom she worked until her repatriation in August 2015.

Bilbao arrived in the Philippines on August 24, 2015 and on Feb. 15, 2017, filed a complaint for underpayment of salaries; unpaid eight months' salary equivalent to Saudi Riyal 12,000 (about PHP151,000 in 2015); transportation expenses; and maltreatment. She later amended her complaint to include illegal constructive dismissal.

In March 2017, she again filed an amended complaint, adding the Abdulelah Hamdan Zaid Alhijaryal Sharif Office as respondent.

The first employer was allegedly not satisfied with Bilbao's work attitude and performance. In discontinuing her employment, she was given two options: Pre-termination of the con-

tract with one-month salary and repatriation or a new employer until the completion of her two-year contract.

She chose the second option for more than a year without a complaint from either party. Her employment was interrupted when she requested to go home for medical treatment of a mass around her neck.

"The Court is not a trier of facts, and this rule applies with greater force in labor cases. The Court will not substitute its own judgment for that of the tribunal in determining where the weight of evidence lies or what evidence is credible. Generally, the Court may only look into factual issues in labor cases when the factual findings of the Labor Arbiter, the NLRC, and the CA are conflicting, which is not the case here," the court said. **(PNA)**

LGUs urged to improve quality of healthcare for pregnant women

LEGAZPI CITY – The Department of Health Center for Health Development Bicol (DOH CHD Bicol) has urged local government units (LGUs) to step up the quality of healthcare services for pregnant women as part of the observance of "Safe Motherhood Week" on the second week of May.

DOH-Bicol, in a statement on Tuesday, said the observance promotes the importance of maternal health and the services offered by the government for expecting mothers.

During a radio program of DOH CHD Bicol entitled "Chikahang Pangkalusugan", Dr. Rita Mae Ang-Bon, head of the agency's Family Health Cluster, discussed how the program benefits pregnant women, as well as their children.

"Importante po na part ng ating celebration ng Safe Motherhood Week na i-ensure natin na lahat ng buntis sa ating pamayanan ay nabibigyan ng karampatang serbisyon pang-kalusugan para ma-ensure na ang kanilang pagbubuntis at panganganak ay magiging ligtas, at ma-ensure

Climate change fuels need for community gene banks: expert

MANILA – An expert is recommending the establishment of community gene banks in remote farming areas nationwide.

Aside from helping preserve crop diversity for future farming, University of the Philippines-Los Banos professor Teresita Borromeo said the banks will enable farmers in those areas to more easily store and access genetic materials of crops they grow.

"It's best if they have gene banks where they have control over access to traditional varieties and farmer-bred varieties," she said in a recent online Farmers and Fisherfolks Congress. Borromeo, the specialist in plant genetic resources conservation and management, said easy access to genetic materials of crops is important particularly

during calamities so farmers can resume planting and growing these as soon as possible.

Being able to do so will help them bounce back from calamities and adapt to climate change, she added.

The Philippine agriculture and fisheries sector must adapt accordingly as climate consultant and weather specialist Lourdes Tibig noted Earth is warming so the climate is changing.

She said Earth's temperature rose by less than 1°C over the years but this warming's impacts on such sector are already intense. Among the impacts she cited is an onslaught of increasingly strong tropical cyclones that adversely affected crop production in the country.

Warming of seas is reducing fisheries production, she continued.

"From now till 2100, temperature can rise by 4°C - how will agriculture and fisheries survive that?" she pointed out during the congress.

She said the world can no longer prevent climate change but may still try to decrease the rate of increase in Earth's temperature.

"If we can't reduce that rate to avoid 4°C, we won't run out of problems in production, fisheries and human health," she said.

Continuous accumulation of greenhouse gas emissions in the atmosphere is increasingly trapping heat so Earth is warming, causing the climate to change.

Borromeo said climate change, pollution, invasive species and disease, over-exploitation of species as well as changes in land and sea use are threatening biodiversity including organisms in agriculture and fisheries.

There are already fewer sightings of several species including water chestnuts which used to be common in paddies, she noted.

"Some species are disappearing so there's no chance to know them," she added. **(PNA)**

Construction firm eyes more 'Build, Build, Build' projects

MANILA – Construction firm D.M. Consunji Inc. intends to participate in building more projects under the infrastructure program of the government, optimistic about the construction staging a strong bounce-back with the start of coronavirus vaccines rollout in the country.

"Yes, we intend to participate in the 'Build, Build, Build' projects but as a joint venture partner and/or as a subcontractor considering that these projects will not allow DMCI to participate as a single entity," DMCI Holdings chairman and president Isidro Consunji said in a virtual stockholders' meeting Tuesday.

He cited Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) requiring Japanese participation while the pre-qualifications requirements of Asian Development Bank (ADB) will necessarily involve foreign partners. Consunji said he is bullish about the recovery of its construction business unit "if we win some of the big-ticket items" in the government's infrastructure program.

"This year, we expect a strong bounce-back from DMCI given its substantial order book, additional workers, and increased barracks capacity. Produc-

tivity is also higher because unlike last year, essential and priority infrastructure projects are allowed to continue even during ECQ (enhanced community quarantine)," he added.

Consunji said the firm's order book reached PHP58.7 billion while workers hired hit 1,938.

It is currently participating in the construction of "Build, Build, Build" projects including the North South Commuter Railway (depot and viaduct), Skyway Stage 3 Section 1, NLEX-SLEX (North Luzon Expressway-South Luzon Expressway) Connector Road Section 1, Cavite-Laguna Expressway, and LRT (Light Rail Transit) Line 2 Masingag Extension. Meanwhile, as part of its pandemic response, Consunji said the engineering conglomerate ordered over 30,000 jobs for its employee vaccination program.

"Taking into account the unfortunate manufacturing and shipping delays, we expect our vaccination rollout to start sometime in the fourth quarter of this year. In the meantime, we have been encouraging our employees to avail of the government vaccines, should it become available to them," he added. **(PNA)**

Imported vehicle sales upbeat amid pandemic

MANILA – An industry group said on Tuesday sales of imported vehicles in the country have recovered for the first four months of the year compared to 2020 sales when Luzon was under stringent community quarantine.

The Association of Vehicle Importers and Distributors (AVID) reported that sales of imported vehicles from January to April this year rose by 40 percent to 20,353 units from 14,572 units in the same period a year ago.

Sales of passenger cars and light commercial vehicles both increased by double-digit at 16 percent and 44 percent, respectively.

Total passenger cars sold in the January to April period reached 5,328 units this year from 4,574 units in 2020.

Light commercial vehicles sold 14,314 units this year from 9,906 units last year. For April alone, the industry group's sales reached 4,496 units.

Of the said number, 1,087 units were passenger cars, 3,116 units were light com-

mercial vehicles, and 293 units were commercial vehicles.

"They say you cannot emerge from challenging times untransformed. With these encouraging figures, I say we at AVID have boldly transformed ourselves and have become even better at what we do, which is to provide our customers an end-to-end mobility experience that best suits the needs of the times," AVID president Ma. Fe Perez-Agudo said.

On the other hand, the impact of provisional safeguard measures on imported vehicles and the reimposition of enhanced community quarantine (ECQ) and the modified ECQ in Metro Manila and four nearby provinces were seen in the month-on-month performance of the industry.

AVID's total sales in April 2021 compared to its previous month declined by 13 percent.

Passenger car segment sales dipped by 21 percent, while light commercial vehicle sales decreased by 15 percent. **(PNA)**

Hontiveros pushes for maternity cash benefits for pregnant workers in informal sector

SENATOR Risa Hontiveros has filed a bill seeking maternity cash aid for pregnant workers in the informal sector to help boost the economy and improve the health of mothers and infants nationwide.

Hontiveros, Chair of the Senate Committee on Women, Children, Family Relations and Gender Equality, said Senate Bill No. 2175 or the Maternity Benefit for Women in the Informal Economy Act of 2021, will enhance the existing RA 11210 or Expanded Maternity Leave Law to require government to give out a direct maternity cash aid for all pregnant workers in the informal sector.

"Dahil may krisis sa bansa, lahat ng tao sa tahanan ay napipilitang mag-ambag sa gastusin. Kaya tuloy napa-karaming mga buntis ang patuloy sa pagkayod, kahit pa sa ilalim ng informal economy kahit wala silang maaasahang maternity benefits dito. Malapit man silang manganak, nagtatrabaho pa rin sila sa mga palengke at mga serbisyong home-based dahil wala silang maiuuwing kita kung hindi sila magpupursige. Kailangan natin silang tulungan."

Hontiveros said. She explained that under her bill, all pregnant workers in the informal economy who are not members of the Social Security System (SSS) will be entitled to a one-time maternity cash aid from the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD). The amount of the cash aid will be equivalent to the prevailing minimum wage in the worker's region multiplied by 22 days.

Funding for the cash aid, Hontiveros said, would be collected from excise taxes on sweetened beverages, alcohol and tobacco products, and may be augmented by appropriations under the yearly national budget. The senator said that measure could also serve as an "economic booster" since more families will have larger disposable income if they do not have to spend on medical expenses brought on by the baby's poor health or nutrition. She also cited studies saying that the cost of providing a maternity cash benefit for all pregnant informal workers to allow time to breastfeed in the country would be just 5 percent of

funds for health programs needed to deal with poor breastfeeding. Hontiveros added that the bill is a 'necessary upgrade' of the Expanded Maternity Leave Law - which she authored and sponsored - so more working mothers and infants, especially those from poor households, will gain from maternal benefits.

"Kung may maternity leave si working nanay, mas magkakaroon siya ng panahon para alagaan ang kalusugan at nutrisyon ng kanyang bagong-silang na anak. Mas may oras siya para sa breastfeeding at iba pang kailangan ni baby," Hontiveros said.

"Ang pagpasok sa informal economy ay nagpapakita ng katibayan ng ating mga kabarangon nagdadalang tao. Ngunit huwag nating kalimutan na ang pagbubuntis ay isang katangi-tanging panahon sa buhay ng mga babae. Ang pagpapahalaga sa karapatan ng mga buntis ay pagtataguyod ng kinabukasan ng tahanan Pilipino," she concluded.

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'Tirador' ng kable, nadale

HINDI nakaporma ang 44-anyos na lalaki na naaktuhang namumulot ng fiber optic cable wire sa Gen Trias City, Cavite.

Ang suspek na si Gary Bayot, ng Brgy San Francisco, Gen Trias City, ay inireklamo ni Cesar Aaron Rosete, empleyado ng PLDT.

Sa ulat ni PSSgt Christopher Dumlaog, ng Gen Trias City Police Station, dakong ala-1:30 Martes ng madaling-araw nagsagawa ng roving inspection ang mga security personnel ng PLDT dahil sa natanggap nilang impormasyon ng pagkawala ng ilang fiber optic cable kung saan naaktuhan ang suspek habang pinuputol ang kable sa bisinidad ng Sitio De Fuego, Brgy san Francisco.

Narekober sa suspek ang sampung metro na kable na nagkakahalaga ng P20,000, dalawang pirasong bread knife na ginagamit nitong pamputol. Matatandaan na kama-kailan ay naaresto naman ang isang Jun Sanano habang nasa aktong tangay ang tinatayang P5,557.42 halaga ng fiber optic cable malapit sa nasabing lugar.

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT
DASMARINAS CITY, CAVITE

NATIONAL HOME MORTGAGE
FINANCE CORPORATION (NHMFC)
Petitioner/Mortgagee,

-versus-

File No. **FC-DC-0163-21**
EXTRA JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE
OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE
UNDER ACT 3135, AS AMENDED
BY ACT 4118

**JOSE C. MAPINLAC JR., married to
MARIA M. MACAPINLAC,**
Respondents/Mortgagors.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118 filed by petitioner/mortgagee, **NATIONAL HOME MORTGAGE FINANCE CORPORATION (NHMFC)**, a government owned and controlled corporation created under P.D. No. 1267, with postal address at 104 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Village, Makati City against the respondent/mortgagor, **JOSE C. MAPINLAC JR., married to MARIA M. MACAPINLAC**, with postal address at CityHomes-Resortville Lot 40 Blk. 51, Brgy. Lancaan, Dasmariñas City, Cavite and 767 M.V. Delos Santos, Sampaloc, Manila and for the satisfaction of the mortgaged debt which as October 31, 2020 amounts to **SIX HUNDRED FIFTY SIX THOUSAND FORTY TWO PESOS & 40/100 (PHP 656,042.40)**, exclusive of all legal fees and expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on **July 1, 2021** at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter in the Court Room of Branch 90, Regional Trial Court, Ground Floor, Dasmariñas Community Affairs (DASCA) Building Congressional Road, Buro I, Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite to the highest bidder and for **CASH or CERTIFIED CHECK**, in Philippine Currency, the following described real property together with all the buildings and other improvements existing thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE No. T-454046

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

A parcel of land (Lot 40 Blk. 51 of the subd. plan Psd-042106-064738, being a portion of Lot 3824-B, Psd-77337, L.R.C.Rec. No.), situated in the Bo. Lancaan, Mun. of Dasmariñas, Prov. of Cavite, Is. of Luzon. Bounded on the SE., along line 1-2 by Lot 3; on the SW., along line 2-3 by Lot 42 both Blk. 51; on the NW., along line 3-4 by Alley 29 (4.50 m. wide); on the NE., along line 4-5 by Lot 40, Blk. 51, all of the subd. plan. Beginning at a pt. marked "1" on plan being N. 69 deg. 45'E., 421.10 m. from Mon. No. 143, Imus Estate; thence S. 55 deg. 14'W., 3.50 m. to pt. 2; thence N. 36 deg. 46'W., 9.50 m. to point 3; thence N. 53 deg. 14'E., 5.00 m. to pt. 4; thence S. 36 deg. 46'E., 9.50 m. to is registered in accordance with the provisions of the Property Registration Decree in the name of **JOSE C. MAPINLAC JR., married to MARIA M. MACAPINLAC** both of legal ages, Filipino
Entry No. cont. of t.d.
Pt. 5; thence S. 53 deg. 14'W., 1.50 m. to the pt. of beginning, containing an area of FORTY SEVEN METERS & FIFTY SQUARE DECIMETERS (47.50). All points. referred to are indicated on the plan and are marked on the ground by P.S. cyl. conc. mons. 15x60 cm.; bearings true; date of original survey July 27, 1905-June 1, 1906 and that of the subd. survey; March 15-July 15, 1993 which was approved on August 13, 1993.

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

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

In the event the publication auction should not take place on the said date and time, it shall be held on **July 8, 2021**, at the same time and place without further notice.

23 April 2021, Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite.

RODRIGO C. ESTOGERO, JR.
Sheriff IV

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

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NATIONAL HOME MORTGAGE FINANCE CORPORATION (NHMFC)
104 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Village, Makati City

**JOSE C. MAPINLAC JR., married to
MARIA M. MACAPINLAC**
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Brgy. Lancaan, Dasmariñas City, Cavite and
767 M.V. Delos Santos, Sampaloc, Manila

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Petitioner/Mortgagee,

-versus-

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UNDER ACT 3135, AS AMENDED
BY ACT 4118

**SPS. MARLON C. LUYAHAN AND
CHEROVY R. LUYAHAN,**
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TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE No. T-497842

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

A parcel of land (Lot 19 Blk. 15 of the consol/subd. plan Pcs-042106-008016, being a portion of the consolidation of Lot 5777-C-2, Psd-04-02106-059852 & Lots 5777-C-3-C & 5777-C-3-D, Psd-042106-0660963, L.R.C.Rec. No.), situated in the Brgy. Salawag, Mun. of Dasmariñas, Province of Cavite, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the SE., along line 1-2 by Lot 18; on the SW., along line 2-3 by Lot 21 both Blk. 15; on the NW., along line 3-4 Road Lot 11; & on the NE., along line 4-1 by Lot 17, Blk. 15, all of the consol/subd. plan. Beginning at a pt. marked "1" on plan being s. 33 deg. 51'E., 579.86 m. from Mon. 171, Imus Estate; thence S. 36 deg. 11'W., 8.00 m. to pt. 2; thence N. 53 deg. 49'W., 11.00 m. to point 3; thence N. 36 deg. -

Is registered in accordance with the provisions of the Property Registration Decree in the name of **MARLON C. LUYAHAN**, of legal age, Filipino, married to **Chevrovy R. Luyahan**

Entry No.
11'E., 8.00 m. to point 4; thence S. 53 deg. 49'E., 11.00 m. to the point of beginning, containing an area of EIGHTY EIGHT (88) SQUARE METERS. All points. referred to are indicated on the plan and are marked on the ground by P.S. cyl. conc. mons. 15x60 cm.; bearings true; date of original survey July 27, 1905-June 11, 1908 and that of the consol/subd. survey; Apr-1 20-June 20, 1993 and was approved on Jan. 6, 1994.

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20 May 2021, Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite.

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NAKATOMA, NILAMON NG DAGAT?

HINIHINALANG dahil sa kalasingan kaya nalunod at natagpuang nakalutang sa gilid ng dagat ang isang lalaki sa Naic, Cavite Linggo ng hapon.

Kinilala ang biktima na si Cedric Rodriguez, nasa wastong edad ng Naic. Sa ulat ni Pat John Arlan-Quimilat, dakong alas-5:30 ng hapon natagpuan ang bangkay ng biktima na nakalutang sa gilid ng dagat na sakop ng Sitio Aplaya, Brgy Timalan, Balsahan. Nauna rito, huling nakitang buhay ang biktima habang nakikipag-inuman sa mga kaibigan malapit sa gilid ng dagat.

Umalis ang biktima at naligo subalit nakalipas ng ilang oras ay napansin na hindi bumabalik hanggang sa natagpuan ang bangkay nito sa gilid ng dagat.

Pinaniwalaang walang naganap na foul play sa pagkamatay ng biktima at naniniwalang nalunod ito nang naligo sa dagat habang nakainom.

Ang bangkay ng biktima ay inilagak sa St. Gregory Funeral para sa awtopsiya. **GENE ADSUARA**

Manila partners with Eye Bank to promote eye donation

MANILA – The city government of Manila is promoting eye and cornea donations, with Mayor Francisco "Isko Moreno" Domagoso kicking off the campaign on Monday by signing a donor card that will allow the Eye Bank Foundation of the Philippines (EBFP) to harvest his corneas and other parts of his eyes upon his death.

Domagoso signed a memorandum of agreement with Eye Bank, a non-stock, non-profit, non-government humanitarian organization owned by EBFP, for Manila to join the eye donation campaign.

"Sana sumunod na kayo. Wala namang mawawala sa inyo kapag naging eye donor kayo. Ibig sabihin lang ay kung namatay kayo, may makikinabang pa rin sa mga mata ninyo (I hope you follow suit. You will not lose anything if you

Batangas City-San Pascual-Bauan Diversion Road, bukas na sa trapiko

LUNGSOD NG BATANGAS (PIA) --Bukas na sa trapiko ang bagong gawang Batangas City-San Pascual-Bauan Diversion Road matapos ang isinagawang inagurasyon at inspeksyon noong Mayo 13, 2021.

Pinangunahan ni Department of Public Works and Highways Secretary Mark Villar kasama sina 2nd District Rep. Raneo Abu at 5th District Rep. Marvey Marino ang inagurasyon ng naturang kalsada na nagdudugtong sa dalawang bayan at isang lungsod sa ikalawa at ikalimang distrito ng lalawigan ng Batangas.

"Halos tapos na ang buong proyektong ito at inaasahan natin na libo-libong sasakyan ang makikinabang sa kanilang pagdaan dito. May ilang mga extensions at finishing touches na lang na gagawin pero magagamit na ang kalsada within this quarter. Ito ay libreng magagamit ng mga biyahero at wala silang kailangang bayadang pagdaan dito," ani Villar

Ang kalsadang ay may 10.97 kilometro ang haba at bahagi ng Luzon Spine

Expressway Network sa ilalim ng Build, Build, Build program ng administrasyong Duterte.

Inaasahang mapapa-ikli nito ang oras ng pagbiyahe mula Batangas City hanggang Bauan sa 20 minuto na dati ay inaabot ng dalawang oras.

May kabuuang P1.4B ang halaga ng naturang proyekto kasama na ang mga tulay na bahagi nito at inaasahang libu-libong sa-

sakyan ang makikinabang sa pagdaan dito araw-araw.

Bukod sa mga turista na dadaan dito papunta sa mga tourist destinations sa bahagi ng Kanlurang Batangas mas mapapabilis na din ang pagdadala ng mga produkto at ibang serbisyo sa mga karatig bayan ng mga nasasakupan ng diversion road. **(BHABY P. DE CASTRO-PIA BATANGAS)**

1.6M Pinoy students benefit from free higher educ program

MANILA – Through the government's Free Higher Education program, some 1.6 Filipino students are no longer paying tuition and miscellaneous fees, the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) reported Tuesday.

"Sa free higher education close to 1.6 million students are no longer paying tuition and miscellaneous fees," CHED Chairman J. Prospero de Vera III said during a presser on the 1st National Higher Education Day.

Of this number, 1.3 million are beneficiaries from

112 state universities and colleges (SUCs) while at least 300,000 are from local SUCs.

De Vera said for the school year 2020-2021 alone, around 500,000 slots were also opened for the tertiary education subsidy, much higher than the 200,000 slots when the law was passed.

"Hindi pa kasama ang scholarship sa agriculture (and) ng DOST so pag tinala mo lahat yan lagpas two million student ang natutulungan ng gobyerno ngayon (Other scholarships are not yet included in that number so when you total it, it would reach over two million students). I don't think that has ever happened in our history," he said.

The Republic Act 10931, known as the Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act was signed into law in August 2017 by President Rodrigo Duterte, providing underprivileged Filipino students the opportunity to pursue college degrees through free tuition and exemption of other fees in SUCs.

It further allows Tertiary Education Subsidy that sponsors the enrolment of disadvantaged students in private institutions in locations where there are no available state or local universities and colleges.

"(I believe) close to 2.5 million students are being assisted by government financially. That has never



MOMENT OF TRUTH, BUMULAGA

Marami ang nabulaga sa pagkapanalo ng kabayo na si Moment Of Truth na sinakyan ng hineteng si John Paul Guce sa katatapos na 2021 Philracom 3YO Maiden Stakes Race na inilarga sa kararahan ng Metro Manila Turf Club sa Malvar-Tanauan City, Batangas. Hindi binigo ni Moment Of Truth ang mga karerista na sumuporta sa kanya matapos na siya ay magpakita ng galing. Nanalong dehado si Moment Of Truth at masasabing nahirapan sa labanan dahil sa pag-iistorbo ni War Cannon sa harapan. Sa simula ng karera ay kinuha kaagad ni Moment Of Truth ang unahan, humarurot naman sa gawing labas ang kabayong si Bomod- Ok Falls na nirendahan ng hineteng si Mark Angelo Alvarez upang kunin ang ikalawang puwesto, nasa ikatlong posisyon naman si War Cannon na ginabayan ng hineteng si Kelvin Abobo, pang apat ang kabayong si Club Havana na pinatungan ni Dan Camanero, panglima si Roll Da Dice na sinakyan ng hineteng si Pat Dilema, habang ang kabayong si Kain Touch Me na dinala ni John Alvin Guce ang nasa hulihan ng takbuhang papasok sa unang kurbadahan. Bumulusok agad sa unahan si Moment Of Truth upang hawakan ang bandera subalit sa kalagitnaan ng labanan ay unti-unting dumidikit si War Cannon sa harapan kasabay ng kanyang kacouple runner na si Kain Touch Me, pang apat si Bomod-Ok Falls, pang lima si Roll Da Dice sa gawing labas kasunod si Club Havana sa pang anim. Naagaw ni War Cannon ang bandera pero hindi nasira ang loob ni Moment Of Truth. Pagsapit sa huling kurbada ay nasa unahan na si War Cannon habang dumaan naman sa may tabing balya si Moment Of Truth at nakipagsabayan sa unahan sa rektahan. Matinding bakbakan ang nasilayan ng mga karerista at pagdating sa huling 100 meters ay nagpalitan ng pagkayog at pagpalo ang dalawang hinete at bago sumapit ang meta ay bahagyang nakalamang si Moment Of Truth at nanalo na nguso lang ang pagitan laban sa nasegundo na si War Cannon, tersero si Club Havana, kuarto si Roll Da Dice. Si Moment Of Truth ay nakapag rehistro ng tiyempong 1:26.4 (13'-22"-23-27) para sa distansiyang 1,400 meter. Si Moment Of Truth ay nakatanggap ng P600,000 na premyo bilang 1st place, P225,000 naman ang nakuha ni War Cannon bilang 2nd place, P125,000 naman ang nauwi ni Club Havana bilang 3rd place, at P50,000 naman ang para kay Roll Da Dice bilang 4th place.

happened in history and that is the basis for CHED claiming victory for Philippine higher education," de Vera said.

During the opening ceremony of the National Higher Education Day, President Rodrigo Duterte commended the agency "for ensuring the highest standard" in the country's higher education institutions despite the challenges the Philippines currently faces.

He urged all stakeholders and CHED to continue their efforts to empower the Filipino youth.

"May this occasion further strengthen your resolve in teaching and learning under the new normal. As you mark this milestone, I also hope that you will continue working towards creating a more responsive and innovative learning environment for both educators and students," he said. **(PNA)**

'Fisherfolk Director Program' re-implemented, Noveleteño as Director

Trece Martires, Cavite (PIA) – The 'Fisherfolk Director Program' was re-implemented by the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) Calabarzon with the appointment of Rolando 'Ka Olan' Palustre as Regional Fisherfolk Director for the year 2021.

The event held at the Regional Fisheries Training and Fisherfolk Coordination Division (RFTFCDD) Training Hall, BFAR 4A in Los Baños, Laguna was in celebration of the 'Farmers and Fisherfolks Month with the theme: "With or without a Pandemic, Farmers and Fishermen Can Count on the Nation" that paid tribute to the farmers and fishermen for their invaluable contribution to building a nation with security and adequate food resources.

During the event, Ka Olan Palustre said, "Naniniwala ako na ang mga karagatan ay mapapasigla natin, upang tayo ay pagkatiwalaan na humawak at mangalaga sa ating mga karagatan. Sana po ay magawa ko ang aking sinumpaang at ang mga responsibilidad na pinagkaloob ng ahensya. At maituro ninyo sana sa akin ang dapat na maging posisyon ko dito habang ako ay nasa ilalim ng ating ahensya."

(I believe that the oceans can be invigorated by us, so that we can be entrusted to care for our oceans. I hope I can fulfill my oath and the responsibilities given by the agency. And may you teach me what my position here should be while I am still under our agency.)

BFAR-4A Regional Director Sammy Malvas administered the oath of office of Ka Olan Palustre and witnessed by RFTFCDD – Division Chief, Dr. Maribeth H. Ramos; FARMC Coordinator, Josefina R. Tolentino; Regional Fisheries Training Unit, OIC, Arman H. Engay; at Regional Fisheries Information Unit, OIC, Mary Friezzy R. Alvarez.

Meanwhile, Noveleta Mayor Dino Reyes-Chua together with Councilor Emelito Lontoc, Committee Chair on Agriculture and Fisheries was proud

of their constituent as they recognized the role of the farmers and fishermen as heroes in their sacrifice to ensure that there is adequate food on the table of every Pinoy family despite the ongoing health crisis that had affected each and every one.

"We are happy to congratulate 'Ka Olan' on his new designation in BFAR 4A, I know he has a lot to share with the agency to make the fishing industry in our region better," Dino Chua said. **(Ruel Francisco with reports from Dennis Abrina/BFAR-4A FB page)**

Ex-SC justice Brion is new Philja chancellor

MANILA – Retired associate justice Arturo D. Brion has been named by the Supreme Court as the new chancellor of the Philippine Judicial Academy (Philja), the tribunal's training school for justices, judges, court personnel, lawyers, and aspirants to judicial posts.

Brion will take over the post upon the expiration of the term of retired SC associate justice Adolfo S. Azcuna as chancellor at the end of the month, SC Clerk of Court Marife M. Lomibao-Cuevas said in a notice.

Azcuna held the Philja chancellor position since 2009 upon his retirement as a magistrate of the Supreme Court (SC).

Brion on the other hand retired from the SC in 2016, eight years after his appointment to the tribunal by former president Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo.

Philja was created by the SC in 1996 under the leadership of Chief Justice Andres Narvasa through the issuance of Administrative Order 35-96.

Its mandate was established further in 1998 upon the passage of Republic Act 8557 defining its powers and functions and appropriating funds for it.

Under its mission to develop judicial competence, its vision is to be the leading provider of relevant, responsive, and effective

LGU Tagkawayan, naglaan ng karagdagang P2M para sa COVID-19 response

TAGKAWAYAN, Quezon (PIA) --Naglaan ng karagdagang P2M ang lokal na pamahalaan sa bayang ito para sa pagtugon sa pandemyang dala ng Coronavirus Disease 2019.

Ayon sa lokal na pamahalaan, ang paglalaan ng karagdagang pondo ay bahagi ng patuloy na pagkilos ng pamahalaang bayan sa pangunguna ni Tagkawayan Mayor Carlo Eleazar upang matugunan ang mga pangangailangan sa pagtaas ng bilang ng mga taong tinatamaan ng COVID-19.

Ayon sa Municipal Inter-agency Task Force na pinangungunahan ni May-

or Eleazar, ang paglalaan ng karagdagang P2M ay magmumula sa supplemantal budget ng pamahalaang lokal.

Kaugnay nito, inihahanda na rin ng Inter-agency Agency Task Force ang paglalagay ng mga karagdagang temporary isolation facilities sakaling tumaas pa ang bilang ng mga kaso ng COVID-19 na maitatala sa mga susunod na araw.

Bukod dito, paiigtingin din ang kampanya laban sa mga kabataang hindi sumusunod sa curfew hours at pagtambay sa mga tindahan at mga lansangan na walang suot na face-mask.

Patuloy ding ipatutupad ang mga umiiral na health protocols sa komunidad na naaayon sa kasalukuyang quarantine status ng bayan. **(Ruel Orinday-PIA Quezon)**

training for the judiciary in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations by 2030. **(PNA)**

DOH-CALABARZON opens Hemodialysis Center for COVID patients in Laguna

QUEZON CITY --Department of Health (DOH) – CALABARZON (Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal, Quezon) today led the opening of the Hemodialysis Center for Covid patients located at the Cabuyao City Hospital Building in Barangay San Isidro, Cabuyao City, Laguna.

"This hemodialysis center will cater solely for patients with kidney problems who are tested positive of the coronavirus virus. Dito, ang mga pasyenteng positibo sa Covid virus ay tatanggapin at hindi tatanggihan na gaya ng ginagawa ng ibang mga hospital na dala na rin ng takot na magkaroon ng Covid sa kanilang mga pasilidad," Regional Director Eduardo C. Janairo

The hemodialysis center for Covid patients in Laguna is the first project established by DOH-CALABARZON through a tri-partite agreement between the City Government of Cabuyao and NephroMed Asia Medical Group.

The center a total of 20 dialysis stations that will be used and can accommodate around 150 patients

a day.

According to Janairo, the regional office initiated and advocated for the establishment of the center. It is made possible through a tri-partite agreement with the City Government of Cabuyao who will provide for the facility to be used and through outsourcing with NephroMed Asia Medical Group to provide dialysis services and treatment. "We facilitated the accreditation and License to Operate (LTO) of NephroMed for this project who in turn commits to deliver the highest quality dialysis treatment."

Janairo assured that patients who will undergo dialysis will be have nothing to worry about spending money for their treatment. "Sasagutin ng PhilHealth and gastos at kung may kulang pa ay pupunan ito ng regional office through the medical assistance for indigents program. Kaya walang dahilan upang hindi makapagpagamot ang mga pasyenteng nanggailangan ng dialysis treatment."

He also added that DOH-CALABARZON will be

LRT-2 trip to Antipolo City starts in June

MANILA – The Light Rail Transit Line 2 (LRT-2) extension, consisting of two stations from Marikina City to Masinag in Antipolo City, will start operations in June, Department of Transportation (DOTr) Secretary Arthur Tugade said Thursday.

Tugade inspected Thursday the rail line's two newest stations - Marikina and Antipolo - connecting Metro Manila's west side, from Recto Station to the east side, Antipolo Station.

"Kasalukuyan po tayong nagsasagawa ng isang inspeksyon sa LRT-2 Antipolo Station, na sa susunod na buwan ay pormal nang bubuksan (We are currently conducting an inspection at the LRT-2 Antipolo Station, which will be officially launched next month)," Tugade said in a Facebook post on Thursday.

Once operational, travel time from Manila to Antipolo, Rizal will only take 40 minutes compared to a three-hour bus or jeepney ride.

The two newest stations would add four kilometers to the existing 11 stations 13.8 kilometers-long, from Santolan in Pasig City to Recto in Manila.

The rail line's extension was supposed to be inaugurated last April 26 this year but movement restrictions due to Covid-19 caused delays in the

construction and testing phase.

The final stages of installation, testing, and commissioning for the LRT-2 East Extension's overhead catenary system, power systems, and signaling will be completed before its inauguration, the DOTr said.

With the additional stations, passenger capacity per day is expected to increase by 80,000.

LRT-2 quarantine facility Tugade also visited the Light Rail Transit Authority's (LRTA) quarantine facility at its depot in Santolan Station.

With a capacity of 13 beds, the quarantine facility is also equipped with vital signs monitoring and emergency rescue equipment to support the needs of the LRT-2 workers.

Currently, there is a single patient exhibiting mild symptoms at the facility supported 24 hours by nurses, while there are on-call doctors for patients needing immediate treatment, assessment, and recommendation.

"Para sa mga severe cases, may mga naka standby na ambulansya sa pasilidad na kung saan, maaring maitakbo ito sa pinakamalapit ng hospital (For severe cases, there is an ambulance at the facility that can drive these individuals to the nearest hospital)," the LRT-2 said. **(PNA)**

Breeder sheep at goats mula Australia, dumating na sa Pinas

LUNGSOD NG QUEZON

-- Bumili ang Department of Agriculture (DA) ng mga kambing at tupa sa iba't-ibang farm sa Australia sa ilalim ng proyekto ng DA-National Livestock Program (NLP) Bayanihan II project na Nucleus and Multiplier Breeder Farms for Poultry, Swine and Small Ruminants. Inihatid ang mga small ruminants sa Clark International Airport ngayon, ika-18 ng Mayo, 2021.

Pinamunuan ni DA-Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) Veterinary Quarantine Officer Dr. Ferdinand Montano ang inspeksyon ng tinatayang 250 breeder goats

at 450 breeder sheep sa arrival area.

Ang mga small ruminants ay ipapadala sa quarantine site sa Lubao, Pampanga kung saan iqu-quarantine ang mga ito ng 30 days bago ipamahagi sa DA nucleus and multiplier farms for small ruminants. Ang mga multiplier farms ang responsable sa pagpaparami ng reproduksyon ng mga hayop na maaring pagmulan ng pangkabuhayan ng mga farmers.

Layunin ng Nucleus and Multiplier Breeder Farms for Livestock Poultry and Small Ruminants na pataasin ang kalidad at kapasidad ng produksyon ng mga DA farms ng BAI at Regional Field Offices (RFOs) upang mapataas ang lokal na produksyon ng poultry at livestock. **(PMartinez / DA-BAI)**

assisting in logistics augmentation when needed including personal protective equipment.

KWENTUHAN NG '5 MARIA' NAUWI SA 'BATAKAN'

NAGTAWAGAN, nagku-mustahan hanggang sa nauwi sa pot session ang kuwentuhan ng limang babae na naaresto sa Tanza, Cavite Martes ng hapon.

Kasong paglabag sa RA 9165 (Pot Session) ang kinaharap ng mga naaresto-tong suspek na sina Maridor Valdez, 42, dalaga, ng Brgy Bucal, Tanza; Emily Bravante, 40, may live-in partner, ng Bagong Pook, Cavite City; Sonia Paig, 62, dalaga, ng San Antonio Calle Marino, Cavite City; Arlene Repalpa y Alegre, 37, dalaga, ng Manila Blvd, Cavite City; at Jojo Baylon y Caumeran, 29, dalaga, ng Brgy Bucal, Tanza. Sa ulat ni Corporal Ehdcel Manalo, ng Tanza Police

Station, dakong alas-4:15 ng hapon ay nakatanggap ng tawag ang mga awtoridad hinggil sa gingawang pot session ng limang babae sa bahay ni Valdez.

Agad na sumugod ang mga operatiba sa nasabing lugar kung saan naaktuhan ang mga suspek sa aktong humihit ng hinihinalang shabu.

Narekober sa kanila ang sachet ng shabu, rolled aluminium foil at disposable lighter.

Bago ang ginawang pot session ng mga suspek, tinawagan umano ni Valdez ang kanyang mga kaibigan para magkuwentuhan hanggang ang masayang nilang kumustahan sa isa't isa ay nauwi sa pot session. **GENE ADSUARA**

3 mag-uutol, nagtrip manaksak ng 2 totoy; 1 patay

TATLONG magkakapatid ang napag-tripan umanong pagsasaksakin ang dalawang menor de edad na lalaki habang kumakain na nagresulta sa agarang kamatayan ng isa sa mga ito sa Bacoor City, Cavite.

Itinago sa pangalang Alias Tisoy ang napatay na Grade 7 student, 12; habang nasa ligtas na kalagayan si Alias Along, 14, Grade 4 Elementary Level, at kapwa residente ng Sitio Ilat Brgy Ligas 2, Bacoor City.

Sinusulat ito ay pinaghanap ang magkakapatid na suspek na sina Steven Rivera, alias Balong, 19; Tyson Rivera, 19; at Alexander Rivera, 18, pawang construction worker at residente ng Tumbok Tulay F&E De Castro Village, Brgy. Ligas 1 Bacoor City. Sa ulat ni PSSgt Marvin Rae Calaor, ng Bacoor City Police Station, dakong ala-1:00 Martes ng madaling araw naganap ang insidente sa Tulay na Ilat, Brgy Ligas 2. Kumakain ang mga biktima sa isang karinderia sa tapat ng isang resort nang

lapitan ng magkakapatid at sinabihan na "gabi na umuwi na kayo."

Nang tila hindi pinansin ng mga biktima ang mga suspek ay walang sabi-sabing pinagsasaksak ng mga ito si alias Tisoy sa iba't ibang bahagi ng katawan na nagresulta sa agarang kamatayan habang sa leeg naman sinaksak si alias Along.

Pero sa kabila ng sugat sa leeg, nagawa pang nakatakbo sa kanyang pamilya si alias Along saka isininugod sa Las Pinas General Hospital and Satellite kung saan nasa mabuti ng kalagayan.

Ayon kay Calaor, kilala ni alias Along ang isa sa suspek habang ang mga kapatid nito ay nakilala lamang sa pamagitan ng mga litrato nila sa facebook.

Pinaniniwalaang napagtripan lamang ng magkakapatid ang mga biktima bagama't patuloy na nagsasagaw ang imbestigasyon sa motibo sa panaksak. Inaalam din kung gumagamit ng droga ang mga suspek. **GENE ADSUARA**

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'Tapangan' pa

ANG panukala sa pag-regulate hindi lamang sa paggawa kundi maging sa paggamit at pagbenta ng mga electronic cigarettes ay pumasa na sa ikalawang pagbasa ng Kongreso.

May probisyong isina-saad ang House Bill 9007 o "Non-Combustible Nicotine Delivery Systems Regulations Act."

Tanging ang makakabili lamang ng mga vape ay ang mga nasa edad 18 pataas.

Bukod dito ay binabanggit din sa panukala na upang makasigurong nasa hustong gulang na ang bibili ay kailangang mayroong ipapakitang government ID.

Ang tanong ay paano kung mayroon tayong makikitang menor de

edad na gumagamit ng vape?

Tila taas-noo o may pagyayabang pa kung makahitit at makabuga ng usok mula sa electronic cigarette sa harap ng publiko.

Mukhang malabnaw ang probisyon kaya dapat ay 'tapangan' pa kumbaga sa pagtimpla ng black coffee ay dagdagan ang kape.

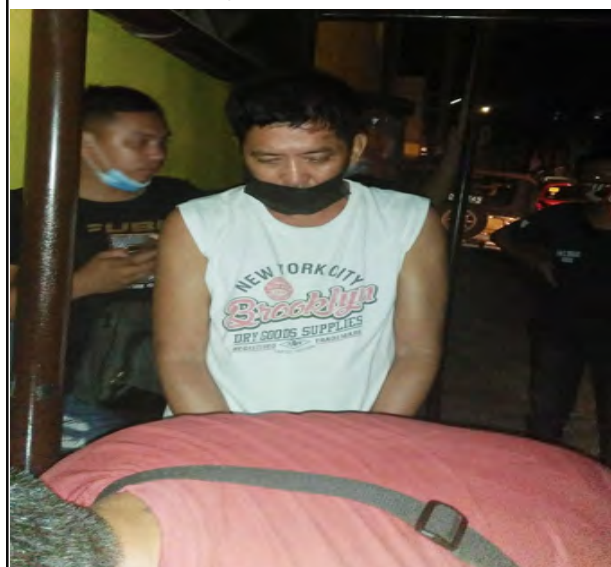
Lalo pa at sa panukala ay ibinibigay ang pahintulot na ito ay maaaring maibenta sa pamamagitan ng online.

Basta ang sabi lamang ay kailangang mahigpit sa pagsunod sa panuntunan ng gobyerno ang mga nagbebenta.

Tingnan na lang natin ang kahahantungan nito kung sakali.



BY SCHEDULE ang ginawa ng COMELEC Arroceros sa Maynila sa pagpunta sa kanilang tanggapan mula district 1 hanggang district 6 ng mga nais magparehistro para makaboto sa 2022 national elections upang maiwasan ang pagdagsa ng mga nais magpatala habang nasa pandemiya pa rin dulot ng COVID-19. **(Christian Heramis)**



SA isinagawang OPLAN GALUGAD ay isang suspek ang nahulihan ng dalawang pirasong maliit na sachet ng umano'y shabu sa Osorio Compound, Sitio De Asis, Brgy. San Martin de Porres sa lungsod ng P'que. Ang naging seizing officer ay si Pat Joey Tambuan ng PCP-8. **(JIMMY HAO)**



PINANGUNAHAN ni Col. Juluis Anunuevo at kanyang mga tauhan mula sa District Mobile Force Battalion (DMFB) ng Manila Police District (MPD) ang pagpatupad ng minimum health protocols matapos dagsain ang Manila Prince Hotel sa Ermita kamakailan para sa pagbabakuna kontra COVID-19 vaccine gamit ang Pfizer. **(Christian Heramis)**



HULI sa suspek na si Eduardo Villucero Hermosa ang tatlong pirasong plastic sachet ng hinihinalang shabu sa Sun Drive, Brgy. San Antonio, P'que City. Naging seizing officer si Pat Ryan Tagalog ng SDEU. **(JIMMY HAO)**

Magkaangkas sa motor, tigbak sa trak

KAPWA nasawi ang isang rider at backride nito nang bumangga ang kanilang motorsiklo sa puwitang bahagi ng dump truck matapos magpang-abot sa krus na bahagi ng kalsada sa Trece Martires City, Huwebes ng madaling araw.

Isinugod pa sa Gen Trias General Hospital sina Kent Brian Ignacio, 25, driver ng motorsiklo; at backride nitong si Mark Anthony Colong, 25, subalit kapwa hindi na umabot ng buhay habang kinilala ang driver ng dump truck na si Edison Estabillo, 38.

Sa ulat ni PSMSgt Richard Chavez, ng Trece Martires City Police Station, dakong alas-3:15 ng madaling araw naganap ang insidente kung saan magkaangkas ang mga

biktima sa motorsiklong Honda Wave 100 patungo sa direksiyon ng Tanza galing sa Indang habang ang suspek ay minamaneho ang dump truck patungo naman sa direksiyon ng Naic galing Gen Trias City.

Pagsapit sa Crossing junction sa Brgy San Agustin ay nasagi ng harapang kaliwang bumper ng dump truck ang kanang bahagi ng motorsiklo.

Dahil sa pangyayari, nakaladkad ang motorsiklo ng ilang metro mula sa pinangyarihan ng insidente kaya isinugod ang mga biktima sa ospital subalit kapwa idineklarang namatay dakong alas-4:02 ng madaling araw at isinailalim sa imbestigasyon ng pulisya ang driver ng dump truck. **GENE ADSUARA**