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THE SM STORE DONATES SHOES AND SANITIZERS THROUGH SM FOUNDATION INC.'S OPERATION TULONG EXPRESS

The SM Store Bacoor shoes and sanitizer donation turned over to DSWD-NCR representatives. The turnover was headed by The SM Store's Assistant Vice President Ms.Maja Lea Demapanag, The SM Store Bacoor's Assistant Branch Manager -, Ms.Jonah Grace Reyes, Mr.Raymund Laquian - AMC RM, Sherwin Gandia –FMS, SM Cavite Group PR Manager Ms.Catherine Omarali, and SM City Bacoor Mall Manager Ms.Josephine Arvesu.

SM City Dasmariñas Mall Manager Ms.Editha Tayko with Assistant Mall Manager Mr.Charles Yap, and Ms.Micheline S. Duyan - The SM Store Molino Branch Manager, handing over the shoes and sanitizers donations to the DSWD – NCR Representatives.

SM City Molino Mall Manager Mr. Joseph Forosuello with Assistant Mall Manager Ms.Cecile Recio, and Ms. Michelle Hizon The SM Store Molino Branch Manager, turning over the shoes and santizers donations to the DSWD – NCR Representatives.

SM CITY BACOOR, SM CITY DASMARIÑAS AND SM CITY MOLINO – Fueled by the desire to empower youth through giving, The SM Store donated a total 35,145 pairs of shoes and 1,810 sanitizers to the beneficiaries of the Department of Social Welfare and Development – National Capital Region. Coursed through The SM Store Bacoor, Dasmariñas, and Molino, the donations were turned over to DSWD- NCR representatives Mr.Rey Lawrence C. Corral Administrative Officer, Mr.Gregorio A. Gregorio Admin Assistant, and Mr.Almar Lacanlale Property Custodian. The turnover of donations were headed by Ms. Josephine Arvesu – SM City Bacoor Mall Manager, Ms.Editha Tayko – SM City Dasmariñas Mall Manager, and Mr. Joseph Forosuello – SM City Molino Mall Manager.

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MAYOR'S PERMIT WAIVED TO AID NOVELETA TRIKE DRIVERS

TRECE MARTIRES, Cavite (PIA) – The Noveleta Municipal Government waives the Mayor's Permit renewal fee for tricycle drivers in order to aid to the members of the local transport sector.

A Sangguniang Bayan resolution was recently approved for this intent upon the request of Mayor Dino Reyes-Chua to the Municipal Council with Vice Mayor Arlyn Torres and ten members of the local council voting for the approval of said resolution.

The waived renewal fee amounts to P 300.00 to aims to alleviate the losses sustained during the period of non-operations due to quarantine restrictions on travel.

With the waiving of the renewal fee, tricycle operators will only be required to process for the issuance of 2022 Tricycle plates.

"Our tricycle drivers and operators, around 2,000 of them need to pay only P 200.00 for the plate since we had waived the P 300.00 Mayor's Permit fee for them to cope up and lessen the expenses of renewing their permits," Mayor Chua said.

To further help the members of this transport group, the LGU ordered the RHU to give way for the vaccination for Booster shots for tricycle drivers and ambulant vendors every Saturday at the Noveleta Health Center for the added protection of the drivers against COVID-19.

Despite their return to operations with the gradual loosening of quarantine protocols to help the economy recover, their income is still insufficient for their daily living expenses.

However, the local government of Noveleta had continuously granted aid to the tricycle drivers in the almost two years amidst the ongoing COVID-19 crisis. ***(Ruel Francisco with reports from Dennis Abrina)***

Dasma public hospital restricts entry to unvaxxed

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CoVid Care Kits provided to city's HQ symptomatic patients

Imus City, Cavite (PIA) – The city government's Home Mitigation Program initiative that aims to diminish the rapid transmission of the CoViD-19 omicron variant included the provision of CoVid-19 Care Kits to confirmed positive symptomatic patients undergoing home quarantine.

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

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

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

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

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

Prov'l ordinance passed to honor Cavite nonagenarians

Trece Martires, Cavite (PIA) – The Provincial Government of Cavite thru the Sangguniang Panlalawigan recently passed and approved Provincial Ordinance no. 343-2022 otherwise known as the "The Nonagenarians Cash Gift Ordinance", an ordinance honoring and granting cash gifts to the Nonagenarian Citizens of the Province of Cavite and appropriating funds thereof.

The ordinance sponsored by Sangguniang Panlalawigan Board Members: Hon. Dennis T. Lacson and Hon. Ivee Jaynee A. Reyes in the 124th Regular session aims to 'provide benefits to the Senior Citizens in recognition of their vital values and contributions to the development of the province'.

The order declares that in addition to other benefits and privileges granted under existing laws, ordinances, rules and regulations the eligible Caviteño Nonagenarians shall be given a Certificate of Recognition, and cash gifts in the amount of Php5, 000 during the Annual Elderly Filipino Week celebrated every month of October.

Senior Citizens who have been residing in the province for at least five years and had reached 90 – 99 years of age must register at the Office of the Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA) at their respective city/municipality for proper identification and documentation.

Certifications from the Barangay and from OSCA to certify their residency in the province and membership with the OSCA for at least five years with the latter certified by the City/Municipality Social Welfare and Development Office are requirements to secure receipt of these benefits.

During the implementation of the ordinance, all individuals aged 90-99 shall receive the cash award provided they meet all requirements specified in the ordinance.

Recipients will be divided into two (2) age groups: 90 – 94 and 95 – 99, and awards will be granted on different timetables.

Annual appropriations for the nonagenarian cash awards shall be included in the Provincial Social Welfare and Development funds with changes in the amount of the cash award depending on the availability of funds. ***(Ruel Francisco with reports from the Cavite Provincial Information Office)***

'Hospitainers' increase capacity of city's CoVid-19 center

Bacoor City, Cavite (PIA) – The Southern Tagalog Regional Hospital (STRH), the 75-bed capacity Ligtas CoVid-19 Center here was given an additional 24-bed capacity with the opening of the 'Hospitainers' on Friday, January 21, 2022.

This is an initiative of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) in coordination with the office of the Deputy Speaker Strike B. Revilla, the City Government of Bacoor, and the Department of Health (DOH) – CALABARZON in response to the continuing surge of Covid-19 cases in the city.

Said 'hospitainers' is an off-site modular hospital that can accommodate up to 24 mild to severe CoVid-19 patients equipped with a Close Monitoring/ Intensive Care Unit, a Command Center Office, a TeleMedicine Office, a Triage area, and a guardhouse.

"The van-type isolation facility for COVID-19 patients is part of our continuous commitment to providing quality and accessible health services to Caviteños in general, especially during this time of the pandemic," stated Second District of Cavite Representative Strike B. Revilla.

According to DOH Secretary Francisco T. Duque III, the system was developed to respond properly and effectively to patients affected by Covid-19.

During the event, 600 pieces of COVID-19 Kalinga Kits were turned over to the city government for distribution to confirmed positive Covid-19 patients.

The kit consists of paracetamol tablets, Vitamin C tablets, two (2) pieces of Alcogel, two (2) pieces of soap, a COVID-19 information sheet, one (1) roll of tissue, one (1) bottle of disinfectant, and face masks.

"Nagkaisa kami para makabuo ng Kalinga kits para patibayin at pahusayin ang ating home isolation at quarantine facilities," Secretary Duque said.

(We have teamed up to develop Kalinga kits to strengthen and improve our home isolation and quarantine facilities.)

The provision of Kalinga Kits was made possible through partnerships with the World Health Organization (WHO), Unilab, and Procter and Gamble Philippines. ***(Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite)***

2nd omicron variant case detected in Tanza town

TRECE MARTIRES, Cavite (PIA) – The Rural Health Unit (RHU) of the municipality of Tanza reported the detection of another patient positive with the COVID-19 omicron variant in the locality on Friday, January 29, 2022.

Municipal Health Officer Dr. Ruth Punzalan confirmed the report, identifying the 2nd case as a 49-year old male who tested positive with the RT-PCR test on December 24 but was confirmed as omicron variant thru genome sequencing on January 27.

According to Dr. Punzalan, the said patient had fully recovered as well as the rest of his family dispelling fears of further transmission.

It could be recalled that around the third week of January, the RHU had reported the detection of the first confirmed omicron variant in the town, a 44-year old male who had no history of travel and had not traveled outside of town.

Dr. Punzalan said that the positive omicron variant case may not be the only one in the town since the rate of the transmission had been swift, increasing from 5 Active cases reported on December 27, 2021 to 75 Active cases on January 4, 2022.

"It may be assumed that the rapid increase in positive cases is secondary to the omicron variant since omicron is highly transmissible," said Dr. Punzalan.

The health official further added that what was notable was majority of the positive cases reported were asymptomatic or mild cases since positive patients are either fully vaccinated or had received the first dose.

"The protection we get from COVID-19 vaccines prevent the occurrence of severe symptoms of the disease that is why we highly encourage our citizens to get vaccinated against COVID-19," said Dr. Punzalan.

The COVID-19 Vaccination program of Tanza LGU recorded more than 162K individuals that are fully vaccinated and more than 172K had received the 1st dose.

The number of vaccinated individuals is about 81% of the target 212K residents for the year 2022 which includes the pediatric population aged 12 – 17 years. ***(Ruel Francisco with reports from Balitang Tanzeño)***

DROGA, GRANADA; NAKUHA SA RIDER

NAKUHANAN ng droga at granada ang 42-anyos na motorcycle rider sa isinagawang buy bust operation sa Dasmariñas City, Cavite Linggo ng gabi.

Kinilala ang suspek na si Mohaimen Dalidig y Mosiba, 42, ng Block 1 Excess Lot, Brgy. Sta Lucia, Dasmariñas City.

Sa ulat ni Corporal Lorenzo Cawaling, ng Dasmarinas City, dakong alas-8:30 ng gabi nagsagawa ng buy bust operation ang mga operatiba ng Drug Enforcement Unit (DEU) Dasmarinas CPS sa Brgy Sta Lucia.

Target ang suspek at nakuhanan ng tatlong hinihinalang sachet ng shabu, granada at buy-bust money. ***GENE ADSUARA***

Contractor, tigok sa pamamaril

ISANG 42-anyos na contractor ang napatay na binaril ng malapitan ng 'di kilalang gunman sa harapan ng kanyang bahay sa Gen Trias City Cavite Linggo ng gabi.

Kinilala ang biktima na si Jay Atienza y Abraham, may-asawa, ng P8 B33 L8, Saona St. Wellington Place, Brgy. Pasong Camachille II, Gen. Trias City.

Sinusulat ito ay inaalam pa ang pagkakakilanlan sa suspek na inilarawan na nakasuot ng puting t shirt, naka-short pants at nakasuot ng baseball cap na tumakas matapos ang insidente dala ang ginamit na baril.

Sa ulat ng Gen. Trias CPS, mag-lilinis sana ng kanyang motorsiklo ang biktima sa harapan ng kanilang bahay dakong alas-8:45 ng gabi nang lapitan ng suspek at walang sabi-sabing pinagbabaril.

Matapos ang insidente ay mabilis na tumakas ang suspek dala ang baril na ginamit habang ang biktima ay isinugod sa General Aguinaldo College Medical Center subalit hindi na umabot ng buhay. ***GENE ADSUARA***

DOH: Mga nabakunahan ng COVID-19, maaari mag-donate ng dugo

QUEZON CITY, (PIA) -- Nilinaw ni DOH Undersecretary Dr. Maria Rosario Vergeire na walang katotohanan ang impormasyong bawal mag-donate ng dugo ang mga nakakapagbakuna laban sa COVID-19.

"Sa katunayan po, kahit sinong bakunado ng COVID-19 ay maaaring mag-donate ng dugo kahit na sila po ay walang sintomas", sabi ni USec Vergeire sa Malacanang Press Briefing noong Biyernes, Enero 28.

Dagdag pa rito, kung may sintomas naman ay maaari pa ring mag-donate ng dugo matapos ang pito hanggang labing-apat na araw pagkatapos gumaling o mawala na ang sintomas.

Sangayon, mayroon tayong kakulangan sa supply ng dugo sa ating mga blood centers kaya naman nananawagan ang DOH sa publiko na kung maaaring mag-donate ng dugo ang sinumang eligible para po sa mga nangangailangan nating kababayan.

Maliban sa makakatulong ang inyong dugo sa pagligtas ng buhay, marami ring benepisyo para sa nagdo-donate ng dugo katulad ng pagbaba ng risk of heart attack, pagtulong sa pagpapanatiling malusog ang inyong atay at nakakatulong din pong ma-improved ang cardiovascular health.

Sa nais mag-donate ng dugo, maaaring bisitahin ang https://tinyurl.com/DONATEBLOODPH para sa listahan ng mga blood donation centers.

Samantala, muling pinaalalahanan ng gobyerno ang publiko na kumuha lamang ng impormasyon sa mga official accounts ng gobyerno at reputable and credible media organizations.

Maging maagap sa mga ipinapakalat na impormasyon dahil ang tamang impormasyon ay makakapagligtas ng buhay. ***(MCDS/PIA-IDPD)***

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'HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN HEAVEN'

PATAY ang oras kaya matumal ang mga bumibili at maging ang mga pasahero.

Kaya naman umpukan ang tropa nating kalye at kabilang sa mga pinagkakaabalahan ay ang cellphone.

Batang lansangan man subalit kahit paano ay mayroon silang cellphone na karamihan ay android pa ang gamit.

Isa sa tropa nila ang kanilang napansin habang abala sa pagse-cellphone.

Mayroong mga lumapit at nakisilip sa ginagawa sa cellphone ng isa nilang tropa.

Nag-post siya ng pagbati ng kaarawan sa isa sa mahal niya sa buhay.

'Happy Birthday in heaven nanay. Sobrang miz na miz na kita. Luv u po.'

Patay na ang kanyang nanay at matagal-tagal na ring namayapa at doon sumentro ang usap lang ng ating tropa.

Mayroong pabor subalit may ilan din na hindi sang-ayon sa ganoong klaseng pagpo-post.

Kaya hayun at palitan na naman sila ng kanikanilang pananaw hinggil doon.

Sabi ng mga sang-ayon ay bahagi lamang iyon ng kanilang pagmamahal sa yumao.

Sagot ng kontra, baka naman noong nabubuhay pa ang ina o kaanak ay hindi pinakitaan at pinadamahan ng pagmamahal.

Dapat daw habang nabubuhay pa ang ina o ama at kahit sinong kaanak ay patunayan na ang pagmamahal.

Siyempre hindi naman siya nagpatalo at sinabing buo ang kanyang pagmamahal sa ina noong buhay pa.

Nagkakaroon minsan ng hindi pagkakaintindihan subalit naisasaayos naman ang gusot.

Katwiran pa kasi ng mga hindi pabor ay sa halip na pagpo-post sa fb ay dapat taimtim na panalangin ang gawin.

Hindi na raw kasi mababasa pa ng namatay ang post sa fb bagkus ay dasal sa kaluluwa ang kailangan.

Marami pang pagpapalitan ng kanilang mga pananaw na hindi naman nauwi sa pagtatalo o pikunan.

Basta ang sabi ng mga pabor ay respetuhan na lang dahil cellphone niya ang gamit-gamit.

Pangit daw kung nakihiram ng cellphone at hindi naman sa emergency o mahalaga ang pinaggamitan.

Iyon ang tama, ang respetuhan dahil bawat isa naman ay mayroong sariling pananaw at pag-iisip.

Dedo sa pagbulusok ng motorsiklo

DEDO ang 48-anyos na rider nang tumilapon matapos bumulusok ang minamanehong motorsiklo sa isang kurbadang bahagi ng kalsada sa Magallanes, Cavite Linggo ng gabi.

Isinugod pa sa De La Salle-Dr. Rodolfo Poblete Hospital ang biktimang si Manuel Marjes y Vicente, ng 228 Purok 6 Brgy Matagbak, Magallanes, subalit hindi na umabot ng buhay dahil sa malalang pinsala sa katawan.

Sa ulat ni PMSgt Armando Perez, ng Magallanes Police Station, dakong alas-11:00 ng gabi naganap ang insidente.

Minamaneho ng biktima ang kanyang kulay gray na motorsiklong Rusi sa Brgy Kabulusan.

Pagsapit sa isang kurbadang bahagi ng kalsada ay bumulusok ang motorsiklo at tumilapon ang katawan nito sa kabilang bahagi ng kalsada na nagresulta sa matinding pinsala ng kanyang katawan na sanhi ng kamatayan. ***GENE ADSUARA***

EDITORYAL

National Press Freedom Day

TUWING Agosto 30 ng bawat taon ang pagdedeklara bilang National Press Freedom Day.

Sa huling pagbasa ng Senado ay inaprubahan ang panukalang batas.

Ang Senate Bill 670 ay pagkilala kay Marcelo H. Del Pilar na bilang 'Father of Philippine Journalism.'

Sa panukalang batas ay asahan ang pagkilos ng Department of Educataion, Commission on Higher Education, at Technical Education and Skills Development Authority.

Kaakibat nito ang konsultasyon sa Office of the President hinggil sa pagbuo ng mga aktibidad.

Ang mga aktibidad ay bilang kontra sa mga posibleng panganib o karahasan laban sa mga mamamahayag.

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Winners of ASEAN's 6th Zooming in on Biodiversity bared

LAGUNA -- With the ongoing pandemic, photographs of nature have the power to inspire and cultivate a deeper appreciation for biodiversity and its protection.

On Monday afternoon, the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB) announced the winners of the ASEAN-wide photography competition, Zooming in on Biodiversity via Zoom and Facebook live, after a thorough evaluation of photo and digital content entries.

Organised by the ACB in partnership with the European Union (EU) through the Biodiversity Conservation and Management of Protected Areas in ASEAN (BCAMP) Project, the competition was opened in November 2021 to all amateur and professional photographers and creatives in the ASEAN region.

It is part of a regional campaign # WeAreASEANBiodiversity campaig n, which aims to raise awareness and mobilise support for biodiversity conservation in the region.

"(An image) can tell us a compelling story and even bring us to places we haven't seen, heard, or experienced. Such power of photography has become even more important today, as our movement continues to be limited due to the continuing threat of COVID-19 and its emergent variants," ACB Executive Director Theresa Mundita Lim said in a recorded video message.

She said the photographs of land- and seascapes, plants, and animals are reminders of the essential role of biodiversity in our daily survival.

The sixth staging of Zooming in on Biodiversity has two categories: the general category, # WeAreASEANBiodiversity: I am part of the solution, which focuses on the richness of ASEAN's rich biodiversity, and the active role of people, as part of nature, as a vital part of the solution to conserving this rich natural heritage, and the ASEAN Heritage Parks (AHP) special category, which highlights the natural and cultural richness of the 50 AHPs.

The finalists were judged following a set of criteria: relevance, composition, creativity, and technical excellence. The panel of judges was composed of ACB's Lim; Ileana Miritescu, programme manager of the EU Delegation to the Philippines; and professional photographer Sheryl Aguiba.

Aung Chan Thar of Myanmar bagged the grand prize in the general category and the People's Choice Award for the AHP category.

The second place and third place of the general category went to Kyaw Zay Yar Lin of Myanmar and Arturo B. De Vera Jr. of the Philippines, respectively.

Aung Kyaw Zaw of Myanmar is the People's Choice Awardee garnering the highest number of likes on Facebook.

For the AHP category, Kyaw Kyaw Winn of Myanmar won first place while Tran Viet Linh of Viet Nam and Danny Ocampo of the Philippines came in second and third.

Meanwhile, in, the #WeAreASEANBiodiversity Tiktok Challenge, Pavina Vongsouvanh of Lao PDR won the Creativity Award. Maria Fe Felicilda of the Philippines had the most liked entry and bagged the People's Choice Award.

Winners took home prizes between USD 300 and USD 1500.

"We saw powerful messages, stunning landscapes, and superb wildlife captured in your photos. They show us the many creative perspectives highlighting the natural and cultural richness of ASEAN Heritage Parks and interactions of humans with biodiversity," Miritescu of EU said in a video message.

Moderated by Antoinette Taus, UN Environment Programme Goodwill Ambassador and one of the voices of the ACB's #WeAreASEANBiodiversity campaign, the awards ceremony also featured one of the first environment champions hailed as ASEAN Biodiversity Heroes.

ASEAN Biodiversity Hero of Cambodia Sophea Chhin, one of the founders of Birds of Cambodia Education and Conservation, in a conversation with Taus, talked about his passion for photography and wildlife conservation and his community's appreciation for wildlife.

"Before, a lot of people (in my community) were using slingshots to shoot birds. Wildlife was bushmeat for them then. It changed when they started using a camera," Sophea Chhin said. ***(ACB)***

BOC surpasses January 2022 target collection by P6 BILLION

Aligned with its primary mandate to collect lawful revenues for the country, the Bureau of Customs (BOC) collected a total of P58.158 billion against its P52.123 billion January 2022 target collection, posting a surplus of P6.035 biliion or +11.58%.

Based on the preliminary report from the BOC-Financial Service, 14 out of the 17 collection districts hit the target namely the Ports of San Fernando, POM, MICP, Batangas, Legaspi, Iloilo, Cebu, Surigao, Zamboanga, Davao, Subic, Clark, Aparri and Limay.

Last year, the bureau surpassed its annual revenue collection target by +4.7% or P29.036 billion, collecting a total of P645.785 billion against its P616.749 billion target, based on the preliminary report from the BOC-Financial Service.

The positive revenue collection performance is attributed to the improved valuation. intensified enforcement against illegal importations, improved compliance by traders to customs laws, the gradual improvement of importation volume, and the government's effort in ensuring unhampered movement of goods domestically and internationally.

The Bureau of Customs is the 2nd largest revenue-generating government agency next to the Bureau of Internal Revenue. For the past 2 years, the BOC was able to surpass its annual target collection by +6.23% and +4.70% respectively even during a global health crisis. Commissioner Rey Leonardo Guerrero commended the efforts of the men and women of the Bureau of Customs who showed their commitment and dedication to government service during an executive committee meeting. ***PR***

Manila RTC judge named new CA associate justice

MANILA – The Supreme Court (SC) on Monday announced the formal receipt of Malacanang's appointment of Manila Regional Trial Court's (RTC) Judge Ana Marie Mas as associate justice of the Court of Appeals (CA).

Mas will fill in the vacancy left in the CA by now retired SC justice Edgardo Delos Santos.

Delos Santos was appointed to the SC in 2019 by President Rodrigo Duterte after serving in the CA for 11 years.

He retired on June 30, 2021, a year earlier than expected, due to health reasons.

Antique Governor Rhodora Cadiao congratulated her province mate in a Facebook post on January 26.

"Congratulations, Atty. Ana Marie T. Mas, the new Court of Appeals Justice. The Antiqueño people are proud of you! Kruhay (Long live)!" Cadiao posted.

Mas, who was admitted to the Bar in 2001, was appointed to the Manila RTC in 2015.

Among the cases Mas handled was the conviction of a sheriff of the Department of Labor and Employment - National Capital Region for direct bribery.

The officer was sentenced to up to seven years in prison for demanding PHP15,000 from workers of a broadsheet embroiled in a labor case. ***(PNA)***

GSIS to release P100M educational subsidy to members' kin

PASAY CITY -- The Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) will release a total of P100 million to 10,000 kin of GSIS members to augment their college education expenses through the GSIS Educational Subsidy Program (GESP) for academic year (AY) 2021 to 2022. Each college student will receive P10,000 from GSIS.

"Malaking ginhawa ang hatid ng P10,000 na educational subsidy para sa ating mga miyembrong may anak o legal dependents na nasa kolehiyo, lalo pa ngayon na nasa gitna tayo ng pandemya. Mula sa 15,770 qualified applicants, pumili tayo ng 10,000 grantees na pinakanangangailangang makatanggap ng educational assistance para sa pag-aaral ng kanilang kaanak," said President and General Manager Rolando Ledesma Macasaet.

Out of nearly 17,300 received applications nationwide, the grantees for AY 2021-2022 were selected from different regions across the country, broken down as follows: 1,581 from NCR (15.81%); 1,994 from North Luzon (19.94%); 2,093 from South Luzon (20.93%); 2,078 from Visayas (20.78%); and 2,254 grantees from Mindanao (22.54%).

The grantees will receive the subsidy after submitting the requirements to GSIS. New grantees must submit the duly signed and notarized GESP agreement, the Information Sheet with two copies of the student's latest 2x2 ID pictures, and a Land Bank of the Philippines account number. These requirements must be submitted to the nearest GSIS office within 60 calendar days from the publication of the list of qualified students in the GSIS website or official social media account.

The list of qualified grantees for 2021-2022 may be viewed through https://www.gsis.gov.ph/gsis- educational-subsidy-program- grantees-ay-2021-2022/.

A student-grantee may shift course or transfer to any CHED-registered school provided that the course is completed within the duration of the original course. Additionally, a written notice for the shift of course or transfer of school must be submitted to the Corporate Social Advocacies and Public Relations Facilities Department Manager, GSIS Pasay City.

The subsidy is non-transferable.

Member-recipients and grantees who have inquiries on GESP may visit the GSIS website (www.gsis.gov.ph) or GSIS Facebook account (@gsis.ph), email gsiscares@gsis.gov.ph, or call the GSIS Contact Center at 8847-4747 (if in Metro Manila) or 1-800-8-847-4747 (for Globe and TM subscribers) and 1-800-10-847-4747 (for Smart, Sun, and Talk 'N Text subscribers). ***(GSIS)***

Red Cross opens 99th blood facility in Novaliches

MANILA – Fourteen villages will benefit from the Philippine Red Cross' 99th blood facility at its Novaliches, Quezon City chapter.

The new facility will cater to the needs of residents in North Fairview, Bagbag, Gulod, Sta. Lucia, Nova Proper, Capri, Fairview Proper, Lagro, Nagkaisang Nayon, San Agustin, Kaligayahan, Sta. Monica, San Bartolome, and Pasong Putik.

It can accommodate six donors at a time and about 30 to 50 daily.

The PRC is the provider for 50 percent of the country's blood supply.

PRC QC chair Ernesto Isla, other PRC officials, and city and village executives graced the launch on January 27.

"Hindi tumitigil ang pangangailangan ng dugo (The need for blood does not stop)," the PRC said in a statement Tuesday.

The Red Cross has 104 chapters. Hotline 143 will answer all blood-related concerns. ***(PR)***

TUMULA TAYO! 2022, BUKÁS NA SA MGA LAHOK

LUNGSOD NG MAYNILA -- Ang TUMULA TAYO ay isang online na timpalak sa pagsulat ng katutubong tula (Diyóna, Dalít, o Tanagà) na itinataguyod ng Komisyon sa Wikang Filipino, sa Buwan ng Panitikan. Ito ay bilang pakikiisa sa pagdiriwang ng UNESCO International Decade of the Indigenous Languages (2022-2032) na nakaangkla sa Deklarasyon ng Los Pinos (Los Pinos Declaration) na nagtataguyod ng karapatan ng Mámamayáng Katutubo sa malayang pagpapahayag, pagkakaroon ng akses sa edukasyon, at partisipasyon sa mga gawaing pampamayanán gámit ang katutubong wika bílang pangunahing kahingian sa pagpapanatiling buháy ng mga wikang pamana na ang karamihan ay nanganganib nang maglaho.

Para sa edisyong 2022, bukás ang timpalak sa mga Diyóna, Dalít, at Tanagá na nakasulat sa wikang Filipino na pumapaksa sa "Pagpapahalaga sa Kasaysayan, Kultura, Karapatan, Kapakanan, at Wika ng mga katutubo (Indigenous Peoples)".

Mga tuntunin:

Ipapaskil ang mga tula (Diyóna, Dalít, o Tanagà) sa seksiyon ng mga komento (comment section) sa nakatalagang poster para sa bawat anyo ng tula.

Susundin ang sumusunod na iskedyul para sa pagpapaskil:

7-20 Pebrero 2022 - Diyóna

21 Pebrero-6 Marso 2022 - Dalít

7-20 Marso 2022 - Tanagà

Magiging opisyal ang mga lahok kapag ipinaskil ito sa seksiyon ng komento (comment section) ng partikular na poster para sa anyo na matatagpuan sa page ng KWF.

Tatanggap ng mga orihinal na tula na nakasulat sa wikang Filipino at may paksang "Pagpapahalaga sa Kasaysayan, Kultura, Karapatan, Kapakanan, at Wika ng mga katutubo (Indigenous Peoples)"

Ang mga gantimpala ay ang sumusunod:

Unang gantimpala, PHP5,600.00

Ikalawang gantimpala, PHP3,360.00

Ikatlong gantimpala, PHP2,240.00

Ang mga gantimapalang nabanggit ay mababawasan ng kaukulang buwis (12%)

Maaaring lumahok sa lahat ng kategorya ngunit isang entry lamang sa bawat kategorya ang tatanggapin.

Isang beses lamang mananalo ang isang kalahok sa lahat ng kategorya.

Pinal at hindi na mababago ang magiging pasiya ng mga hurado sa timpalak. ***(KWF)***

Army, hangad na magtuloy-tuloy ang gampanin ng TF ELCAC

LUNGSOD NG CABANATUAN (PIA) -- Hangad ng 703rd Infantry Brigade ng Philippine Army na magtuloy-tuloy ang gampanin ng Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict o TF ELCAC.

Ayon kay Brigade Commander Colonel Joseph Norwin Pasamonte, nasimulan na ng kasalukuyang administrasyon ang magandang ugnaya't pagtutulungan ng mga ahensya ng pamahalaan, pribadong tanggapan at mga mamamayan tungo sa ninanais na pag-abot sa tunay na kapayapaan at kaunlaran ng bansa.

Sa kanyang pananaw aniya ay mabisa ang whole-of-nation approach dahil hindi lamang ang mga kagawaran ng pamahalaan ang kumikilos kundi ang mga mamamayan mismo mula sa munting kaparaanan ay nakatutulong sa isyu ng kahirapan at terorismo.

Pahayag ni Pasamonte, magbago man ng mga manunungkulan sa pamahalaan ay sana ito na ang maging "new normal" sa sistema ng pagpapaabot ng mga programa sa mga nasasakupang mamamayan partikular para sa mga nasa malalayong lugar.

Kanya ding sinabi na ang pagsasaayos sa nag-iisa nating bansa ay responsibilidad hindi lamang ng isang tao o isang ahensya ng pamahalaan kundi ng lahat ng kagawaran at mga mamamayan.

Ayon pa kay Pasamonte, puspusan pa din ang mga isinasagawang hakbang ng mga kasundaluhan upang maresolba ang problema sa seguridad ng bansa na ninanais maabot bago matapos ang termino ni Pangulong Duterte nang sa gayon ay matutukan ng susunod na administrasyon ang mga programang pang-kaunlaran.

Mula sa dating apat na guerilla fronts ng mga rebelde sa Nueva Ecija at mga karatig lalawigan ay nasa isang grupo na lamang ang natitira na hangad ding mabuwag at mapasuko sa pamahalaan.

Pahayag ni Pasamonte, madami nang miyembro at supporter ng makakaliwang grupo ang pumanig sa pamahalaan dahil namulat na sila sa maling paggamit ng mga kalaban gayundin ay kanilang naramdaman ang tunay na malasakit ng gobyerno.

Ang mga organisasyong dating sumusuporta ay tinulungan ng pamahalaang maging people's organization na ngayon ay iniuugnay sa iba't ibang ahensya ng pamahalaan para sa mga programang kialangan sa pag-unlad ng kanilang samahan.

Ang mensahe ni Pasamonte, mamulat sa katotohanan at kabutihan na ang pamahalaan ay laging nariyan upang tumulong, may limitasyon man ay onti-onting mabibigyang solusyon ang mga kinahaharap na problema ng lipunan hanggang sa dumating ang panahong mawala na ang isyu sa seguridad at nang matutukan ang mga programa para sa kaunlaran ng bansa. ***(CLJD/CCN-PIA 3)***

4 proyekto sa pagbangon ng turismo sa Bulacan, suportado ng DOT

LUNGSOD NG MALOLOS (PIA) -- Aabot sa halagang halos anim na milyong piso ang itinulong ng Department of Tourism o DOT sa apat na pangunahing proyekto para sa pagbangon ng turismo sa Bulacan.

Ayon kay Provincial History, Arts & Culture and Tourism Office Head Eliseo Dela Cruz, may 4.7 milyong piso ang Tourism Promotions Board para sa paglikha at paglulunsad ng isang Bulacan Tourism Official Promotional Videos and Posters.

Ipinaliwanag niya na higit pa ito sa pagkakaroon ng promotional videos o posters, kundi magbubukas ng maraming pagkakataon upang makalahok ang mga Bulakenyong singers and dancers, heritage workers, photographers and videographers, at iba't iba pang nasa sektor ng turismo, sining at kultura.

May halaga namang 350 libong piso ang inilaan ng DOT para sa pananaliksik, pagbalangkas at paglilimbak ng Culinary Heritage of Bulacan.

Isa itong coffee table book na maglalaman ng mga kasaysayan, detalye ng paghahanda o pagluluto at katangian ng mga natatanging itinatampok na potahe at kalutong Bulakenyo.

Nakatakdang ilunsad ang may 500 kopya ng Culinary Heritage of Bulacan coffee table sa Abril ngayong 2022 bilang pagdiriwang ng Buwan ng Kalutong Pilipino.

Ang buwan ng Abril ay idineklara bilang National Food Month o Buwan ng Kalutong Pilipino.

Ipamamahagi ito sa mga culinary institutions, mga paaralan, kolehiyo at pamantasan, mga pampublikong aklatan at mga pamahalaang lokal sa Bulacan.

Magkakaroon din ng updated na cultural mapping sa Bulacan na gugugulan ng 482 libong piso na pinondohan ng DOT.

Ayon kay Dela Cruz, pormal na matutukoy dito kung saan-saang lugar sa Bulacan matatagpuan ang mga natatanging sagisag ng sining at kultura.

Magbubunsod ito upang maging mas madali na mapondohan kung may pangangailangan sa preserbasyon, pagpapalaganap at promosyon.

Habang ginagawa ang mga official video promotions at posters, at ang pagsasagawa ng cultural mapping, sasabayan ng pagkakaroon ng mga pagsasanay para maiangat ang antas ng mga nagtataguyod ng turismo.

Partikular dito ang Festival Management Training na binigyan ng 329 libong piso ng DOT.

Nasa 70 mga indibidwal na pawang mga nasa mga municipal city tourism offices at mga kolehiyo o pamantasan na may kursong turismo ang inaasahang lalahok dito.

Samantala, ipinahayag ni DOT Regional Director Carolina Uy sa kanyang pagharap sa Sangguniang Panlalawigan ng Bulacan para sa ratipikasyon ng ibinabang mga pondo, na handa ang ahensya na patuloy na umagapay sa pagbangon ng turismo sa lalawigan.

Gayundin ang pagtiyak na makabalik sa trabaho at hanapbuhay ang mga namamasukan sa mga tourism-related establishments bilang bahagi ng National Employment Recovery Strategy 2021-2022. ***(CLJD/SFV-PIA 3)***

Bagong gamit mula sa PNP Foundation Inc., ipinagkaloob sa BPPO

LUNGSOD NG BATANGAS (PIA)— Iba't-ibang mga bagong kagamitan ang tinanggap ng Batangas Police Provincial Office (BPPO) mula sa Philippine National Police Foundation Inc. (PNPFI) noong ika-27 ng Enero,2022.

Pinangunahan ni BPPO Provincial Director PCol. Glicerio Cansilao ang pagtanggap ng mga kagamitang ito na nakatakdang ipamahagi sa iba't-ibang opisina sa Provincial Headquarters ng BPPO.

Kabilang sa mga kagamitang tinanggap ang mga sumusunod: sampung (10) set ng computer desktop, limang unit ng printer, isang (1) projector, isang EK Power Amplifier system at sampung (10) unit ng Sunspeed Mountain Bike.

Ayon kay PCol. Cansilao, malaki ang maitutulong ng mga kagamitang ito sa pagsusumite ng mga police reports upang mas mapabilis at mapahusay pa ang hanay ng kapulisan gayundin ang mga bike para sa mga kapulisan na nagpapatrolya upang patuloy na pangalagaan ang katahimikan at kaayusan ng lalawigan ng Batangas.

"Lubos ang pasasalamat namin sa hanay ng BPPO sa tulong na ibinigay ng Philippine National Police Foundation Inc. sapagkat tunay na malaking tulong ang mga gamit na ito para sa mga kapulisan sa ating lalawigan. Inaasahan din na mas magiging maayos ang pagbibigay ng serbisyo sa mga Batangueno at sa tuwina ay magiging kasangga ang atying kapulisan sa pagpapatupad ng batas at alituntunin ng ating pamahalaan," ani Cansilao. ***(BHABY P. DE CASTRO-PIA Batangas)***

Mga magsasaka sa Torrijos at Mogpog, tumanggap ng abono, binhi mula DA

TORRIJOS, Marinduque (PIA) -- Tumanggap ng 'fertilizer voucher' at 'palay certified seeds' mula sa Department of Agriculture (DA) ang mga magsasaka sa bayan ng Torrijos at Mogpog, kamakailan.

Ayon kay Dr. Lucila Vasquez, agricultural program coordinator ng Kagawaran ng Pagsasaka sa Marinduque, layon ng programa na makapagbigay ng libreng abono sa mga magsasaka para maging malusog at kapaki-pakinabang ang mga tanim na palay sa panahon ng dry season.

"Pangunahing hangarin ng proyektong ito na mapataas ang produksyon at ani ng palay ng ating sa mga magsasaka sa probinsya kahit sa panahon ng tag-init," ani Vasquez.

Sa ilalim aniya ng National Rice Program (NRP) ay makatatanggap ng P2,000 na halaga ng fertilizer voucher ang isang benepisyaryo na nagsasaka ng palay sa may isang ektaryang lupain.

"Ang halaga ng fertilizer voucher ay nakadepende sa laki ng lupang sinasaka. May nabigyan tayo ng halagang P500 at ang pinakamalaki ay P8,000," dagdag ni Vasquez.

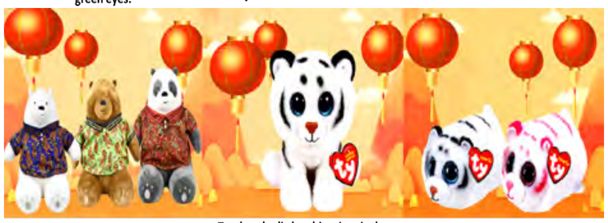
Umabot naman sa 648 ang bilang nga mga benepisyaryong nabigyan ng nasabing abono sa dalawang nabanggit na bayan kung saan, 277 dito ay nagmula sa munisipalidad ng Mogpog habang 371 ang nanggaling sa Torrijos.

Samantala, nauna nang naipamahagi ang mga binhi ng palay sa pakikipagtulungan ng Municipal Agriculture Offices.

Inaasahan namang agad na isusunod na mabibigyan ng 'fertilizer voucher' ang natitira pang apat na bayan. ***(RAMJR/ENSJR/PIA MIMAROPA)***

LUCK AND FUN FOR TIGER TOTS AT TOY KINGDOM

Spread the luck and fun with lovable Tiggy with his stripes and sparkling green eyes. | Adorable Kawaii Tiger plush with Crown | Winky Pinky Asia Tiger Beanie.



Celebrate the Year of the Tiger with the We Bare Bears trio on Tiger Print shirts. | Tundra, the little white tiger is the fluffiest TY Beanie. | Tag along these TeenyTY Tabor and Tundra plushies wherever you go.

Celebrate Chinese New Year with Toy Kingdom's cuddly toy tigers that kids – and kids at heart - would love to hold, hug, and snuggle at night. Adorable as they are, these are a supposed to bring a roaring share of luck, laughter, passion, and adventure in the Year of the Tiger.

There are adorable and colorful plush tigers with stripes and sparkling eyes, as well as cute and fluffy Kawaii Tigers.

They are perfect gifts for tiger tots who are born with all the charm and optimism they will need to navigate the ebb and flow of fortune in life. They possess big hearts, and naturally dispense love and charity to those people and interests that capture their imagination – from family and pets to the needy and downtrodden of the world.

Charismatic and bright, little tigers are ultimate optimists and will always bounce back from any setback, much like Tigger in Winnie the Pooh. Their insatiable curiosity about life will lead them into more than their fair share of adventures, sometimes resulting in scrapes, but you can't keep a good cat down.

Tigers are natural born leaders, always looking to bring folks together, put their brilliant ideas into practice, and ensure that equality reigns.

Welcome the Year of the Tiger with Toy Kingdom's collection of fluffy and adorable tiger inspired plushies that will surely bring luck and lots of fun into your homes. Get them via Toy Kingdom's Call to Deliver services at 0917.5578797 and have a personal shopper assist you and your kids to virtually select toys. Check out the latest toys at www.toykingdom.com.ph. Follow ToyKingdomPH in Facebook and Instagram.

THE LADYGUARDS OF SM CITY BACOOR: THEIR HONESTY AND YOUR SAFETY

LG Rean, LG Birso, and LF Tirado from SM City Bacoor (from left to right)

SM CITY BACOOR, CAVITE – So many things are keeping us busy these days. Trying to cope up with backlogs due to disrupted work or academic schedule, most of us tend to forget things that are important in our daily lives. Imagine losing your phone in a busy mall during the pandemic. Not the best day for a two mall shoppers who found out that they lost their belongings as they were rushing their way into the mall to quickly grab the things they needed. Good thing there are still honest employees, who upholds their integrity more than any material thing they could gain from keeping something they found that aren't theirs.

These are the commendable acts of LG Donna B. Rean from Combined Blue Dragon Security and Services Inc. and LG Amie D. Tirado from Defense Specialists Security Agency Inc. when they found lost phones unattended at their respective duties at SM City Bacoor. The honest guards never hesitated to surrender and return the items, which were immediately handed over and returned at the mall's CRS Office where the owners thanked the honest employees for her good deeds.

Another commendable act was noticed by a physician who went at SM City Bacoor. LG Irene Birso of Combined Blue Dragon Security and Services Inc. who was then assigned at the mall entrance, was noticed as she strictly implemented the Mall Health Safety Protocol thoroughly before allowing shoppers to enter the mall. This act speaks volume on how the mall prioritize the safety of its shoppers and everyone who are offering their services within the area.

These deeds are reflective of SM's Corporate value of honesty and integrity and bespeaks well of the attribute of a good member of SM Security force, worthy of praise and emulation. LG Donna B. Rean, LG Amie D. Tirado, and LG Irene Birso brought honor and pride not only to themselves, their families and security agencies, but also to SM group of companies in general.

A VERY PERI MIX FROM SM HOME

Nordic style Glass Vases

Have a Re-Wax-ation with this soothing lavender Kings Wax Soy Candle in Lavender

The traditional Pendulum Wall Clock gets an update in purple shades.

Very Peri Akemi Linen

Artsy and abstract throw pillows

Purple non-stick aluminum pans and pots

Lifestyle Azalea Ceramic Saucepan

Inventive and transformative Very Peri inspired accent chair

Carefree, confident, and creative Scentchips Amethyst Hummingbird Lantern

Calming and decorative Hosh Luxury Flower Pillar candle

Bring Very Peri's spirit of newness, carefree confidence, and creativity, to your home with furniture and home accessories from SM Home. Very Peri, was selected by global color authority Pantone as its Color of the Year 2022, describing it as "the happiest and warmest of all blue hues, a dynamic periwinkle blue with a vivifying violet red undertone blends the faithfulness and consistency of blue with the energy and excitement of red."

This is the first time in 23 years that Pantone has created a new shade for its Color of the Year selection, as "we have a new vision of the world now," Pantone Institute Executive Director Leatrice Eisenman told CNN. Using the dynamic virtual world – think of gaming and the metaverse – as a main source of inspiration, Arch Daily says that the shade

In architecture, shades of periwinkle blue and lavender have long been used in installations, commercial spaces, and lighting, bringing an overall calm, optimistic, and positive effect. And you can bring that to your home with SM Home's accent chairs, decorative candles and vases, bed linen, and kitchen ware in Very Peri shades.

Check out the latest Very Peri collection and shop online with The SM Store website www.thesmstore.com or via the SM Store's Call to Deliver services #143SM (#14376). For more info and updates, follow them at SM Home at the SM Store in Instagram or visit thesmstore.com website.

SM City Dasmariñas and SM Marketmall continue to give hope and to share kindness through kalinga packs distribution to the families of Barangay Burol 1, Dasmariñas City, amid challenges of the pandemic. This is a joint project of SM Foundation, Inc., SM Cares and SM Supermarket through SM Supermalls which aims to carry on hope for the new year.

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PAGHAHANDA PARA SA WORLD CUP NG PWF

PINAGHAHANDAAN ng Philippine Women's Football team ang kauna-unahang pagkakataon para sa FIFA World Cup.

Habang maaga sa ngayon ay tatlong malalaking torneo ang linya ng Filipina booters na inaasahang magiging load na sa kalendaryo para sa kanilang pinakadakilang yugto ng football na itinakda sa Hulyo 20 hanggang Agosto 20 sa susunod na taon sa Australia at New Zealand.

Sinabi ni Philippine Football Federation (PFF) president Nonong Araneta na kasunod ng pagpasok nito sa AFC Asian Cup, susunod sa women's team ang Southeast Asian Games sa Hanoi, Vietnam, ASEAN Football Championships sa Manila, at Asian Games sa Hangzhou, China.

"Ito ang tatlong paligsahan na naka-line up para sa aming koponan bilang bahagi ng paghahanda para sa World Cup," sabi ni Araneta sa virtual Philippine Sportswriters Association (PSA) Forum, kung saan kasama niya si PFF secretary-general Ed Gastanes.

Gumawa ng kasaysayan ang lady booters nang masungkit nila ang kauna-unahang puwesto sa World Cup matapos makuha ang dramatikong 4-3 panalo laban sa pinapaboran na Chinese Taipei sa pamamagitan ng penalty shootout sa quarterfinals ng nagpapatuloy na AFC Asian Cup sa Pune, India.

Maliban sa pag-oorganisa ng paghahanda sa pagsasanay na dapat pagdaanan ng lady booters para sa kanilang pinakamalaking kampanya kailanman, kailangan ding harapin ng PFF ang tungkulin ni coach Alen Stajcic sa koponan.

Ang kontrata ng 48-taong-gulang na Aussie mentor sa national squad ay mag-e-expire sa pagtatapos ng AFC meet.

"Kailangan naming kausapin si coach Alen dahil siyempre, dinala niya ang team kung nasaan siya ngayon," said Araneta in the same Forum presented by San Miguel Corporation, Philippine Olympic Committee, MILO® Philippines, Amelie Hotel Manila, Braska Restaurant , Unilever, PAGCOR, at kasosyo sa social media at webcast na Prime Edge Marketing Consultancy.

"Gusto naming magpatuloy siya hanggang malamang sa World Cup sa susunod na taon," idinagdag ng PFF prexy. "Kahit anong mangyari makuha natin siya."

Napansin ni Gastanes kung gaano kagaling si Stajcic, na itinuro na ang dalawang beses na mentor ng World Cup ay may kumpletong staff na binubuo ng isang fitness coach, analytics, assistant, isang video coordinator, at isang ground coach na kasalukuyang gumagawa ng kanilang bagay sa Asian Cup.

"Gusto natin makuha pa rin yung serbisyo ng kanyang team. Hindi siya biro. Isa siya sa pinakamahusay na coach ng kababaihan sa buong mundo," sabi ng kalihim-heneral ng PFF.

Ang PFF ay hindi nangunguna sa kuwento bagaman, at alam niyang may trabaho pang dapat gawin sa AFC meet kung saan ang koponan ng kababaihan ay nasa semifinals sa unang pagkakataon.

"We have to be realistic with our chances against Korea," admitted Araneta, the Koreans stunned Australia in the quarterfinals, 1-0.

"Pero iba na yung usapan ngayon because you know of what happened. Yung level nila, yung confidence nila that they can compete with the best, andiyan na. Kaya andiyan yung confidence ng team, and yung morale nila na nasa World Cup sila ay magbibigay sa kanila ng dagdag na motivation para mas maglaro at makapasok sa finals."

Miller sa 2nd Winter Olympics stint: 'Tiyak na nagbibigay inspirasyon'

Naramdaman ni Asa Miller ang snow ng Tsina sa pag-asang masanay at maalis ang jet lag sa lalong madaling panahon habang ang kanyang mga kumpetisyon sa Beijing 2022 Winter Olympics ay lalabas sa loob ng 12 araw.

Sinubukan ni Miller ang seksyon ng mga dalisdis ng Xiaohaituo Mountain kasama ang kanyang ama na si Kelly at agad na dumaloy ang kanyang makabayang dugo sa pananabik.

"Tiyak na inspirasyon ako ng lahat ng mga tao na kinakatawan ko kaya umaasa ako na mairepresenta ko sila sa lahat ng makakaya ko," sabi ng 21-taong-gulang na dalawang beses na Winter Olympian Miller.

"I'm very, very proud to be representing the Philippines once again. I hope to embody all the values that our country brings and share that with the people I meet here," said the 5-foot-8 Miller, who's seeing action in his second straight Winter Games.

Ang kampanya ni Miller sa higanteng slalom ay nakatakda sa Pebrero 13 at ang slalom pagkalipas ng tatlong araw.

Natapos si Miller sa ika-70 puwesto sa 110 skiers sa higanteng slalom sa kanyang Winter Olympic debut sa Pyeongchang 2018 at nakatuon siya sa pagpapabuti sa mga larong ito.

"Magkakaroon kami ng mga sesyon ng pagsasanay araw-araw upang matuto nang higit pa tungkol sa niyebe at mga burol," sabi niya. "Ang aking skiing ay bumuti at sa palagay ko ay gagawa ako ng mas mahusay kaysa dati."

Ang National Alpine Skiing Center ay isang makapigil-hiningang lugar at para makarating sa tuktok ng bundok, kailangang sumakay ng kalahating oras na biyahe sa cable car. Ang isang atleta ay kukuha ng pitong pagtakbo sa matarik na mga dalisdis na natatakpan ng niyebe na sumasaklaw sa layo na 9.2 kilometro na may patayong pagbaba ng 900 metro.

Si Miller ang nag-iisang atleta ng bansa sa Mga Larong Taglamig na ito ngunit hindi sa mga internasyonal na kompetisyon.

Siya ay isang lanky 16-year-old noong una siyang lumaban sa ibang bansa sa isang International Skiing Federation competition sa Perisher Ski Resort sa Australia noong 2016. Naglagay siya ng katamtamang ika-25.

Dumating dito si Millers at tiyak na sulitin ang 14-araw na window bago ang mga kumpetisyon.

TOPS GUEST : KARATE

IPINAHAYAG ni Philippine Karate Sports Federation Inc. President Richard Lim sa lingguhang Tabloids Organization in Philippine Sports (TOPS) 'Usapang Sports' via Zoom. Ang mga update kaugnay sa nalapit na Sea Games kung saan ay magpapatuloy ang "bubble training" para sa mga karatikas at ganun na rin sa magiging kalabasan ng Turkey training camp. Kasama sa larawan sina Manila SEA Games champion Jamie Lim at Junna Yukii. ***(RGN)***

ROS VS TERRAFIRMA

DAHIL sa bagong inilabas na alert level 2 sa NCR ay muli ng matutunghayan ang Aksyon sa PBA Governors Cup. ***(RGN)***

PFF OFFICIAL

MAKIKITA sa larawan sina Philippine Football Federation President Mariano 'Nonong' Araneta at Secretary General Ed Gastanes sa lingguhang PSA Forum online kaugnay sa pagsulong ng women's team para sa darating na 2023 World Cup co- hino-host ng Australia at New Zealand. Matatandaan na ginulat ng Filipina booters ang Chinese Taipei sa penalty shootout. ***(RGN)***

BUBBLE TRAINING NG KARATIKAS MAGPAPATULOY

SANIB puwersa ng kabataan at karanasan ang binubuong 15-man Philippine Karate Team na isasabak sa 31st Southeast Asian Games sa Mayo 12-23 sa Hanoi, Vietnam.

Ayon kay Philippine Karate Sports Federation Inc. president Richard Lim bukod sa pambatong sina Manila SEA Games champion Jamie Lim at Junna Yukiie, tatlong Filipino-Japanese teen-ager na nakabase sa Tokyo at Osaka ang inihahanda ng asosasyon para maisama sa koponan na magtatangkang higitan ang dalawang ginto, isang silver at 9 na bronze medal na nakamit ng Karatekas may dalawang taon na ang nakalilipas.

"Right now we're in full blast as far as training and preparation for the coming SEA Games is concerned. Junna (Tsukii) and three other fellows Japanese-based Fil-Am are currently training in Osaka and Tokyo. They're coming to Manila this month to join the team in 'bubble' training in Baguio training camp," pahayag ni Lim sa Tabloids Organization in Philippine Sports (TOPS) 'Usapang Sports' via Zoom.

"We're still evaluating the composition of the whole team. The 15-man line-up (pitong babae at walong lalaki) ito yung approved sa amin ng SEAG federation. But meron pa kaming 5 slots sa Team B na part ng 'have money, will travel' na approved ng POC. We're still until March 30 for the final submission ng entry by names," sambit ni Lim sa lingguhang sports forum na itinataguyod ng Philippine Sports Commission (PSC), Games and Amusements Board (GAB), at PAGCOR.

Iginiit ni Lim na wala pang opisyal na line-up ang koponan, ngunit bahagi ng pagbabasehan sa pagpili ang nakalipas na panalo ng mga atleta sa nakalipas na mga torneo, gayundin sa kalalabasan ng nakatakdang pagsabak ng koponan sa Turkey training camp at tournament isang buwan bago ang SEA Games.

Ang dalawang pambato ng bansa na sina Lim at Yukii ay kapwa nagwagi ng silver medal sa women's Kumite 61 kgs. at 50 kgs. sa Asian Karate Championship nitong Disyembre sa Almaty, Kazakhstan. Humirit naman ng dalawang bronze sa Kata ang 19-anyos Fil-Jap na si Sakura Alforte at isang bronze ang isa pang Fil-Jap na si Remon Misu. Ang isa pang Fil-Jap na posibleng makasama sa RP Team si Sarah Pangilinan.

"Before the Vietnam SEAG, we're planning to join the Turkey camp and tournament. Nakalulungkot lang at limitado ang budget ngayon ng PSC para sa SEA Games but we're looking for sponsorship from the private sector. Hopefully, maayos namin at matuloy kami, Malaking bagay itong training camp," sambit ni Lim.

Iginiit ni Jamie, anak ng basketball legend na si Samboy, na lubhang napakahalaga para sa atleta at sa koponan sa kabuuan ang makapagsanay at makalahok sa international tournament.

"Excited, grabe yung experience namin after the 2019 SEA Games. Very important para sa amin. But right now, focus kami at todo ang ensayo namin dito sa 'bubble'. Mentally, prepared na kami and we're hoping to play well in the SEAG," sambit ng 21-anyos Mathematics major cum laude sa University of the Philippines at World No.27 sa kanyang division.

Para kay Yukii, ang mabigyan ng karagdagang karangalan ang Pilipinas ang kanyang adhikain sa buhay mula nang bitiwan ang Japanese Team at katawanin ang bansa sa iba't ibang international meet.

"Right now, I'm focusing on improving my strategy. Mentally preparedness is very important for us," pahayag ng 30-anyos na si Yukii na isang elementary teacher sa Tokyo.

"My dream is to play on the world stage, in the Olympics. It was a dream come true when I was invited by the International Karate Federation to join the World stage this coming July," ayon kay Yukii kasalukuyang World No.4 sa kanyang division.

Ikinalugod din ni Lim na bukod sa tagumpay ng local karatekas sa international stage, umukit din ng kasaysayan ang PH coach na si Chino Veguillas matapos makapasa at maging unang Pinoy na makapasa sa International karate referee full licensed at full coachi licensed sa World Karate Federation.

DA-China negotiations on for lower-priced fertilizer

MANILA – In an attempt to meet the fertilizer requirement for the first planting season this year, the Department of Agriculture's Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (DA-FPA) is negotiating with China to lower prices.

The country needs 600,000 metric tons (MT) of fertilizer for the first planting season, according to FPA chief Wilfredo Roldan during a virtual briefer on Tuesday.

The DA inventory currently holds 200 MT.

"It is a real fact that the Philippines is a net importer of fertilizer, even if we have the PhilPhos (Philippine Phosphate Fertilizer Corporation) and Atlas (Fertilizer Corporation), but they are importing their raw materials," he said.

To date, the price of the commonly imported fertilizer urea is USD900 per ton, which will retail for PHP2,400 to PHP3,000 per bag.

In February and March 2021, it only cost about USD300.

The price increase is caused by high demand in India, Australia, United States, and Brazil, while big suppliers, like China and Russia, are withholding their exports to ensure their domestic requirements are met, according to Roldan.

Urea is a low-cost nitrogen fertilizer form that promotes green leafy growth and make the plants look lush.

When China asked for a firm offer, Roldan said the DA set the price at USD500 USD.

"If they will agree on that, that will help us largely," he said.

DA Secretary William Dar previously urged farm cooperatives to import fertilizers directly from international producers and suppliers.

He also ordered Roldan to look into a balanced strategy which will utilize non-traditional fertilizer. *(PNA)*

ECCP exec cites reforms needed to be prioritized by next admin

MANILA – Policy reforms of the next administration should focus on curbing corruption and human capital development, an executive of the European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (ECCP) said.

ECCP president Lars Wittig said a transparent government that upholds public trust is important in attracting investors.

"Denmark has the least corruption in the world, and I've seen first-hand how it benefits business. Because when there is a very high trust level and transparency, that really makes business very adaptable and very willing to make investments," he said in a briefing Monday.

The Philippines will lure more investors if the government increases its spending on human capital development through allocating a higher budget for education and nutrition, Wittig said.

"We are spending less money of our GDP (gross domestic product) on education," he added.

Wittig said the country's spending on education based on the percentage of the economy is relatively low compared to other developing countries.

"And finally, nutrition. It sounds very basic, but nutrition is one of the biggest hurdles in this country to ensure higher likelihood of a productive life from your 50 to 65 (years)," he said.

The ECCP executive said the next administration should bat for inclusive growth and address poverty to enable Filipinos to afford better nutrition.

"It's the ability to pay money for the right food, not just food, for your children and yourself," Wittig said.

He also supports new reforms that will improve the country's agriculture sector as a large population of the poor is working in this sector. *(PNA)*

Filipino priest is new apostolic nuncio to Rwanda

MANILA – Pope Francis has appointed Rev. Msgr. Arnaldo Sanchez Catalan as the new Apostolic Nuncio to Rwanda, the Archdiocese of Manila said on Monday.

Manila Archbishop Jose Cardinal Advincula said the Pope announced Catalan's appointment on January 31.

In a statement, Advincula expressed gratitude to the Holy Father "for this gift and honor and considers the appointment of Archbishop-elect Catalan as historic being the first priest of the Archdiocese of Manila to become a Nuncio."

He also greeted the new archbishop in the name of the clergy, religious men and women, and the laity of the Archdiocese.

Advincula also assured archbishop-elect of their support and prayers as he takes on this new mission in Rwanda.

The 55-year-old Catalan has been serving as the Chargé 'affaires of the Apostolic Nunciature in China since 2019.

He has worked in the Diplomatic Service of the Holy See for the past 20 years. His previous assignments were in the Apostolic Nunciatures in Zambia, India, Kuwait, Turkey, Argentina, Canada, and the Philippines.

The newly elected archbishop was ordained to the priesthood on March 25, 1994.

The archdiocese said the details of Catalan's episcopal ordination are yet to be announced. *(PNA)*

All threats on public officials subject to probe: DOJ

MANILA – The National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) has a month to report on the alleged slay attempt on presidential candidate Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr. made on video-focused social media platform TikTok.

Department of Justice (DOJ) Secretary Menardo Guevarra said on Monday the government investigates all threats on public officials, past and present, including candidates running for public office, upon prompt receipt of information.

"Thirty days is our standard reporting period but the NBI immediately reports if it finds something early enough," Guevarra told reporters via text message.

He said the DOJ Office of Cybercrime and NBI may also track down individuals who threaten to kill or rape public officials.

"All that is necessary is for the information to reach the proper authorities," Guevarra said.

A death threat is an unlawful act whether one believes it or not and even if it is unlikely, he added.

Vice President Leonor Robredo, who is also running for president, was likewise the subject of death threats before.

The TikTok user allegedly posted "we are meeting everyday to plan for BBM's (Bongbong Marcos) assassination. Get ready."

Lawyer Vic Rodriguez, Marcos' chief of staff, said in a statement on Sunday "we are not cowered by such threat" and all their campaign activities will continue. *(PNA)*

P541-M cash aid released to 27K ECC pensioners

MANILA – More than PHP541 million in financial assistance have been paid by the Employees' Compensation Commission (ECC) to its pensioners nationwide since its establishment in June 2021.

ECC Executive Director Stella Zipagan-Banawis said PHP541,440,000 were divided among 27,072 EC pensioners, who received PHP20,000 each.

"ECC considered our pensioners in the provision of assistance as they have also been affected by the Covid-19 pandemic because of their vulnerabilities and the prolonged economic impact brought by the pandemic," she said in a recent statement.

The pensioners are persons with permanent partial disability or permanent total disability, incurred due to their work or working environment.

They can also be the beneficiaries of the employees who died due to work-related contingencies during the prescribed period Jan. 1, 2020 to May 31, 2021.

The financial assistance was released by the Social Security System and the Government Service Insurance System, the implementing agencies of the EC Program.

"These were automatically credited to the pensioners' accounts or granted through checks," Banawis added.

President Rodrigo Duterte signed Administrative Order No. 39 on April 19, 2021 which authorized the ECC to release the financial assistance to qualified pensioners. *(PR)*

Over 24K barangays now 'drug-cleared': PDEA

MANILA – More than 24,000 barangays across the country have been cleared from illegal drugs since the start of the Duterte administration's crackdown on illegal drugs in 2016.

Based on the latest Real Numbers data released by the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) on Tuesday, the number of barangays declared drug-free as of Dec. 31, 2021 reached 24,253 while a total of 11,175 barangays have yet to be cleared of illegal drugs.

PDEA spokesperson Derrick Carreon earlier said that before declaring that a barangay is free from illegal drug activities, the Inter-Agency Committee on Anti-Illegal Drugs must validate the non-availability of drug supply, the absence of drug transit activity, clandestine drug laboratory and chemical warehouse, marijuana cultivation site, drug den, drug pushers and users in the area.

Authorities also dismantled a total of 993 drug dens and 18 clandestine shabu laboratories from July 2016 to December 2021.

Various types of illegal drugs worth PHP75 billion were seized and this amount includes PHP63 billion worth of shabu.

A total of 14,240 high-value targets across the country were arrested since the anti-illegal drugs campaign was launched on July 1, 2016.

Authorities also arrested 323,579 persons involved in illegal drugs during the period.

The consolidated reports as of December 31 also showed 6,225 drug suspects have died during 224,215 anti-illegal drug operations.

From July 2016 to December 2021, authorities also arrested 4,110 minors.

These rescued minors will be turned over after court proceedings to the Bahay Pag-asa centers of LGUs within eight hours of police custody, before turning them over to the Department of Social Welfare and Development. *(PNA)*

Gov't agencies urged to make sure contact lines 'reachable'

MANILA – Secretary Jeremiah B. Belgica, director general of the Anti-Red Tape Authority (ARTA), renewed his call to the government agencies to establish their official contact lines and ensure that their offices are reachable by the public.

Belgica said this is an important aspect of public service, especially now during the Covid-19 pandemic.

The statement came after ARTA continued receiving reports of government offices that are unreachable through their contact lines.

"We need to understand that it is a disservice to the public if they are not able to reach those in the government for assistance. This is yet another form of red tape that hampers the efficient delivery of government services to Filipinos," Belgica said in a news release on Tuesday.

"If we continue receiving complaints like this, we shall be issuing notices to explain to erring government offices," he added.

He said setting up contact lines is as important as putting up Public Assistance and Complaints Desks, which are mandated under Republic Act 11032 or the Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act of 2018.

This is in line with the Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines issued by the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases and Memorandum Circular No. 87 released by the Office of the President.

Both issuances provide that the government must be at full operating capacity even during the Covid-19 pandemic or enhanced community quarantine which later shifted to Alert Level System. *(PR)*

Cimatu elated over DENR achievements becoming part of PRRD's environmental legacy

QUEZON CITY -- Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Secretary Roy A. Cimatu said the milestones and achievements made by the agency will be a significant part of the Duterte administration's legacy on the conservation and protection of the environment.

In the DENR's Expanded Executive Committee Conference held last January 18, Cimatu praised the employees for rising to the challenge and meeting the expectations of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte.

Cimatu said that being tasked by President Duterte to head three important inter-agency bodies—the Boracay Inter-Agency Task Force, Manila Bay Task Force, and Task Force Build Back Better (TFBBB)—to facilitate the government's restoration and rehabilitation efforts through whole-of-government and society approach, "bespeaks of his high regard for our competence and capabilities."

"Indeed, I look forward to the pleasure of submitting to the Supreme Court at the end of my term a report on our compliance with the Writ of Continuing Mandamus for the cleanup and restoration of the water quality of Manila Bay," he said, noting that it is only during the Duterte administration that the concerned agencies have substantial compliance with the writ issued in December 2008.

Cimatu led the DENR conference via onsite and online platforms aimed at shaping the direction of the environment and natural resource sector for 2022.

"We managed to accomplish so much in so short a time despite the distractions caused by the pandemic and natural disasters. I believe we could have accomplished more, and we will certainly do so," Cimatu said, as he called on the DENR workforce to "push harder in the months ahead."

The DENR chief also noted that the rehabilitation efforts in Boracay Island are expected to be completed by mid-2022 which included the restoration of wetlands, clearing of 25+5 easement, and upgrading of the island's drainage and sewerage system.

Moreover, Cimatu underscored the DENR's performance as the head of the TFBBB, which was created in November 2020, to strengthen rehabilitation and recovery efforts in the Marikina River, Cagayan River, and Bicol River after being adversely affected by two destructive typhoons.

"We have responded not only to disaster and rehabilitation and recovery work but have also put in place measures to prevent or mitigate a repeat of those disasters in these three priority areas," Cimatu said.

He added that TFBBB is now working on a template to guide government agencies on what to do in the aftermath of every typhoon.

"We already started studying the cases of Siargao Island, Surigao, Leyte, Cebu, Bohol, Negros, and Palawan, all devastated by typhoon Odette," Cimatu said.

Cimatu likewise cited the closure of some 335 illegally operating dumpsites nationwide in line with the enforcement of the two-decade old Republic Act 9003 or the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000.

"Another accomplishment worth noting is the completion of the closure of all the 335 illegally operating dumpsites," Cimatu said, stressing that running after illegal dumpsites was a feat "past administrations failed to do for over one and a half decades despite the command of the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000."

"Let us work and push harder as we keep score of our successes so that at the end of this administration's term, we shall be able to report our milestones and legacies that will forever be etched in the environment and natural resources sector," he said. ***(DENR)***

POPCOM: PHL population's health challenged by highest mortality rate in 63 years

QUEZON CITY -- The first 11 months of 2021 saw more registered deaths across the Philippines, which stood at 768,504—higher by 154,562 than all of 2020.

This number hiked the country's mortality rate to 6.98 per thousand, as against 5.8 per thousand in 2020, according to the Commission on Population and Development (POPCOM), with initial data from the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA).

This latest release already shows a 25% increase in mortality, with still a month-and-a-half worth of data to be reckoned for 2021. This also set a record in the number of Filipinos dying in a year since post-World War 2.

Covid-19, classified either as "identified" or "unidentified" by medical practitioners, was the underlying cause of death (COD) for 75,285 Filipinos—higher than the 30,140 deaths from the same cause from March to December 2020. It was the second-leading COD to ischemic heart disease responsible for 110,332 deaths up to October 2021 from 86,164 the previous year.

Aside from both CODs, mortalities were also up for cerebrovascular disease (from 53,082 to 58,880) hypertension (from 26,079 to 32,614) and diabetes mellitus (from 32,830 to 38,584). Meanwhile, neoplasms (from 55,700 to 48,937) were markedly down from January 2021 to October 2021. Overall, there was increased mortality in five of the 10 leading CODs last year.

"The increasing number of deaths indicate a health system severely challenged by the pandemic and its consequences," explained Dr. Juan A. Perez III, Undersecretary for Population and Development. "Diseases with higher mortalities are also those causing the highest incidences of illnesses in the entire population, since respiratory diseases, hypertension and diabetes contribute to heavy caseloads of clinics and health centers nationwide. If consultations for these are delayed, exacerbations and complications happen."

"The fact that neoplasms are down should not be a comforting thought, as hospitals are heavily burdened with Covid-19," the POPCOM executive director noted. "Diagnosis of all forms of cancers may also be delayed or remain undiagnosed, leading to deaths attributed to other causes."

About 105,425 deaths, or 11.04% of 954,585 deaths from April 2020 to October 2021, were classified as caused by Covid-19. Death rate tagged to the disease was 95.8 per 100,000 population.

Classifying Covid. Dr. Perez explained that there are two kinds of Covid-19 affecting the country: Covid-19 "identified," which can be confirmed via RT-PCR tests, and Covid-19 "unidentified," with laboratory tests or clinical findings by a doctor indicative of Covid-19, but without a confirmatory test up to the time of death. Both are considered valid CODs, and are methods accepted by the World Health Organization to report the disease.

From zero deaths in March 2020, Perez said Covid-19 became the fifth-leading COD that year. In the first 10 months of 2021, the PSA reported 51,514 deaths from Covid-19 "identified" and 23,771 as Covid-19 "unidentified," for a total of 75,285. In 2020 there were only 9,300 Covid-19 "identified," and 20,840 Covid-19 "unidentified." This showed an improved testing capacity for Covid-19 in 2021.

"Thus, the statistics above elevated Covid-19 as the second-deadliest killer of Filipinos in 2021," the POPCOM chief further stated. "We are expecting more numbers from November and December of last year. We can presume that there were about 800,000 deaths or more then."

With the January-November 2021 births only at 1,076,770, Dr. Perez said the Philippines' year-end population growth rate will be markedly lower than 2020. Based on the latest release by PSA, there were 308,266 more births than deaths up to November 2021.

Highest in 60+ years. Dr. Perez estimated that the 2021 number of deaths already indicate the highest annual death statistic in the Philippines' recorded medical history: "In 2019 and 2020, the mortality rate was about the same at 5.8 per 1,000 Filipinos. By the end of 2021, I believe it reached 7.5 or 8 per 1,000—not the highest mortality rate ever in the country, but certainly the highest number of Filipinos dying in a single year."

Referencing the Department of Health's earlier editions of Philippine Health Statistics, POPCOM's executive director disclosed that the last time the Philippines experienced the same level of mortality rates were in 1958 to 1959, where it reached between 7.3 and 8.4, but at that time "only 218,816 died."

From a health standpoint, he enjoined concerned national and local governments agencies to increase investments in the health workforce and public-health programs dealing with increased morbidity of the leading causes of disease which require improving primary health-care systems throughout the country. Mortalities at high numbers also indicate the need for acute health-care services at higher levels of care, such as provincial hospitals and regional medical centers.

"The challenge to the Philippine health system is both acute and unprecedented. Local health systems would need to be augmented by additional investments in health systems capacity and its resilience to respond to acute health crises," Dr. Perez recommended. ***(POPCOM)***

Imported vehicle sales grow 14% in 2021

MANILA – The appetite of the local market for imported vehicles recovered in 2021 as sales grew 14 percent compared to 2020 numbers, the Association of Vehicle Importers and Distributors (AVID) reported Monday.

AVID said imported vehicle sales last year increased to 58,916 units from 51,851 units in 2020.

The double-digit growth in sales of light commercial vehicles offset the 9 percent decline of passenger car sales last year.

Imported light commercial vehicles sold 42,871 units in 2021, higher by 23 percent than the 34,896 unit sales in 2020.

Sales of outsourced passenger cars in the previous year decreased to 15,092 units from 16,650 units sold a year ago.

On the other hand, commercial vehicle sales jumped 212 percent to 953 units from 305 units in the same period.

Month-on-month, AVID members' cumulative sales increased by 7 percent to 5,259 units in December last year from 4,903 units in November.

Some 4,110 units sold in the previous month were light commercial vehicles, 1,140 units were passenger cars, and nine units of commercial vehicles.

AVID president Maria Fe Perez-Agudo said easing the mobility towards the latter part of the year has contributed to the recovery of the industry.

"You cannot downplay the importance of mobility in the reopening of the economy, gradual though it may be," Perez-Agudo said. "With unwavering confidence in the market and in the quality of our product and service offerings, AVID members are determined to build on these gains and look forward to an even better normal in 2022." ***(PNA)***

CHIZ: DAPAT ISALI ANG JO, KONTRAKTUWAL SA DAGDAG-SUWELDO

Sinabi ni senatorial aspirant at Sorsogon Gov. Chiz Escudero na dapat magkaroon ng karagdagang suweldo at benepisyo ang lahat ng empleyado ng pamahalaan, kontratuwal man o permanente, kung may gagawing bagong batas para sa panibagong pagtaas ng suweldo ng mga nagtatrabaho sa gobyerno.

Nagkabisa nitong Enero ang Salary Standarization Law (SSL) 5 kung saan tumaas ang suweldo ng mga civilian personnel ng gobyerno na naka-plantilla subalit hindi kasali rito ang mga naka-job order, kontraktuwal, at temporary.

"Kung may batas mang gagawin, dapat isaklaw o isama ang temporary, job order at contractual workers dahil sa totoo lang, sa pananaw ko, pareho lamang ang ginagawang trabaho ng contractual and job order at ng permanente," ani Escudero.

"Ngayong panahon ng pandemya, hindi puwede na may mga piling kasali lang at may mga etsapuwera o iyong may mga dagdag-suweldo at iyong mga wala. Kung may agwat sa kanilang kinikita, pag-abutin sana ito at huwag na sanang palawakin pa ang agwat," pagbibigay-diin ng beteranong mambabatas.

Ayon sa numero noong Agosto 2021 mula sa Civil Service Commission (CSC), may naka-job order (JO) at contract of service (COS) na 582,378 empleyado.

Naniniwala ang dating senador na makakaya naman ng gobyerno na hanapan ng taunang pondo ang pagsasama sa mga di-permanenteng posisyon sa mga karagdagdang suweldo at benepisyo.

"Nais ko na bigyan ng tamang kompensasyon at pagkilala ang kanilang binibigay na sakripisyo at pagiging bayani lalo na sa panahong ito ng pandemya. Kung ang sasabihin nila (gobyerno) na kulang at walang pera, hindi ako naniniwala doon. Kung may pera nga para bumili ng ilang kagamitan na hindi kailangan, may pera din dapat sila para sa tunay na naaasahan sa panahon ng pandemya," pagbibigay-diin niya.

Nilalaman ng Republic Act 114661 o ang "Salary Standardization Law of 2019" ang mga karagdagang suweldo at benepisyo na ibibigay ng apat na bagsak na nagsimula na noong 2020 at matatapos hanggang susunod na taon at ito'y mapapakinabangan ng 1.6 milyong empleyado ng gobyerno na naka-plantilla.

Maliban sa karagdagang suweldo at benepisyo, sinabi ni Escudero kung maaari ring pag-aralan ng pamahalaan na gawing permante ang mga JO/COS, lalo't kung maraming taon na silang nagtatrabaho sa gobyerno at mataas naman ang kanilang performance rating na aniya'y puwede ring pag-aralan ng CSC bilang mga pamalit sa kahingiang pasadong civil service exam.

Samantala, inihayag ng gobernador ng Sorsogon na sinimulan nang ipatupad ng kanyang administrasyon ang isang budget circular na nagsasaad ng pagtaas ng suweldo ng mga nurse sa pampublikong ospital bilang pagtugon sa ikatlong bagsak ng SSL 5 na epektibo na ngayong buwan. ***PR***

Batangas, pilot para sa Province-led Agriculture and Fishery Extension System

LUNGSOD NG BATANGAS (PIA)-- Ibinida ng Department of Agriculture IV-CALABARZON (DA-4A)ang matagumpay na implementasyon sa isinagawang assessment at pagpaplano kaugnay ng Province-led Agriculture and Fishery Extension System (PAFES) noong ika-27 ng Enero .

Ang lalawigan ng Batangas ang pilot province sa rehiyong Calabarzon para sa naturang programa.

Layunin nitong maipatupad ang Collaborative Agri-fishery Extension Program (CPAFEP) o mga isasagawang pang-agrikulturang programa at proyekto ng DA-4A na katuwang ang mga lokal na pamahalaan, state universities and colleges (SUCs), at civil society organizations (CSO).

"Ang PAFES ang platform upang masigurong mai-incorporate ng LGU ang mga plano. The role of the Department is to stir. The role of the LGU is to roll(gampanin ng tanggapan na timplahin ng ayos habang ipinapalagana naman ng lokal na pamahalaan)," paliwanag ni DA Assistant Secretary for Operations at DA-4A Regional Executive Director Arnel V. de Mesa.

Kaugnay ng pagkakatatag ng PAFES sa Batangas, bumuo noong nakaraang taon ang DA-4A ng technical working group (TWG) na tututok sa mga proyektong kabilang sa CPAFEP.

Kabilang sa TWG ay ang Office of the Provincial Agriculturist (OPA) at provincial veterinary office (ProVet) ng Batangas, DA-4A Agricultural Training Institute (ATI), DA Bureau of Agricultural Research (BAR), Philippine Rural Development Project (PRDP) CALABARZON, at ang Batangas State University (BatStateU).

Naghanda rin noong nakaraang taon ang mga miyembro ng TWG para sa implementasyon ng mga proyektong kabilang sa CPAFEP sa pamamagitan ng pagsailalim sa iba't ibang orientasyon, pagsasanay, workshops, at seminars.

Nakipag-ugnayan din sila sa mga stakeholders na magiging katuwang sa mga proyekto, at pinag-usapan at pinagkasunduan ang appraisal sa mga proyekto.

Ilan sa maituturing na malalaking proyekto ng PAFES sa taong ito na nakatakdang simulant ang pagtatayo ng Meat Establishment Complex sa Ibaan gayundin sa Batangas Port at Meat Academy sa Lipa.

Samantala, ilan pa sa mga proyektong pang-agrikultura na isasagawa ay ang: pamamahagi ng mga binhi at kagamitan sa pagtatanim at pangingisda; pagsasagawa ng mga programa sa plant propagation, crop diversification, crop protection, at bangus, oyster, maliputo, and mud crab production; pagbibigay ng soil fertility management services; at pagtatayo ng learning sites.

Magpapatuloy din ngayong taon ang pagdaraos ng mga pagsasanay, workshops, at seminars sa mga grupong kasama sa PAFES, maging ang pakikipag-ugnayan sa mga stakeholders gayundin ang pagbuo sa mga non-pilot provinces sa rehiyon. ***(BHABY P. DE CASTRO-PIA Batangas/ DA Calabarzon)***

Koleksiyon ng LBC, tinakbo ng 'bisor

ISANG branch supervisor ng LBC ang tumangay umano ng kulang kalahating milyong pisong koleksiyon ng kumpanya sa Trece Martires City, Cavite Lunes ng gabi.

Kinilala ang suspek na si Andrew Laureto de Jesus, 42, LBC Team Head Supervisor, ng 41 Biga 1, Silang.

Inireklamo siya ni Teodoro Ambrad Anciano IV, 38, delivery manager Cavite hubs.

Sa ulat ni PSSgt Rodolfo Reyes, ng Trece Martires City Police Station, pinaniniwalaang naganap ang insidente sa pagitan ng alas-7:00 Linggo ng umaga hanggang 1:00 Lunes ng hapon sa tanggapan sa Cavite 3 LBC Hub, 3609 Governor's Drive, Brgy Cabuco.

Sa reklamo ni Anciano IV, dakong ala-1:00 ng hapon ay napunang nawawala ang P488,608.00 na koleksiyon ng kumpanya na nakatakda sanang i-deposit ng araw na iyon.

Tinangka nilang tawagan si De Jesus sa kanyang cellphone subalit hindi na makontak at lahat ng social media accounts niya ay deactivated na.

Pinuntahan din siya sa address na ibinigay nito sa kumpanya subalit hindi rin nakita. ***GENE ADSUARA***

PHARAOH'S STAR, SWAK SA BALYA!

Swak na swak ang ginawang pagremate ng tersera liyamadong kabayo na si Pharaoh's Star matapos na makahanap ng magandang madaraan sa tabing balya upang angkinin ang titulo ng 2022 Philracom 3YO Maiden Stakes Race na inilarga sa karerahan ng San Lazaro Leisure Park sa Carmona, Cavite. Mahusay na pagmamaniobra ang ipinamalas ng class A rider na si Jeffrey Barbosa Bacaycay sa ibabaw ni Pharaoh's Star matapos na isunod lamang sa likuran at maghintay ng magandang tiyempo sa pagremate. Sa umpisa ng laban ay nakalundag ng maaga ang segunda liyamado na si Ipolitika ni Mark Alvarez, kasabay si King Hans na sinakyan ni Danny Boy Camanero, ngunit agad naman na umarangkada sa gawing labas si California King ni John Alvin Guce upang mahawakan ang bandera, kasunod sa bandang gitna ang paborito na si Elegant Lady na nirendahan ni Rodeo Fernandez, nakamasid naman sa ikalimang posisyon si Pharaoh's Star, pang-anim si Cash Is King ni Jessie Guce, kasunod si Darna na ginabayan ni Pabs Cabalejo, pangwalo si Chloespirit ni Oniel Cortez habang si Spaghetting Pababa na lulan ni John Paul Guce ang bugaw sa takbuhan. Sa unang kurbada ay matatag na nakapuwesto sa harapan si California King, kasunod si Elegant Lady, pangatlo nang may tatlong kabayong agwat si Ipolitika at pang-apat si King Hans. Pagdating sa medya milya ay nabigyan ng pressure sa unahan si California King matapos na bulabugin at bahagyang lutsahin ni Elegant Lady, habang kumikilos na sa panglima ang bida na si Pharaoh's Star. Papasok sa tres oktabos ay nasa harapan pa rin si California King at nagkukumahog naman si Elegant Lady na makalapit sa unahan, habang nagpapainit pa rin sa panglima si Pharaoh's Star. Sa far turn ay tangan pa rin ni California King ang bandera, habang bumubulusok naman ang winning horse sa tabing balya. Sa huling 100 meter ay dikdikan ang naging labanan sa pagitan nila California King at Pharaoh's Star ngunit sadyang mas malakas ang dating ni Pharaoh's Star kaya pagdating sa huling 50 meter ay naging klaro na ang kanyang kalamangan. Tinawid ni Pharaoh's Star ang meta ng may isa't kalahating agwat laban sa nasegundo na si California King. Naorasan si Pharaoh's Star ng tiyempong 1:37.2 (17'-25-26-29) para sa distansiyang 1,500 meter. Nasungkit ng may-ari ni Pharaoh's Star na si Ginoong Jimmy Calomot ang premyong P720,000 bilang 1st prize. Nakakahamig din ang koneksiyon ni California King ng P240,000 bilang 2nd place. Nakakubra naman sina King Hans, Ipolitika, Elegant Lady at Darna ng premyong P120,000, P60,000, P36,000 at P24,000 bilang 3rd, 4th, 5th at 6th ayon sa pagkakasunod para sa kabuuang P1.2M guaranteed prize na inisponsoran ng Philracom. Matatandaan na si Elegant Lady ang nagwagi sa trial run ng 2022 Philracom 3YO Maiden Stakes Race na ginanap noong Enero 19, 2022 sa parehong karerahan. Ngayon ay ipinakita at pinatunayan ni Pharaoh's Star sa bayang karerista ang kanyang bilis at galing.

MIYEMBRO NG AKYAT-BAHAY, 2 ULIT SUMALAKAY PARA MAKAPAGSUGAL

ARESTADO ang 32-anyos na hinihinalang miyembro ng akyat-bahay gang na tumangay ng P7,600 cash sa dalawang bahay para may pantaya sa cara y cruz sa Bacoor City, Cavite Martes ng hapon.

Kasong two counts of robbery at paglabag sa PD 1602 (cara y cruz) ang kinaharap ng suspek na si Arnel Tanael, Jr. y Apostol, alias "JR," dahil sa reklamo ni Jenica Tejada y Tanael, 31, single, self-employed; at Butch Vargas y Tabigue, 33, single, fish vendor.

Sa ulat ni PMSgt Edison Fetalcurin, ng Bacoor City Police Station, alas-3:35 ng hapon naaresto ang suspek habang naglalaro ng cara y cruz sa Brgy Talaba 2.

Nauna rito, ala-1:00 Martes ng madaling araw ay nilooban ng suspek ang bahay ni Tejada sa pamamagitan ng pwersahang pagpasok sa likurang bintana ng bahay at tinangay ang P3,600 cash.

Hindi pa nakuntento, alas-2:00 ng madaling araw ay puwersahan din na pinasok ng suspek ang harapang pintuan ni Vargas at tinangay ang OPPO cellular phone na nagkakahalaga ng P7,000 at P4,000 na cash money.

Matapos ang insidente, nagsumbong ang dalawang biktima sa tanggapan ng kanilang barangay dahil nakilala nila ang suspek.

Agad namang nagsagawa ng follow up operation ang mga tanod ng Brgy Talaba 2 kung saan naaresto ang suspek sa aktong naglalaro ng cara y cruz at narekober ang P116 na pusta at pangara. ***GENE ADSUARA***

Obrero, dedo sa poste ng meralco

PATAY ang 23-anyos na construction worker nang nadulas ang minamanehong motorsiklo at bumangga sa poste ng ilaw ng kuryente sa Imus City, Cavite Martes ng hapon.

Naisugod pa sa Ospital ng Imus ang biktimang si Nabil Hadji Satar, ng Datu Ismael, Brgy. H2, Dasmariñas City subalit hindi na umabot ng buhay sanhi ng matinding pinsala sa katawan.

Sa ulat ni PSSgt Wilfred Ocampo Guevarra, ng Imus City Police Station, ang biktima lulan ng kanyang motorsiklong Honda TMX 125 at binabagtas ang NIA Road patungo sa direksiyon ng Open Canal sa Brgy Malagasang 2C, dakong 10:45 ng gabi.

Pagsapit sa lugar ay nawalan umano ng kontrol sa manibela at nadulas ang gulong ng kanyang motorsiklo at dumiretso sa poste ng Meralco.

Dahil sa pangyayari, tumama ang ulo nito sa poste at agad na isinugod sa ospital subalit idineklarang dead on arrival. ***GENE ADSUARA***

Pekeng sundalo, tiklo

TIKLO ang isang pekeng Army habang naglalakad at may sukbit na baril sa baywang sa Imus City, Cavite Huwebes ng hapon.

Kinilala ang naaresto na si Villardo Zape Peradilla Jr., 40, may-asawa, online seller, at residente ng ACS Apartment D, Brgy. Bayan Luma 7, Imus City.

Sa ulat ni PSSgt Mark Anthony Salvador, ng Imus City Police, alas-2:00 ng hapon nang dumputin ang suspek habang namataan sa Brgy Bayan Luma 4.

Ang pagkakaaresto kay Peradilla ay bunsod sa reklamo ng ilang concern citizen kung saan kahina-hinalang namataan na naglalakad ang suspek sa lugar habang nakasuot ng uniporme ng militar at may sukbit ng baril sa baywang.

Agad namang rumesponde sa tawag ang mga operatiba ng POPI, Imus CPS kung saan naabutan ang suspek sa lugar at narekober ang isang replica na kalibre ng baril at wala ring Identification Card (ID) na magpapatunay na isa siyang miyembro ng Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP).

Paglabag sa RA 10591, Omnibus Election Code and Usurpation of Authority ang isinampang kaso laban sa suspek. ***GENE ADSUARA***

20 'tulak' nadagit sa buy bust

TINATAYANG mahigit sa P88K halaga ng hinihinalang shabu ang nasamsam at isang kalibre ng baril sa pagkakaaresto sa dalawang umano'y drug pushers habang 18 iba pang 'tulak' ang dinampot sa isinagawang buy bust operation sa magkakahiwalay na lugar sa Cavite Biyernes ng madaling araw.

Kinilala ang dalawang tulak na naaresto na sina Jess Vergel Joaquin Y Ordoñez, 39, binata; at Richard Peña Y Lo, 35.

Sa ulat ni PMSgt Christian Nel Cuevas, ng Bacoor City Police Station, dakong alas-5:30 ng gabi nagsagawa ng buy bust operation ang mga operatiba ng Bacoor CPS sa Mary Homes Subd., na nagresulta sa kanilang pagkakaaresto at nasamsam ang 13 gramo ng hinihinalang shabu na may street value na P88,400 na nakuha sa loob ng isang itim na tactical bag, buy bust money at isang kalibre 45 at pitong bala.

Samantala, labingwalong iba pang tulak ang binitbit sa isinagawang buy bust operation sa anim na lungsod at tatlong bayan sa pagitan ng alas-5:25 Huwebes ng umaga hanggang alas-5:20 kinabukasa ng umaga.

Tig-dalawa na tulak ang binitbit sa buy bust operation sa lungsod ng Cavite, Imus, Bacoor, Trece, Dasmarinas at Gen Trias; Kawit, Indang at Naic o kabuuan na 18. ***GENE ADSUARA***

Sumalpok sa Revo, tepok

HINDI na umabot ng buhay sa ospital ang isang rider nang bumangga ang minamanehong motorsiklo sa Toyota Revo Wagon sa Kawit, Cavite Miyerkules ng madaling araw.

Kinilala ang biktima na si Jolito Obnimaga, nasa wastong edad, habang ang driver ng Toyota Revo Wagon na may plakang XPE 410 aya si Jayferland Teofilo y Tabios.

Sa ulat ni PSSgt Jason Murcia, ng Kawit Police Station, dakong alas-3:30 ng madaling araw naganap ang insidente.

Binabagtas ni Teofilo ang Kawit patungo sa direksiyon ng Bacoor City, north bound, habang ang biktima ay sakay ng motorsiklong Rusi Macho galing Kalayaan ay patungo sa direksiyon ng Centennial Road, South bound (Noveleta).

Pagsapit sa junction ng Centennial-Kalayaan sa Brgy Magdalo-Potol, sa Kawit, ay tumama ang motorsiklo ng biktima sa kanang bahagi ng sasakyan ni Teofilo.

Kapwa nagkaroon ng sira ang dalawang sasakyan pero napuruhan ang katawan ni Obnigama kaya isinugod sa Kalayaan Hospital subalit wala ng buhay bago pa man nakarating. ***GENE ADSUARA***

Mangrove Rehab Project, ilulunsad ng BFAR sa Hagonoy

LUNGSOD NG MALOLOS (PIA) -- Nakatakdang ilunsad ng Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources o BFAR ang Mangrove Rehabilitation Project sa bayan ng Hagonoy sa Bulacan.

Ito ang kinumpirma ni Agriculture Undersecretary for Agri-Industrialization and Fisheries Cheryl Marie Natividad-Caballero matapos siyang magsagawa ng site validation sa nasa 150 ektaryang magkahiwalay na coastal at fishing community na matatagpuang sa barangay Tibagin.

Layunin ng proyekto na ipatutupad sa pakikipagtulungan sa Department of Agriculture at National Fisheries Research and Development Institute na magkaroon ng pananggalang sa kalamidad at pagbahang dulot ng high tide ang mga residente.

Kasama si BFAR Regional Director Wilfredo Cruz, BFAR Bulacan Provincial Officer Joseph Bitara, mga opisyal ng pamahalaang bayan ng Hagonoy at ilang miyembro ng Municipal Fisheries and Aquatic Resource Management Council, siniyasat ni Natividad-Caballero ang mga lugar na pagtatamnan ng bakawan.

Dito ay ipinakita ang mayamang industriya ng talaba sa Hagonoy at kaakibat nito ang pag-aangkat ng kawayan mula sa iba pang bayan sa Bulacan.

Kagyat namang nabatid ni Natividad-Caballero ang potensyal na maaaring ihatid ng proyekto sa komunidad sakaling matagumpay aniya itong maisagawa.

Iminungkahi niyang tamanan na rin ng kaparehong species ng kawayan ang mga lugar kung saan isasagawa ang proyektong rehabilitasyon upang magkaroon din ng karagdang pagkakakitaan ang mga mangingisda sa lugar.

Ikinagalak naman ng Municipal Agriculture Officer ng bayan na si Cristina Manio na binibigyang prayoridad ng pambansang pamahalaan ang kaligtasan ng mga residente ng Hagonoy lalong-lalo na ng mga kabilang sa sektor ng pangisdaan.

Nasa 8,400 ektarya ang nakatalaga sa produksyon ng aquaculture sa Hagonoy. Humigit kumulang 10,000 mangingisda rin ang inaasahang makikinabang sa magagandang epekto ng mga itatanim na bakawan.

Bukod aniya sa kabuhayan at pamumuhay ng mga taga-Hagonoy maaari rin umunlad ang turismo sa kanilang munisipalidad sakaling maisagawa ang proyekto na maaaring lumikha ng panibagong pagkakakitaan para sa mamamayan. ***(CLJD-PIA 3)***

Kooperasyon ng lahat, mahalaga para sa kaayusan ng eleksyon

LUNGSOD NG CABANATUAN (PIA) -- Kooperasyon ng lahat ang kailangan para sa malinis at ligtas na pagdaraos ng halalan.

Ayon kay 703rd Infantry Brigade Commander Colonel Joseph Norwin Pasamonte, magkakatuwang ang mga kasundaluhan, kapulisan, Coast Guard, at Commission on Elections sa pagbabantay ng seguridad sa rehiyon para sa nalalapit na eleksyon.

Ang hangad aniya ng komite ay ang kooperasyon ng bawat isa ngayong panahon ng halalan na kung saan may ipinaiiral na mga batas para sa kabutihan ng lahat.

Kanyang payo sa mga kumakandidato ay lumaban ng patas, hayaan ang mga mamamayang magpasya nang nais ihalal na manunungkulan at huwag gumamit ng dahas para lamang manalo.

Huwag naman aniyang mag-atubili ang mga mamamayang magsumbong kung nakararanas ng panggigipit o harassment upang mabigyan ng kaukulang pansin at solusyon.

Pahayag ni Pasamonte, bawat kasundaluhan ay magiging bahagi sa pagbabantay ng halalan hindi lamang ang Philippine Army, nariyan din ang Navy at Air Force.

Lagi aniyang nakahanda ang hanay upang umagapay at magbigay suporta sa mga ahensya ng pamahalaan sa pagbabantay ng kaayusan at kaligtasan sa buong panahon ng halalan.

Gayundin ay patuloy ang kanilang operasyon kontra terorismo, ang pagtulong sa iba't ibang ahensiya ng pamahalaan sa paghahatid ng mga programa sa mga pamayanan at ang kahandaang rumesponde sa mga oras ng kalamidad. ***(CLJD/CCN-PIA 3)***

BSP nagbabala sa mga pekeng bills mula sa ATM machines

QUEZON CITY (PIA) - Hinimok ng Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) ang publiko na regular na suriin ang mga banknote na ibinibigay ng automated teller machine (ATMs) upang maprotektahan laban sa mga pekeng banknote.

Kung pinaghihinalaang peke ang isang banknote na ibinigay ng ATM, dapat agad itong iulat ng may-ari sa bangko na may-ari ng ATM machine.

"Kung ang isang banknote na ibinibigay ng isang ATM ay pinaghihinalaan na peke, ang may hawak ay pinapayuhan na agad itong i-report sa bangko na nagmamay-ari ng ATM machine," sabi ng BSP.

Magsasagawa ng imbestigasyon ang bangko at kung mapatunayan ang claim, dapat palitan ng bangko ang banknote na in question, dagdag ng BSP.

Ibinahagi ng BSP ang mga paraan kung paano siyasatin ang mga banknote para sa pagiging tunay sa pamamagitan ng "feel, look and tilt" approach:

FEEL (Salatin)
1. Security Paper
2. Embossed Prints
3. Tactile Marks

LOOK (Tingnan)
1. Watermark
2. Security Fiber
3. Asymmetric Serial Number
4. See-through mark

TILT (Itagilid)
1. Security Thread
2. Concealed Value
3. Optically Variable Ink
4. Optical Variable Device Patch
5. Enhanced Value Panel

Tiniyak din ng BSP sa publiko na ang mga bangko ay nagpakalat ng 'adequate risk management measures' upang mapigilan ang mga insidente ng peke. ***(GRC-PIA IDPD)***

GENTRI CITY PUPCs, DETAINEES INOCULATED AGAINST COVID-19

Trece Martires, Cavite (PIA) – The City Health Office of General Trias in coordination with the General City PNP conducted vaccination rollouts for the detainees in the General Trias Police Office in Barangay Bagumbayan and in the General Trias City Jail facility.

A total of 364 Persons Under Police Custody (PUPC) received their CoVid-19 vaccine 1st dose, and booster shots during the activity initiated by the CHO led by City Health Officer Dr. Jonathan Luseco which was held at the General Trias CPS Custodial Facility in Barangay Bagumbayan on Wednesday, January 19, 2022.

Personnel of the General Trias City Police Station led by Police Major Valero Bueno and Local Police Chief PLtCol. Norman Rañon assisted during the vaccination for the orderly conduct of said activity.

The single dose Johnson&Johnson (J&J) Janssen vaccine, and Moderna Covid-19 vaccine were administered to the PUPCs.

Meanwhile, the vaccination rollout conducted at the General Trias City Jail in Barangay Navarro on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 had partially inoculated about 65% or almost 800 of the 1,200 male and female detainees of the facility with the 1st dose of the CoVid-19 vaccine while a total of 200 fully vaccinated detainees had received their booster shots for additional protection against infection.

"Unti-unti po natin sila nabakunahan hanggang ma-Booster shot sila para na rin sa kanilang mga protection kontra Covid," Dr. Jonathan Luseco said. (We vaccinated them one at a time until they could be given their booster shot for the protection against CoVid-19). ***(Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite with reports from Dennis Abrina)***

32nd Civil Registration Month Celebration Kicks-Off at CALABARZON

The 32nd Civil Registration Month (CRM) this February is being celebrated and observed in the country pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 682 signed on 28 January 1991 by former President Corazon C. Aquino. The Philjppines Statistics Authority (PSA) RSSO IV-A joins the nation in the conduct of various activities with the theme "Improving Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Implementation Strategies through Digital Transformation".As a kick-off activity, a Fun Walk was held this February 2, 2022 wherein employees of PSA assembled as early as 6:00 a.m. and walked the inner and outer main thoroughfare within and across of Fiesta World Mall in Lipa City, Batangas. The 30-minute walk likewise showcase the CRVS Jingle played on mobile speaker while employees waved colorful balloons as they walk observing health protocols. This also served as an endeavor for Health and Wellness of the workforce.

PSA Regional Director, Charita C. Armonia together with Civil Registration and Administrative Support Division (CRASD) Chief, Wilma A. Villafuerte and Statistical Operations and Coordination Division (SOCD) Chief, Benigno F. Perido led the Ribbon Cutting for the 32nd CRM Exhibit situated at the CRS Outlet. During the short program, CRS Outlet Supervisor, Juliedin B. Nohay enjoined the clients to explore the exhibit where they can learn vital information/data related to civil registration.

During the month-long celebration, PSA offices in the country will conduct other activities such as display of streamers, mobile registration, trainings, distribution of information, education, and communication (IEC) materials, 2nd Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) Nationwide Quiz Bee for L.oca l Civil Registrars, Civil Registration Quiz Bee for Outlet Supervisors, digital poster and slogan making contest, virtual and in-house seminars/ m e e t i n g s / q u i z z e s among PSA employees and stakeholders.

The PSA believes that these undertakings will strengthen and intensify its commitment and advocacy to deliver effective and efficient civil registration and vital statistics to the public. ***PR***

ILAN lamang ang mga ito sa pekeng vaccination card na nakumpiska ng Manila Police District-14 Barbosa Station sa ilalim ng liderato ni Lt.Col. Ramon Nazario na kaagad na nagkasa ng entrapment operation matapos makatangap ng infotxt ukol sa hinggil sa naturang iligal na aktibidad sa paligid ng Quiapo. Arestado ang tatlong suspek na sina Rafael Cayabyab 41, may ari ng Lakay Printing Services; Samil Asmadi, 23, helper; at Ricardo Lugtu, 25, lay out artist. Ayon sa pulisya, P500-P700 ang singilin kapag rush habang kapag maramihan. Patuloy ang paalala ng pulisya maaaring makulong ang mahuhulihan na may tangan na pekeng vaccination cards at dukumento. ***Christian Heramis***

BPPO pinarangalan sa regional police office

LUNGSOD NG BATANGAS (PIA)- -Isinagawa ang Oath Taking, Donning of Ranks of Newly Promoted Police Colonels at Awarding ceremony sa Camp Vicente Lim sa Canlubang noong ika-28 ng Enero.

Kabilang sa mga naging awardee sina Batangas Police Provincial Director PCol. Glicerio Cansilao at OIC Calaca Municipal Police Station PMaj Arwin Baby Caimbon.

Ang parangal ay kaugnay sa engkwentro na nangyari kamakailan kung saan habang nagsasagawa ng COMELEC checkpoint sa Brgy. Madalunot sa bayan ng Calaca ay may isang indibidwal na nagpaputok ng baril matapos umiwas sa checkpoint.

Dahil dito, isang engkwentro ang naganap at nakuha sa suspek ang 10 gramo ng shabu at kalibre 36 na baril.

Ayon kay PBGen. Eliseo Cruz, Regional Director PRO Calabarzon ang ipinakitang kagalingan ng kapulisan sa nangyaring egkwentro ay nagpapataas ng morale ng mga pulis.

Samantala sinabi naman ni Provincial Director PCol Glicerio Cansilao na ito ay isang patunay na ang ginagawa ng Batangas PNP ay pinapahalagahan ng higher headquarters.

Makakaasa ang lahat na handa ang kapulisan ng Batangas sa pagsusulong ng isang lalawigang maayos, tahimik at mapayapa. ***(BHABY P. DE CASTRO-PIA Batangas may ulat mula sa BPPO)***

Tama si Atty. Alex Lopez

MARAMING magagandang adhikain si Atty. Alex Lopez sa kanyang pagkandidato bilang alkalde sa lungsod ng Maynila sa nalalapit na halalan.

Hindi ko personal na kilala si Atty. Lopez at kaya lamang nakapukaw sa aking atensiyon ay dahil sa kanyang pananaw hinggil sa mga vendor ng lungsod.

'Katas' din po kasi ako ng pagiging isang sidewalk vendor at minsan ko na itong naihayag sa aking pitak.

Sa pagkakabanggit ni Lopez, dapat ang mga vendor ay ituring na kasosyo o bilang bahagi sa pagpapaunlad ng Maynila.

Ang tingin o pananaw kasi ng nakararami ay nagdudulot sa mabagal na daloy ng trapiko ang mga vendor.

Bukod pa na ang mga vendor ay sinisisi dahil itinuturing na sagabal sa paglalakad ng mga tao.

Tanungin natin ang ating mga sarili, mga vendor lamang ba ang nakakasagabal sa paglalakad ng mga tao at sa daloy ng trapiko?

Batid kong alam ninyo ang kasagutan na iba-iba o marami pang dahilan kaya nga lamang ay tila sa mga vendor palagi nakatuon ang paningin at sisi.

Tama ang pahayag ni Atty. Lopez na isang marangal na trabaho ang pagiging vendor.

Katulad ko na lumaki sa pagtitinda sa bangketa ang naging susi para sa aking pag-aaral.

Sa halip na magnakaw o gumawa ng masama para magkapera ay mas pinili ang pagtitinda sa bangketa.

Mahirap na masarap ang buhay-bangketa at tanging ang mga nagtitinda o nakaranas ng pagiging vendor ang makakapagsabi nito.

Iyon ay dahil nga mas minabuti ang pagtitinda para mamuhay ng marangal.

Sabi nga ni Atty. Lopez, ang pagtitinda ay nararapat lamang pasiglahin.

Kung hindi ako nagkakamali sa panahon noon ni Mayor Mel Lopez ay naisaayos niya ang sistema ng pagtitinda ng mga vendor sa Maynila.