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SM FOUNDATION INC.'S OPERATION TULONG EXPRESS AT BRGY. MALAGASANG 2-B WITH SM CENTER IMUS

SM CENTER IMUS – In the midst of the current surge of the Omicron virus, a residential fire is the last thing anyone would want to see. Unfortunately, a fire incident happened last January 18, 2022 at Brgy. Malagasang 2-B, where flames turned homes into ashes and made families even more vulnerable.

With the generosity of SM Foundation Inc. though SM Center Imus, the familes affected were given Kalinga Packs on their Operation Tulong Express held last January 23,2022. The packs were filled with food the families could share as they recover from the incident. The community was grateful for the aid and the care SM Foundation Inc. and SM Center Imus expressed.

In these times, helping each other hand in hand to build a protected and stronger community is the key to empower more people, one family at a time

In the photos are family representatives from Brgy. Malagasang 2-B receiving their Kalinga Packs distributed by volunteer employees headed by SM Center Imus' Mall Manager, Mr.Marnelle J. Sumilong.

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ANIMAL SHELTER FACILITY TO CARE FOR STRAY ANIMALS

Trece Martires, Cavite (PIA) – The Alfonso Municipal Government is set to establish an animal shelter facility to address the perennial problem on stray animals particularly dogs and cats spreading rabies in the locality.

Mayor Randy Salamat signified the importance of caring for the animals thru the facility instead of an impounding area to lock up stray dogs.

“Dogs have lives and whether they are street dogs or not, we need to take care of them so instead of building an impounding area as facility (for them), we are preparing for an animal shelter facility during the first quarter of 2022,” said Mayor Salamat.

More than a dozen steel cages were recently completed on May 17, 2021 which according to mayor Salamat will now be distributed to every barangay in the municipality for the temporary holding of stray dogs.

“Sa totoo lang ay ‘sinosolusyunan’ na naman po. May mga hakbang na tayong nagawa. May ordinansa, Animal Control Officers' training, may kulungan na para sa bawat barangay at may budget na para ngayong taon,” said Mayor Salamat.

(Actually, it's "being solved". We have taken steps. There is an ordinance, Animal Control Officers' training, there is an animal cage for each barangay and there is a budget for this year.)

The local government for years had been taking steps in preparation for the program with the training of personnel of the Municipal Agriculture Office on Rabies Awareness, Animal Impounding and Management of Dog Pound for the Animal Control Officers of LGU on August 2019.

Subsequently, on March 27, 2021 the Municipal Ordinance no. 02-2021 or the Anti-Rabies Ordinance was passed and approved by the LGU which provided for the pertinent guidelines to protect human and animal inhabitants of the municipality from rabies infection pursuant to the Anti-Rabies Act of 2007.

Additional steps for the full implementation of this program are the skills enhancement of Animal Control Officers for the proper and safe handling of animals and the procurement of an Animal Control Vehicle. ***(Ruel Francisco with reports from Alfonso LGU)***

RITM labs to test vaccine-preventable illnesses in July

MANILA – The subnational laboratories of the Research Institute for Tropical Medicine (RITM) will have the capacity to test vaccine-preventable diseases – measles, rubella, Japanese encephalitis, and rotavirus this year.

In a televised Laging Handa public briefing, RITM Virology Department Head Mayan Lumandas said the RITM, the Department of Health, and the World Health Organization have established seven subnational laboratories nationwide.

These are the Ilocos Training and Regional Medical Center and the Jose B. Lingad Memorial Regional Hospital in Luzon; the Vicente Sotto Medical Center and the Western Visayas Medical Center in the Visayas; the Southern Philippines Medical Center, the Zamboanga City Medical Center and the Cotabato Regional and Medical Center in Mindanao.

“So, iyong mga laboratory po magkakaroon ng kapasidad na mag-test ng apat na sakit sa pamamagitan po ng pag-analyze ng dugo (the laboratories will have the capacity to test the four diseases through analysis of blood), cerebrospinal fluid and stool,” Lumandas said.

She said laboratories with such capacity are important as they allow the government to respond to outbreaks and provide pertinent data for the National Immunization Program and campaigns about vaccine-preventable diseases.

The subnational laboratories are expected to run tests in July. ***(PNA)***

PTFoMS sends handbooks to media security vanguards

MANILA – The Presidential Task Force on Media Security (PTFoMS) recently supplied the Philippine National Police (PNP) Media Security Vanguards (MSVs) with the initial batch of the “Handbook on Personal Security Measures for Media Practitioners”.

These handbooks will be dispatched and coursed through the PNP Public Information Office (PIO) under Police Brig. Gen. Roderick Alba and they will be sent to PIOs nationwide.

Alba is also the Chief Focal Person of the Regional, Provincial, and City public information officers of the PNP. These information officers were also recently appointed as Media Security Vanguards by PNP Chief, Gen. Dionardo B. Carlos.

“The handbook starts with the Philippine Journalists’ Code of Ethics and ends with the PTFoMS Protocols. In between, basic guidance on personal security measures were thoroughly discussed,” said Undersecretary Joel Sy Egco, also PTFoMS Executive Director, in a news release on Wednesday.

“We are releasing the initial 150 copies of the Handbook on Personal Security Measure for Media Practitioners (2nd edition) to the PNP-Public Information Office under Brig. Gen. Roderick Augustus Alba for distribution to the media and to the designated Media Security Vanguards nationwide,” he added.

He said the handbook is “a product of thorough studies and discussions among various law enforcement agencies and media organizations, (and) will be very helpful in ensuring the safety of media workers and their families,”

“We had distributed thousands of copies of the booklet before and will be distributing more next month,” he added.

Some of the topics included in this comprehensive handbook are Threat Detection and Assessment; Personal, Vehicle, and Travel Security; Security at Home and in the Office; and how to deal with threats coursed through email, landline, and cell phones.

“We are confident that with the release of these handbooks to the journos ‘first-line-of-defense’ in the remotest areas of the country, the MSVs will be better equipped to handle any and all kinds of incidents involving media workers,” he said.

In 2018, UNESCO made special mention of the Philippines when the Task Force launched this “Handbook on Personal Security Measures for Media Practitioners" that provides good practices for journalists on how to protect themselves and their families against violence, threats, and intimidation.

The PTFoMS published the guide and copies are given free of charge to media workers. An updated edition was released in 2020.

Created by President Duterte in 2016 to stop the slew of media killings that happened during past administrations, by 2021, PTFoMS oversaw the 51st case of media killing that resulted in a guilty verdict, bringing to 68 the total number of media killers that were convicted by the courts.

Egco said media freedom in the country is stronger than ever as proven by Reporters Without Borders’ (RSF) 2021 Press Freedom Index where the country’s ranking for the past five years remained better than during past administrations.

This, as the RSF noted a global decline in the Index because of the pandemic.

He said Duterte's lowest grade in the index was the late President Noynoy Aquino’s highest grade. ***(PR)***

DHSUD chief sets 2022 direction for housing sector

QUEZON CITY -- Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development (DHSUD) Secretary Eduardo Del Rosario on Monday presided over the first meeting of the National Human Settlements and Urban Development Coordinating Committee (NHSUDCC) for 2022 – setting the housing sector’s thrusts for the year.

During the forum held via video conference, Secretary Del Rosario issued his guidance on how the Department, along with its key shelter agencies (KSAs), can achieve its goals and align initiatives and efforts towards attaining their 2022 targets, particularly within the first semester when the Duterte administration completes its six-year term.

“We have a long road ahead of us. Our tasks and responsibilities are never ending. But as long as we keep moving forward and try to hurdle each of these challenges as TEAM BALAI, even if we encounter setbacks, we’ll still deliver outstanding results with heads high and proud to be among the stars,” Secretary Del Rosario said.

For 2022, the key directives include the completion of priority housing projects, ramping up housing production and finance in line with the Philippine Development Plan and Sustainable Development Goals, formulation of policies and guidelines to streamline housing permits and processes, promotion of effective land use among LGUs and the development of internal systems and processes to strengthen institutional capacities.

Secretary Del Rosario noted that DHSUD, together with the KSAs, has been working tirelessly in addressing the housing needs of Filipinos, especially the underprivileged, despite numerous stumbling blocks since the Department’s full operationalization in 2020.

He cited the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and several typhoons that adversely affected numerous parts of the country as among the sticking points that had hampered DHSUD’s operations. The good thing was, according to Secretary Del Rosario, the Department and the KSAs stepped up to the plate and still delivered.

“To say that the past two years had been challenging is an understatement. But inspite and because of these challenges and difficulties, we have continued to persevere to deliver our targets and serve our people,” Secretary Del Rosario stressed.

The housing czar also commended the KSAs after they presented their respective key accomplishments for 2021.

“Despite all the roadblocks, I am proud and happy with what we have accomplished. As we know, the term of the current administration is nearing its completion, with barely six months remaining. Much has been done, but there is still so much more we need to do to accomplish the targets we have earlier set,” Secretary Del Rosario added.

Hence, he reiterated his call for the NHSUDCC to further maximize their efforts in attaining their goals for this year and beyond.

The NHSUDCC is composed of the heads of the National Housing Authority (NHA), the Home Development Mutual Fund or Pag-IBIG Fund, the National Home Mortgage Finance Corporation (NHMFC), the Social Housing Finance Corporation (SFHC) and the Human Settlements Adjudication Commission (HSAC).

Officially activated in June last year, the committee serves as a platform to strengthen coordination between DHSUD and KSAs in carrying out the Department’s housing and urban development policies and programs nationwide.

Chaired by the DHSUD Secretary, the committee is tasked to recommend policies and programs for approval of the National Human Settlement Board, monitor and evaluate the functions of KSAs and facilitate the harmonization of housing programs and streamlining of processes to eliminate overlaps. ***(DHSUD)***

Tulong para sa mga magpapalay handog ng DA Calabarzon

LUNGSOD NG CALAMBA (PIA) – Umaasa ang mga lokal na magpapalay mula sa mga lalawigan ng Laguna, Batangas, at Quezon sa muling pagbangon ng kanilang industriya sa tulong ng Rice Farmers Financial Assistance (RFFA) mula sa pamahalaan.

Noong Enero 10, sinimulan ng Department of Agriculture Region 4-A (DA Calabarzon) ang pamamahagi ng tulong pinansyal para sa mga maliit na magpapalay sa rehiyon.

Unang nagtungo ang DA 4-A sa lalawigan ng Quezon upang ipamahagi ang nasa P1,690,000 halaga ng tulong pinansyal para sa 338 benepisyaryo mula sa mga bayan ng Catanauan, Mulanay, San Francisco, Buenavista, Macalelon, at San Narciso.

Kasunod nito, 270 magsasaka mula sa mga bayan ng Majayjay at Liliw sa lalawigan ng Laguna ang nabigyan ng tig-P5,000 halaga ng tulong ng kagawaran. Umabot sa P1,350,000.000 ang kabuuang halaga ng cash assistance na naibigay ng pamahalaan sa mga nasabing bayan.

Laking pasasalamat naman ng 989 magpapalay mula sa bayan ng Nasugbu nang tumulak ang kagawaran sa kanilang bayan noong Enero 12.

Umabot naman sa P3,715,000 ang kabuuang halaga ng tulong pinansyal na ibinigay ng pamahalaan para sa 743 nmagpapalay mula sa mga bayan ng Cavinti at Luisiana noong Enero 13.

Ayon kay Marilyn Ilao na isa sa mga magpapalay na naging benepisyaryo ng nasabing programa, napakalaki ng kanilang pasasalamat sa patuloy na pag-aabot ng tulong para sa mga tulad niyang maliit na magsasaka.

"Napakalaking tulong nito sa paghahanda namin sa susunod na planting season 'yung halagang ipinagkaloob nila," ani Ilao.

Ayon sa DA Calabarzon, isa lamang ang Rice Farmers Financial Assistance sa mga proyekto ng kanilang tanggapan sa ilalim ng Rice Competitive Enhancement Fund (RCEF).

Matatandang ipinasa ng pamahalaan ang Republic Act No. 11203 o ang Rice Tariffication Law na layuning magpataw ng taripa sa mga bigas na inaangkat mula sa ibang bansa.

Alinsunod sa nasabing batas, gagamitin ang pondong nakalap upang makapagbiagy ng tulong para sa maliliit na magsasaka sa buong bansa. ***(PB/Department of Agriculture RFO 4-A)***

12 anak ng mga mangingisda sa Marinduque, nasungkit ang BFAR scholarship

BOAC, Marinduque (PIA) -- Bumida ang 12 anak ng mga mangingisda sa Marinduque makaraang makapasa sa national qualifying examination na alok ng Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR).

Nakuha ni Anne Janette Sotto mula Buenavista National High School ang pinakaunang pwesto sa lahat ng nag-sulit.

Kabilang din sa nakapasok sina Jasmine Joy Jandulong, Jhaness Cha, Angel Salvoro, Jevens Falcan, Mariella Bayer, Warren Dela Cruz, Jernel Sabucuhan, Mhark Joshua Vidal, Jhun Luna Francisco III, Bernadette Ornos at Jerryco Briquillo.

Ayon kay Krizza Roumae M. Asilo, focal person ng Fisheries Scholarship Program ng BFAR-Mimaropa, mula sa 16 na mag-aaral na kumuha ng pagsusulit sa Marinduque State College noong Nobyembre 6, nakapasa ang 12 rito sa ilalim ng Fisherfolk Children Education Grant (FCEG) program.

Aniya, ang FCEG ay isang programa ng kanilang ahensya na layong mabigyan ng libreng matrikula at iba pang insentibo ang anak ng mga rehistradong mangingisda sa bansa.

"Ito po ay programa ng BFAR na nagbibigay ng full scholarship sa mga mag-aaral na kukuha ng Bachelor of Science (BS) in Fisheries," pahayag ni Asilo.

Ang mga pasado ay makatatanggap ng full scholarship grant, libreng miscellaneous at school fees.

Bibigyan din sila ng P5,000 buwanang stipend, P2,000 book allowance sa bawat semestre, P2,000 na one-time relocation allowance, P2,000 na one-time uniform allowance, P7,000 para sa research at thesis papers at P4,500 na suporta para sa kanilang graduation at on the job training (OJT).

Umaasa ang BFAR na ipagpapatuloy ng mga scholar ang BS Fisheries, sapagkat isa itong magandang kurso na makatutulong sa pagpapayaman ng sektor ng pangisdaan, hindi lamang sa rehiyon bagkus ay sa buong Pilipinas. ***(RAMJR/PIA MIMAROPA)***

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WALANG PERPEKTO

SA pag-uumpukan ng ating tropang kalye ay bahagi ang kanilang pag-uusap.

Kwentuhan na nagpapalitan ng kani-kanilang pananaw subalit naroon ang respeto ng bawat isa.

Ibig sabihin ay hindi nagsasalungatan sa kung ano man ang opinyon nila.

Pinakikinggan ang sinasabi ng kasama kaya naman nakikinig din ang iba.

Hindi iyong tipo na parang nagtatalo o nagdedebate para igiit lamang na siya o sila ang tama sa kanilang pag-uusap.

Aminado naman sila na minsan ay nagkakaroon ng hindi pagkakaintindihan sa kanilang umpukan gayunman ay mabilis naman nagkakaayos.

Kunsabagay ay tao lang naman na napipikon o nagagalit dahil wala talagang perpekto.

Tanong nga lamang ay tsismis ba ang maitatawag sa kanilang pag-uumpukan?

Pwedeng oo at maaari ring hindi depende sa kung ano ang paksang pinag-uusapan.

Usap lang sila na kadalasan o mas malimit ang pinag-uusapan ay ang makabuluhang paksa.

Dahil tuloy sa kwentuhan kaya may pagkakataon na hindi naiiwasan na patalun-talon ang topic.

Kaya nangyayari ay doon napapasok ang kwento sa kalagayan o buhay ng ibang tao.

Maliwanag na iyan ay isang tsismis dahil buhay ng may buhay ang pinag-uusapan.

Pero bihira lang naman mangyari sa kanila ang ganoong pagkakataon dahil mas nakalalamang ang usap nila sa may katuturan.

Kagaya ng napakatagal ng pandemiya na hindi maiiaalis sa kanila ang pumuna at magbigay ng pananaw.

Siyempre kasama na rin ang tungkol sa nalalapit na halalan at kahit laman sila ng lansangan ay nasa kanila ang panunuri para sa mga tatakbo.

Lalo na sa mga kandidato sa pinakamataas na posisyon ng bansa at maging sa susunod na pangalawang pangulo.

Mahalaga lang para sa ating tropang kalye na minsan ay inaaming sila ay nagiging tsismosa o tsismoso subalit higit na nakakarami sa kanilang usap lang ang mahalaga at magandang usapan.

Obrero, arestado sa kikil

HINDI umubra ang modus operandi ng isang construction worker matapos na ipinaaresto ng fireman na kanyang kinikilan kapalit ng ilang impormasyon sa Bacoor City, Cavite Lunes ng hapon.

Kasong robbery extortion ang kinaharap ng suspek na si Rexer Jolo y Francisco, 27, binata, dahil sa reklamo ni Joey Samblero y Maceres, 38.

Sa reklamo ni Samblero kay PMSgt Edison Fetalcuring, ng Bacoor City Police Station, humingi sa kanya ng pera ang suspek kapalit ng impormasyon na ibibigay nito ang numero ng plaka ng sasakyan na nakasagasa sa kanyang ina matapos na nabiktima ng hit-and-run.

Pumayag naman ang biktima at nagpadala ito sa suspek ng halagang P500 sa pamamagitan ng G-Cash.

Subalit lumalabas na mali ang ibinigay nitong impormasyon hanggang sa muling tumawag ang suspek sa biktima at muling humingi ng halagang P5,000 kapalit ng karagdagang impormasyon.

Nagduda na ang biktima kaya ipinaalam sa kanilang barangay at dakong alas-2:00 ng hapon ay nagkasundong magbibigay muli ang una na nagresulta sa pagkakaaresto sa suspek sa Barangay Talaba 7, Bacoor City. ***GENE ADSUARA***

EDITORYAL

Mayroon kayang makukulong na kandidato?

MAYROONG mahigpit na babala ang Department of the Interior and Local Government sa lahat ng kandidato.

Ito ay may kinalaman sa lahat ng klase ng physical contact kaugnay ng pangangampanya.

Bawal ang pakikipagkamay ng mga kandidato maging ng kanilang mga kasama.

Gayundin ang pagyakap, paghalik, at pamimigay ng pagkain, inuming tubig lalo na ang cash money.

Nakatakda ang mga kaukulang restriksiyon sa uri ng pangangampanya depende sa alert level status ng lugar.

Ang mga kandidato maging ang kanilang staff ay bawal pumasok ng bahay sa panahon ng house-to-house kahit pa may pahintulot ng may-ari ng tahanan.

Ilan o mayroon kayang kandidato na mapaparusahan ng perpetual disqualification from holding public office at mapipiit ng anim na taon na lalabag sa ilalim ng Omnibus Election Code?

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Aeta community receives sewing machines from DOST

CALAMBA CITY (PIA) – The Aeta Community of San Luis town in Batangas will soon have its very own sewing services industry, with the help of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST).

Last January 18, the DOST Batangas Provincial Office formally turned over manual sewing machines to ensure productivity of the community enterprise.

The DOST will also host a technology transfer training on dress making in Barangay Banoyo later this month.

Members of the Aeta community thanked the DOST for the support they received, such as the off-grid solar power system which helped in charging their mobile devices and emergency lights.

"Napakalaking tulong po nitong solar [system] na kaloob sa amin. Dati po dumadayo pa kami sa baba para maki-charge, ngayon po ay dito na kami lalo ang mga kabataan," said Mr. Zosimo Magtibay who is also the Chieftain of the beneficiary Aeta community.

Aside from the solar lights and sewing kits, the DOST also provided sewing starter packs to help them launch a productive sewing industry.

In his message, Magitbay said other members of their communities are still overwhelmed by projects the agency launched for their community.

The DOST will also provide business-related trainings in order to help the community enrich their sewing services enterprise by equipping them with proper knowledge on business principles and strategies.

Currently, around 275 people in 68 families form the said Aeta community. They currently reside in 30 houses and share one (1) comfort room facility.

As part of the Poverty Reduction, Livelihood and Employment Cluster (PRLEC) of the Calabarzon Regional Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (RTF-ELCAC), DOST CALABARZON launched the Project Aetaguyod: Establishment of an S&T Based Community Livelihood, in partnership with the municipal government of San Luis. ***(PB/DOST***

Cases filed in 4 'drug war' cases; others still under review

MANILA – Four of 52 incidents under review for suspicious deaths during police operations have resulted in criminal cases.

Cases have been filed in Regional Trial Courts involving the deaths of Carl Angelo Arnaiz (Navotas City); Richard Santillan and Gessamyn Casing (Cainta City, Rizal); Anwar Sawadjaan, Noel Bacalzo, and Angelo Hofer (Zamboanga del Norte); and Sharif Amatonding (San Pedro, Laguna).

Last year, the Philippine National Police Internal Affairs Services released information on the 52 cases to the Department of Justice (DOJ), part of the more than 150 incidents under review.

The DOJ has since turned over the case files to the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI).

"Per the initial report of the NBI dated 4 January 2022, most of the 52 cases turned over by the PNP Internal Affairs Service are still under evaluation by the regional offices or are presently subject of case build-up," DOJ Secretary Menardo Guevarra said via text message on Tuesday.

Arnaiz, 19, was found dead 10 days after he left his home in Cainta, Rizal in 2017.

According to the Caloocan police, Arnaiz tried to rob taxi driver, Tomas Bagcal, who was taking the teenager home from Navotas City.

The driver sought police assistance and in an ensuing firefight, Arnaiz was shot. Three packets of marijuana and shabu were allegedly recovered from the fatality.

Santillan and Casing were killed in December 2019 during a drug-related operations in Cainta City while Amatonding died in 2016.

Sawadjaan, 19; Hofer, 22; and Bacalzo, residents of Ipil, Zamboanga Sibugay, were killed in a shootout with policemen in July 2016 along the national highway in Barangay Overview, Liloy, Zamboanga del Norte.

The police, acting on a report of suspected drug couriers, set up a checkpoint which the trio allegedly bypassed.

The DOJ formed a panel to review deaths during anti-illegal drug operations as part of the country's commitment before the United Nations Human Rights Council to look into alleged police violations. ***(PNA)***

France opens 2 scholarship programs for Filipinos

MANILA – The French Embassy in Manila is now accepting applications for two government scholarship programs for Academic Year 2022-2023.

The first program, called "PhilFrance Scholarships", targets highly-qualified candidates who have demonstrated strong academic and leadership qualities in their scholarly and professional activities.

Awardees may pursue a master's degree taught in French higher education institutions, either public or private, in all academic disciplines.

They will be granted the status of boursier du gouvernement français (French government scholar) and will be given a tuition subsidy, one round-trip ticket from Manila to France, an exemption from visa application fees, a monthly living allowance covering the duration of their studies, a health care package, and priority access to public student accommodations.

The second program, called the PhilFrance-Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Scholarship, is geared towards Filipino professionals working in academic, research, or government institutions who are interested to pursue a master's degree or doctorate in French public universities, as well as in strengthening scientific cooperation and exchanges between France and the Philippines.

The PhilFrance-DOST Scholarship program prioritizes the following fields of study: agriculture, bioengineering, bioinformatics (medical), biological sciences, climate change, forestry, health and medical research, material sciences, medical chemistry, natural resources and environment, nuclear application on health, nuclear medicine, veterinary sciences, and virology.

Awardees of the PhilFrance-DOST Scholarship will be granted the status of boursier du gouvernement français (French government scholar) and will get an exemption from public university registration fees, one round-trip ticket from Manila to France, an exemption from visa application fees, a monthly living allowance covering the duration of their studies, a relocation allowance, coverage of pre-travel expenses, a health care package, and priority access to public student accommodations.

Selected candidates of the PhilFrance-DOST Scholarship must return to the Philippines immediately after the completion of their graduate degree to render return service or a period equivalent to twice the length of time that they spent in France for their degree.

Interested candidates must submit their applications through the PhilFrance Scholarships site no later than noon of April 4, 2022.

Since 2016, the PhilFrance Scholarship Program has funded the studies of more than 65 Filipinos who have been able to pursue their graduate degrees in the French language and literature, business, public policy and international development, engineering, mathematics, marine biology, applied chemistry, environmental and ecological sciences, physics, computer science, and public health in several of France's most prestigious higher education institutions.

These include the Aix-Marseille Université, École des hautes études en santé publique (EHESP), École Polytechnique, Institut National des Sciences Appliquées (INSA) de Toulouse, Sciences Po, and Université Paris-Saclay. ***(PNA)***

Rejected party-list group obtains TRO vs. Comelec

MANILA – The Supreme Court (SC) on Monday issued yet another temporary restraining order (TRO) against the Commission on Elections (Comelec) regarding the dismissal of the registration of a party-list organization.

The TRO signed by Deputy Clerk of Court Anna-Li Gombio, by authority of Chief Justice Alexander Gesmundo, gave the Comelec a non-extendible period of 10 days to file a comment on the suit filed by Juan-Pinagkaisang Ordinaryong Mamamayan Para Yumabong (Juan Pinoy).

The group sought a TRO on January 3, questioning Comelec for dismissing its petition for registration on Oct. 12, 2021.

Juan Pinoy's motion for reconsideration on December 13 was likewise turned down.

Party-list groups that obtained TROs prior to the printing on January 20 are among the 178 that will appear on the ballots.

The Comelec said it will print 65,745,512 ballots for local voting and 1,697,202 ballots for overseas voting.

It is unclear yet how party-lists that will win their bids for inclusion in the May 9 polls will be accommodated in the ballots. ***(PNA)***

BSP eyes to finish probe into BDO cyberattack by month's end

MANILA – Monetary authorities aim to finish by the end of this month the investigation on cyber-hacking of several accounts with the Sy-led BDO Unibank Inc. (BDO).

"In addition to that ongoing investigation, the BSP continues its cyber threat surveillance with the latest reports that cyber threat actors increasingly rely on social engineering to perpetrate their fraudulent activities," Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) Governor Benjamin Diokno said in a virtual briefing on Monday.

He said the central bank "continues to aggressively coordinate with law enforcement agencies to arrest and prosecute scammers and with relevant government and private sector players to address emerging cyber-related threats and fraud."

Last December, monetary authorities said around 700 BDO accounts were hacked, with some accounts fraudulently withdrawn of funds that were transferred to several Union Bank of the Philippines (Unionbank) accounts.

Earlier, Diokno said they were in close coordination with officials of the two banks as well as with other government agencies to run after the perpetrators.

"BSP will do everything to ensure the safety and integrity of the financial system as well as the protection of financial consumers," he said. ***(PNA)***

BOC marks 17.04-B liters of fuel, collects P165.96-B Taxes for 2021

Now on its third year of implementation, the Bureau of Customs (BOC) marked 17,0336,061,436 liters of gasoline, diesel and kerosene and collected taxes amounting to P165.96 billion from January to December 2021 through the continuing implementation of the government's Fuel Marking Program.

In line with the program's campaign to address fuel smuggling, the BOC and BIR apprehended a total of 86,888 liters of diesel and kerosene and seized two (2) units of tank trucks carrying unmarked fuel with estimated value of P5.16 million and P7.4 million, respectively. Tanks of eight (8) retail stations were these unmarked fuel were found was likewise sealed and recommended for filing of criminal cases.

Since its implementation in September 2019 to December 2021, the BOC and BIR marked 34.59 billion liters of fuel and generated revenue amounting to P313.98 billion. ***PR***

56 'TULAK' SWAK SA DRUGS SA CAVITE

TINATAYANG mahigit sa P76K halaga ng ng hinihinalang shabu ang nasamsam at pagkakaaresto sa limampu't anim na uamno'y 'tulak' kabilang ang isang 17-anyos at sampung babae sa isinagawang buy bust operation sa magkakahiwalay na lugar sa Cavite, Huwebes ng madaling araw.

Sa ulat ng Cavite Police Provincial Office (PPO), isinagawa ang magkakahiwalay na operasyon sa pitong lungsod at pitong bayan sa lalawigan.

Nanguna sa listahan ng may pinakamaraming naarestong tulak ang bayan ng Tanza na siyam; sumunod ang General Mariano Alvarez (GMA) na walo; ang Lungsod ng Dasmariñas, Imus City, Cavite City na tig -lima; apat naman sa Naic; tig-tatlo ang Kawit, Bacoor City Rosario, Gen. Trias City at Silang; tig-dalawa ang Indang at Tagaytay City habang isa sa Trece Martires City o kabuuang 56.

Sa nasabing operasyon, isa ang 17-anyos na menor de edad mula sa GMA habang sampung babae mula sa Bacoor City(2), Tanza (1), Cavite City (2) GMA (3) Dasmarinas City (1) at Silang (1).

Tinatayang 5.5 gramo na hinihinalang droga na may street value na P37,400 ang nasamsam sa buy bust operation sa GMA sa Block 32 Brgy Pulido, dakong alas-11:30 ng gabi habang 5.8 gramo ng shabu ang nasamsam na may street value na P39,400 sa buy bust operation sa Block 8, Brgy Pulido GMA, o kabuuan na P76,840. ***GENE ADSUARA***

Kuya, dedbol kay utol

PATAY ang 61-anyos na senior citizen nang saksakin ng kanyang nakababatang kapatid matapos na nagtalo sa kalagitnaan ng kanilang inuman sa General Mariano Alvarez (GMA), Cavite Martes ng gabi.

Unang isinugod sa CARSIGMA hospital saka inilipat sa De La Salle University Medical Center ang biktimang si Alexandro Velasco y Estilo, may-asawa, subalit namatay din habang ginagamot dahil sa saksak sa katawan.

Pinaghahanap ng awtoridad ang suspek at nakababata niyang kapatid na si Tomas Velasco y Estilo, 58, may-asawa, kapwa residente ng Blk 17 Lot 50, Brgy. San Jose, GMA.

Sa ulat ni PSSgt Dann Czar Rosales, ng GMA Police Station, bago naganap ang insidente ay nag-iinuman ang magkapatid sa loob ng kanilang bahay dakong alas-9:00 ng gabi.

Sa kalagitnaan ng inuman ay na-ungkat umano ang kanilang matagal na alitan na nagresulta sa mainitang pagtatalo kaya dumampot ng kutsilyo ang nakababatang Velasco at itinurok sa katawan ng kanyang utol.

Matapos ang pananaksak, mabilis na tumakas ang suspek habang isinugod naman ang biktima sa ospital subalit namatay din habang ginagamot.

Ayon kay Rosales, kahit magkasama ang dalawa sa loob ng isang bahay ay kapwa may kinikimkim na galit umano ang isa't isa subalit hindi rin alam ng kanilang kaanak ang puno't dulo ng alitan nila. ***GENE ADSUARA***

69 katao nahuli sa buy-bust operations sa Batangas

LUNGSOD NG BATANGAS (PIA)— Nakahuli ng 69 katao sa isinagawang 60 buy-bust operations sa iba't-ibang bahagi ng lalawigan ng Batangas simula noong Enero 19-22.

Ang Simultaneous Anti-Criminality and Law Enforcement Operations (SACLEO) ay mahigpit na ipinatutupad ng kapulisan upang patuloy na mabantayan at masiguro ang kaayusan at katahimikan ng bawat lugar.

Kaugnay nito humigit kumulang sa 63.26 gramo ng hinihinalang shabu at 10.25 gramo ng marijuana na tinatayang nagkakahalaga ng P431,398.00 ang nakumpiska mula sa mga naarestong suspek.

Samantala, nagkaroon ng engkwentro sa pagitan ng mga kapulisan ng Calaca Municipal Police Station matapos magpaputok ng baril ang isang indibidwal na umiwas sa checkpoint na naganap sa Sitio Cahigpitan, Brgy. Madalunot sa bayan ng Calaca.

Ang suspek ay nauna nang naaresto noong Enero 19 dahil sa paglabag sa Sec. 5 at 11 ng RA 9165 ngunit napawalang-sala kalaunan. Siya rin ay namonitor na isa sa mga sources ng illegal na droga sa Calaca at kalapit na lugar.

Kaugnay nito, muling nagpaalala ang Batangas Police Provincial Office (BPPO) sa pangunguna ni Provincial Director PCol. Glicerio Cansilao na huwag mag-atubili ang sinuman na maaaring magbigay ng impormasyon ukol sa mga illegal o maling gawain sa lahat ng istasyon ng pulis na matatagpuan sa bawat bayan at lungsod sa buong lalawigan. ***(BHABY DE CASTRO/PIA-Batangas)***

Mga kaso ng COVID-19 sa Marikina, bumaba

LUNGSOD QUEZON, (PIA) -- Bumaba ang mga aktibong kaso ng COVID-19 sa Lungsod ng Marikina.

Batay sa datos ng pamahalaang lungsod, nitong Enero 23, ay nasa 663 na lamang ang aktibong kaso ang naitala kumpara sa 2,048 noong nakaraang Enero 13.

Pakiusap ng pamahalaang lungsod na iwasan muna nag paglabas ng bahay kung hindi essential ang gagawin.

Paalala rin na patuloy na sumunod sa minimum health protocols gaya ng paghuhugas ng mga kamay, maayos na pagsusuot ng face mask, maging pagsusuot ng face shield kung lalabas ng bahay.

Panatilihin din ang tamang distansya kung may kausap o kasamang mga tao sa isang lugar. ***(Marikina City/PIA-NCR)***

Waterway cleaning operation sa Obando, nakahakot ng 150 sako ng basura

LUNGSOD NG MALOLOS (PIA) -- May 150 sako ng mga nakolektang basura ang nakolekta ng mga tauhan ng Bulacan Environment and Natural Resources Office o BENRO sa ginanap na cleaning operation sa mga daluyan ng tubig sa barangay Tawiran sa Obando.

Sa pangunguna ng ng BENRO katuwang ang Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office (MENRO) ng Obando, nilinis ng mga ito ang mga basura na nagmula sa ibang lugar at tinangay sa ilalim ng tulay sakop ng nasabing barangay

Ayon kay Gobernador Daniel Fernando, patuloy ang pamahalaan panlalawigan katuwang ang iba pang ahensiya ng gobyerno para sa kalikasan na panatilhin ang kalinisan ng kailugan sakop ng probinsya.

Dagdag pa ng punong lalawigan na bawat Bulakenyo ay may responsibilidad sa pangangalaga sa inang kalikasan. Napakalaki anya ng gampanin at tungkulin ng bawat indibiduwal sa pagpapanatili ng malinis na kapaligiran.

Mahalaga rin anya na sa sarili at tahanan magmumula ang disiplina sa maayos na pagtatapon ng basura.

Ang clean-up drive ay bahagi ng pagtupad sa 10-point agenda ni Fernando o ang "People's Agenda 10" na kabilang ang Mabiyayang Kalikasan at Malinis na Kapaligiran.

Tugon din ang waterway clean-up sa ipinalabas ng mandamus ng Korte Suprema sa 13 ahensiya ng pamahalaan na linisin, i-rehabilitate at pagpreserba sa Manila Bay, maibalik at mapanatili ang SB level na kalidad ng tubig na pwedeng paliguan, skin diving o iba pang uri ng water recreation. ***(CLJD/VFC-PIA 3)***

Crematorium ng LGU-Puerto Princesa, pinasinayaan

PUERTO PRINCESA, PALAWAN, (PIA) -- Pinasinayaan kamakailan ang crematorium sa bagong pampublikong sementeryo ng Puerto Princesa City na matatagpuan sa barangay Sta. Lourdes.

Ayon kay City Engineer Dong Jimenez, ang crematorium ay hanggang 24 cadaver kada araw ang kayang iproseso. Aniya, para mabigyan ng permit ng Department of Health (DOH) kailangan makapagproseso muna ng 30 cadaver.

Kabilang rin aniya sa mga pasilidad na nasa loob ng tatlong ektaryang lupain ay ang administrative building, 789 columbarium, 972 nitso at iba pa.

Pinangunahan ito ni Mayor Lucilo Bayron at iba pang opisyal ng pamahalaang panlunsod ang aktibidad kung saan sinabi ng alkalde na kaniya itong ipinagmamalaki dahil hindi lahat ng lokal na pamahalaan ay nakakapagpagawa nito bagamat marami pa aniya ang kailangang idagdag. Ito ang kauna-unahang crematorium na pagmamay-ari ng lokal na pamahalaan.

Inatasan niya rin ang City Architecture Office para idesenyo na ang mga kulang na pasilidad. ***(MCE/PIA-MIMAROPA, PALAWAN)***

Naaagnas na bangkay ng driver, nadiskubre

NAAAGNAS na ang katawan ng 47-anyos na driver na natagpuan sa kanyang bahay sa Silang, Cavite Miyerkules ng umaga.

Kinilala ang biktima na si Larry Terrado y Rico, 47, ng Brgy Maguyam, Silang.

Sa ulat ni PMSgt Rogelio Dalipog, ng Silang Police Station, alas-11:30 ng umaga ay nadiskubre ni Ernesto Dizon, katrabaho ng biktima, ang bangkay nang puntahan niya sa bahay.

Ayon kay Dizon, apat na araw na umanong hindi pumapasok sa trabaho ang biktima kaya nitong January 25 ay tinawagan niya ito subalit hindi rin sumasagot.

Dahil dito, nagpasya si Dizon na puntahan ang biktima sa inuupahang apartment subalit nakailang katok pero walang nagbubukas sa kanya kaya umuwi ito.

January 26, muling tinawagan sa cellphone ni Dizon ang biktima subalit hindi pa rin sumasagot kaya nagtungo na siya sa barangay at puwersahang binuksan ang pintuan kung saan tumambad sa kanila ang naaganas ng bangkay.

Inaalam din ng pulisya kung may naganap na foul play sa pagkamatay nito. ***GENE ADSUARA***

Baril, bala; nakita sa checkpoint sa nagpakilalang non-organic ng NBI,

ISANG nagpakilalang non-organic ng National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) ang nakitaan ng mga baril at mga bala sa loob ng kanyang sasakyan sa General Mariano Alvarez (GMA), Cavite Martes ng gabi.

Kasong paglabag sa RA 10591 in relation to COMELEC Omnibus Election Code Resolution No. 10728 kinaharap ng suspek na si John Gandionco y Altarejos, 33, ng 378 Sampaloc 3 Dasmariñas City.

Sa ulat ni PSMSgt Roy Poblete, ng GMA Police Station, nagsasagawa ng COMELEC checkpoint ang mga miyembro ng GMA MPS kasama si Mrs. Enriqueta Danieles, election officer, sa kahabaan ng Congressional Road, Brgy., Sa Gabriel, GMA dakong alas-7:30 ng gabi nang parahin ang kulay gray na Toyota Innova na may conduction sticker na P4P029 na minamaneho ng suspek at napansin ang isang kalibre 38 Super Colt MK IV Series na loaded ng anim na bala at isang spare magazine na may limang bala.

Nang sitahin ay nagpakilala siyang non-oraganic ng NBI at nagpakita rin ng dalawang pirasong Identification card (ID) ng NBI.

Gayunman, inimbitahan pa rin siya ng pulisya at inaalam din kung non-organic nga siya ng NBI. ***GENE ADSUARA***

SM FOUNDATION OPENS ONLINE APPLICATIONS FOR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM SY 2022-2023

SM Foundation (SMFI) invites incoming college freshmen to apply for the SM College Scholarship program for School Year 2022-2023 via its online application portal from January 15 to March 15, 2022.

The SM Scholarship Program started from the vision of the late SM patriarch, Henry “Tatang” Sy, Sr. He believed that if you send one child from an economically challenged family to college, that child would have more opportunities to have gainful employment and later on uplift the economic status of his/her family.

The SM scholarship program is open to the following:

•Grade 12 graduates from public and private schools in the areas covered. Applicants from private schools must have a DepEd voucher and must be Grade 10 finishers from public high schools;

•General Weighted Average grade of at least 92% or its equivalent for Grade 12 – 1st semester; and

•Total household income of at most P150,000 per year.

The program covers the following field of studies: Computer Science, Information Technology, Engineering (Civil, Electrical, Mechanical, Computer, and Electronics), Education (Elementary and Secondary); Accountancy, and Financial Management, among others.

For more information and to apply, visit www.sm-foundation.org and follow SMFI on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube: @SMFoundationInc.

SMFI, through its Scholarship program, provides deserving and qualified students with access to college education and technical-vocational studies since 1993. To date, SM has produced more than 8,000 college and tech-voc scholar-graduates.

SHARE YOUR EXTRAS AT THE SM STORE

This young boy from San Bartolome De Novaliches Parish is happy to receive this new pair of slippers from the Share Your Extras project turn-over.

These girls happily display their brand - new slippers from The SM Store courtesy of Share Your Extras project.

SM shoppers can drop off their slightly used or brand new clothes until February 15 in all The SM Stores in Metro Manila and from February 1 to 28 in the rest of the stores nationwide.

These children joyfully receive bags full of clothes and shoes from SM shoppers.

Make a difference by sharing your slippers and clothes in The SM Store and SM Foundation's Share Your Extras campaign.

These kids from San Bartolome De Novaliches Parish were one of the beneficiaries of the Share Your Extras campaign.

Now is the best time to clear the clutter, clean your closets, and share your extras with the less fortunate in the SM Store’s Share Your Extras campaign.

A joint project of The SM Store in partnership with SM Foundation and local Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), shoppers can donate their slightly used or brand new clothes (tops and bottoms) for infants to adults. All the items collected will be for the benefit of those affected by the recent Typhoon Odette.

Shoppers can drop off their donations or purchase new ones from The SM Store until February 15 in all branches in Metro Manila, and from February 1 to 28 in the rest of the stores nationwide. Each donation will entitle shoppers to a P100 discount coupon voucher courtesy of The SM Store. The discount coupon can be redeemed at any The SM Store branch, from January 15, 2022 until February 28, 2023 with a minimum P1000 single-receipt purchase of any denim item from SM Woman, GTW Urban, Just Jeans, Code Blue, and SMYTH.

Share Your Extras is part of the annual donation drive of The SM Store and SM Foundation. Previous beneficiaries included communities in need such as in Marawi, Isabela, and many other communities across the country. As mentioned earlier, this year’s campaign will benefit families affected by Typhoon Odette, which has displaced thousands of families in Mimaropa, Visayas, and Mindanao.

Share Your Extras is one of the ways The SM Store reaches out to the communities. Other store based projects include Donate-A-Book, Share-A-Toy, Share Shoes, Share-A-Gift, and Gamot Para sa Kapwa.

Sharing is not just about donating, it is about making a difference in the lives of the less fortunate. Come and Share Your Extras at all branches of The SM Store!

DENIM ESSENTIALS AT SURPLUS

Living in the new normal made us narrow down our lifestyle to what seems to be essential. And in the world fashion- denim is essential.

•Explore your jean-iology! What jeans work best for you? Let us count the ways - -flare, wide leg, boyfriend, boot cut, distressed, skinny. There are also baggy and oversized silhouettes from the 90s and frayed jeans that made their debut in 2000s. You'll have a lot of fashion fun with all the fashion options from Surplus.

•Go Athleisure! Pair skinny jeans with casual tees and a parka jacket, or denim shorts with a sweatshirt when exploring the outdoors, or taking a brisk walk to keep fit.

•Love that layering! Denim pieces – chambray tops, jackets, jeans, skirts, and shorts – are so versatile they can be mixed with other fabrics, silhouettes, and textures. Layering gives your look an edge.

•Celebrate the blues! Denim on denim is forever cool. Go tonal by mixing light and dark denim shades.

•Denim trucker jackets are flexible; you can just pair them with simple monochromatic sweat shirt and pants ensemble looking all cozy and chill.

Give your wardrobe a denim transformation with these must have pieces from Surplus. All these and more are available in Surplus stores located in most SM Supermalls nationwide. For more fashion updates, visit @SurplusPH at Facebook and Twitter and @Suplus_ph on Instagram.

Denim on denim. Blue culottes and a sleeveless top.

Classic meets cool. Skinny jeans worn with a washed chambray shirt.

Athleisure blues. Denim shorts with a statement tee and parka jacket.

Layering this denim polo adds texture to casual shorts and tees.

Skinny jeans worn with a casual tee and parka jacket.

Light frayed jeans, a casual tee and bomber jacket for an edgy look.

Go tonal by mixing light and dark denim shades

Lights faded jeans go well with a dark top and cream trucker jacket.

Cozy and chill denim trucker jacket.

Blue denim + white = preppie appeal

Denim dress with a utilitarian vibe

Plain tee and shorts layered with black denim top

PAGHAHANDA NG POC PARA SA SEA GAMES 2022

PRESIDENT POC

NILIWANAG sa lingguhang online PSA Forum ni POC President Abraham "bambol" Tolentino na Umaasang may sapat pang paahon ang POC para makakuha ng suporta mula sa Kongreso at pribadong sektor para mapalakas ang budget para sa SEA Games. ***(RGN)***

MALIBAN kung may dagdag na pondo na bumuhos, ang mga atletang Pilipino ay kailangang gumawa ng paraan sa kung ano ang magagamit sa paghahanda nila para sa 31st Southeast Asian Games sa Hanoi sa Mayo.

"Kailangan nating harapin ang katotohanan dahil sa pandemyang ito," sabi ni Philippine Olympic Committee (POC) president Abraham Tolentino sa online Philippine Sportswriters Association (PSA) Forum.

Sa katunayan, sinabi ni Tolentino na kakaunti ang pag-asa na ang 584 na atleta sa listahan ng POC ay maaaring magsimula sa pagsasanay sa ibang bansa halos apat na buwan bago subukan ng Pilipinas na ipagtanggol ang pangkalahatang korona ng SEA Games.

"I doubt kung meron pang overseas training," aniya sa forum na ipinakita ng San Miguel Corporation, MILO® Philippines, Amelie Hotel Manila, Braska Restaurant, Unilever, at PAGCOR, kasama ang Prime Edge Marketing Consultancy bilang social media at webcast partner.

Tila babalik sa normal ang lahat ilang buwan na ang nakalipas hanggang sa lumabas ang variant ng COVID Omicron sa larawan at iniwan ang paghahanda sa SEA Games pabalik sa square one.

"Nakakahinga na sana ng konti eh," ani Tolentino, umaasang may sapat na panahon ang POC para makakuha ng suporta mula sa Kongreso at pribadong sektor para mapalakas ang budget para sa SEA Games.

Dahil dito, ang Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) ay mayroong P121 milyong pondo na inilaan para sa SEA Games. Sa orihinal, ang badyet ay nasa P200 milyon, ngunit napakaraming pera ang nagastos para sa pagsasanay bago magsimula ang pandemya.

Ang Hanoi SEA Games ay orihinal na nakatakda noong nakaraang taon ngunit itinulak sa Mayo ngayong taon.

"We're working amid all the budgetary constraints," added Tolentino, who ended up asking himself if the Philippines can keep the overall title sa kabila ng matinding hamon mula sa host Vietnam.

"Maaari ba nating ipagtanggol ang pangkalahatang kampeonato? Ang daming nangyari. Mahirap sagutin yan. Pangalawa, malaki ang epekto ng budgetary constraints sa ating kampanya," he said.

"Kaya pa rin i-defend pero uphill batte," ani Tolentino, at idinagdag na ang host country ay nag-scrap ng mahigit 40 events kung saan nanalo ang Pilipinas ng gintong medalya noong 2019, at nagdagdag ng higit sa 30 event kung saan ang mga host ay pinapaboran na manalo ngayong taon.

Sinabi ng cycling chief na maaari itong maging isang labanan para sa pangalawa sa pangkalahatan sa Pilipinas, Thailand at Indonesia.

"Yan ang maglalaban sa two, three, four. I think Malaysia and Singapore kaya natin," ani Tolentino, na idinagdag na ang pagtapos sa ikalima sa medal standings ay isang malayong ideya.

"Malabo na siguro yan (fifth place) with what happened in 2019," added the POC prexy, recalling the year when the Philippines host the Games and won the overall title for the second time.

SMB VS ALASKA

ANG koponang San Miguel Beer at Alaska Aces ay inaasahang malaki ang tyansa na makahabol sa standings ang dalawang team ito. Bunsod sa pag hinto ng mga laro, dahilan sa naka Nakapag pahinga ang mga injured players nila at nakakuha pa ng quality players ang ibang mga teams. ***(RGN)***

BEST TEAM PILIPINAS SASABAK SA Dubai Invitational

KULANG man sa torneo, siksik ang kahandaan ng mga batang swimmers ng Behrouz Elite Swimming Team (BEST), sa pangunguna ni National junior record holder at internationalist Micaela Jasmine Mojdeh, para abutin ang pinakamimithing pangarap na makasama sa National Team na isasabak sa iba't ibang torneo sa abroad kabilang na ang 31st Southeast Asian Games sa Mayo sa Hanoi, Vietnam.

Mabigat ang laban, ngunit kumpiyansa si coach Virgilio De Luna na makatutugon sa hamon ang kanyang mga swimmers na hinubog at pinatibay ng disiplina, pag-aaruga, pagmamahal at sakripisyo.

"Hindi biro ang pinagdaanan nating pandemic. Kaya kahit sa virtual online at text lang nag-uusap kami at ibinibigay ko sa kanila ang mga programa para manatiling kondisyon ang kanilang mga katawan at kaisipan. Malaking tulong siyembre ang suporta ng mga magulang, higit at sa pagkakataon nabigyan kami ng tsansa na makalangoy ay nandiyan para gumabay at tumulong sa lahat ng aspeto at paraan," pahayag ni De Luna. sa Tabloids Organization in Philippine Sports (TOPS) 'Usapang Sports' weekly via zoom online

Ang lahat ng sakripisyo at paghahanda ay mabibigyan ng puwang sa kaisipan ng mga swimmers sa kanilang pagsabak sa Philippine National Open – isa sa pinagbabasehan ng Philippine Swimming Inc, (PSI) –para sa pagpili ng mga miyembro ng PH Team.

Hindi estranghero sa international competition ang 15-anyos na si Mojdeh, gayundin ang mga kasama na sa BEST na sina Jordan Ken Lobos, Half-Dutch na si Marcus Johannes DeKam, at John Nell Paderes, bilang mga miyembro ng junior team at kinatawan sa mga kompetisyong pang-eskwelahan. Ngunit, ang PH Team ang 'ultimate goal' na target nilang makamit.

"Hindi po biro ang National Team. Lahat kami yan ang pangarap kaya talagang pinaghahandaan. Sa ngayon po, kahit may pandemic, wala namang pressure basta kami sunod lang sa programa ni coach, After ng study, training naman," sambit ng Grade 11 student ng Brent International-Laguna na si Mojdeh, tinaguriang 'Water Beast' sa junior level at ipinapalagay na 'future ng Philippine swimming'. Sa naging pahayag sa nito TOPS Usapang Sports na suportado ng Philippine Sports Commission, Philippine Amusement Gaming Corporations (PAGCOR) at Games and Amusement Board (GAB).

Idinagdag pa batang swimmer na "Hopefully po maganda ang ilangoy namin. Hindi naman po kami nagpabaya sa training at kung may pagkakataon pa po, makalaro na po kami sa mga competition," ayon naman sa 18-anyos na si Lobos, pambato ng Calayan Educational Foundation School sa Lucena City.

Kung papalarin ng pagkakataon, mababatak ang grupo ni Mojdeh sa abroad bago ang Open.

Ayon kay Joan Mojdeh, ina ni Jasmine at team manager ng BEST, nakatanggap sila ng imbitasyon mula sa Hamilton Swimming Team para lumahok sa Dubai Invitational sa United Arab Emirates sa Pebrero 12-14. Aniya, ang torneo ay nilalahukan ng mga matitikas na international swimmers kabilang ang mga Olympian.

"Malaking tournament po itong Dubai Invitational, talagang mapapalaban ang mga swimmers namin. Inaayos na po namin yung mga dokumento, hopefully mas maging maluwag ang alert level para mas madali naming maayos ang mga kailangang papel. Sa vaccines naman po lahat ng mga atleta namin ay full-vaccinated naman po. Malaking gauge po ito para mas makondisyon sila, lalo't almost two weeks lang at Open na which is set on Feb. 25-27," sambit ni Mojdeh.

Pawang sumabak at nagwagi ng medalya ang apat sa ginanap na PSI National Bubble nitong Oktubre, kung saan winalis ni Paderes ang tatlong backstroke event, nagwagi ng dalawang ginto sa breastroke si Lobos, silver si DeKam at isang ginto, tatlong silver at isang brone kay Jasmine.

Ayon kay De Luna, malaki ang tsansa ng apat na makapagtala ng kompetitibong oras, at ang 19-anyos na si Paderes mula sa UST ay may pinakamalaking tsansa na maabot ang Qualifying Time ng SEA Games sa backstroke event.

"Gagawin ko po ang lahat ng makakaya ko. Wala naman pong pressure pero kung ibibigay sa akin ang pagkakataon talaga pong pagbubutihin ko," pahayag ni Paderes.

Bukod sa apat, kabilang din sa BEST na isasabak sa Open ang iba bang junior standouts tulad nina Julia Basa-Salazar, Yuan Parto, at Julian DeKam.

GUEST 4 SWIMMING
TOPS USAPANG SPORTS

NAGHAYAG ng mga updates sa larangan ng swimming ang apat na B.E.S.T Swimmers na sina Micaela Jasmine Mojdeh, Marcus Johannes De Kam, Jordan Ken Lobos, at John Neil Paderes kasama si Coach Virgilio De Luna sa kanilang pagdalo sa Tabloids Organization in Philippine Sports (TOPS) 'Usapang Sports' weekly via Zoom online. ***(RGN)***

MARK MAGSAYO WORLD CHAMP NG WBC FEATHERWEIGHT TITLE

Naging unang world champion ng Pilipinas si Mark Magsayo para sa 2022 matapos talunin si Gary Russell para sa WBC featherweight championship sa Borgata Hotel Casino sa Atlantic City.

Sa kanyang pinakamalaking tagumpay sa ngayon, si Magsayo, tubong Tagbilaran, ay nagpasikat ng kanyang kinang sa halos lahat ng bahagi ng laban.

Si Russell, gayunpaman, ay nagpakita ng puso sa kabila ng pananakit ng kanyang kanang balikat at pinananatiling malapit ang laban na nauwi sa desisyon ng mayorya na pumapabor kay Magsayo.

Sinimulan ni Magsayo ang laban nang agresibo, mabilis na na-tag si Russell ng mga power shot lalo na sa torso para makapag-head start ng tatlong rounds.

Mukhang nakabawi si Russell nang maaga sa Round 4, ngunit pagkatapos ng suntok, tila nasugatan niya ang kanyang kanang balikat.

Sa kabila ng pinsala at maging ang mga isyu sa timbang na huli sa training camp, pinatunayan ng 33-anyos na si Russell kung bakit siya naging kampeon sa 126-pound division sa halos pitong taon, na kalaunan ay nagpabagal kay Magsayo sa kalagitnaan ng laban.

Ngunit pagdating sa ikalawang kalahati, ang pinsala ni Russell ay tumama sa kanya nang maglagay si Magsayo sa isang klinika, na pinilit ang una na pumunta sa dodging mode na ang kanyang kanang braso ay nararamdaman na ang sakit.

Nakuha ni Lynne Carter ang 114-114, ngunit ang kapwa judges na sina Mark Consentino at Henry Grant ay parehong umiskor ng laban 115-113 para sa ngayon 24-0 Magsayo, na matagumpay sa kanyang unang world title shot.

Sa kabilang banda, bumagsak si Russell sa 31-2, natalo sa unang pagkakataon mula nang ibagsak din ang majority decision loss kay Vasyl Lomachenko noong 2014.

Nakiisa ang Malacañang sa bansa sa pagdiriwang ng tagumpay ni Magsayo, ngayon ang ikalimang world reigning professional boxing champion ng bansa.

"Kami ay kaisa ng sambayanang Pilipino sa pagdiriwang ng tagumpay ni Mark "Magnifico" Magsayo nang pinatalsik niya sa trono si Gary Russell Jr. upang maging bagong WBC featherweight champion," sabi ni Cabinet Secretary Karlo Nograles, acting presidential spokesperson, sa isang pahayag.

Kabilang sa iba pang reigning Filipino world titleholders sina Jerwin Ancajas (IBF super flyweight), Rene Mark Cuarto (IBF world minimumweight), John Riel Casimero (WBO bantamweight), at Nonito Donaire (WBC bantamweight).

"Nagpapasalamat kami kay Mark sa pagbibigay ng pagmamalaki at karangalan sa bansa at pagpapakita sa mundo ng tapang, determinasyon at tiyaga ng Filipino boxer," ani Nograles. "Mabuhay ang bagong world champion! Mabuhay ang Pilipinas! (Mabuhay ang bagong world champion! Mabuhay ang Pilipinas!)."

Pinay booters ginulat ang Thailand para buksan ang WAC campaign

Sa kung ano ang maaaring maging unang malaking magandang balita para sa Philippine sports sa 2022, sa wakas ay nalutas ng women's football team ng bansa ang misteryo na ang Thailand.

Tinalo ng Filipina booters ang kanilang Thai counterparts sa unang pagkakataon sa kanilang head-to-head meeting sa pamamagitan ng 1-0 panalo sa simula ng kanilang kampanya sa AFC Women's Asian Cup (WAC) sa DY Patil Stadium sa Navi Mumbai, India.

Ang kailangan lang ng squad, na dating kilala ng moniker na Malditas, upang wakasan ang perennial Southeast Asian football giant ay ilang suwerte.

Natagpuan ni Chandler McDaniel ang isang butas mula sa kanang siko at pumunta para sa ika-81 minutong pagtatangka.

Mukhang nailigtas ni Waraporn Boonsing ang bola mula sa pagpasok, ngunit kinapa niya ito at gumulong ito sa goalmouth. Ang kanyang tap-out ay huli na dahil nasa loob na ito ng goal line.

Bagama't ito ay mas masuwerteng strike, ang goal ay nagbunga ng solidong performance ng Philippine squad na hindi pinayagan ang dapat nilang opening goal dahil sa offside infraction at isa pang pagtatangka na tumama sa crossbar bago tumulak palabas.

Ang Thailand ay tumuntong sa gas sa mga huling minuto na naghahanap ng hindi bababa sa salvage ng isang tabla, ngunit ang depensa ng Pilipinas ay humawak ng kuta.

Ang panalo ay ang unang pagkakataon na tinalo ng Pilipinas ang Thailand sa kabuuang 13 pagsubok.

"Iyon ay isang napakalaking panalo," sabi ni Coach Alen Stajcic pagkatapos ng laban.

Ang susunod para sa koponan ng Pilipinas ay isang malaking showdown laban sa Australia sa Mumbai Football Arena, na maaaring magpasya kung aling koponan ang magtatapos sa tuktok ng Group B pagkatapos ng mga yugto ng grupo.

Nagpadala ng malakas na mensahe ang Australia sa buong field ng AFC WAC sa pamamagitan ng 18-0 bludgeoning ng Indonesia.

TANZA COVID-19 VACCINATION RESUMES WITH RECOVERY OF HCWs

TRECE MARTIRES, Cavite (PIA) – The CoVid-19 Vaccination program rollout of the municipality of Tanza recently resumed operations after the gradual recovery from the disease of the healthcare workers (HCWs) who are members of the vaccination team of the Rural Health Unit (RHU).

Among those who were infected was Municipal Health Officer Dr. Ruth Punzalan, who manifested mild symptoms of the disease and has quickly recovered along with other HCWs.

According to Dr. Punzalan, around eighty healthcare workers have been infected, from RHU staff to Barangay HCWs who were exposed during the conduct of COVID-19 vaccination.

The number of quarantined HCWs slowed the vaccination team prompting the RHU to declared a break for the vaccination activity on Thursday and Friday, January 13 & 14, and over the weekend.

Meanwhile, the target number for herd immunity had been revised by the Department of Health for the year 2022, from 70% of target population which for the municipality of Tanza is about 185K to the new target of 70% of the projected population which now totaled to 212K residents including children aged 5 – 11 years.

With the resumption of RHU operations, the new target number of vaccinees for 2022 could now be achieved with more than 3K CoVid-19 vaccine doses administered daily.

Based on the RHU data as of January 19, 2022, a total of 157,217 eligible members of the priority groups are now fully vaccinated while 167,409 had received the first dose of the CoVid-19 vaccines which is about 74% of the new target.

Dr. Punzalan noted an increase in the registered vaccinees which may be due to restrictions in the movement of unvaccinated individuals as mandated by the national government.

"As of now, we are prioritizing recipients of the 1st and 2nd dose for those who now wish to get protected with the CoViD-19 vaccines while the distribution of booster shots will be announced in the coming days," stated Dr. Punzalan.

The vaccination site at the Felipe Calderon Elementary School still serves as the Mega vaccination site in the locality. ***(RBF/PIA-Cavite with reports from RHU-Tanza)***

BSP reminds public to be vigilant when receiving banknotes

MANILA -- The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) reminds the public to regularly inspect banknotes for authenticity through the "feel, look, tilt" approach to protect oneself against counterfeiting.

Should a banknote dispensed by an ATM be suspected as a counterfeit, the holder is advised to immediately report it to the bank that owns the machine.

The bank will then conduct a thorough investigation to verify whether the banknote was indeed dispensed by the bank's ATM. If the holder's claim is verified, the bank should replace the banknote in question.

The BSP likewise assures the public that banks employ adequate risk management measures to deter such incidents.

Aside from the installation of cameras at ATM areas, cash handlers and service providers tasked to refill ATMs are trained to detect counterfeit banknotes or verify their genuineness before placing them in ATMs.

Under BSP Circular No. 829, Series of 2014, banks are required to submit suspicious banknotes to the BSP for further examination. ***(BSP)***

DTI streamlines application for Certificate of Authority to Import used motor vehicles

MAKATI CITY -- The Department of Trade and Industry's Fair Trade Enforcement Bureau (DTI-FTEB) marked the first year of its streamlining project for the application of Certificate of Authority to Import (CAI) through its Integrated Registration and Information Systems (IREGIS) last 2 December 2021. The digital transition was launched in 2020 and since then, DTI-FTEB has been maintaining the faster, easier, and more efficient processing of CAI applications.

Prior to importation of used motor vehicles, parts, and components, importers must secure a CAI first at the DTI-FTEB office. It is a statutory requirement under Executive Order (EO) No. 156 dated 12 December 2002 entitled "Providing for a Comprehensive Industrial Policy and Directions for the Motor Vehicle Development Program and Its Implementing Guidelines", as amended by EO No. 877 A, better known as "The Comprehensive Motor Vehicle Development Program".

Today, applicants may acquire their CAIs in four easy steps – connect, submit, pay, and receive. First, connect and register to IREGIS NegosyoKonek as Negosyo Applicant, then go to Import Application Menu to fill out initial application information and pay the initial assessment fee of P150.00 through DTI Pay. Next, complete the application details, download and have the system generated application form with Token Number and affidavit of undertaking notarized. Upload the notarized application form and Affidavit of Undertaking together with other documentary requirements to the IREGIS portal. FTEB will evaluate the application and the documentary requirements. If compliant, the Import Regulation Division Chief will do the final review and require the client to pay the full application fee associated with the program being applied for through DTI Pay. DTI-FTEB Director will then assess and approved/disapproved the application. Once approved, the CAI will be available for printing and/or download. The total processing time is one to two days at most.

"Our shift to online transactions is in line with the government initiative on Ease of Doing Business and Government Service Act of 2018 which aims to streamline frontline procedures and reduce the processing time on securing permits and licenses in the government," said DTI – Consumer Protection Group (CPG) Undersecretary Atty. Ruth B. Castelo.

"We are proud to say that going digital made our operations more efficient and it is taking us further towards achieving our goal on customer delight because our Import Regulation Division (IRD), the division that administers CAI applications, received a 98.81% Client Satisfaction Rating (CSF) last year," DTI – CPG Assistant Secretary and Concurrent FTEB Director Ronnel O. Abrenica underscored.

The DTI-FTEB accepts and processes online permit applications from Monday to Friday (except Holidays), from 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM. To apply and to get more information about CAI, visit https://iregis.dti.gov.ph/.

For questions or clarifications regarding CAI application, please call the 1-DTI (1-384) Hotline or send an email to consumercare@dti.gov.ph. ***(DTI)***

'Iconic' Binondo-Intramuros Bridge ready by Holy Week 2022

MANILA – The Binondo-Intramuros Bridge project in Manila of the Department of Public Works and Highway (DPWH) is nearly 90 percent finished and expected to open to vehicular traffic by Holy Week this year.

In his report to DPWH Secretary Roger G. Mercado, Undersecretary and "Build, Build, Build" chief implementer Emil K. Sadain said the 680 meters bridge project across Pasig River is pretty much finished with the main bridge itself having two lanes in each direction complete.

Sadain, in-charge of the Unified Project Management Office (UPMO) Operations, with UPMO Project Directors Benjamin A. Bautista, Sharif Madsmo H. Hasim, Ramon A. Arriola III, Rodrigo Delos Reyes, and Johnson Domingo; and Project Manager Mechor Kabiling conducted rigorous inspection from Intramuros to Binondo on Monday to make sure that the project is done to the standards that are laid out in the contract.

"You can walk over the bridge, but still closed with ongoing construction of ramps on Binondo and Intramuros side," Sadain said in a news release on Monday.

Mercado said he is extremely excited for the opening of the iconic basket-handle tied steel arch bridge that is expected to cut travel time between the districts of Binondo and Intramuros.

Implemented by UPMO Roads Management Cluster 1, the newest bridge in Manila which will benefit approximately 30,000 vehicles daily gives extra space for pedestrians and dedicated lane for bikers for improved safety and ease of traffic flow.

Equipment and crews are in the process of constructing access ramps made of prefabricated components from Shanghai, China at the Binondo side with an up-ramp located at Muelle dela Industria Street and down-ramps at Rentas Street and Plaza del Conde Street.

Simultaneously, construction of ramps at Intramuros side is ongoing with an up-ramp at Riverside Drive and down-ramp at Solana street.

The PHP3.39 billion project is financed by a government aid grant from the People's Republic of China.

"We are grateful to the men and women who worked so hard to build this bridge and thank the government of China and its contractor China Road and Bridge Corporation for their commitment to this project," Sadain said.

The bridge project is one of the flagship infrastructure projects of DPWH under President Rodrigo Roa Duterte administration's BBB Program. ***(PR)***

DepEd empowers digital transformation in schools through nationwide distribution of annual Adobe licenses

PASIG CITY -- The Department of Education (DepEd) has provided all public schools nationwide with annual Adobe Creative Cloud Licenses to enhance the digital literacy skills of teachers and learners.

The Office of the Undersecretary for Administration (OUA), through the Information and Communications Technology Service (ICTS), has partnered with Adobe to procure around 108,000 licenses and the Creative Nation Academy on sharing knowledge and expertise on the use of these tools. The creative licenses have undergone speedy activation after distribution.

"DepEd must provide these licenses to our public schools because we are now in the creative development era. Anyone can be a content creator due to the simplification and adaptability of existing mobile devices where learning and design can blend as one," Undersecretary for Administration Alain Del B. Pascua emphasized.

Undersecretary Pascua explained that the Department is preparing learners to be globally inclined and encouraging them to use industry-standard software to give them greater opportunities of landing a job.

Furthermore, Mr. Mark Sy, ICTS-Educational Technology Unit Head, also stressed that it is important to open gateways to the teaching force since they are the ones molding learners' transferrable skills.

"If we do not provide them with these tools, we cannot have competitive graduates who will help the Philippines in [raising] global digital skills standards that contribute to nation-building," Mr. Sy explained.

Different webinars on the various productivity tools and design software have been conducted by DepEd through the Digital Rise Program to ensure that all DepEd schools will have appropriate tools and software in promoting technological advancements. Moreover, it also aims to enhance teachers' creativity in digital and multimedia arts.

"Another program of the ICTS-EdTech unit is the provision of Adobe CC licenses to teachers who have qualified and passed the Adobe Creative Educator Level 1 course offered by the Adobe Education Exchange program. In this way, we can say that our DepEd teachers have proven their skills which are at an international standard," Mr. Sy noted.

The Adobe Creative Cloud is a comprehensive collection of Adobe desktop software and mobile applications under one umbrella. This can be accessed through an Adobe Federated ID linked with the respective school email address, which was already made available by January 15, 2022.

The Digital Rise Program is part of the Public Schools of the Future (PSOF) Framework of the Administration Strand led by Undersecretary Alain Del B. Pascua and Assistant Secretary Salvador Malana III, under the leadership of Secretary Leonor Magtolis Briones. ***(DepEd)***

Enough power supply for May polls: DOE

MANILA – The Department of Energy (DOE) has assured the public that there will be enough power supply during the May 9 elections.

In a press briefing Tuesday, DOE director Mario Marasigan said the outlook hinges on the start of the original commercial operation of GNPower Dinginin 2, which has a maximum capacity of 668 megawatts (MW).

"We can show you that there are no potential yellow alerts or red alerts for the entire year," Marasigan said.

However, considering the forced outages in the past years, the red alert could happen in two consecutive weeks after the election, he added.

Marasigan said the DOE, along with the Energy Task Force Election, identified possible solutions if there will be delays on the commercial operation of GNPower Dinginin 2.

"We have to recognize that even if there will be delays in the commercial operation of GNPower Dinginin 2, by April, they will already start the test and commissioning, and at least 400 megawatts will be available on the grid," he said.

Marasigan said SMC Mariveles power plant is also expected to be online with a capacity of 150 MW.

"Also another solution is we are seeing if we can optimize the Luzon-Visayas interconnection, up to 350 MW would still be available," he added.

DOE Undersecretary Felix William Fuentebella said the Energy Task Force Election will be working and coordinating closely to ensure that there will be no power interruption on election day.

The task force is composed of DOE, National Electrification Administration, National Power Corporation, National Transmission Corporation, Philippine National Oil Company, National Grid Corporation of the Philippines, Power Sector Assets and Liabilities Management Corporation, Philippine Electricity Market Corporation/ Independent Electricity Market Operator of the Philippines, and Manila Electric Company. ***(PNA)***

2.14M avail of TESDA's online programs since pandemic began

MANILA – More than 2.14 million Filipinos have registered in the online programs of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) since the start of the pandemic and the implementation of community quarantines in March 2020 until December last year.

In an interview on Tuesday, TESDA Director General, Secretary Isidro Lapeña, urged enrollment in the TESDA Online Program (TOP) that can be completed at home and at the students' own pace.

Lapeña said by enrolling in TOP, new skills would be acquired that can create new livelihoods or secure jobs.

"We continue to encourage our kababayan (countrymen) to enroll in TOP. Since the start of the pandemic and until now, we remain very consistent in promoting the TOP, because we know that it can really help, especially the displaced workers and the repatriated OFWs (overseas Filipino workers)," he told the Philippine News Agency (PNA).

The 115 courses under TOP have lured 1,090,530 Filipinos, with 961,151 completing them.

The total includes 72,476 OFWs and their dependents.

Excluding the TOP, 1,209,659 individuals also enrolled in the regular training programs as of Dec. 31, 2021, producing 1,129,309 graduates.

A total of 634,799 were assessed and 583,987 were certified in regular training programs as of 2021.

"We are glad that more and more people are seeing the relevance of TESDA online courses during this challenging period," Lapeña said.

Free TOP courses can be availed of – from as short as eight hours to as long as 40 hours.

Some of the online short courses are Electrical and Electronics, Entrepreneurship, and Information and Communications Technology. ***(PNA)***

Come clean with figures on fish shortage and compare measures before importation permits, Legarda urges DA

Deputy Speaker and Antique Congresswoman Loren Legarda expressed her disapproval over the Department of Agriculture's planned importation of 60,000 metric tons of fish in the first quarter of this year.

The Department of Agriculture (DA) earlier said the country needed more than 800,000 MT of fish to meet the demand for January to March 2022. The importation was supposedly aimed primarily at stabilizing supply and keep prices in the wet markets from rising. One of the reasons cited for the possible increase in fish prices was the onslaught of Typhoon "Odette" which caused P3.97 billion in damage, and affected numerous coastal and fishing communities.

Additionally, there is the closed fishing season implemented by the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) every year in the country's major fishing areas to allow fish species to spawn and recover. The closed fishing season impacts. To illustrate, retail prices of galunggong in Metro Manila averaged between P250 to P260 a kilo last week.

For her part, Legarda opposed the importation, noting the public outcry and the allegations that the DA needs to address, such as, that there is sufficient supply from the previous importations still unsold that could tide us over, that previous importations have had little or no impact on fish prices, and that the closed season is about to be over. "We risk further marginalizing many of our small-scale fishers and coastal communities who are already vulnerable to a myriad of social and environmental changes. These policy decisions that tend to further bring down our most marginalized sectors must be based on evidence. Merely blaming Odette and not comparing other measures like faster provision of small boats and safety nets for the marginalized is not convincing."

She lamented: "This archipelago is still rich in resources, which is why we are repeatedly challenged to enforce laws against poaching. Instead of prioritizing band-aid solutions that help importers and big traders but are harmful to the entire industry in the long-term, we must craft policies and spending that uplifts the poor and ensures food security for all in the long term."

"I urge the government and the private sector, to rapidly mobilize and implement support mechanisms for small-scale fishers, coastal fishing communities, and associated people's organizations," Legarda added.

Legarda further said that, "our fishers in the coastal villages face a range of environmental challenges due to coastal erosion, mangrove destruction, the endangered species trade and, most seriously, overfishing. There is a need to consider the impact of illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing practices. These are the reasons for our dwindling supply. Rather than using government resources to import more fish, why don't we use these resources to ensure marine resource sustainability and livelihood security in coastal communities? Why not safeguard pollution control and environmental conservation through strict enforcement of marine fisheries laws?"

Legarda stressed the need for support services to improve the socio-economic conditions of coastal fishing communities, with consideration for gender and ecological supply chains. As an archipelagic nation, fisheries are essential to the country's economy in terms of food security and employment. More than half of animal protein consumption (60%) of the country comes from fish or seafood. Over a million Filipinos are engaged in marine fishing. Of these, an estimated 800,000 are small-scale fishermen using traditional, low-cost techniques, notably net fishing from small boats and the fish corral. "And yet, we fail to give the most support to small-scale fisheries where livelihoods are under most immediate pressure from marine resource competition and degradation. We cannot reach our Sustainable Development Goals if we are only looking at the macro and not the micro," Legarda concluded. PR

NHA releases P487-M shelter aid for 'Odette' victims

MANILA – The government has started providing emergency shelter assistance to the victims of Typhoon Odette that swept through parts of the Visayas and Mindanao last December.

"Ang NHA (National Housing Authority) naman ay kasalukuyang nag-i-implement ng emergency shelter assistance, sila ay nakapag-download na sa mga local government units ng PHP487 million (The NHA is presently implementing its emergency shelter assistance and they have already downloaded around PHP487 million to local government units)," Undersecretary Ricardo Jalad, National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) executive director, said in his report to President Rodrigo Duterte during the Talk to the People briefing on Monday night.

Jalad said aside from the NHA, around PHP4.8 billion in funds from the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) for the same purpose have been downloaded to local government units (LGUs).

"At mayroong recommendation na ibibigay ang NDRRMC sa inyo, Mr. President, para sa karagdagang emergency shelter assistance, (Mr. President, the NDRRMC will submit a recommendation to you regarding the grant of additional emergency shelter assistance)," Jalad said.

Meanwhile, Jalad said the government has so far transported 7.1 million kilograms of relief goods to areas severely affected by the typhoon.

Jalad also reported that the Department of Social Welfare and Development has so far distributed a total of 786,000 family food packs worth PHP440 million to Western Visayas, Central Visayas, Eastern Visayas and Caraga.

Jalad, who is also the administrator of the Office of Civil Defense (OCD), said post-disaster needs assessment (PDNA) for typhoon-affected areas is expected to be concluded by the end of January.

He added that the PDNA is now being conducted by 21 teams on 95 local government units who reported losses and damage due to "Odette".

Jalad said that these will be submitted to the Regional Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Councils (RDRRMCs) who will then forward it to the NDRRMC by mid-February.

"Odette" has so far affected 2.3 million families or around 8 million individuals.

Around 406 people were reported dead, along with 65 missing and 1,265 injured with 339,478 individuals still residing and being helped in 1,146 evacuation centers.

Some 1.3 million houses were also damaged by the typhoon. ***(PNA)***

Para hindi maipit ng procuremen ban
KAILANGANG MGA KAGAMITAN, SERBISYO, PRODUKTO VS COVID-19, BILHIN NA AGAD – CHIZ

Ngayong panahon na ng eleksiyon at malapit nang mag-umpisa ang kampanyahan, pinaaalahanan ni Sorsogon Gov. Chiz Escudero ang pambansang gobyerno at mga lokal na pamahalaan na bilhin na ang mga kinakailangang kagamitan, serbisyo at produkto upang hindi maipit ng procument ban ang pagtugon ng bansa sa pandemya.

Sa ilalim ng Circular 03-2021 ng Government Procurement Policy Board (GPPB), wala nang iisyung mga notice of awards para sa mga proyektong may kaugnayan sa pabahay, mga gawaing pambayan, at pagpapaunlad panlipunan mula Marso 25 hanggang Mayo 8.

"Nasasaamin nang mga lokal na pinuno at pati na mga kalihim ng mga kagawaran kung papayagan naming maparalisa ang ating paglaban sa COVID-19 nang dahil lang sa 2022 elections, lalo't pumapalo ng 25,000 ang impeksyon araw-araw. Hindi dapat matigil ang epektibong pandemic response nang dahil lang may procurement ban. Paghandaan natin ito ngayon pa lang," ani Escudero na kumakandidato para sa Senado.

Ayon kay Escudero, ang pinamamamahalaan niyang probinsiya, na nasa Alert Level 3, ay nagsimulang bumili ng home care kits sa pag-uumpisa pa lamang ng pandemya noong 2020 at ipinamimigay nila ang mga ito ngayon sa mga mild at asymptomatic COVID-19 patient. Dahil napaghandaan, aniya, hindi punuan ngayon sa mga ospital ng probinsiya kahit may nangyayaring pagtaas sa numero mga kaso ng COVID-19 dito.

"Alam naman natin three years ago pa na may eleksyon at may mga paghihigpit at limitasyon ang puwedeng magawa ng kada ahensya ng pamahalaan. Kaya kami sa lalawigan ay nag-early procurement para hindi abutan ng election ban ang bidding ng mga proyekto na kailangan dumaan naman talaga sa proseso. Hindi dapat ma-delay ang anumang programa, proyekto at lalung-lalo na ang COVID-19 response dahil lamang sa kampanya," ani Escudero.

Hinimok ni Escudero ang Commission on Elections (COMELEC) na payagan nito na mapagtuloy ang ilang social welfare projects, tulad ng testing at teleconsultations para sa mga nagka-COVID-19, kahit panahon na ng kampanya.

"Dahil may pandemya ngayon at kita naman ng lahat na matapos ang dalawang taon ay wala pa rin tayong sapat na kahandaan, sana ay huwag ng hadlangan ng COMELEC ang mga ahensya na nagbibigay-tulong at kapakinabangan sa nakararaming tao," aniya.

Kung papayagan ng COMELEC, maaaring isama ng GPPB sa listahan ng mga exempted sa procument ban ang mga tinutukoy na serbisyo ni Escudero. ***PR***

Pagpapalakas sa Republika, mag-aahon sa pandemya

LUNGSOD NG MALOLOS (PIA) -- Makakatulong sa mabilis na pag-ahon mula sa pandemya ng COVID-19 ang lalong pagpapalakas sa ating Republika.

Iyana ng tinuran ni Gobernador Daniel R. Fernando nang pangunahan niya ang payak na pagdiriwang ng Ika-123 Taon Anibersaryo ng Pagpapasinaya sa Unang Republika ng Pilipinas, na ginanap sa patio ng makasaysayang simbahan ng Barasoain sa lungsod ng Malolos.

Sangkap aniya upang mapalakas pa ang Republika ang pagpaprayoridad na maiangat ang antas ng mga pangunahing serbisyo at programa ng pamahalaan.

Bilang ambag ng Bulacan, ipinahayag ng gobernador na ngayon ang pinakamainam na paraan upang palakasin ang health system.

Target ngayong 2022 na magkaroon ng brandnew na Magnetic Resonance Imaging at maitatag ang Department of Ophthalmology sa Bulacan Medical Center.

Sa larangan ng ekonomiya, prayoridad ang patuloy na pagpaparami ng produksiyon ng pagkain kaya't tututukan ang agrikultura sa pamamagitan ng pamamahagi ng mas maraming makinarya, libreng binhi at pataba at ang muling pagpaparami ng mga Baboy na walang African Swine Fever.

Hangad din ng Kapitolyo na kasabay na matulungang maibalik sa trabaho ang mga nawalan o nahinto sa pinapasukan, ang pagbibigay ng pagkakataon sa mga out-of-school youth na makapaghanapbuhay sa pamamagitan na mas maigting na technical education courses and trainings sa tulong ng Technical Education and Skills Development Authority.

Kasama rin sa mga aspeto ng pagbangon at pagpapalakas sa Republika ang muling pagbabalik eskwela nang personal ng mga mag-aaral.

Kaya't binigyang diin ni Fernando na ang mga mag-aaral lamang na fully vaccinated ang iibrang lumahok sa pinaghahandaang face-to-face classes.

Kaugnay nito, naniniwala naman si Malolos City Mayor Gilbert Gatchalian na ang mga adhikaing inilatag ng gobernador ay higit na magtatagumpay sa pamamagitan ng tunay na pagkakaisa mula sa iba't ibang sektor at seryosong pagsunod sa mga ipinaiiral na batas, lalo na sa mga health protocols ngayong pandemya. ***(CLJD/SFV-PIA 3)***

ULTIMATE CAT, NAGPASIKAT!

Nagpasikat ang pinakadehado sa lahat na si Ultimate Cat matapos manalo at manggulat sa pambungad na karera na ginanap nung nakaraang linggo sa pista ng Metro Manila Turf Club Inc. sa Malvar-Tanauan City, Batangas. Sakay ng apprentice rider na si Rico Camba Suson ay binulaga ni Ultimate Cat ang bayang karerista matapos na ilampaso ang mga katunggali at ilaglag ang taya ng mga liyamadista. Sa pagbukas ng aparato ay nakalundag ng maaga mula sa labas ang kabayong si Taranasakalyos ni ME De Ocampo ngunit panandalian na inagaw ni Jinxky na ginabayan ni Allan Pare ang bandera, nasa ikatlong puwesto ang dehado na si Ultimate Cat, kasunod si Gwapoduck ni Mark Sadam Pilapil, panglima ang bahagyang naliyamado na si Adarna na pinatungan ni Dave Santiago, pang-anim si Kissing Bandit ni Dodong Villegas, pangpito ang tersera liyamado na si Dream Team na nirenda-han ni Patty Dilema, nasa ikawalong posisyon ang segunda liyamado na si Blown Away, pang siyam si Spectreoftheknight na lulan ni RS Calubiran, habang ang kabayong si Antique Collector ni Ken Malapira ang bugaw sa unang bahagi ng labanan. Papasok sa medya milya ay hawak na ni Taranasakalyos ang bandera, nasa ikalawang puwesto si Jinxky sa gawing loob, pangatlo ang puting kabayo na si Adarna mula sa labas, nakahanap naman ng magandang madaraan si Ultimate Cat sa bandang gitna, habang nagpapainit sa gawing labas sina Kissing Bandit at Blown Away. Sa huling 400 meters ay swak na swak ang naging diskarte ni Rico Suson sa ibabaw ni Ultimate Cat kung kaya't nasikwat ang unahan habang nagkum-pulan ang mga rumeremate sa kanyang likuran. Sa rektahan ay tangan na ng winning horse ang bandera habang kumakapit sa tabing balya si Dream Team, at malakas na rumeremate sa gawing labas sina Kissing Bandit at Blown Away. Sa huling 100 meter ay klaro na ang kalamangan ni Ultimate Cat at tumawid sa meta ng may dalawang kabayong agwat laban sa nabitin na si Blown Away. Tersero si Kissing Bandit at dikit na pumang-apat si Dream Team, habang sina Adarna at Taranasakalyos ang panglima at pang-anim. Naka-pagtala si Ultimate Cat ng tiyempong 1:28.6 (13'-23-24'-27') para sa distansiyang 1,400 meter. Dahil sa pagkapanalo ng dehado sa lahat na si Ultimate Cat ay nagresulta ng carry over ang larong quartet, penta-fecta at super six. Mahigit 11K na lang din ang natira out of 1.6M mahigit sa total bet sa 1st set ng pick six. Congrats sa mga nagwagi.

Karagdagang vax site, binuksan sa Makati City

LUNGSOD PASIG, (PIA) -- Kaugnay ng pagpapaigting ng bakunahan sa bansa, pinangunahan nina National Task Force (NTF) Against COVID-19 Secretary Carlito Galvez at Makati City Mayor Abby Binay ang pagbubukas ng karagdagang bakunahan sa lungsod.

Ginanap nitong Biyernes ang pagbubukas ng vaccination site sa QualiMed Health Network sa Brgy. Dasmariñas, Makati City sa ikalawang araw ng pilot implantation ng "Resbakuna sa Botika" program.

Ayon kay Mayor Abby, ang naturang programa ay magandang halimbawa ng pagtutulungan laban sa pandemya. Aniya, wala ng dahilan para hindi magpabakuna. Hinikayat din niya ang bawat mamamayan na huwag maniwala sa mga fake news o tsismis tungkol sa masamang epekto ng bakuna.

Nagpasalamat din si Mayor Abby sa NTF, Department of Health, sa IATF, private sector, at sa mga frontliners.

Idinagdag din ni Binay na maaaring magpabakuna sa QualiMed ang mga hindi kabilang sa kategoryang A2 (senior citizens), A3 (with co-morbidities) at pediatric population.

Gayundin, nagpasalamat si Group Chief Operating Officer ng QualiMed Health Network Margaret Bengzon na maging kabahagi ng naturang programa. Siniguro din niya ang patuloy na suporta ng QualiMed sa laban kontra COVID-19.

Samantala, pinuri naman ni Sec. Galvez si Mayor Binay sa lahat ng suporta ng pamahalaang lungsod pati na rin ang Metro Manila Council. Aniya, isang ehemplo ang Makati City sa vaccination program.

Pinasalamatan din ni Galvez ang QualiMed, aniya sa pamamagitan ng mga botika at mga private clinics ay mas mapapalapit pa ang pagbabakuna sa publiko. ***(PIA-NCR)***

GINANG AT 'KALAGUYO' INARESTO

BINITBIT ng Cavite police ang isang ginang at lover nito matapos na ireklamo ng asawa ng una na nakatira na sa bahay ng huli sa Tanza, Cavite Martes ng gabi.

Kasong adultery ang kinaharap na nina Rorie, 43, at Dado, 48, (Loradil Mendoza y De Mesa at Menardo Corpuz y Montejo), ng B5 L112 Phase B, Istana Subd., Brgy. Biga, Tanza, dahil sa reklamo ni Rodelio Mutya y Hernadez, 42, ng Brgy. North Signal, Taguig City.

Sa ulat ni PSSgt Jonathan Lagario, ng Tanza Police Station, dakong alas-7:00 ng gabi ay humingi ng tulong sa mga tanod ng Brgy. Biga, si Rodelio dahil nakatanggap ng impormasyon na nakita ang kanyang asawa sa bahay ni Dado.

Nakumpirma ito ng biktima at mga tanod nang nadatnan si Rorie sa loob ng bahay ni Dado dahilan upang arestuhin ang dalawa at -i-turn over sa pulisya. ***GENE ADSUARA***

59 katao, dinakma sa tupada

SA kabila ng mahigit pa ring pinapairal ang illegal na tupada, mistulang tengang-kawali ito sa mga sabungero dahil umabot pa rin sa limampu't siyam katao, kabilang ang apat na senior citizen, ang dinakma ng Cavite police sa isinagawang anti-illegal gambling operation sa magkakahiwalay na lugar sa lalawigan Linggo ng hapon.

Sa ulat ng Cavite Police Provincial Office (PPO), dakong alas-11:30 ng umaga nagsagawa ng anti-illegal operation ang mga operatiba ng Kawit police sa Brgy Gahak, kung saan dalawang senior citizen na may edad, 62 at 69, ang inaresto sa aktong nagsasagawa ng tupada at nakuha sa lugar ang dalawang sasabunging manok at P1,500 na pusta.

Sa Rosario, tatlong sabungero ang inaresto, kabilang ang isang 69-anyos na senior citizen, na naaktuhang nagsasagawa ng tupada sa Brgy Ligtong 1 dakong alas-11:55 ng umaga at nakumpiska ang P400 na pusta at dalawang sasabunging manok.

Walo katao, kabilang ang isang 60-anyos na senior citizen, ang dinampot sa Brgy Conchu, Trece Martires City, sa aktong nagsasagawa ng tupada at nakumpiska ang P1,100 na pusta, dalawang sasabunging manok at dalawang tari.

Pinakamarami namang sabungero ang dinampot sa Noveleta kung saan labing-apat katao ang nakorner sa aktong nagsasagawa ng tupada dakong alas-12:30 ng tanghali sa Pulo 1 Brgy. San Rafael 4 at nasamsam ang P2,200 na pusta, sasabunging manok at tari.

Sa Indang, walo katao ang dinampot sa magkahiwalay na lugar sa Brgy Pulo, at Brgy Tambo Malaki sa aktong nagsasagawa ng tupada dakong alas-10:45 ng umaga at 11:10 ng umaga kung saan P2,150 ang narekober na pusta, apat na panabong at mga tari.

Sa Mendez, siyam na sabungero ang dinampot sa isinagawang anti-illigal gambling operation dakong alas-12:30 ng tanghali sa Brgy Banayad, at nakumpiska ang P1,000 na pusta, apat na sasabunging manok at dalawang tari.

Tatlo katao ang binitbit dahil sa tupada dakong alas-11:30 ng umaga sa Acacia Subd, Brgy Burol 3, Dasmarinas City kung saan P700 na pusta ang narekober, dalawang sasabunging manok at tari.

Sampung sabungero naman ang binitbit sa Bacoor City dahil sa illegal na tupada sa Brgy. Real 1, dakong alas-3:30 ng hapon at nakumpiska ang P1,800 na pusta, mga sasabunging manok at tari.

Sa General Mariano Alvarez (GMA), dalawa katao ang inaresto dahil sa illegal na tupada dakong alas-6:00 ng gabi sa Brgy Jacinto Lumbreras, kung saan P700 na pusta ang nasamsam , dalawang sasabunging manok at tari. ***GENE ADSUARA***

Rider, tigbak

HINDI na umabot ng buhay sa ospital ang isang rider matapos sumalpok ang minamanehong motorsiklo sa nakaparadang delivery truck nang nawalan ng kontrol sa kanyang sasakyan at sumabit sa fender ng Toyota Innova sa Amadeo, Cavite Lunes ng hapon.

Isinugod pa sa Ospital ng Tagaytay ang biktimang si Ally Kim Chang y Anyayahan, nasa wastong edad, subalit idineklarang dead on arrival.

Kinilala naman ang driver ng kulay pula na Toyota Innova na si John Paul San Miguel y Lantican habang ang driver ng delivery truck ay si Ryan Jay Millamena Y Gabiola.

Sa ulat ni Corporal Rey Kevin Manuel, ng Amadeo Police Station, ala-1:40 ng hapon naganap ang insidente kung saan minamaneho ni San Miguel ang kanyang Toyota Innova habang marahan na binabagtas ang kahabaan ng CM Delos Reyes Ave., sakop ng Brgy Dagatan, at papasok pakaliwa sa Domus Amadeus Subd., na kasunuran nito ang kulay green sa Sedan na pakanan naman ang direksiyon at nag-o-overtake sa Toyota Innova.

Dumating naman ang minamanehong motorsiklo ng biktima at tinangka ring mag-overtake sa kotse ni San Miguel sa kaliwang inner lane.

Sumabit ang motorsiklo sa kaliwang fender ng Toyota Innova.

Dahil dito, nawalan ng kontrol ang motorsiklo ng biktima kaya bumangga sa nakaparadang delivery truck sa gilid ng kalsada

Nagtamo ng malubhang sugat ang biktima kaya isinugod sa ospital subalit idineklarang dead on arrival. ***GENE ADSUARA***

Tindahan ng bike, ninakawan

UMABOT sa kulang P100K halaga ng cash at gadget ang natangay ng dalawang lalaki na pumasok sa tindahan ng bisikleta sa Bacoor City, Cavite Linggo ng madaling araw.

Arestado ang suspek na si Rulino Cantelejo y Gifala, nasa wastong edad, ng Brgy. San Agustin 2, Dasmariñas City, habang nakatakas ang kasamahan nito na si Romel Dolorez y Fernandez, 23, ng Summerwind 4, Brgy. San Agustin 2, Bacoor City.

Sa salaysay ng may-ari ng Bigbert Bikeshop na si Lamberto Bolante, 63, ng Block 71 Lot 1, Area F, Brgy. Fatima, Dasmariñas City, kay Pat. Marco Romero Cupo, ng Bacoor City Police Station, dakong alas-2:30 Linggo ng madaling araw ay pinasok ng mga suspek ang tindahan ng bisikleta sa Old Abre Building, Brgy. Molino 2, Bacoor City, sa pamagitan ng pagsira sa padlock ng roll-up door.

Nang nakapasok ay tinangay ang dalawang mountain bike, laptop na nagkakahalaga ng P30,000, Lenovo Android Phone na P7,000 at kita sa tindahan na P32,000 cash.

Natawagan ang biktima hinggil sa ginawang pagnanakaw sa kanyang tindahan kaya humingi siya ng assistance sa nakakasakop sa barangay at nagsagawa ng operasyon na nagresulta sa pagkakaaresto kay Cantelejo at pagkakarekober sa dalawang mountain bike habang tuluyan nang nakatakas ang kasamahan nito.

Patuloy ang isinagawang paghahanap ng pulisya kay Dolorez. ***GENE ADSUARA***

Motor bumangga sa nakaparadang trak

NASAWI ang motorcycle rider na bumangga ang minamanehong motorsiklo sa nakaparadang truck sa gilid ng kalsada sa Bacoor City, Cavite Martes ng madaling araw.

Isinugod pa sa St. Dominic Medical Center ang biktimang si Michael Anthony Capito y Agustin, nasa wastong edad, subalit hindi na umabot ng buhay.

Kinilala naman ang driver ng Isuzu Rebuilt Truck na may plakang NAZ2430 na si Christian Caraballido y Fontamillas, nasa wastong edad.

Sa ulat ni PMSgt Edison Fetalcurin, ng Bacoor City Police Station, minamaneho ng biktima ang motorsiklong Suzuki Raider sa kahabaan ng Molino Boulevard subalit pagdating sa Brgy Ligas 2, ay sumalpok sa likurang bahagi ng nakaparadang Isuzu Rebuilt truck.

Dahil sa pagkakasalpok, dumanas ng matinding pinsala sa katawan na biktima kaya hindi na umabot ng buhay sa ospital. ***GENE ADSUARA***

Tricycle driver, dinedo sa akto na nagmamaneho

ISANG 54-anyos na tricycle driver ang pinagbabaril habang nagmamaneho at may sakay na pasahero sa Dasmarinas City, Cavite Linggo ng gabi.

Isinugod pa sa ospital ang biktimang si Bernardo Santos y Perez, ng Block 18, Lot 15, Phase-1, City Homes Resortville, Brgy Langkaan 2, Dasmariñas City, subalit idineklarang dead on arrival dahil sa tama ng baril sa katawan.

Sinusulat ito ay inaalam ang pagkakakilanlan sa suspek na tumakas matapos ang insidente dala ang ginamit na baril.

Sa ulat ni PSSgt Richard Domingo, ng Dasmariñas City Police Station, alas-6:50 ng gabi naganap ang insidente kung saan ayon kay Roumel Bustamante y Obre, pasahero ng biktima, sakay siya sa tricycle.

Binabagtas nila ang kahabaan ng Amuntay Road at pagsapit sa panulukan ng Brgy Zone 3, Dasmarinas City, ay nakarinig siya ng sunud-sunod na putok ng baril at nakita ang driver ng tricycle na unti-unting bumabagsak habang umaagos ang dugo sa katawan.

Masuwerte namang hindi nasugatan ang pasahero ng biktima.

Inaalam ng pulisya ano ang motibo sa pamamaril. ***GENE ADSUARA***

Party-list nominee, iba pa; dagit sa buy bust

TINATAYANG halos P2 milyon halaga ng hinihinalang shabu ang nasasamsam sa pagkakaaresto ng tatlo katao kabilang ang nominee ng isang party-list at isang menor de edad sa isang buy bust operation sa Dasmarinas City, Cavite Lunes ng hapon.

Kinilala ang mga naaresto na sina Asrap Kamad Kasan Datu (ASRAP) , nominee party-list ng People's Volunteer Against Illegal Drug (PVAID) (Number 39); Jerklie Abdulkarim (DATU) ang isang 17-anyos (TATO) na menor de edad.

Sa ulat ng NBI-TFAID, nitong January 23 ay nakatanggap sila ng impormasyon na si Datu ay may ibebentang shabu na nagkakahalaga ng P900,000 sa informant dahilan upang nagplano ng buy bust operation.

Nitong Jan 24, nagkasundo si Datu at ang informant na susunduin nito ang isang kaibigan na kinilalang si Asrap sa isang lugar sa Roxas Boulevard sa Pasay City bago sila tumuloy sa Dasmarinas City.

Sakay ng Nissan Sentra na minamaneho ng isang operatiba ng NBI-TFAID, sinundo nila si ASRAP at nagtuloy sa Paliparan III, Dasmarinas City, kung saan dito ibibigay ang P900,000 halaga ng shabu.

Pagdating sa lugar, pumasok sa sasakyan ang kausap ni Datu na si Tato kung saan iniabot kay ASRAP ang isang maliit na kahon na naglalaman ng shabu at dito na inaresto ang mga suspek ng pinagsamang puwersa ng NBI-TFAID, Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) at PNP-Cavite Provincial Office.

Nakuha kina DATU, ASRAP at TATO ang 293.5185 gramo ng hinihinalang shabu na may street value na P199,800.

Kasong paglabag sa Secs. 5 and 11 of RA 9165 (The Comprehension Dangerous Drug Act of 2020) ang kinaharap ng mga suspek. ***GENE ADSUARA***

Nawalis ang mga fixer...

PAG-UPO NG BAGONG CITY TREASURER NG PASAY, IKINATUWA NG MGA NEGOSYANTE

NAGDULOT ng kasiyahan para sa mga negosyante ng Pasay City ang pagkakaupo ng bagong treasurer ng lungsod.

Naging daan sa mabilis at sistematikong renewal ng business permit sa Pasay City Hall ang pag-upo sa City Treasurer's Office ng bagong tresurero sa katauhan ni Treasurer Emelito B. Tecson.

Sa pamamagitan ng Business Permits One Stop Shop (B.O.S.S.) ay naging organisado ang sistema at wala na ring naglipanang mga fixers na ikinatuwa ng mga negosyante sa lungsod.

"Dati pagpasok mo pa lamang sa entrance ng gusali ng city hall ay sasalubong na ang mga fixers na nag-aalok ng insurance, ngayon ay nawala na ang mga ito. Maginhawa at komportable na ang pag-renew ng business permit dahil nandoon na lahat sa loob ng Cuneta Astrodome ang mga kailangan mo, tulad ng insurance, Bureau of Fire, at payment, hindi mo na kailangan lumabas pa ng gusali upang puntahan ang mga nabanggit na departamento," pahayag ng ilang negosyante.

Kaya naman ang apela ng BPLO sa mga entrepreneurs ay isagawa ang business online for a seamless and contactless business permit renewal.

Ang bagong sistema sa pagkuha ng business permit ay wala ng mga fixers na nag-aalok ng insurance.

Unang gagawin ay mag fill-up sa pamagitan ng online, kapag hindi naman alam ay nandyan ang mga empleyado na tutulong at aalalay upang makapag-rehistro.

Dahil sa kanilang isinagawang online registration ay nalimitahan na ang pagdagsa ng mga taong kukuha o mag-renew ng business permit at ipinatupad din ang social distancing, lalo na at nananatili ang banta ng COVID-19.

Tinitiyak naman sa pag-renew ng business permit na naipapatupad ang mga health protocols.

Nabatid na sa bagong sistema, ang mga negosyanteng mag-re-renew ng kanilang business permit ay required ang QR Code para makakuha ng insurance. Ang nasabing QR Code ay isang paraan at proteksyon sa mga Pasayeño upang makasiguro na ang kanilang nakuhang insurance ay authentic, hindi peke at higit sa lahat ay lehitimo.

Matapos makapag-rehistro at mayroon ng QR Code, ang sunod na gagawin ay sundan na lamang ang nakapaskil: Step 1: Validation/Verification, Step 2: Assessment/ Payment and Step 3: Releasing. Hihintayin na lamang tawagin para sa releasing at makukuha na ang business permit.

Meron ding nakalaan na priority lane para sa mga senior citizens, pregnant women at person with disability (PWD).

Ang nasabing hakbang sa paglilinis sa departamento ng BPLO ay upang tuluyan ng maalis ang naglipanang mga fixers.

Napag-alaman na si City Treasurer Tecson ay isang Certified Public Accountant (CPA) at license Real Estate Appraiser na nagtapos ng kolehiyo sa Philippine School of Business Administration (PSBA), Manila.

Bago nalipat sa Pasay City Hall ay nanungkulan muna siya bilang Assistant Division Chief ng City Assessor's Office, sa lungsod ng Maynila; Acting City Assessor ng Malabon City (2013-2017); Assistant City Accountant ng Caloocan City (2017-2019) at City Assessor ng San Juan City (2019-2020).

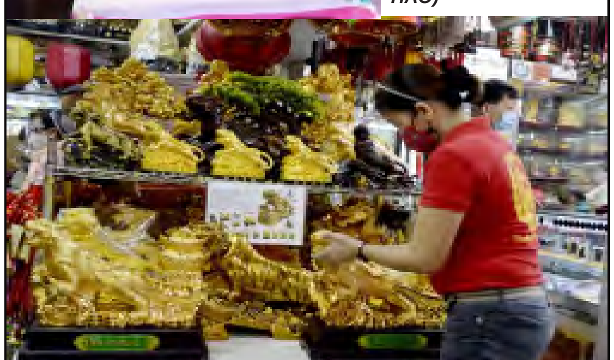
Hangad ni Treasurer Tecson ang kaginhawahan ng mga negosyante sa renewal ng business permit ng mga ito.

Ayaw niyang mapagsamantalahan ang mga Pasayeño sa pagkuha at pag-re-renew ng business permit. *JM*

Pasay City Treasurer Emelito B. Tecson

TIKLO sina Jerome Gaje at Brain Salceda sa isinagawang buy bust operaration ng mga operatiba ng Philippine Drug Enforcement Unit (PNP-PDEG) nitong Enero 26 sa Hilario st., Lungsod ng Makati. Narekober mula sa mga suspek ang nasa 6 kilo ng hinihinalang shabu na nagkakahalaga ng humigit kumulang 4.8-milyong piso at ang boodle money na ginamit sa nasabing operasyon ng kapulisan. ***(JEROME AMOROSO)***

ARESTADO sina Kennedy Balan at Maynard Delos Santos, kapwang 3299-Kabisang Cillo St., Brgy Tambo, P'que City matapos makumpiska sa kanila ang 11 pirasong sachet ng hinihinalang shabu na tumitimbang ng 50 grams at nagkakahalaga ng P340,000. Isinagawa ang buy bust operation ng mga elemento ng SPD-DDEU sa pamumuno ni P/ Major Cecilio G.Tomas, Jr., P/Lt.Col. Renante M. Galang, ng DID & DMFB sa pamunuan ni P/Brig. Gen. Jimili Macaraeg, SPDO Director. Ang dalawang suspek ay naharap sa kasong paglabag sa Section 5 at 11,R.A.9165. ***(JIMMY HAO)***



PATOK ngayong Chinese New Year ang iba't ibang lucky charms partikular ang mga hugis tigre. ***(Christian Heramis)***

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Basahin Mo Ito!

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Balasubas na driver ka ba?

KUNG ikaw ay nagmamaneho ng kahit anong uri ng sasakyan, ano ang tawag sa iyo kung basta ka na lamang nagpaparada sa harapan ng bahay nang may bahay?

'Balasubas na driver'

Iyan siguro ang pwedeng ibansag sa mga ganyang klaseng tsuper.

Ang mga single motorcycle, tricycle, pedicab o maging e-trike ay madaling maiuurong pero dapat ay hindi rin basta na lamang paparada.

Paano kung ang nakaharang ay mga four wheels o iba pang sasakyan?

Magbubukas ng gate ang may-ari ng bahay dahil aalis at ilalabas na ang kanyang sasakyan subalit mayroong nakaparada sa tapat o harap.

Perwisyo talaga kahit pa may nakakabit na karatulang 'no parking' o 'keep drive way open' at iyan ang hindi alam ng ibang driver.

Maaaring alam pero nagmamaang-maangan lamang.

Pagbalik sa ipinaradang sasakyan ay mayroong ilang tsuper na hihingi ng paumanhin sa may-ari ng bahay.

Pero mayroon din ilan na matapang pa at baluktok ang pangangatwiran.

Sasabihin na ang kalsada ay hindi na pag-aari ng house owner.

Pordyos-porsanto, hindi baleng magmukhang tanga at matawag na bobo basta lang makaperwisyo.

Kung paparada man sa harap ng isang bahay ay magandang kumatok at makiusap sa may-ari.

Ang lahat ng bagay ay nakukuha sa maayos na pakikipag-usap pero sadyang marami pa ring nagmamaneho na abusado.

Ang disiplinadong driver ay hindi lamang nakikita sa uri ng kanyang pagmamaneho bagkus pati na rin sa pagpaparada ng behikulo.

Ikaw, balasubas na driver ka ba?