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ALFONSO: HIDDEN GEM OF THE SOUTH YET TO BE DISCOVERED

TRECE MARTIRES, Cavite (PIA) – Alfonso Municipal Mayor Randy Salamat disclosed his vision for the town becoming the 'must-visit' tourist destination in the south, which will pave the way for the development and progress of its tourism and agricultural industry.

Mayor Salamat said in an interview with Bing Kimpo in Presidential Communications Operations Office's Laging Handa Network Briefing News that the municipality consists of 6,996 hectares of agricultural land, 70% of which he intends to maintain solely for agriculture with the recent Land Use plan the LGU had submitted to Congress.

He envisions the municipality to have a distinct identity by not allowing the establishment of relocation sites to maintain peace and order in the town, and intends to further develop the tourism industry which could bring a bigger income for the local government to be able to bring government service to all sectors of society.

Tagged as the 'Hidden Gem of the South', the town boasts of hundreds of resorts, restaurants, events places and accommodation hotels, and "glamping" and camping sites filled with lush greeneries and natural, cool running streams and waterfalls in the cool upland weather conducive for staycations.

Mayor Salamat in his first-term has accomplished several projects such as infrastructure, farm-to-market roads and water-irrigation systems; the construction of a dialysis and lying-in center to provide for the medical needs of his constituents; establishment of a central terminal that for the convenience of commuting residents; continued relief assistance to families and individuals highly affected by the Taal Volcano eruption in January 2020 and; COVID-19 response during the current pandemic.

He disclosed that the local government's vaccination efforts has inoculated more than 70% of the target population with the town's population at 66,000.

To date, about 31,060 residents are fully vaccinated including the pediatric population against COVID-19 with more than 500 vaccinations a day in the continued vax rollouts, Salamat added.

Meanwhile, the town's agriculture industry produces many high yielding crops due to its fertile land and conducive weather. Fruit-bearing trees of different varieties, bananas, lettuce and now strawberries and grapes are currently being studied for full production.

Road constructions under President Rodrigo Duterte's Build, Build, Build through the Department of Public Works and Highways road network projects, which include the recently opened the Tagaytay Bypass Road, are set to attract more progress to the town .

Another road project is the Cavite-Tagaytay-Batangas Expressway (CTBEX) with two intersections which will give access to the town and is seen to reduce travel time to and from neighboring cities and provinces greatly contributing to the economy of the municipality and the province as a whole.

"Consistency is the key," Mayor Salamat said about continuing the administration's 'Responsableng Serbisyo', that progress and development should be sustained and continued with long-term planning and concrete plans for the future. ***(RBF/PIA-Cavite)***

DEPED IMUS CITY IMPROVES RECRUITMENT PROCESS, LAUNCHES SMART HR: ONLINE HIRING SYSTEM

Putting premium on meritocracy and excellence espoused by the Civil Service Commission (CSC), the Schools Division of Imus City has formally shifted to a strategic human resource management through "SMART HR", an innovative, citizen-centered online hiring system that will facilitate the recruitment, selection, and placement (RSP) process of potential qualified applicants.

During the virtual launch on Monday, January 10 via Google Meet, CSC Director Maria Theresa Poblador lauded SDOIC's initiative which serves as an integral part of the Division's RSP as a system in the PRIME-HRM (Program to Institutionalize Meritocracy and Excellence in Human Resource Management).

"This is a manifestation of both developmental and transformative process to attain the mandate of every agency... to keep on improving the way it does its business, to look for ways to better deliver desired results, as well as meet the needs of its clients," she said.

The CSC director also hopes that this innovation serves as benchmark to other agencies in their journey towards becoming smart organizations "because those who initiate change will have a better opportunity to manage the change that is inevitable."

According to OIC-Assistant Schools Division Superintendent Mr. Ivan Brian L. Inductivo, the lead proponent of the System for Meritocratic, Automated, Reengineered, and Transparent Hiring for the Department of Education (SMART HR), the system is not just a response to the call of the pandemic but also part of SDOIC's entire e-governance plan and part of a very massive and collective BIDA system that has a roadmap of developing frontline services and making sure that these are automated and accessible to the public.

"This is to reengineer the way we provide our services, and to make our hiring process a reliable one--with trust and confidence--in terms of ranking, transparency and objective appraisal of credentials and competencies so that competent and worthy public servants will be on board with us," Inductivo said.

Meanwhile, Schools Division Superintendent Dr. Rosemarie D. Torres claimed that the system is a breakthrough milestone and legacy for SDO Imus City which will help facilitate the fast and excellent services in terms of hiring and leading towards customer satisfaction.

"Now, our applicants need not to go personally to submit their pertinent documents for application. They may do it online via www.depedimuscity.com," she said.

SMART HR is a capstone project of ASDS Inductivo as scholar of the Development Academy of the Philippines ***(DAP).***

Dasmariñas City public hospital restricts entry to unvaxxed

TRECE MARTIRES, Cavite (PIA) – The management of the Pagamutan ng Dasmariñas, recently implemented the requirement for the presentation of COVID-19 vaccination card of individuals who need to access medical services and allow entry to the facility.

According to the Public Advisory of the said hospital, regulations allow patients for confinement whether vaccinated or not to be admitted in the hospital as well as children 11 years below who are not yet vaccinated against COVID-19 may enter the facility but their aide, companions, and parents need to be fully vaccinated.

Patients undergoing dialysis in the hospital need to be fully vaccinated though those with partial vaccination shall also be accepted.

Meanwhile, unvaccinated dialysis patients need to show negative RT-PCR test taken every two weeks.

All other individuals who wish to enter the facility or need to access medical services from the Out-Patient Department (OPD), Physical Therapy (PT), ECG, Laboratory and X-Ray will be required to answer the Health Declaration Form at the Triage area and should present their vaccination card.

Persons who remain unvaccinated may present a doctor's certificate to prove their health condition that restrict them from getting the vaccine.

On the other hand, individuals in emergency situations whether vaccinated or not shall be accepted and given medical services in the Emergency Room. ***(Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite with reports from Pagamutan ng Dasmariñas)***

'Effects of lockdown outweigh the benefits' – Gov. Remulla

Trece Martires, Cavite (PIA) – Cavite Governor Jonvic Remulla stands firm on opposing plans of lockdown because 'the effects of a never-ending lockdown outweigh the benefits.'

Remulla stated his opinion in the midst of the continuing spike in CoViD-19 cases in the province with 1,188 new positive cases recorded in the province as of January 9, 2022.

The province also recorded the highest number of Active cases in the CALABARZON region at 4,273 with more cases anticipated in the coming weeks.

Despite the CoViD-19 situation in the province, the CoViD-ICU capacity is at 41.5% in the province's hospitals. Majority of the new cases recorded or 96.4% manifest mild symptoms or are asymptomatic and there are Zero reported deaths in the province.

Thus, the governor remains optimistic that the province would once again overcome this crisis.

He emphasized the need to be responsible, knowledgeable, and disciplined to mitigate the spread of the virus.

"Omicron may be the most contagious variant yet given the tsunami of infections we are seeing. Better safe than sorry so let's all do our part in protecting ourselves and those around us," reminded Governor Jonvic.

In this time of pandemic, it is important to remain at home and make it a habit to observe the minimum health standards to keep safe from Covid-19. ***(Ruel Francisco with reports from Cavite Provincial Information Office)***

Imus' home-quarantined symptomatics given COVID care kits

IMUS CITY, Cavite (PIA) – Imus City aims to diminish the rapid transmission of the COVID-19 omicron variant through its Home Mitigation Program initiative which includes the provision of care kits to symptomatic patients undergoing home quarantine.

Imus City Public Information Office chief Jay Saquilayan says, "Once a symptomatic patient tested positive with the antigen test, he/she undergoes Real Time Polymerase Chain Reaction Test (RT PCR) for confirmation."

Positive patients with no symptoms are advised to isolate for a required period of time while positive symptomatic patients undergo home quarantine and are provided COVID-19 Care Kits from the city government with priority to members of the vulnerable sector such as the Senior Citizens, Persons with comorbidities and Persons with Disabilities (PWDs).

The care kits were distributed to the 97 Barangays in the city which are given to the identified positive symptomatic patients in each barangay.

Members of the Expanded Home Mitigation Team led by the employees of the City of Imus Traffic Management Office (CITMO) and the Imus City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (CDRRMO) conduct the house-to-house distribution of the COVID-19 care kits to prevent the patients and the members of the household from leaving their houses to buy the needed medication.

The kits include medicines and supplements such as the Molnupiravir, Sodium Ascorbate+Zinc, oral rehydration solutions, and other medicines (Levofloxacin 750mg tablets; Dexamethasone 500mg capsules) to treat the symptoms caused by COVID-19. ***(Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite with reports from Imus City PIO)***

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HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND,
Mortgagee,

-versus-

EJF-2021-23
For: Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of Real Estate Mortgage Under Act No. 3135, As amended by Act. No. 4118

MARLON L. DAYO married to IRENE M. DAYO,
Mortgagors.
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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial petition for sale Under Act No. 3115, as amended by Act 4118 filed by the mortgagee, **HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND**, with postal address at Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City againts the mortgagor, **MARLON L. DAYO married to IRENE M. DAYO**, with postal address at Lot 6, Blk. 2, Olivarez South Homes, Biňan, Laguna, and for the satisfaction of the mortgaged debt which as of November 5, 2021 amounts to **SEVEN HUNDRED SIXTY NINE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY SIX PESOS & 33/100 (PHP 769,986.33),** exclusive of all legal fees and expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned or his duly authorized representative will SELL at public auction on **February 17, 2022** at 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon at the Court Room of Branch 109, Regional Trial Court, Hall of Justice Building, Carmona, Cavite to the highest bidder for CASH or MANAGER'S CHECK, in Philippine currency, the mortgaged property/ies with all the improvements thereon to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 057-2011014462

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in BRGY. OF LANTIC, MUNICIPALITY OF CARMONA, PROV. OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON, bounded and described as follows:

"A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 8, BLK. 21 OF THE CONS./ SUBDIVISION PLAN, PCS-04-023837, BEING A PORTION OF LOTS 844, 845, & 847, CARMONA CADASTRE) SITUATED IN BRGY. OF LANTIC, MUNICIPALITY OF CARMONA, PROV. OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON. BOUNDED ON THE NE., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 6, BLK. 21; ON THE SE., ALONG LINE 2-3 BY ROAD LOT 23; ON THE SW., ALONG LINE 3-4 BY LOT 10, BLK. 21 AND ON THE NW., ALONG LINE 4-1 BY LOT 7, BLK. 21, ALL OF THE CONS./SUBD. BEGINNING AT A POINT MARKED"1" ON PLAN, BEING N. 60 DEG. 26'W., 218.74 M. FROM B. L. L. M. NO.6, CARMONA CADASTRE; THENCE S. 30 DEG. 22'E., 10.00 M. TO POINT 2; THENCE S. 59 DEG. 38'W., 5.00 M. TO POINT 3; THENCE N. 30 DEG. 22'W., 10.00 M. TO POINT 4; THENCE N. 59 DEG. 38'E., 5.00 M. TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING AN AREA OF FIFTY (50) SQ. METERS, MORE OR LESS. ALL POINTS REFERRED TO ARE INDICATED ON THE PLAN AND ARE MARKED ON THE GROUND BY P.S., CYL. CONC. MONS. 15X40 CMS; BEARINGS TRUE; DATE OF ORIGINAL SURVEY, JANUARY 1906-MAY 1907 AND THAT OF THE CONS./SUBD. SURVEY, FEBRUARY 2-24, 2006 & WAS APPROVED ON AUGUST 31, 2007."

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Sa mga tropa nating lansangan halimbawa, magandang pagmasdan kapag sila ay nagtutulungan.

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Katulad ng mga sidecar boy na kapag nasisiraan ng pedicab ang kasama ay handang ibigay ang oras sa pagtulong ganoon din ang mga tricycle at toktok driver.

Sa mga ambulant at sidewalk vendor sakaling nagkaaberya ang kasama ay nagdadamayan.

Nakikitaan din ng pagtutulungan maging ang mga nangangalakal at iba pang ang kabuhayan ay nasa lansangan.

Katanungan nga lamang ay kung bakit minsan ay nagkakaron ng away o gulo sa kanila.

Halimbawa sa hanay ng mga padyak boy at mga driver ng traysikel at toktok na ang pinagmumulan ng gusto at dahil sa agawan sa pasahero o sa kanilang pilahan.

Maaaring sa panig naman ng mga ambulant vendor o mga nagtitinda sa bangketa ay ang sulutan ng kanilang mga suki o kostumer.

Nagkakanya-kanya namang pag-aangkinan ang mga nangangalakal sa nakikita o pupuluting basura.

Iba-ibang eksena na kung minsan ay nangyayari ang sigalot sa tropang kalye.

Pagkakaiba nga lamang nila ay tila saglit lamang ang gusot at parang walang ano mang nangyaring gulo dahil mabilis na nagkakaayos.

Sabi lang nila ay dahil iisang mundo ang kanilang ginagalawan para mabuhay at iyon nga ay ang lansangan o bangketa.

Nasa kalye man sila na may panahong nagkakaawayan subalit nakalalamang ang oras ng pagdadamayan at kasiyahan.

Iyan po ang sabi nila kumpara umano sa mga disente o may pinagaralan na halata naman ang kaplastikan.

EDITORYAL

Basbas ng kandidato?

MAHALAGA ang background check ng Philippine National Police sa lahat ng mga kandidato para sa nalalapit na halalan, nasyonal man o lokal.

Layunin nito na mailatag ng PNP ang maayos na seguridad sakaling matutukoy na mayroong tensiyon sa pagitan ng bawat kandidato.

Itinuturing na pambansang pulisya na ito ay isang positibong pamamaraan.

Target ng kapulisan na mapigilan ang posibleng karahasan na may kaugnayan sa eleksiyon.

Kaya naman katuwang ng PNP ang Armed forces of the Philippines at iba pang law enforcement agencies sa paghagilap ng mga impormasyon hinggil sa galaw ng mga kandidato.

Ang kaguluhan kung minsan ay hindi nagmumula sa mismong kandidato sa halip ay sa mga supporter.

Maaaring may senaryo na nagbibigay ng basbas ang kadidato sa pagsiklab ng away at ito ang hindi dapat tinatalima ng mga taga-sunod o kaalyado.

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Online influencers conference held to boost China-ASEAN ties

The first ASEAN-China Online Influencers Conference and Fujian Brands Promotion Tour along Maritime Silk Road concluded in Fuzhou, southeast China's Fujian Province on Jan. 13, a year after China and ASEAN celebrated the 30th anniversary of their dialogue relations and elevated their ties to a comprehensive strategic partnership.

Themed "Set Sail from Blessed Land when the Wind is Positive," the event also followed the implementation of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP), the world's largest free trade deal that will bring new development opportunities to China-ASEAN ties.

During the three-day event, ASEAN diplomats to China and representatives from media organizations, as well as Chinese and ASEAN online influencers learned about Fuzhou's experience in developing digital industry and experienced the culture of Fujian province through field visits and online activities. They also shared what they saw and felt in the city on social media platforms.

The event focused on economic and trade cooperation and cultural exchanges between China and ASEAN, and held three dialogues on digital economy, influencer economy and cross-border e-commerce.

It also acted as a matchmaker between Chinese and ASEAN enterprises. Fujian Asia-Pacific Economic and Trade Cooperation Promotion Association, China's first provincial-level business association responding to the RCEP agreement, set the stage for a series of agreements between Chinese and ASEAN industries, including a $5.6 billion intended deal inked by Fujian's Eversun Holdings Group to invest in an ASEAN refinery.

The conference, joined by online influencers, expanded new space for telling stories about China-ASEAN cooperation under the RCEP framework. It mirrored the broad cooperation between China and ASEAN countries on people-to-people exchanges and witnessed the deepening regional economic integration between the two sides.

China's Assistant Foreign Minister Hua Chunying delivered a speech at the conference via video link. She noted that the fruits of China-ASEAN cooperation in the past 30 years are made possible by the right historical choice taken by the farsighted leaders of the two sides who have embraced the trend of the times, and they are also a result of the unique ties between the two sides marked by geographical proximity and cultural affinity.

She said online influencers are telling the best stories and writing history every day. "Creative and empathetic, you are sharing the emotional highs and lows of ordinary people on social media and the Internet. Their experience of small serendipities and pursuit of big dreams strike a chord with every one of us and draw people closer across national borders," she remarked.

Both online and offline discussions were carried out at the event focusing on the correlation between influencer economy and cross-border e-commerce. The in-depth exchanges between Chinese and ASEAN online influencers reflected their expectation for the future development of e-commerce.

In a dialogue session, Chinese influencers shared the stories of their exchanges with ASEAN netizens, hoping to contribute to the cooperation between China and ASEAN on influencer economy and cross-border e-commerce through their influence.

Their ASEAN counterparts expressed similar aspirations. Cambodian gaming streamer Seaneang said that China and Cambodia enjoy a long history of friendship, and she hopes to further the exchanges between the cultures of the two countries despite their differences. Indonesian influencer Harini Riswanda introduced her efforts to maintain strict inspection and integrity when promoting cross-border e-commerce. Alexandra Bounxouei from Laos believes that music and media are bringing closer the people from her country and China, though they speak different languages and have different cultures and traditions.

As China's first large forum joined by senior government officials, scholars and online influencers, the event was co-sponsored by the ASEAN-China Centre, Global Times Online, Department of Commerce of Fujian Province, Foreign Affairs Office of the People's Government of Fujian Province, and Fuzhou Municipal People's Government. It was supported by China Public Diplomacy Association and Mission of the People's Republic of China to ASEAN, and co-organized by Fujian Asia-Pacific Economic and Trade Cooperation Promotion Association. ***PR***

Palace hopes voters fully vaccinated in time for 2022 polls

MANILA – Malacañang on Tuesday expressed hope that all registered voters will be fully vaccinated against Covid-19 in time for the national and local elections on May 9.

Nograles said the national government is aiming to fully vaccinate 77 million Filipinos—including voters—by the first quarter of 2022 to help protect them against severe disease and death from the virus.

"Bago pa man sumapit ang April or even May, gusto natin yung adult population natin lahat po ay fully vaccinated. Sa ganoong paraan dagdag proteksyon para sa mga botante (Before April or even May, we want our adult population to be fully vaccinated. That way, it would be an additional protection for voters)," he said in a Palace press briefing.

Aside from getting their Covid-19 jabs, Nograles said voters should also continue adhering to minimum public health standards in polling precincts.

"Yung bakuna is one layer of protection, pero yung 'Mask, Hugas, Iwas', gaya nga ng sinabi ni [Health] Secretary Duque kagabi sa Talk to the People, more than 90 percent protection yun, adherence natin to minimum public health standards (The vaccine is one layer of protection, but as Secretary Duque said during last night's Talk to the People, adherence to minimum public health standards provides 90 percent protection from the virus)," he added.

Meanwhile, he said the Palace will leave it up to the Commission on Elections (Comelec) to ensure that such Covid-19 health protocols are observed.

On Dec. 31, 2021, Duterte deputized the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and other law enforcement agencies for the May 2022 polls.

Under Memorandum Order No. 59, law enforcement agencies and other concerned agencies are directed to coordinate and cooperate with the Comelec in the performance of their duties and functions.

The Comelec earlier said unvaccinated voters will be allowed to cast their votes in the upcoming elections.

However, those in quarantine are not allowed to vote unless Congress passes a law allowing them to vote by mail.

As of January 17, the Department of Health said a total of 55,195,488 Filipinos are now fully vaccinated against Covid-19.

With the current pace of vaccination, Nograles said the country is set to fully vaccinate 70 percent of its total population in 53 days. ***(PNA)***

PRRD OKs expansion of limited F2F classes by February

MANILA – President Rodrigo Duterte has approved the recommendation of the Department of Education (DepEd) to expand limited face-to-face (F2F) classes in areas under Alert Levels 1 and 2 by February, Malacañang said Tuesday.

This, after DepEd Secretary Leonor Briones proposed the "progressive expansion" of in-person classes in areas under Alert Levels 1 and 2 following the positive outcome of the pilot run from Nov. 15 to Dec. 22, 2021.

Schools in areas under Alert Level 3--such as Metro Manila--will not be included in the expansion phase due to a surge of Covid-19 infection in these areas.

"Walang objection si Pangulo doon (The President has no objection to the recommendation)," Cabinet Secretary Karlos Nograles, acting Presidential spokesperson, said in a Palace press briefing.

Nograles, however, said F2F classes will only be allowed with concurrence of local government units (LGUs) and consent of parents and other stakeholders.

"It will be the DepEd and the [Department of Health] combined that will be assessing the expansion of pilot implementation nung (of) face-to-face classes," he added.

During Duterte's prerecorded Talk to the People aired Monday night, Briones described the pilot run of limited F2F classes as "highly successful", noting that there was a high level of attendance among students.

She said a total of 287 schools and 15,000 students participated in the pilot run. There were no confirmed Covid-19 cases among the participants of the pilot implementation.

For the expanded phase, Briones said she has recommended that only vaccinated teachers and non-teaching personnel will be allowed to participate.

Meanwhile, she also recommended that vaccinated students will be preferred to participate during the expansion phase.

Last month, Duterte said he was pleased with the "gradual" rollout of pilot limited face-to-face classes.

"I'm glad that they have thought of this just dahan-dahan lang, huwag masyadong mabilis kasi (gradually, not too fast because of) just the better part of prudence," he said. ***(PNA)***

Expect colder days in Metro Manila until March: PAGASA

MANILA – The temperature in Metro Manila dipped to a new record low since the onset of the northeast monsoon or amihan and may even fall further until the end of this weather system by around late March.

The temperature dipped to 19°C at 6 a.m. on Tuesday, lower than the 19.7°C record low on January 16 this year as amihan is surging, Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) weather forecaster Ana Clauren said.

"It's possible for Metro Manila to experience even lower temperatures during forthcoming amihan surges," she said.

Clauren said such surges can be expected as northeast monsoon is already beginning to peak.

According to PAGASA, the annual amihan starts over Siberia as cold, dry air mass that gathers moisture while traveling across the Pacific Ocean.

On Tuesday, the state weather bureau said amihan is affecting Metro Manila and other parts of the country.

Partly cloudy to cloudy skies with isolated light rain are possible due to amihan, it said. ***(PNA)***

BILYONG HALAGA NG ILIGAL NA DROGA, SINUNOG SA CAVITE

TINATAYANG nasa P5.36 bilyong halaga ng illegal na droga ang sinunog ng Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) sa Integrated Waste Management , Inc (IWMI) sa Trece Martires City, Cavite Huwebes ng umaga.

Ang pagsunog sa nasabing mga illegal na droga ay isinagawa dakong alas-9:00 ng umaga sa IWMI sa Brgy Aguado, Trece Martires City, alinsunod sa guidelines ng kustodiya at disposisyon sa mga nakumpiskang mga illegal na droga sa ilalim ng Republic Act no. 9165 o ang Comprehensive Drug Act of 2002 at Dangerous Drug Board Resolution No. 1 Series of 2002.

Ang pagsunog sa mga nakumpiskang mga illegal na droga ay hindi na kakailanganin bilang mga ebidensiya sa korte.

Inilalagay ang mga illegal na droga sa isang thermal decomposition o thermolysis na may 1,000 degrees centigrade na init upang masigurong "totally decomposed".

Saksi sa nasabing pagsusunog ng mga illegal na droga ay ang PDEA, Philippine National Police (PNP), Department of Justice (DOJ) at Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG). ***GENE ADSUARA***

Makati City, nagbigay ng mga bakuna sa Batangas, Ilocos Norte

LUNGSOD PASIG, (PIA) -- Muling nagbigay ang Pamahalaang Lungsod ng Makati ng mga bakuna kontra COVID-19 sa lalawigan ng Batangas at Ilocos Norte.

May 1,000 doses ng AstraZeneca ang ibinigay sa Cuenca, Batangas at 10,000 doses naman para sa Batac, Ilocos Norte.

Ayon kay Makati City Mayor Abby Binay, laging handang tumulong ang Makati sa iba pang lungsod, kabilang ang mga sister LGUs nito, upang makamit ang herd immunity at protektahan ang kanilang mga residente.

Kamakailan, nagbigay rin ang pamahalaang lugnsod ng mga bakuna sa Urdaneta, Pangasinan.

Patuloy pa rin ang pamahalaang lungsod sa pagbibigay bakuna at booster shot kontra COVID-19. Para sa mga nais magpabakuna, bisitahin ang https://www.covid19vaccine.safemakati.com/. ***(My Makati/PIA-NCR)***

MRT-3, naglabas ng listahan ng exempted sa "No vaccine, No ride" policy

LUNGSOD PASIG, (PIA) -- Naglabas ang pamunuan ng MRT-3 ng listahan ng mga pasaherong hindi kasama sa "No vaccine, No ride" policy na ipinatutupad sa MRT-3.

Ayon sa MRT-3, ang mga hindi kasama sa naturang polisiya ay ang mga sumusunod:

- mga pasaherong papasok sa trabaho
- mga pasaherong may medical condition kung kaya't hindi makapagpabakuna
- mga pasaherong kukuha o maghahatid ng essential goods and services, tulad ng pagkain, gamot, tubig, medical devices, public utilities, enerhiya, at medical and dental necessities
- mga pasaherong nakai-schedule magpabakuna

Ang mga sumusunod na pasahero ay maaaring magpakita ng anuman sa mga sumusunod na dokumento:

- Certificate of Employment
- Company ID
- Medical appointment
- Health pass mula sa barangay
- Vaccination schedule

Samantala, patuloy rin ang libreng random antigen testing sa mga boluntaryong pasahero nito.

Isinasagawa ang random antigen testing sa mga istasyon ng North Avenue, Cubao, Shaw Boulevard, at Taft Avenue tuwing peak hours mula 7:00 hanggang 9:00 sa umaga, at mula 5:00 hanggang 7:00 sa gabi.

Ang libreng random antigen testing ay mula Lunes hanggang Biyernes, at magtatagal hanggang sa Enero 31, 2022. ***(MRT-3/PIA-NCR)***

Masustansiyang food packs, ipinamahagi ng Pasay LGU sa COVID-19 patients

LUNGSOD PASIG, (PIA) -- Pinangunahan ng Pamahalaang Lungsod ng Pasay ang pamamahagi ng masustansiyang food packs sa mga taga lungsod na tinamaan ng COVID-19.

Ayon sa pamahalaang lungsod, ang 3,626 active COVID-19 patients mula sa iba't ibang barangay, gayundin ang kanilang pamilya ay nakatanggap ng naturang food pack.

Ang bawat food pack ay naglalaman ng 1 buong Magnolia chicken, 2 kilong bigas, prutas, gulay, at ready-to-eat food.

Ayon kay Pasay City Mayor Emi Calixto-Rubiano, layunin ng pamahalaang lungsod ang paggaling ng mga pasyente at ang kaligtasan ng bawa't isa.

Patuloy rin ang panawagan ng pamahalaang lungsod para sa kooperasyon ng lahat upang bumaba ang kaso ng COVID-19 at mapigilan rin ang pagkalat nito. ***(Pasay City/PIA-NCR)***

PNP-Comelec Checkpoint violators, huli sa paglabag

LUNGSOD NG BATANGAS (PIA)— Sinimulang ipatupad ng PNP at Comelec ang election gun ban kaugnay ng paparating na May 2022 elections noong ika-9 ng Enero at tatagal hanggang Hunyo 8, 2022 kung kaya't iba't-ibang checkpoints ang inilagay sa mga strategic locations sa buong lalawigan ng Batangas.

Kaugnay nito, dalawang violators sa magkahiwalay na checkpoint ang nahuli ng kapulisan dahilan sa pagtanggi sa sumailalim sa protocols ng checkpoint.

Una dito ay isang pumuslit sa checkpoint sa bayan ng Cuenca noong ika-9 ng Enero, 2022 kung saan sa halip na huminto para sa inspeksyon ay nilampasan nito ang checkpoint. Agarang hinabol ito ng mga pulis at noong mahuli ay walang maipakitang kaukulang dokumento sa minamanehong motorsiklo gayundin ang kawalan ng driver's license.

Sa parehong araw rin nahuli sa checkpoint sa Brgy. Dacanlao sa bayan ng Calaca ang isa pang sasampahan rin ng kasong direct assault matapos sipain ang motorsiklo ng isang pulis na humahabol sa kanya. Ang naturang pulis ay nagtamo ng mga galos sa tuhod at tumama sa semento matapos mawalan ng balance habang sakay ng kanyang motorsiklo.

Ayon kay Batangas Provincial Director PCol Glicerio Cansilao, patuloy na isasagawa ng kapulisan ang checkpoint hanggang sa huling araw ng election period sa Hunyo 8, 2022 at mahigpit ang tagubilin nito sa mga pulis na maging magalang habang nagsasagawa ng inspeksyon. Kaugnay nito,hinihikayat din nito na makiisa ang publiko at sumunod sa mga ipinatutupad na alintuntunin kaugnay sa darating na eleksyon. ***(BHABY P. DE CASTRO-PIA Batangas may ulat mula sa Batangas Police Provincial Office)***

Jonathan V. Geronimo at Roque Augustus L. Lamadrid, Wagî ng PHP100,000.00 sa KWF Gawad Julian Cruz Balmaseda 2022

Nagwagi ng isang daang libong piso (PHP100,000.00) sa Gawad Balmaseda 2022 ng Komisyon sa Wikang Filipino si Jonathan V. Geronimo, PhD graduate ng De La Salle University, Manila, para sa kaniyang disertasyon na may pamagat na Pagpiglas sa Bartolina: Naratibo, Espasyo, at Bayan sa Panitik ng mga Bilanggong Politikal na Manunulat.

Ang nasabing disertasyon ay nagtataglay ng kalidad sa kritikal na pagdalumat sa wikang Filipino upang sipatin ang political na penomenon ng produksiyon ng akdang piitan o prison literature at ang diskurso sa umiiral na panlipunang estruktura na nagluluwal ng mga bilanggong politikal na manunulat sa kasaysayan ng bayan.

Ang kaniyang disertasyon ay isang mapanghamon na pagtatangka na palalimin ang kalikasang interdisiplinari ng mga kaalaman at mapanagutang pagharap sa mga pambansa at global na isyu sa pamamagitan ng pananaliksik.

Taglay ng disertasyon ang makabuluhang pagtatagpo at makahulugang integrasyon ng panitikan, kritika, agham-politika at araling kultural upang sipatin sa lente ng maka-Pilipinong pananaliksik ang kalagayan ng bilanggong politikal sa bansa, ang pagkatha bílang diwa at imahinatibong paglaya, at ang politika ng panitikan ng disertasyon na pagtagpuin ang iskólarsíp at panlipunang adbokasiya sa isang akademikong proyekto.

Samantala, nagwagi rin si Roque Augustus L. Lamadrid ng isang daang libong piso (PHP100,000.00) para sa kaniyang tesis masterado sa Pamantasang Bikol na pinamagatang Preserbasyon ng Wikang Manide ng mga Katutubong Minorya ng Camarines Norte, bílang pinakamahusay na tesis sa taóng 2022 ng Gawad Julian Cruz Balmaseda.

Ang saliksik ni Ginoong Lamadrid ay isang hakbang para sa pagpapauswag at preserbasyon ng wika at kulturang Manide para sa kaniyang Master ng Sining sa Pagtuturo ng Filipino sa Pamantasan ng Bikol.

Ang Gawad Julian Cruz Balmaseda ay isang gawad para sa pinakamahuhusay na tesis at disertasyon na isinulat gámit ang wikang Filipino para sa mga larang akademiko, lalo na sa agham pangkalikasan, agham panlipunan, at matematika. Layunin ng gawad na ito na hikayatin at palaganapin, sa pamamagitan ng sistema ng mga insentibo ang pagsusulat at publikasyon ng mga akdang orihinal at ambag para sa intelektuwalisasyon at modernisasyon ng Filipino.

Ang mga nagwagi ay makatatanggap ng PHP100,000.00 (net), plake, at medalya. Ang araw ng gawad ay magaganap sa 26 Enero 2022, 10:00 nu–12:00 nt sa Bulwagang Romualdez, Komisyon sa Wikang Filipino. ***PR***

Helper, arestado sa 'damo'

ARESTADO ang 23-anyos na helper habang pinaghahanap ang kasama nito dahil sa padala sa kanya ng kahon na may laman na dahon ng hinihinalang pinatuyong marijuana sa loob ng industrial park sa Bacoor City, Cavite Huwebes ng gabi.

Kinilala ang suspek na si Mark Nicart y Moratal, helper sa Shuangma Industrial Park, habang pinaghahanap ang kasamahan nito na si Michael Gerald de Chavez, nasa hustong gulang.

Sa ulat ni Corporal Fidel Querijero III, ng Bacoor City Police Station, alas-8:10 ng gabi ay dumating sa Shuangma Industrial Park sa Brgy Nig 3, Bacoor City, si De Chavez na may dalang isang brown paper bag na ibibigay kay Nicart.

Protocol ng mga guwardiya sa nasabing industrial park na lahat ng parcel delivery ng mga empleyado sa loob ay kinakailangang dumaan sa kanila para mainspeksyion.

Pagkaiwan ni De Chavez ng nasabing paper bag ay mabilis ding umalis, kaya pinatawag ng guwardiyang si Marites Manalo si Nicart at alinsunod sa protocol ay kinakailangang mainspeksiyon ang laman ng paper bag bago ipasok sa loob kung saan nabuking na mga dahon ng pinatuyong marijuana, na nagresulta sa kanyang pagkakaaresto.

Inaalam din ng pulisya kung may nag-order ng nasabing mga dahon ng pinatuyong marijuana ng mga residente sa loob ng industrial park na karamihan ay mga dayuhan. ***GENE ADSUARA***

THE HONEST GUARDS OF SM CITY BACOOR

SM CITY BACOOR, CAVITE – Imagine running from pharmacy to pharmacy trying to get the medicines your family need at this saeson, only to find out that you lost your phone, which you use for online consultations, in the middle of a busy mall during the pandemic. Not the best day for a two mall shoppers who found out that they lost their phones as they were rushing their way into the mall to the things they needed. Good thing there are still honest employees, who upholds their integrity more than any material thing they could gain from keeping something they found that aren't theirs.

These are the commendable acts of SIC Mohammar M. Giapal from D' Robe Security Agency, Inc, and SG Sonny M. Jimenez from Combined Blue Dragon Security and Services Inc when they found lost phones unattended at their respective duties at SM City Bacoor. The honest guards never hesitated to surrender and return the lost phones. The items were immediately handed over and returned at the mall's CRS Office where the owners thanked the honest employees for her good deeds.

These deeds are reflective of SM´s Corporate value of honesty and integrity and bespeaks well of the attribute of a good member of SM Security force, worthy of praise and emulation. SIC Mohammar M. Giapal and SG Sonny M. Jimenez brought honor and pride not only to themselves, their families and security agencies, but also to SM group of companies in general.

SM CITY MOLINO, CAVITE – Protect your family and stock up on your essentials as you shop safely at SM City Molino. Get your facemasks, alcohol, and other needs while following our health and safety guidelines for your #SafeMallingAtSM experience. Come and visit SM City Molino and get yourself and family protected!

TULOY O HINDI NG PBA GOVERNORS CUP NAKASALALAY SA BOARD MEETING NG PBA

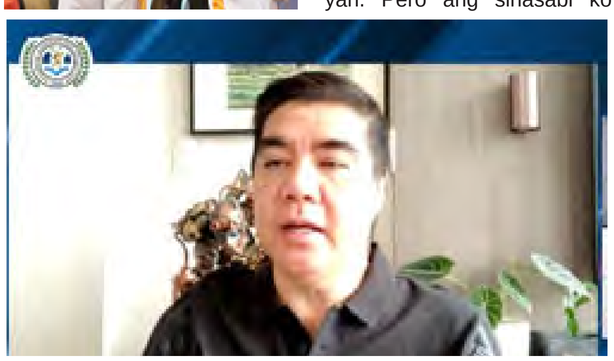
Nakatakdang magsagawa ng Board meeting ang PBA upang pagdesisyunan ang magiging kapalaran ng season-ending na Governors Cup kasunod ng pagsususpinde ng mga laro nito dahil sa pagtaas ng kaso ng COVID-19.

Nakipag-usap si Commissioner Willie Marcial kay Chairman Ricky Vargas tungkol sa napakahalagang pagpupulong ng mga miyembro ng Board of Governors upang pag-usapan ang mga plano kung itutuloy ang natigil na season o hindi.

Ibinunyag ni Marcial ang time line ng liga na sumusulong nang humarap siya bilang special guest sa virtual session ng Philippine Sportswriters Association (PSA) Forum.

"Magtatawag kami ng Board meeting next week para pag-usapan na kung ano ang dapat gawin kung saan papunta ang PBA," he said.

"Pag nag-meeting kami, malamang yan na yung fate ng PBA kung saan tayo papunta. Malaman kung ano ba, itutuloy natin or hindi natin itutuloy? Anong gagawin natin sa imports, anong gagawin natin sa players? By next week, siguro may kaunti nang liwanag."



PBA COMMISSIONER WILLIE MARCIAL

MALALAMAN sa isasagawang pagpupulong ng PBA Board meeting ang magiging desisyun kung tuloy ang PBA Governors Cup. kung saan ay nasuspinde ang mga laro nito dahil sa pagtaas ng kaso ng COVID-19. Ilan lamang sa naging pahayag ni PBA Commissioner Willie Marcial sa weekly online PSA Forum, ***(RGN)***

Ang pagtaas ng mga kaso ng COVID-19 pagkatapos ng kapaskuhan ay nagpilit sa liga na isara ang import-spiced tournament nang walang hanggan, isang malinaw na pag-urong para sa isang liga na ilang linggo lamang ang nakalipas ay sumalubong sa kanyang minamahal na mga tagahanga sa loob ng Smart Araneta Coliseum.

Ngunit isang sinag ng pag-asa ang sumikat sa liga ilang araw na ang nakalipas nang iendorso ng Games and Amusement Board (GAB) sa pamamagitan ni Chairman Baham Mitra, sa harap ng Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) ang pagpapatuloy ng PBA games sa likod ng tinukoy ni Marcial. isang 'Type C bubble,' o ang home-venue-home setup na katulad ng arrangement na ginawa ng liga noong unang bahagi ng Philippine Cup noong nakaraang taon.

Sa kasalukuyan, nasa ilalim ng Alert Level 3 ang National Capital Region (NCR) at mga kalapit na lalawigan, kung saan pinapayagan pa ring maglaro ang mga propesyonal na liga ngunit sa ilalim ng isang buong bubble.

"Nag-endorse na sila (GAB) ng letter sa IATF na payagan na tayong maglaro. So nagpasalamat ako sa kanya (Mitra) dahil malaking bagay sa atin yun," said Marcial in the weekly Forum presented by San Miguel Corporation, MILO® Philippines, Amelie Hotel Manila, Braska Restaurant, PAGCOR, Unilever, and social media and webcast partner Prime Edge Marketing Consultancy.

"From there, tignan natin ano ang gagawin. Pero may kakausapin na tayo at magko-consult na tayo sa iba."

Kasabay nito, hindi binabawasan ng commissioner ang posibilidad na magsagawa ng mga laro sa isang bubble sa labas ng Metro Manila tulad ng ginawa nitong nakaraang dalawang edisyon ng Philippine Cup kung saan ginanap ito sa Clark at Bacolor, Pampanga, ayon sa pagkakasunod.

"Malamang yan pag-uusapan yan. Pero ang sinasabi ko nga, kapag nag-bubble ba tayo sa labas (ng Metro Manila), sigurado ba tayong hindi tatamaan? Yun ang isang pinangangamba naming," Marcial said.

Pansamantala, ito ay standard operating procedure pa rin para sa lahat ng mga team, na nananatiling ipinagbabawal sa paggawa ng scrimmages at limitado lamang sa pagsasanay sa ilalim ng isang maliit na cluster na binubuo ng pitong tao, ibig sabihin, apat na manlalaro, coach, safety officer, at utility.

Sana, kapag nakuha na ng liga ang go-signal para ipagpatuloy ang paglalaro, agad na susundan ang team scrimmages na may pahintulot ng local government units kung saan matatagpuan ang practice facilities ng kani-kanilang ballclubs.

TULOY ANG LABAN NG PHILIPPINE TEAM PARA SA SEA GAMES

Bagamat patuoy ang usapin sa COVID-19, hindi naman aatras ang laban ng Philippine Team sa 31st Southeast Asian Games sa Mayo 12-23 sa Hanoi, Vietnam. Ngunit, may malaking katanungan -- Handa ba ang atletang Pinoy?

Para kay Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) Commissioner Celia Kiram, ginawa ng ahensiya ang tungkulin at responsibilidad para sa mga atleta sa loob ng mahigit dalawang taon na paglaban sa pandemya, kaya kumpiyansa siyang tinupad ng mga atleta ang kanilang responsibilidad – manatiling malusog, regular na pagsasanay at kahandaan sa kompetisyon.

"Hindi kami nagkulang sa PSC sa suporta sa ating mga atleta. We didn't remissed on our duties and responsibilities, hopefully ganoon din ang ating mga atleta.

Kahit ibinagsak ang kabuhayan ng bansa ng pandemic, patuloy naming ibinigay ang monthly allowances ng mga atleta at coach, gayundin sa kanilang training expenses. Yung iba pumasok sa 'bubble' set-up yung iba naman inabutan na sa abroad ng pandemic," pahayag ni Kiram sa kanyang pagbisita sa unang sesyon ng Tabloids Organization in Philippine Sports (TOPS) Usapang Sports via Zoom at live streaming sa TOPS FB page at Youtube.

Ayon kay Kiram, 'test in discipline' ang pandemya para sa mga atleta. "Although, regular ang communications namin sa mga Sports Association at sa kanilang mga officials and coaches, yung pananagutan kung nagsasanay ba sila ng tama, sapat ang pagkain at training, kung nasusunod ba yung programa na ibinigay ng coach ay nasa kamay ng mga atleta at mga NSAs concerned," sambit ni Kiram.

Aniya, hindi lamang Pilipinas bagkus maging ang mga kapit-bahayna bansa ay naapektuhan ng COVID-19 kung kaya't nalimitahan din ang pagsasanay ng kanilang mga atleta. Iginiit niyang inilatag ng PSC, sa pakikipagtulungan ng IATF ang 'bubble' set up sa ilang sports, para maipagpatuloy ang kanilang pagsasanay.

"This coming SEA Games, kumpiyansa ako sa kakayahan ng ating mga atleta, but for sure, hindi ganoon katindi ang impact, simply because on the issue of COVID-19. In 2019, yung performance natin ang tindi kasi todo naman ang training hindi tulad ngayon naapektuhan talaga. But, still as what I said earlier, morale obligation nila ang magsanay, kami naman sa PSC todo pa rin ang suporta financially," aniya.

Overall champion ang Team Philippines sa Manila SEAG nitong 2019. Sa Hanoi, sasabak sa 39 sa kabuuang 40 sports ang Team Pilipinas, ngunit ilan sa mga sports na humakot ng medalya ang Pinoy sa Manila edition ay hindi lalaruin sa Vietnam.

"We already submitted the entry by number sa Vietnam with around 627 athletes. Yung entry by names sa April pa kaya may time pa ang mga NSA para mapili kung sino ang mga potensyal medalists para sa PH Team," pahayag ni Kiram.

Aniya, nakapagpalabas na ang PSC ng P200 milyon para sa kinakailangang, equipment, training expenses, exposures para sa SEA Games at may nakalaang pang P50 milyon para sa tournament proper kabilang na ang travel expenses, kagamitan at allowances.

Hinimok ni Kiram ang mga atleta na panatilihin ang disiplina at pagpupunyagi para maabot ang pinakamataas na level ng pagiging kompetitibo, higit at subok na ang kakayahan ng Pilipino sa sitwasyong nangangailangan nang mas mataas na pang-unawa at sakripisyo.

"Kami naman sa PSC trabaho pa rin. Kahit na may nagkakaroon na rin COVID-19 sa aming mga frontliners, we make sure na maibibigay pa rin ang pangangailangan ng ating mga atleta, gayundin ang support na hinihingi ng mga NSA at iba pang sports institution tulad ng paglalakad sa visa requirements and tax exception para sa mga bibiyahe abroad," ayon kay Kiram.

Pinangunahan din ni Kiram ang panunumpa sa tungkulin ng mga bagong halal na opisyal ng TOPS, sa pangunguna ni Maribeth 'Beth' Repizo-Marana ng Pilipino Star Ngayon bilang bagong pangulo.

HINIRANG NA PBC FIGHTER OF THE YEAR SI NONITO DONAIRE

Itinalaga ng Premier Boxing Champions (PBC) ang Filipino Boxer na si Nonito Donaire bilang Fighter of the Year para sa 2021.

Kasunod ng pagboto ng isang tagahanga sa pamamagitan ng mga social media channel nito, ang 39-anyos na si Donaire, na ginulat ang mundo noong Mayo sa pamamagitan ng pagpapatumba kay Nordine Oubaali upang maging pinakamatandang naghaharing world bantamweight champion, ay tinalo sina Stephen Fulton, Gervonta Davis, at David Benavidez para sa sabi na honor.

Ayon sa PBC, nakakuha si Donaire ng napakalaking 47.6 percent ng kabuuang boto na isinagawa sa pamamagitan ng Twitter at YouTube.

Matagumpay na naidepensa ni Donaire ang kanyang WBC bantamweight belt laban sa kapwa Pinoy na si Reymark Gaballo noong nakaraang buwan at ngayon ay 42-6 sa kanyang karera na may 28 knockouts.

Ang PBC, na inorganisa ng kilalang boxing manager na si Al Haymon, ay matagumpay na nagdaos ng mga live boxing event sa pambansang telebisyon, kabilang ang makasaysayang laban ni Donaire laban kay Oubaali.

NM Jasper Faeldonia wagi sa online chess

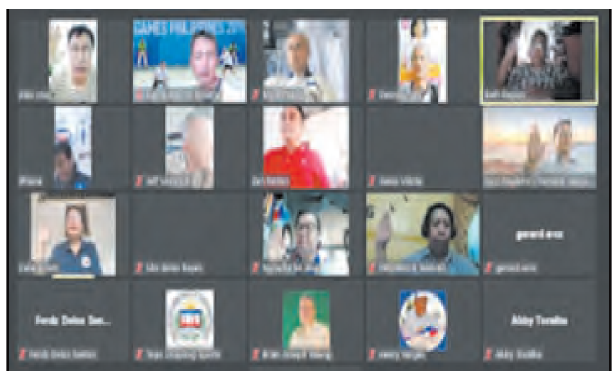
WAGI si National Master Jasper Faeldonia ng Odiongan Romblon ang katatapos na Romblon Chess Club Grand Prix online chess tournament na ginanap sa Lichess Platform.

Ito ang kauna-unahang titulo ni Faeldonia sa pagbubukas ng taong 2022 at ika-17 korona simula ng lumahok sa Romblon Chess Club weekly tournaments. Nakakolekta si NM Faeldonia ng 9.5 points mula 9 wins, 1 loss at 1 draw.

Si Romblon Chess Club top kiddie Jaymiel Piel ay nakaipon naman ng 8 points sapat para sa 2nd place habang si DepEd teacher Jerry Jher Jr Morada na may nakamada ding 8 points ay nagkasya sa 3rd place dahil sa mababa ang tie breaks points.

Mga nakapasok sa top 10 ay sina Eric Mordido (4th), John Paul Canulo (5th), Rilly Familara (6th), Joel Forcadas (7th), Renato Mame (8th), Dilgalcantara Romblon MLGOO Carlito Faina Jr. (9th) at Yaneah Sofia Tanguilan Morada (10th).

"Thanks to all the sponsors of this monthly Grand Prix. Congrats to all the winners. See you all for RCC-GP," sabi ni engr. Ernie Fetisan Faeldonia. ***(Marlon Bernardino)***



TOPS USAPANG SPORTS

PINANGUNAHAN ng pag induction para sa bagong opisyal ng "TOPS" Tabloid Organization in Philippine Sports Inc. Usapang Sports via zoom online ni PSC Philippine Sports Commission Commissioner Celia Kiram, bago pa man ang induction ay nagkaroon muna ng mga mahalagang pahayag ang commissioner kaugnay ng kanilang mga update para sa larangan ng sports. Kung saan ay tuloy ang pag lahok ng Philippine Team para sa nalalapit na SEA Games. ***(RGN)***

New DENR PENRO Laguna assumes responsibilities

Calamba City, Laguna - The Department of Environment (DENR) CALABARZON Provincial Office for Laguna welcomes its new PENR Officer as the turn-over ceremony was conducted between outgoing PENR Officer Ronilo Salac to the incoming PENR Officer Eriberto Saños last January 14, 2022.

DENR CALABARZON Regional Executive Director Nilo B. Tamoria started his message by congratulating the PENR Office of Laguna, as well as PENRO Salac, for accomplishing their targets for the year 2021.

He also commended the efforts and initiatives of the outgoing PENRO for establishing numerous partnerships, conducting series of tree planting and growing activities, and the creation of the PENRO Laguna Satellite Office in Biñan, among others.

"We are aiming to improve organizational responsiveness with a strategic assignment of officials", RED Nilo disclosed. This is also an effort to revisit the Agency's organizational structure to complement the human resources with the improved asset management in the Agency. "This is to ensure the health and safety of our employees and the general public needing our services", he added.

Moreover, incoming PENRO Saños values individuality, teamwork, and collaborative effort, "maliit o malaki, mababa o mataas ang tungkulin mo, tayo ay laging kabahagi ng kabuuan". He challenges PENRO Laguna to decrease the environmental related cases in the province and uphold the respect and trust from the public. "Iisa po ang ating bayan na pinaglilingkuran, kaya tayo po ay magtulong tulong. Ang tulong po, kahit maliit o malaki, ay kung pag sasama samahin ay iyon po ay isang malaking pagtulong sa ating mga kababayan", he emphasized.

Saños is a licensed Forester and has spent 36 years in government service. He is a Career Executive Service eligible and has served as PENR Officer of Palawan, three (3) years prior to his new assignment.

Pursuant to DENR Special Order No. 2022-16, Saños is designated as the new PENR Officer for Laguna. Meanwhile, PENRO Salac shall continue to report to the Office of the RED for his work assignment. ***PR***

1K post office employees get booster jabs

MANILA – Postmaster General Norman Fulgencio of the Philippine Post Office said some 1,000 frontline personnel received their booster shots against Covid-19 during the recent Post Office's first booster vaccination drive with the assistance of Presidential Adviser for Covid-19 Response Secretary Vince Dizon and Manila Mayor Francisco "Isko Moreno" Domagoso.

Another 2,500 doses will be allocated for another batch of post office employees and their eligible dependents on February 3.

"At the start of the year, a total of 3,500 booster shots has been allotted to post office employees and their families which is necessary to protect them against Omicron variant of Covid-19," Fulgencio said in a news release on Wednesday.

He said getting a Covid-19 vaccine booster shot "gives the public confidence that we are serving, including post office personnel and letter carriers they are dealing with are fully vaccinated with booster, erasing fear and doubts of acquiring the virus".

Postal areas nationwide are advised to coordinate with their local Barangay Health Unit for their booster shots.

"We are taking early guard to make our employees safe against new cases of infection surge across the country," Fulgencio said.

The government noted that vaccinations and boosters help lower the mortality risk and the burden on the country's health infrastructure.

Fulgencio thanked President Rodrigo Roa Duterte for his support in the vaccination of post office workers and for his continuing effort to protect employees from contracting the virus to keep the workplace safe.

"It is necessary for our essential workers to secure vaccines most especially the letter carriers who are usually exposed in the field, as they continue to interact with the public in delivering mails and parcels," he said. ***(PR)***

Fully vaxxed Calabarzon residents hit 8M mark

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) – Calabarzon region continues to log the second-highest Covid-19 vaccination rate in the country, according to the Department of Health (DOH).

Data from the DOH Center for Health Development Calabarzon show that around 8,324,154 individuals in the Calabarzon region have been fully vaccinated against Covid-19. This accounts for 64% of the 12.9 million target population in the region.

According to the DOH Calabarzon, around 17,886,268 out of the 22,567,596 doses of Covid-19 vaccines allocated by the national government have already been administered to eligible residents in the region's five provinces.

This figure includes eligible members of the population who have received single-dose Covid-19 vaccines made by drugmaker Johnson&Johnson.

Economic front liners logged the highest vaccination rate in the entire region, where around 3,044,846 individuals have been fully vaccinated and 209,918 individuals already inoculated with Covid-19 booster doses.

Meanwhile, around 1,046,674 indigent residents have already received complete doses of Covid-19 vaccines, which provided them full protection against severe symptoms of the deadly disease.

The Department of Health stressed the importance of getting vaccinated against Covid-19 amid the rising number of Covid-19 cases in the country.

Earlier this month, Secretary Francisco Duque III urged the public to complete their Covid-19 shots which are effective in reducing the transmission of the deadly virus. — Patricia Bermudez, ***PIA4A***

Deadline extended for Bar examinees' submission of requirements

MANILA – The Supreme Court (SC) has extended the deadline of the submission of documents of Bar examinees until mid-February.

In a bulletin released Tuesday, the high court said "the deadline for submitting the physical, original copies of the pertinent documents for the Bar application process has been moved to February 15, 2022".

The original deadline for the documents, which include a verified petition to take the Bar, is on January 31.

"(W)e recognize that the recent Covid-19 surge and the crippling effects of Typhoon Odette have made it difficult for many examinees to comply with the deadline. Thus, it is moved to sometime after the Bar Examination," the SC said.

The exam will be held on February 4 and 6, instead of the previous January 23 and 25, citing a high rate of infection among examinees and support personnel.

About 16.8 percent of the 8,546 examinees who responded to an e-mail are either positive for Covid-19, living with someone positive for the virus, or under quarantine as a direct contact and are at risk of not being able to take the examination if the original schedule were to push through.

The SC also extended the deadline to February 2 for examinees to take the required sample exams.

The sample exams are non-graded practice tests that simulate the experience of using Examplify, a secure exam delivery program, for the actual examinations.

The SC encourages applicants to take the sample exams multiple times to ensure that they are familiar with Examplify's features and functions.

"It will also confirm the compatibility of the applicants' laptops with Examplify. Answers to the Sample Exams will not be checked and have no bearing on the applicant's actual performance in the 2020/21 Bar Examinations. Only the download of the Sample Exams and upload of the answer will require an Internet connection," the SC said. ***(PNA)***

Active cases in Cavite almost breach 10K mark

Trece Martires, Cavite (PIA) – Two weeks into the year 2022, the rapid increase in CoVid-19 cases recorded in the province brought the number of Active cases to almost ten thousand.

The CoViD-19 Case Tracker released by the Provincial Health Office as of 2pm today, January 13, 2022 recorded 2,096 new cases in the entire province, the highest number recorded in a period of ten days from January 3, 2022.

The rapid transmission of the virus was evident as recorded new cases jumped from 214 on January 3, 2022 to more than one thousand cases daily starting January 8 onwards.

The total Active cases of 9,807 is equivalent to 7% of the total number of Confirmed cases now at 138,793.

According to LGU records, most cases recorded are either asymptomatic, or are experiencing mild symptoms.

Among the 23 cities/ municipalities in the province, Imus City tops the list for the highest number of Active cases with 2,584 cases followed by the city of Bacoor with 1,398. Following third in the list is the city of General Trias with 910 recorded Active cases, the cities of Dasmariñas and Trece Martires at fourth and fifth with 904 and 551 recorded Active cases respectively.

Meanwhile, total Recoveries is more than 125K and CoViD-19 related Deaths recorded is at 3,364. ***(Ruel Francisco with reports from CoViD-19 Case Tracker PHO)***

DA to import 60MT of fish due to 'Odette'-induced shortage

MANILA – Department of Agriculture (DA) Secretary William Dar said there is a need to import 60,000 metric tons (MT) of small pelagic fish to meet the demand for the first quarter of 2022 due to the damage incurred by the fishery sector from Typhoon Odette in December last year.

Dar also announced on Tuesday the signing of the Certificate of Necessity to Import after the assessment showed significant damage and reduced fish production, especially galunggong (round scad), sardines, and mackerel.

In a Laging Handa public briefing, Dar said they are working to remedy the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources' projection of a 119,000 MT fish supply deficiency during the first three months.

"We are bolstering the aquaculture sector to close gaps in fish production and sustainably improve our catch," he added.

The fishery sector incurred some PHP4 billion in total value loss and damage after "Odette" lashed the country on Dec. 16 and 17, 2021.

The DA also foresees spikes in fisheries and aquaculture input costs as global prices of petroleum and fish feed inch upwards.

"We are, as always, striking the crucial balance to ensure fish security among consumers while coming to the aid of our fish producers," Dar said.

The DA allotted PHP50 million from its PHP1 billion Quick Response Fund post-"Odette" for the distribution of marine diesel/gasoline engines, fiberglass fishing boats, and distribution of relief goods such as canned tuna, sardines, and frozen fish.

Another PHP35 million worth of interventions were also distributed to affected regions. ***(PR)***

BIR's digital transformation projects to benefit taxpayers

MANILA – The Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) has a total of 49 projects in the first phase of its 10-year Digital Transformation (DX) Roadmap, of which 14 have already been launched or implemented as of the last quarter of 2021.

In a report to Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez III, the BIR said 26 of the 49 DX projects involve "elevating taxpayer experience and innovating BIR service processes," nine are on "enhancing administration and the BIR's support services," another eight are on "aligning policies to a BIR digital workplace," and six more are on "enabling the digital backbone" of the Bureau.

The BIR said its ongoing DX programs, which have expanded the range of electronic payment channels that allow taxpayers to file and pay their taxes online, enabled the bureau to continue collecting taxes even amid the mobility restrictions that have been put in place during the pandemic.

In 2020, the share of tax payments from e-payment channels amounted to PHP1.66 trillion, or 85 percent of its total collection of PHP1.95 trillion.

Dominguez has ordered all agencies attached to the Department of Finance (DOF) to implement their respective digital transformation programs long before the pandemic.

Among the DX projects already launched or implemented by the BIR include its Internal Revenue Integrated System (IRIS), which serves as the bureau's central tool and repository to process taxpayer information; and the Enhanced Internal Revenue Stamps Integrated System (IRSIS), which is an application that manages the ordering, production, distribution, affixing and tracking of revenue stamps to monitor the proper payment of excise taxes on tobacco products.

The BIR also has a single hotline number and its chatbot "REVIE" on its website to assist taxpayers with general inquiries on top of being able to email the bureau regarding their concerns.

Both the hotline and chatbot projects were launched last June.

The BIR has also put in place its Electronic Filing and Payment System (eFPS), Electronic Fund Transfer Instructions System (eFTIS), and other e-payment channels to allow taxpayers to pay taxes online.

In 2020, the BIR recorded 447,188 ePayers, representing an increase of 472 percent or 369,070 taxpayers when compared to the number of ePayers in 2015 who totaled just 78,118.

The BIR has made e-payment channels such as GCash, the Land Bank of the Philippines (LandBank) ePayment System, and Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP) PayTax Online System available to taxpayers since 2017.

From 2019 to 2020, the BIR added Union Bank of the Philippines (UnionBank) online, PesoNet, and PayMaya as e-payment channels.

Only 43 percent of the total number of tax returns were filed electronically in 2015 through BIR's eFPS and eBIRForms System.

In 2020, about 94 percent of the tax returns were already filed electronically.

From the 1.91 million e-payment transactions made with the bureau in 2015, this number rose to 4.01 million electronic payment transactions in 2020, representing an increase of 110 percent.

The BIR is also implementing other digitalization projects to improve its services, including:

●eAppointment - an online or digital medium accessible at the BIR website that taxpayers may use to book or request for schedule of meeting/ conference with revenue officers/officials regarding matters on taxation;

●Online application for Tax Clearance for Bidding Purposes (TCBP) and Tax Compliance Verification Certificate (TCVC), which enable taxpayers to file applications for tax clearance for bidding purposes and TCVC online through the use of email facility that will forward said applications to the concerned revenue office;

●Online survey feedback system, which is an online system developed to get feedback from taxpayers on the quality of services being rendered by BIR frontline offices;

●Special types of registration (new business registration or newbizreg portal), which is an electronic registration portal that lets taxpayers submit their applications for business registration through email;

●TIN verifier mobile application, which is the mobile chat application available to public for their taxpayer identification number (TIN) inquiries and verification;

●Asset Information Management Program (AIMP) Phase 2, which is a system that enhances data-sharing with other government agencies to build-up taxpayer asset database to aid in tax administration and tax policy analysis; and the

●Electronic One-Time Transaction System (eONETT System), which is a system that enables taxpayers to transact their ONETT online anytime, anywhere. ***(PR)***

Construction of 380-km Laguna-Albay PNR route to start soon

MANILA – The Department of Transportation (DOTr) awarded the single largest rail contract worth PHP142 billion, or about USD2.8 billion, to a Chinese joint venture to build a 380-kilometer Philippine National Railways (PNR) route.

The construction will run from Barangay Banlic in Calamba, Laguna to Daraga, Albay.

The contract was signed on Monday by DOTr Secretary Arthur Tugade and representatives of the China Railway Group Ltd., China Railway No. 3 Engineering Group Co. Ltd., and China Railway Engineering Consulting Group Co. Ltd. (CREC JV).

The contract includes the design, construction, and electromechanical works for the project.

"Listed in both the Hong Kong and Shanghai stock exchange, CREC JV ranked 35th on the Fortune Global 500 list and 5th among China's top 500 enterprises in 2021," the DOTr said in an announcement on Tuesday.

The project will span across 39 cities and municipalities in four provinces and two regions.

Aside from the construction of 380 kilometers of railway, the project will include 23 stations, 230 bridges, 10 passenger tunnels, and a 70-hectare depot in San Pablo, Laguna.

In a Facebook post, Chinese Ambassador to the Philippines, Huang Xilian, said the project will be the "fastest and longest railway segment so far in the Philippines" and "another milestone" for the relationship between the Philippines and China.

Huang said the project is so far the "highest-funded G-to-G (government-to-government) project" between the two countries.

Once operational, travel time between Calamba, Laguna and Legazpi, Albay will be shortened to four hours from the usual 12 hours and will serve 14.6 million passengers yearly.

The project is also expected to create "more than 10,000 direct construction jobs each year" aside from "hundreds of thousands" of jobs in related areas, according to Huang.

"I wish the scenario come true the soonest and the project a smooth progress!" Huang posted.

The PNR Bicol project is a 565-kilometer railway that will connect Metro Manila to the southern Luzon provinces of Sorsogon and Batangas.

Its passenger trains will run at a speed of 160 kilometers per hour while freight trains will run at 100 kilometers per hour. ***(PNA)***

Right lagundi dosage can relieve Covid-19 symptoms: DOST

MANILA – A medical doctor and project leader of the study on lagundi as adjuvant therapy for mild Covid-19 reminded the public that there is a prescribed dosage for the herbal medicine that treats cough and asthma.

Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Secretary Fortunato de la Peña, in a taped report aired Friday afternoon, said the prescribed dosages will ensure that treatment using lagundi will render positive results.

Citing the recommendations of Dr. Cecilia Maramba-Lazarte, the project leader of the lagundi clinical trial by the University of the Philippines Manila with the support from DOST-Philippine Council for Health Research and Development, he said adults may take the 600-milligram (mg) tablet or 5 milliliters (ml) of the 600 mg syrup thrice daily.

Pediatric patients' dosage requirements, on the other hand, would vary depending on the age range.

The 300 mg syrup may be taken thrice daily by children, following the suggested dosage per intake: 2.5 to 5 ml for ages 2 to 4; 5 ml for ages 4 to 6; and 7.5 to 10 ml for ages 6 to 12, according to de la Peña.

People 12 years old and above may also take the 600 mg tablet thrice daily, he added.

"By following these guidelines, the use of lagundi may alleviate mild Covid-19 symptoms. Lagundi has long been used for cough and asthma relief," the DOST chief said.

The clinical trial on lagundi as adjuvant therapy seeks to determine if the herb can provide symptomatic relief for mild Covid-19 patients without comorbidities or if it can decrease the progress from mild to moderate or severe cases.

The two-stage, randomized double-blind, placebo-controlled study was conducted from July 2020 to August 2021. ***(PNA)***

Too early to think of 2022 growth target revisions: NEDA exec

MANILA – It is still early to think of any revisions in the 2022 growth target even with the Alert Level 3 implementation in several parts of the country, a National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) executive said Tuesday.

While Alert Level 3 movement restriction has been raised until end-January 2022 in more than 80 areas around the country, including the National Capital Region (NCR), NEDA Undersecretary Rosamarie Edillon said the decision is partly made as a "balancing act" for health and economic aspects.

"With respect to the target for the year, it's still early days to be revising whether upwards or downwards because it's just January 18. There are still a lot of developments that can happen, hopefully very positive developments on that," she said during the virtual presser hosted by the Presidential Communications Operations Office (PCOO) for the Task Group on Economic Recovery and National Employment Recovery Strategy (TGER-NERS).

The inter-agency Development Budget Coordination Committee has set a 7 to 9 percent growth target for this year and 6 to 7 percent for 2023-2024.

Authorities said Alert Level 3 in the NCR Plus, which covers the NCR and neighboring provinces of Rizal, Laguna, Cavite, and Bulacan, costs the economy around PHP3 billion every week.

Edillon said latest figures on the impact of the Alert Level system on the economy are "tamer" compared to the effects of the enhanced community quarantine and the modified enhanced community quarantine.

She said the improving vaccination rate in the country is a plus as it provides added protection of the population against the coronavirus disease 2019.

Edillon said the economy has experienced heightened movement restrictions in the past, thus, "we think we are now much better at managing these risks."

"…There's still enough time to catch up," she added. ***(PNA)***

GINANG, TIMBOG SA PAGBEBENTA NG PEKENG VAX CARD

ARESTADO sa entrapment operation ang 57-anyos na ginang dahil sa pagbebenta ng pekeng vaccination card at certificate sa Dasmarinas City, Cavite Lunes ng gabi.

Kasong paglabag sa RA 11332 (Mandatory Reporting of Notification Diseases Law)/Selling of Fake Vaccination Card and Certificate of Vaccination ang kinaharap ng suspek na si Julieta Mabion y Pacheco, ng Block 24 Lot 34, Phase 10 Dasma 4 Golden City, Brgy Salawag, Dasmarinas City, dahil sa reklamo ng ilang concerned citizen.

Sa ulat ni PSSgt Richard Domingo, ng Dasmarinas City Police, dakong alas-9:54 ng gabi nagsagawa ng entrapment operation ang mga operatiba ng Intelligence Unit ng Dasmarinas CPS sa bahay ng suspek dahil sa reklamo ng ilang concerned citizen.

Nabatid na natatakot umano ang mga concerned citizen sa pagbebenta ng suspek ng mga pekeng vaccination cards at certificate of vaccination na posibleng gamitin ng mga 'di bakunado upang makalabas o makagala.

Dahil dito, nagsagawa ng entrapment operation sa loob ng kanilang bahay kung saan nagpanggap ang isang intel officer na magpapagawa ng vaccination card na nagresulta sa kanyang pagkakaaresto.

Nakuha sa suspek ang Covid 19 vaccination ID at certificate of vaccination cards, cellphone na ginagamit nito sa transaksiyon at P500 bayad para sa ID at card. ***GENE ADSUARA***

'tulak' swak sa P.4-M 'bato'

TINATAYANG mahigit sa P400K halaga ng hinihinalang shabu ang nasamsam matapos na naaresto ang 37-anyos na umano'y tulak sa isinagawang buy bust operation sa Tanza, Cavite, Lunes ng madaling araw.

Kinilala ang naarestong suspek na si Jaypee Talactac y Catcalin, alias "Tibok", binata, ng Brgy Amaya 1, Tanza.

Sa ulat, dakong alas-3:30 ng madaling araw nagsagawa ang mga operatiba ng Special Operations Unit 4A sa pamumuno ni PBGen Remus Medina, Director PNP Drug Enforcement Group (DEG) at Tanza Municipal Station sa Brgy. Amaya 1, na nagresulta sa pagkakaaresto kay Talactac.

Sa naturang operasyon, narekober ang humigit kumulang 65 gramo ng hinihinalang shabu na may standard drug price na P442,000.00, buy bust money, driver's license, analog type na cellphone, vaccination card, at isang wallet na may iba't ibang Identification Cards.

Ang suspek ay ikinulong sa PNP DEG SOU 4A para sa dokumentasyon habang paglabag sa RA 9165 ang inihandang kaso laban sa kanya. ***GENE ADSUARA***

NURSES SA MGA PAMPUBLIKONG OSPITAL NG SORSOGON, BUWENA-MANO SA BAGONG DAGDAG-SUWELDO –CHIZ

Sinimulan nang ipatupad ng pamahalaan ng probinsiya ng Sorsogon ang isang budget circular na nagsasaad ng pagtaas ng suweldo ng mga nurse sa pampublikong ospital bilang parte ng Salary Standardization Law (SSL) 5 na nagkabisa ngayong buwan, ito ang inanunsiyo ni Gov. Chiz Escudero.

Ayon kay Escudero, ang 139 nurses na nagtatrabaho sa siyam na pampublikong ospital na pinapatakbo ng pamahalaan ng probinsiya ang kauna-unahang makakatanggap ng panibagong dagdag-suweldo sa bisa na rin ng Republic Act 11466 o ang "Act Modifying the Salary Schedule for Civilian Government Personnel and Authorizing the Grant of Additional Benefits and for Other Purposes" na pinirmahan ni Pangulong Rodrigo Duterte noong Enero 2020.

"Paunang makakatanggap ng dagdag na sahod ang ating mga nurses mula sa mga pampublikong ospital dito sa lalawigan. Malaking tulong ito lalo na sa panahong ito at higit kailan ay kailangan nila ang dagdag na sweldo dahil bugbog din naman sila sa dami ng trabaho at pag-aaruga sa mga Sorsoganon gawa ng pandemya," ani Escudero.

Ang Sorsogon ay mayroong isang provincial hospital, apat na district hospital, at apat na medicare hospital na pawang sertipikado lahat ng International Organization for Standardization.

Habang inihahanda ang dagdag-suweldo ng mga nasabing nurse, hinihintay na lamang ng Sorsogon Human Resources Department ang mga panuntunan galing sa Depatrmet of Budget and Management para sa implementasyon ng ikatlong bagsak ng pagtaas ng suweldo ng lahat ng mga empleyado ng gobyerno na may permanenteng posisyon.

Sa pinakahuling listahan na hawak ng Human Resources Department noong Disyembre 2021, nasa 1,004 ang mga naka-plantillang empleyado ng pamahalaan ng probinsiya. Sa ilalim ng batas, inaasahang makikinabang ang halos 1.4 kawani ng pamahalaan na may posisyong plantilla sa buong bansa sa panibagong dagdag-suweldong ito kung saan gagasta para rito ang pambansang gobyerno ng P130.5 bilyon hanggang 2023. ***PR***

Nakaw na motorsiklo, natunton sa FB post

DAHIL sa post sa Facebook ay natunton ng 29-anyos na security guard ang kanyang nawawalang motorsiklo at naresto naman ang seller sa Imus City, Cavite Linggo ng hapon.

Hawak ng awtoridad ang suspek na si Servillo De Castro y Villa, 33, binata, negosyante, dahil sa reklamo ni Zarny Zaw Thein y Ayao, binata.

Sa reklamo ni Thein kay Corporal Jessie Villanueva, January 5 ay puwersahan umanong kinuha ng isang Raffy Maceda ang kanyang motorsiklong Yamaha Mio Gravis sa Brgy Langkaan 2, Dasmarinas City.

Pero nitong January 16, nakita ng biktima ang isang ibinebentang motorsiklo sa halagang P56,000 na kahalintulad ng kanyang nawawalang motor sa Marketplace ng Facebook.

Kinontak ng biktima ang seller at nagkunwang bibilhin ito.

Dakong alas-4:00 ng hapon ay nagkasundong magkikita sa Brgy Malagasang 2-A, Imus City ang biktima at seller at nang tsinek ay dito nakumpirma ng una na kanya ang nawawalang motorsiklo kaya pinaaresto ang seller.

Kasong paglabag sa PD 1612 (Anti-Fencing Law) ang kinaharap ng suspek. ***GENE ADSUARA***

FREDIE WONG, BANDERANG TAPOS! PAGPAPATULOY NG KARERA

Magaan na nagwagi sa laban ang kabayong si Fredie Wong matapos bumandera sa ginanap na Ratings-Based Handicapping System RBHS Class 5 (R5) na pinakawalan sa pista ng San Lazaro Leisure Park sa Carmona, Cavite. Lulan ng class B rider na si JD King Flores ay pinakain ng alikabok ni Fredie Wong ang kanyang mga katunggali at mas lalong lumakas sa huling rektahan. Sa simula ng labanan ay agad na kinuha ng segunda liyamado na si Fredie Wong bandera na kung saan siya ay komportable, kasunod si The Queen na sinakyan ni Joel Siego, pangatlo ang tersera liyamado na si Lucky Saver ni Allan Pare, nasa ika-apat na puwesto ang bahagyang naliyamado na si Silver Arrow na ginabayan ni Conrad Henson, panglima si Minotaur ni Ken Malapira, pang-anim si Kenkenrarabell na pinatungan ni Paul Refe, nasa ikapitong posisyon si Star Of Kidapawan ni FS Parlocha, kasunod si Ziqqy na nirendahan ni Lester De Jesus, habang si Felicia's Magic ni Brix Fulgencio ang bugaw sa takbuhan. Sa back stretch ay bandera pa rin si Fredie Wong habang sabay na dumidikit sa likuran sina Kenkenrarabell at si Silver Arrow at nasa ika-apat na puwesto si Ziqqy ng may apat na kabayong agwat mula sa unahan. Sa far turn ay nasa unahan pa rin ang winning horse habang pilit na humahabol si Kenkenrarabell sa kanyang likuran. Dahil sa angking bilis at walang bumulabog sa harapan ay hindi na nagawa pang mahabol si Fredie Wong at pagpasok sa home stretch ay patuloy pa na binabagsakan ni JD King ang kanyang sakay kaya mas lalong lumayo sa mga kalaban pagtawid sa meta. Pumorkas sa kanya si Minotaur at pumasok si Silver Arrow sa trifecta. Habang sina Kenkenrarabell, Lucky Saver at Star Of Kidapawan ang pumang-apat, panglima at pang-anim ayon sa pagkakasunod. Nirehistro ni Fredie Wong ang tiyempong 1:33.4 (13-25'-26'-28') para sa distansiyang 1,400 meter. Dahil naman sa pagsirit ng mga kaso ng covid 19 sa buong bansa at upang suportahan ang mga pagsisikap ng gobyerno na maiwasan ang pagkalat ng naturang virus ay nagpasya ang Philippine Racing Commission (Philracom) na kanselahin ang mga nakatakdang karera nung Enero 12 hanggang 16, 2022. Bagama't hindi talaga ipinag-uutos ang pagkansela dahil walang mga alituntunin na inilabas ang IATF at GAB, ang Philracom na mismo ang nagpasya at nagdesisyon ukol dito para na rin sa kaligtasan ng lahat. Makalipas ang isang linggo, ay inaprubahan na muli ng Philracom board ang pagpapatuloy ng horse racing simula Enero 19,2022 (Miyerkules). Hinihikayat ng Philracom na sumunod ang lahat ng mga bumubuo ng karerahan pati na ang mga mananaya sa mga health and safety protocols ng DOH at IATF upang mabawasan ang pagkalat ng covid 19 sa pagpapatuloy ng karera. Tanong ng bayang karerista: Magiging operational na ba ang mga OTB? Hanggat walang bagong mga guidelines na inilabas, ang mga OTB ay dapat na mag operate, siyempre depende yan sa pagpapasya ng LGU. Marami rin kasi ang nagcomment, Bakit daw ang pitmaster o online sabong ay may mga monitor sa mga betting station nila sa kabila ng pagtaas ng kaso ng covid, marami tuloy na mananaya ang halos nagdidikit dikit habang nanunood ng sabong. May punto nga naman.

DANGAL NG PANITIKAN 2022, bukás na para mga nominasyon!

MGA TUNTUNIN

1. Ang Gawad Dangal ng Panitikan ay ang mataas na pagkilála sa naiambag sa panitikang Pilipino o lifetime achievement award. Binibigyang-pagpupugay nitó ang natatanging manunulat na nagpakita ng pagpapahalaga sa kultura, kaakuhan, at kayamanang pamana, bukod sa pambihirang pagkasangkapan sa Filipino at ibá pang wikang panrehiyon o panlalawigan.

2. Bukás ang nominasyon sa mga institusyon at/o manunulat, laláki man o babae, na nakapag-ambag sa pagpapayaman ng panitikan ng Pilipinas. Ang mga ambag ay dapat na nagpapakita ng pagpapahalaga sa kultura, kaakuhan, at kayamanang pamana, bukod sa pambihirang pagkasangkapan sa wikang Filipino.

3. Pára sa mga indibidwal, kinakailangang may gulang na hindi bababâ sa apatnapung (40) taón. Pára sa mga samahán, tanggápan, ahensiyang pampamahalaán, at/o pribadong sektor, kinakailangang naestablisa nang hindi bababâ sa limang (5) taón.

4. Mayroong katipunan ng mga akda o gawaing nakapag-ambag sa panitikang Pilipino at mga katutubong wika ng Pilipinas (kinakailangang ilakip sa nominasyon bílang pruweba.)

5. Ang mga nominado ay marapat na manggaling sa rekomendasyon ng indibidwal o pangkat mula sa labas ng KWF.

6. Pára sa onlayn na nominasyon, ihanda ang kompletong dokumento na naka-pdf at ilakip ayon sang-ayon sa pagsagot sa link na ito: https://forms.gle/DWHSr19H5TQK4X1A9

- KWF Pormularyo sa Nominasyon (i-print, sagutan at ilakip) http://kwf.gov.ph/.../PORMULARYO_KWF-DANGAL-NG-PANITIKAN.pdf
- Liham nominasyon na nagsasaad ng buod ng kalipikasyon ng nominadong indibidwal o samahán at nilagdaan ng nagnomina
- Curriculum vitae (kung indibidwal) o profayl ng organisasyon (kung samahán)
- Mga pruweba sa katipunan ng mga akda na nagpapakita ng pagpapahalaga sa kultura, kaakuhan, at kayamanang pamana, bukod sa pambihirang pagkasangkapan sa wikang Filipino

7. Pára sa nominasyon ipadadala sa koreo, ilakip sa isa o higit pang long brown envelope ang sumusunod na dokumento na binanggit sa bílang 6 at ipadalá sa:

Lupon sa Gawad Dangal ng Panitikan 2022
Komisyon sa Wikang Filipino
2/P Gusali Watson, 1610 Kalye J.P. Laurel
San Miguel, Maynila

8. Ang hulíng araw ng pagpapápasa ng nominasyon ay sa 24 PEBRERO 2022, 5:00 nh.

9. Ang tatanghaling Dangal ng Panitikan 2022 ay tatanggap ng naturang gawad sa iginagayak na programa ng KWF sa Araw ni Balagtas, 2 Abril 2022.

10. Pára sa ibá pang detalye, tumawag o mag-text sa 0928-844-1349 o magpadalá ng email sa timpalak.gawad@kwf.gov.ph.

Buto ng tao, nahukay sa construction site

HINIHINALANG buto ng tao ang natagpuan sa isinagawang paghuhukay sa isinasagawang construction site ng Cavite-Laguna Expressway (CALAX) sa Gen Trias City, Cavite Martes ng umaga.

Sa ulat ni PMSgt Cristopher Dumlao, ng Gen Trias City Police Station, alas-11:00 ng umaga

habang nagsasagawa ng paghuhukay ang operator ng backhoe para sa itatayong barracks ng mga manggagawa sa gilid ng Ylang-Ylang river sa Brgy Navarro, Gen Trias City, ay nahukay ang ilang piraso ng hinihinalang buto ng tao.

Ang paghuhukay sa lugar ay bahagi ng isinasagawang konstruksiyon ng Cavite-Laguna Expressway (CALAX) na inumpisahan noong July 2019 at may habang 44.63 kilometro.

Hiningi ng awtoridad ang tulong ng Provincial Forensic Unit para sa nahukay na mga buto. ***GENE ADSUARA***

Tiyan ng obrero, winakwak ng kainuman

WINAKWAK sa tiyan ang construction worker ng kanyang kabaro matapos na nagkapikunan dahil lamang sa kanilang trabaho sa Silang, Cavite, Linggo ng gabi.

Namatay sa pinangyarihan ng insidente ang biktimang si Rigan Naa, nasa wastong edad, habang kusang loob na sumuko sa awtoridad ang suspek na si Eaijan Flores Sumile, nasa wastong edad, kapwa construction worker at residente ng Purok 7, Brgy Ulat, Silang.

Sa ulat ni Corporal Ralph Jayson Santos, ng Silang Police Station, dakong alas-7:00 ng gabi ay nagkayayaan ang magkapitbahay at magkabaro sa trabaho na mag-inuman sa harapan ng kanilang bahay.

Makaraan ang mahigit isang oras na inuman at kuwentuhan ay nauwi ang usapan sa kanilang trabaho bilang isang construction worker hanggang sa magtalo at nagkainitan ng usapan.

Dito na inilabas ng suspek ang isang kutsilyo at walang habas na pinagsasaksak sa tiyan ang kapitbahay na nagresulta sa kamatayan nito. ***GENE ADSUARA***

Para sa agad na pagbangon ng ekonomiya matapos ang pandemya

CHIZ: DAPAT LUMIKHA NG MAS MARAMING TRABAHO GALING SA P1.8-T BUILD, BUILD, BUILD PROGRAM

Hinihimok ni senatorial aspirant at kasalukuyang Sorsogon Gov. Francis "Chiz" Escudero ang pambansang gobyerno na magtakda ng mas mataas na target sa paglikha ng trabaho sa pamamagitan ng programa nitong Build, Build, Build na mayroong pondong P1.18 trilyon ngayong 2022 o mahigit 20% ng national budget ng kasalukuyang taon.

Binigyang-diin ni Escudero na ang nasabing halaga ay katumbas ng 5.3% ng gross domestic product ng Pilipinas at marapat lamang na gamitin sa pagsusulong ng ekonomiya upang agad na makabangon ang bansa matapos ang pandemya.

"Kasabay ng ating patuloy na paglaban sa COVID-19 ang pagsusulong ng pagbangon ng ating ekonomiya sa pamamagitan ng paggastos at paghikayat ng mga bagong puhunan at negosyo. Ang gobyerno ang numero unong tagapagbigay ng trabaho at kayang-kaya nitong makapagbigay ng maraming trabaho sa mga Pilipino sa pamamagitan ng Build, Build, Build," ani Escudero.

Ayon sa isang ulat Philippine Statistics Authority noong isang taon, tinatayang halos 4.2 milyong Pilipino ang walang trabaho at nasa 7.9 milyon naman ang nabawasan ang kanilang sinusuweldo dahil umikli ang oras ng operasyon ng kanilang mga pinagtatrabahuhan dahil sa pandemya.

"Puwede sigurong isali sa Build, Build, Build projects for 2022 ang pagtatayo ng military and supply infrastructures sa Ayungin Shoal. That would be hitting two birds with one stone. Nakapagbigay ka na ng trabaho, naipaglaban mo pa ang ating soberenya sa West Philippine Sea," aniya.

Makikita sa 2022 National Expenditure Program na mapupunta sa Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) ang P336 bilyon para mga proyektong nasa ilalim ng Build, Build, Build habang P127 bilyon naman ang mapupunta sa Department of Transportation.

Ayon sa DPWH, nasa 6.5 milyong trabaho ang nalikha ng kanilang kagawaran sa pamamagitan ng Build, Build, Build projects simula 2016 hanggang 2020 kung saan may minimum na suweldo ang mga manggagawa. ***PR***

Talaang Ginto: Makata ng Taón 2022, bukás na sa mga lahok!

MGA TUNTUNIN:

1. Ang Talaang Gintô: Makata ng Taón ay isang patimpalak sa pagsulat ng tula na itinaguyod ng KWF na naglalayong pasiglahin at pataasin ang uri ng panulaang Filipino sa pamamagitan ng pagkilála sa mga batikan at baguhang talino at tinig sa sining ng tula.

2. Bukás ang timpalak sa lahat ng mga Pilipino, babae man o laláki, maliban sa mga kawani ng KWF at kanilang kaanak.

3. Ang entring ipapása ay maaaring isang mahabang tula na may isang daan (100) o higit pang taludtod, o isang koleksiyon ng sampung (10) maiikling tula (10–12 taludtod) na may magkakaugnay na tema. Kinakailangang may pamagat ang ipapásang koleksiyon. Malayà ang paksâ ngunit kailangang tumatalakay sa isang mahalagang paksaing panlipunan sa kasalukuyan. Ang ipapásang mahabang tula o maiikling tula ay malayà (walang tugma at súkat). Maaari ding ialinsunod ang paksâ ng kalipunan ng mga tula sa tema ng Buwan ng Panitikan 2022: "Muling Pagtuklas sa Karunungang-Bayan" (Rediscovering Folk Heritage).

4. Ang lahok ay kailangang orihinal at nasusulat sa Filipino, hindi salin ng nalathala nang tula, at hindi pa nalalathala sa alinmang publikasyon. Ang sinumang mahúli at mapatunayang nagkasála ng pangongopya ay kakanselahin ng KWF ang ipinagwaging lahok nitó sa timpalak at hindi na muling makasasali pa sa alinmang timpalak ng KWF.

5. Pára sa onlayn na paglahok, magtungo sa https://forms.gle/Wtd7PaTbE61w67Vv9 at ilakip ang sumusunod:

- Kopya ng kompiyuterisadong lahok (.doc format). Gagamitin ang font na Arial 12 pt, single spaced sa 8 ½ x 11 in (short bond paper) na may palugit na isang (1) pulgada sa itaas, ibabâ, at magkabiláng gilid. Kung makinilyado ang lahok, i-scan at isumite nang naka-portable document format (.pdf)
- Kinakailangang magtataglay lámang ng sagisag-panulat (pen name) at walang kahit anong pahiwatig ng tunay na pangalan ng kalahok.
- Notaryo na nagpapatunay na orihinal at hindi pa nalalathala ang lahok (.pdf)
- Curriculum vitae at/o bionote ng makata (.pdf)
- 2×2 retrato ng kalahok (.jpeg)

6. Pára sa pagsusumite ng lahok sa pamamagitan ng koreo, ipadadala ang sumusunod:

- apat (4) na kopya ng kompiyuterisadong lahok. Gagamitin ang font na Arial 12 pt, single spaced sa A4 size (bond paper) na may palugit na isang (1) pulgada sa itaas, ibabâ, at magkabiláng gilid.
- Kinakailangang magtataglay lámang ng sagisag-panulat (pen name) at walang kahit anong pahiwatig ng tunay na pangalan ng kalahok.
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- Curriculum vitae at/o bionote ng makata
- 2×2 retrato ng kalahok
- Ipadalá ang lahok sa koreo sa:

Lupon sa Talaang Ginto 2022
Komisyon sa Wikang Filipino
2/P Gusali Watson, 1610 Kalye J.P. Laurel
San Miguel, Maynila

7. Ang hulíng araw ng pagsusumite ng lahok ay sa 28 PEBRERO 2022, 5:00 nh. Hindi na mauurong ang araw ng pagsusumite.

8. Pará sa lahok na ipadadalá sa koreo, magpapadalá ang KWF ng mensahe (text) kung natanggap na ang lahok.

9. Ang mga gantimpala ay ang sumusunod:

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Ikalawang gantimpala, PHP20,000.00 (net) at plake;
Ikatlong gantimpala, PHP15,000.00 (net) at plake

10. Ang pasiya ng Lupon ng Inampalan ay pinal at hindi na mababago.

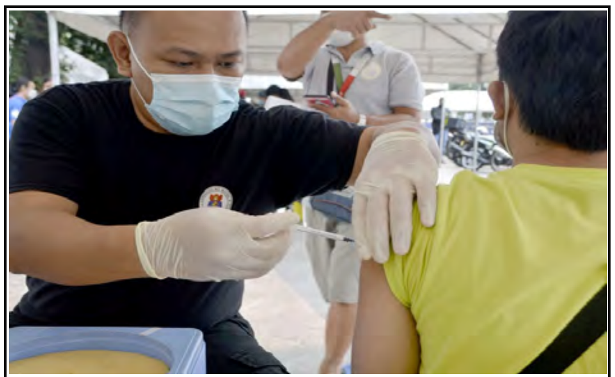
11. Pára sa karagdagang detalye, mag-text o tumawag sa 0928-844-1349 o mag-email sa timpalak.gawad@kwf.gov.ph

SABUNGERO, UMISKAPO SA HULI; DEDO SA LUNOD

NAKALIGTAS man sa kamay ng mga umarestong awtoridad, pero hindi sa nag-aabang na karit ni kamatayan nang nalunod ang isang sabungero matapos tumalon sa ilog sa Tanza, Cavite Linggo ng umaga.
Isinugod pa sa ospital ang biktimang si Mark Madla y Ortiz, alias Macmac, nasa wastong edad, subalit idineklarang dead on arrival.
Sa ulat ni Corporal Franz Marione Zorilla, ng Tanza Police Station, alas-10:00 ng umaga nagsagawa ng operasyon kontra illegal gambling (tupada) ang mga intel operatives ng Cavite PPO sa Brgy Tres Cruses, Tanza, kung saan pagdating sa lugar ay natakbuhan ang mga sabungero.
Bagama't may naaresto na pito na mananabong kabilang ang 57-anyos na Retired Army, pinili ng biktima na tumakbo at dumaan sa ilog malapit sa lugar subalit nalunod umano ito.
Iniahon ng mga rescuer ang biktima at isinugod sa ospital subalit idineklarang dead on arrival.
Narekober sa lugar ang P2,200 halaga ng pusta, dalawang sasabunging manok at apat na tari. ***GENE ADSUARA***

7 katao, tiklo sa 'bato'

TINATAYANG mahigit sa P100K halaga ng shabu ang nasamsam sa pagkakaaresto sa pitong hinihinalang tulak kabilang ang tatlong babae na naaktuhan na nagsasagawa ng pot session sa isang drug den sa Bacoor City, Cavite hapon ng Martes.
Kinilala ang mga naaresto na sina Manuel Villanueva Aquino Jr., alias Boy Tawa, 52; Jayson Caeg Alperto 52, taxi driver; Jonjip Aquino Arquinez 42; Guillermo Licauan Lorca, 50; Loida Intena Batal, 36; Mylene Ruda Navarro, 40, salon; at Rachelle Santiago Diocaresa, 37.
Sa ulat ng Bacoor City Police Station, alas-4:20 ng hapon nagsagawa ng buy bust operation ang mga operatiba ng PDEA IV-A Cavite PO, Bacoor CPS at Cavite PDEU sa Block 11 Lot 33, Mary Homes Subdivision, Brgy Molino IV, kung saan target si alias Boy Tawa.
Subalit ang pagkakaresto kay Aquino ay pagkakadisukbre din na ang nasabing bahay ay ginagawang drug den at naaktuhan ang anim na iba habang nagsasagawa ng pot session.
Narekober sa lugar ang tinatayang 15 gramo ng hinihinalang shabu na may street value na P103,500, mga sachet ng shabu, mga drug paraphernalias para sa pot session, isang Cherry mobile na cellphone at buy bust money.
Kasong paglabag sa Sec. 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, at 15 Art. II ng RA 9165 ang kinaharap ng mga suspek. ***GENE ADSUARA.***



BAHAGI ito ng 'Drive Thru Vaccine' sa Kartilya ng Katipunan na matatagpuan sa gilid ng city hall ng Maynila. Iba't ibang brand ng bakuna ang naipapagkaloob ng Manila local government. ***(Christian Heramis)***

NO VACCINE NO RIDE POLICY:
Karatulang bubungad kapag sasakay ng mga pampublikong sasakyan alinsunod sa kautusan ng IATF upang mapigil ang hawaan ng COVID-19 sa iba't ibang variants. Makikita sa larawan na tangan ng isang babaing pasahero ang kanyang vax card sa pagsakay ng pampasaherong dyip sa area ng Maynila kamakailan. ***(Christian Heramis)***

NAGSAWA ng outreach program ang grupo Gran Logia Nacional De Pilipinas Logia Jose P Rizal NU. 1 katuwang ang JT International Philippines and MPD Station 12, sa pangunguna nina Venerable Maestre James G. Lagasca Premera Vigilante Alfredo R Fabian III, Segunada Vigilante, Elgene Tichingbon , Secretario Jonathan Leonardo at Station Commander PLTCOL. Paul Jady D Doles. Umabot sa 270 residente ng Barangay 20 Delpan, Tondo, Manila ang nabahagian ng mga food pack. ***(Leonard Basilio)***

HANEP
Basahin Mo Ito!

Mistulang 'abnormal' na

LAST year pa lamang kung igagagala ang paningin sa kapaligiran ay aakalain bang campaign period na.
Hindi naman kasi maitatatwa ang maraming nakadikit o nakasabit na tarpaulin ng mga kandidato.
Dumami ang nakitang iba't ibang tarpaulin pagkatapos ng deadline sa filling ng certificate of candidacy noong nakaraang taon.
Lalo pang dumami lalo at nagsimula ang mga kandidato sa national position sa pag-iikot sa iba't ibang bahagi ng bansa.
Sa mga basketball o covered court at maging sa mga open area ay makikita ang mukha ng mga kandidato na nagsagawa ng pagtitipon doon.
Mistulang piyesta na nagsisilbing 'banderitas' ang mga tarpaulin na idinikit o isinabit.
Bahagyang nahinto lamang dahil nailagay ang ibang lugar ay nailagay sa mas mahigpit na status bunsod ng COVID-19.
Eh ano naman ang aasahang kasunod na eksena kapag bababa na ang bilang ng mga kaso na apektado ng virus.
Muling magluluwag at maaaring uubra na ang mga pagtitipon lalo at papasok na talaga sa campaign period na mauuna ang nasyunal bago ang lokal na posisyon.
Pagkatapos ay ano naman muli ang aasahang eksena dahil sa pagkakaluwag ng restriksiyon.
Pwedeng muli na namang lumalala ang sitwasyon pero huwag naman po sana.
Halos nasa dalawang taon na tayo sa pandemiya at hindi natin maikakaila na paulit-ulit o pabalik-balik lamang ang kondisyon o pangyayari.
Hindi naman talaga kasagutan ang pagbabatuhan ng sisi o kasalanan dahil walang may gusto ng pandemiya at bawat isa sa atin ay hangad na makabalik sa normal ang lahat.
Balikan natin ang isyu sa mga tarpaulin, hindi pa nga campaign period pero sangkaterba na ang ating nakikita sa bawat sulok ng lansangan.
Kapansin-pansin na mayroong 'bastusan' sa tarpaulin dahil bukod sa may nagtatakip ay sadyang mayroon ding naninira.
Halimbawang dumating ang kampo ng kandidato sa isang lugar ay walang pakialam kahit takpan ang tarpaulin na nakakabit o nakasabit ng nauna sa kanila na nagdaos doon ng gathering.
Masaklap pa ay hindi lang pagtakip dahil ang iba ay naninira pa ng tarpaulin.
Sino ang may kagagawan ng mga ganitong gawa? Kanino dapat ibaling ang sisi?
Sa mismong kandidato ba o sa mga supporter o tauhan ng isang kandidato?
Gusto nating makabalik sa normal ang lahat dulot ng pandemiya pero sa mga ganitong gawi o pag-uugali ay mistulang abnormal na ang nakararami.