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Special Meeting of the Cavite Cluster Task Force on June 25, 2021 (from left to right: DENR CALABARZON Regional Executive Director Nilo B. Tamoria, DENR Honorable Secretary Roy A. Cimatú; and UnderSecretary for Solid Waste Management and Local Government Unit Concerns, Task Force lead of the Cavite Cluster Benny Antiporda)



Governor Remulla addressing the stakeholders of the Cavite Cluster Task Force

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## DENR EXECUTIVE OFFICERS, CAVITE LOCAL CHIEF EXECUTIVES FULL SUPPORT FOR THE MANILA BAY REHABILITATION PROGRAM

Calamba City, Laguna - The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Honorable Secretary Roy A. Cimatu chaired the Manila Bay Rehabilitation Program Special Meeting, together with Undersecretary for Solid Waste Management and Local Government Unit Concerns Benny D. Antiporda, Undersecretary for Policy, Planning, and International Affairs Jonas R. Leones, Undersecretary for Enforcement Benito T. De Leon, DENR CALABARZON Regional Executive Director Nilo B. Tamoria, Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer (PENRO) of Cavite Ronita A. Unlayao, Cavite Governor Juanito Victor Remulla, and the Local Chief Executives on Thursday, June 25, 2021, at the Tanza Oasis Hotel and Resort, Tanza, Cavite.

According to Secretary Cimatu, two (2) main problems in the province are the Solid Waste Management (SWM) and the water quality of the rivers.

"The number one problem of the province when it comes to the environment is solid waste", Governor Juanito Victor Remulla emphasized. He disclosed that 21 out of 23 Local Government Units (LGUs) in Cavite do not have the capacity to put up their own solid waste facilities because of limitations of land area in the Province. Governor Remulla pleaded to the DENR to put a national imposition for Provinces to establish their own sanitary and better managed landfill in the province. "50% of our solid waste, which is approximately 2,000 tons a day, goes to the rivers," added Governor Remulla.

DENR Usec Antiporda shared that they aim to implement a total solid waste management solution, where sanitary landfills, composting and recycling facilities, and residual diversion shall be

established. With proper segregation we can effectively reduce our generated waste. He added that about 70% of our total wastes generated are biodegradable, while the other 20% are recyclables. Usec Antiporda also shared their Strategic Mitigation Plan for downstream and upstream rivers in Cavite. They are targeting to install 30-meters victory trash traps to be installed in downstream rivers, while PET bottles with wire mesh trash traps will be installed for the upstream rivers.

"I am now appealing to all the concerned LGUs to strictly implement and enforce the RA 9003 (Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000). Likewise, to also address the water quality issues of the bay, we encourage the LGUs to check environmental compliances of industries within your respective area of responsibilities." Antiporda is also the Head of the Cavite Cluster Taskforce and Manila Bay Anti-Pollution Taskforce.

In relation to the water quality of the rivers in Cavite, DENR CALABARZON Regional Executive Director Nilo B. Tamoria disclosed that multiple sampling stations were established in Cavite to closely monitor its water quality. "Kinukumples po natin ang Geographic Information System ng buong cavite para makita ang mga kasalukuyang sitasyon ng bawat river system para sa kaukulang estratehiya na pagtutulungan ng pambansa at lokal na pamahalaan", he added. Mayor of Mendez, Atty. Fredderick A. Vida emphasized that the business sector should ensure sustainable packaging so as to minimize their contribution to wastes from single use plastics. The DENR has already proposed the Extended Producers Responsibility (EPR) to the legislative body. According to Usec Antiporda, with the EPR, manufacturers shall

## 'Deaths from unchecked illnesses, mental health now a concern' – RHU Tanza

**Trece Martires, Cavite (PIA)** – The Local Government of Tanza thru the Rural Health Unit (RHU) is highly concerned with the increase in the number of deaths from unchecked illnesses, as well as the mental health of the residents amid the ongoing health crisis. According to RHU Officer Dr. Ruth Punzalan, residents who do not feel well are hesitant to go to a medical facility to be checked by a doctor for fear of being labeled as a CoViD-19 case especially if their symptoms are very much that of the CoViD-19 disease.

This fear and anxiety is observed to be the main cause for the increase in deaths in the locality which is not secondary to CoViD but to other illnesses added Punzalan. RHU officials strongly encourage everybody to go to a doctor and have themselves checked especially when they feel ill.

"Early diagnosis, early treatment can save your life," said Punzalan. Meanwhile, many people are experiencing depression and anxiety due to prolonged confinement and lack of activity due to lockdowns and from misfortunes brought by this global pandemic.

The RHU reminded to focus on mental health awareness since this illness is not selective of age or gender nor level in society. Instances of suicide are alarmingly increasing because some people could not handle this kind of crisis situation. Punzalan shared that depression can be avoided

take the full responsibility for collecting and retrieving all the waste generated from their products. Secretary Cimatu proceeded to inspect various river systems including Maragondon River and the adjacent coastal areas. Participants underwent an RT-PCR antigen test prior to the conduct of the event. The IATF protocol was strictly observed throughout the meeting. **PR**

thru the help of a strong support system.

"If ever you find yourself worrying or anxious about something, it is best to confide to someone whom you trust like family, or a close friend, even to a health-worker who are trained to deal with this situations to relieve you of that heavy feeling," said Punzalan.

With the continuing crisis, it is important to stay physically and mentally healthy. **(Ruel Francisco with reports from Balitang Tanzeño)**

## Lagundi helps in Covid patients recovery, study shows

**MANILA** – Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Secretary Fortunato de la Peña on Wednesday said that based on clinical trial, lagundi has contributed to the recovery of patients with mild symptoms of coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19).

The DOST-supported clinical trial involved 278 patients from seven quarantine facilities. Half of them received lagundi as an adjuvant therapy.

"All of them have recovered. But those who received lagundi gained back their sense of smell faster," he said in a public briefing. The clinical trial aims to determine if lagundi can decrease the number of patients who progress from mild to moderate or severe case. Loss of smell is among the apparent symptoms of Covid-19.

De la Peña believes that because of lagundi's pharmacologic properties, it

## 39K Imus residents fully vaccinated against CoViD-19

**TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite (PIA)** – More than 39,000 Imus City residents have been fully inoculated against COVID-19, according to a city health official. Dr. Cherrie Lyn Tumilba-Boque, medical officer of the Ospital ng Imus said, as of June 19, a total of 39,654 individuals have already received their first and second dose out of the 66,750 residents who had registered in the city's vaccination program.

"Our vaccination usage is at 115%... this is because there are vaccines with one vial that is equivalent

to 11 or 12 doses which is allowed by the IATF. We make our best efforts to maximize the use of these vaccines and be able to immunize more people," Dr. Boque explained.

She said that the city government is expecting additional 16,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccines from the national government to be delivered on Monday, June 21.

The additional COVID-19 vaccines are intended for the inoculation of residents belonging to A2 and A3 priority groups which include senior citizens and persons with comorbidity.

While the city government is working to complete the vaccination of A2 and A3 beneficiaries, it has also started rolling out the registration for residents belonging to the A4 priority group.

"Even before the opening for the online registration for A4 priority group, we had already started gathering data for the masterlist which we will submit to the Department of Health (DOH)," Dr. Boque said.

Dr. Boque added that around 6,000 individuals under the A4 category have signed up for the vaccination program. She added that the city government prioritizes to complete the vaccination of the A1 to A3 priority groups but will gradually inoculate members of the A4.

Mayor Emmanuel Maliksi clarified that the COVID-19 vaccination program strictly follows the order of priority as per directive of the Inter Agency Task Force on COVID-19.

He also said that the vaccines provided by the national government are intended for the priority groups as per instruction of the DOH.

Maliksi further said that the bulk of the supply of the vaccines received by the national government are given to the National Capital Region having the highest number of active confirmed cases.

Mayor Maliksi assures that the 16,000 additional vaccines which will arrive Monday will be fully distributed to the recipients. **(Ruel Francisco/PIA Cavite)**

could be a suitable choice for the symptomatic treatment of Covid-19 patients. While those who were given lagundi became free from the symptoms faster, de la Peña acknowledged that both groups had an average of eight days to recover.

"There is no significant difference in time to recovery between those who took lagundi and the other group. In terms of safety, no serious adverse events were reported," he said.

De la Peña earlier said that no participant has progressed to moderate or severe Covid-19.

Meanwhile, he said researchers will be finalizing if lagundi have reduced the viral load in the participants' blood.

If they get good results, he said they are expecting that the same clinical trial can be pursued among patients with moderate symptoms. **(PNA)**

## Toktok driver, tigok sa magbabalot

**INABANGAN** at pinagsaksak hanggang sa napatay ng magbabalot ang 37-anyos na Toktok driver habang naglalakad pauwi sa Bacoor City, Cavite. Namatay sa pinangyarihan ng insidente ang biktimgang si Christopher Del Rosario, alias Akong, ng 351 Brgy Molino 3, Bacoor City, dahil sa saksak sa katawan. Pinaghahanap ang suspek na isang magbabalot sa lugar at residente sa Sitio Longos, Brgy Zapote 5, Bacoor City, na tumakas matapos ang insidente. Sa ulat ni PSSgt Marvin Rae Calaar, ng Bacoor City Police Station, naglalakad papauwi ang biktimgang dakong alas-12:20 Huwebes ng madaling araw.

Pagsapit sa Esguerra compound, Brgy Molino 3, ay nakaabang ang suspek at walang sabi-sabing pinagsaksak ang biktimgang.

Dahil sa tinamong mga saksak sa katawan, hindi na ito nadala sa ospital at binawin ng buhay sa lugar ng pinangyarihan.

Nauna rito ay nagkaroon umano ng mainitang pagtatalo ang dalawa at pinaniniwalaang nagtanim ng galit ang suspek at inabangan ang biktimgang sa pag-uwi.

Patuloy ang isinasagawang imbestigasyon sa kaso habang nagsagawa ng manhaunt operation sa pag-aresto sa suspek. **GENE ADSUARA**

## 1,416 BAG NG DUGO NAKOLEKTA NG CALABARZON

**UMABOT** sa 1,416 blood bags at 9 platelet apheresis ang nalikom ng CALABARZON (Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal, Quezon), Regional Voluntary Blood Services Program (RVBSP) sa isinagawang blood donation sa selebrasyon ng World Blood Donor Day mula June 11 hanggang 25, 2021.

May kabuuang 225 na blood donors ay galing sa Mendez sa Cavite; 108 sa Los Banos, Laguna; 81 sa Tanay, Rizal; 189 sa Camp Karingal, Quezon; 167 sa Malvar, Batangas; 227 sa General Trias, Cavite; 135 sa Gumaca, Quezon; 209 sa Calamba City, Laguna; at 73 dito ay donors mula sa isinagawa sa Hotel Sogo Cubao sa Quezon City. Sinabi ni RVSP Coordina-

tor Myla Velgado na ang regular na pagsasagawa ng blood donation ay upang masiguro ang sapat at kalidad na suplay ng dugo. "A bag of blood can save up to three lives. It is separated into platelets, plasma, red blood cells and white blood cells which can be given to at least three patients," ayon kay Velgado.

"Blood is free. Blood should be shared. Blood donation is the most humane gesture a person can do. And it is the simplest way to save a life," ayon pa kay Velgado.

Ang nasabing blood donation ay sa pamagitan din ng pakikipagtulungan ng Alagang Kapatid Foundation, Iglesia ni Cristo at local government units ng iba't ibang probinsiya. **GENE ADSUARA**

## RedDoorz targets Gen Zs, millennials with new hotel brand

**MANILA** – RedDoorz launched on Tuesday Sans Hotels, an "economy lifestyle" hotel brand targeting Gen Zs and millennials eager for staycations at a low cost.

The first Sans Hotel is located in Sampaloc, Manila, with more properties expected to open in Tagaytay and Cebu City soon.

Each hotel has a unique design, theme, and personality especially designed for the Gen Zs and millennials market who value the integration of comfort and smart technology.

With the entire tourism industry still reeling from the pandemic, the launch is a "vote of confidence" for the future growth of the hospitality sector, Department of Tourism (DOT) Director for Tourism Standards and Regulation Virgilio Maguigad said.

"It's a vote of confidence. When you are expecting hotels to be closing down, we have here RedDoorz opening Sans Hotels, so it's a vote of confidence for (the) future growth of the industry," Maguigad said.

The DOT, he said, continues to work closely with hotels like RedDoorz to increase confidence and campaign "safe and fun domestic travels" by en-

suring accommodation establishments are implementing health and safety protocols.

"The firm has definitely taken advantage of the benefits and opportunities from the DOT's accreditation requirements in order to meet new customer requirements and demands and new travel experiences. With their growing accredited Sans Hotels, we are delighted to witness broader opportunities for hotel owners to weather this pandemic," Maguigad said.

Country manager Miguel Capistrano III of RedDoorz Philippines said they are excited to grow with local hotel players for the new customer segment – the younger sector "who are eager to go out and explore not only for staycations but even for any kind of safe travels."

"With RedDoorz's service guarantee and the strict implementation of hygiene and sanitation practices in all our properties, our multi-brand platform offers the owners an opportunity to leverage our footprint, user bases, technology, best practices, other assets, and solid experiences of our regional team," he added. **(PNA)**

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### Kaanak ng nakaupong pulitiko

**KAPAG** papalapit na ang halalan ay sadyang sarisaring pakulo ang ating nasasaksihan.

Hindi na natin babanggitin pa kung anu-ano dahil batid ko naman na alam ninyo ang mga iyon.

Basta kanya-kanyang gimik ang pulitiko o kandidato at pwedeng ang isa sa istilo ay ang tinatawag na urong-sulong.

Kunwari ay ayaw o hindi tatakbo pero sa huli ay kabilang na sa kandidato sa kung anong posisyon. Mayroon naman na hantad na hantad ang kagustuhan para sa gagawing pagtakbo sa eleksiyon.

Nariyan siyempre ang 'papogi epek' sa pamamagitan ng advertisement at lamang o angat sa labanang ito ay iyong mga may pambayad.

Sabagay iba na ngayon dahil nariyan na ang social media pero iba pa rin talaga kapag sa mga radyo, pahayagan at lalo na sa telebisyon.

Banggitin natin ang ibinubulong ng ating mga katropang lansangan.

Pansin nila ang nakaupong pulitiko na 'bitbit' ang kaanak kapag mayroong coverage.

In short ay isinasama ni pulitiko ang kaanak sa kung anong mayroong event.

Depende sa kaanak kung sino ang napipisil na pasukin sa larangan ng pulitika.

Pwedeng ang asawa, anak, kapatid, nanay, tatay, o sino man na kaanak ng pulitiko.

Si kaanak ni pulitiko ay special mention at bibigyan pa ng pagkakataon para sa talumpati.

Maaari ring magpakitang gilas si kaanak sa event halimbawa ay pagsayaw, pagkanta at iba pa.

Sabi ng tropang kalye, kapag may isinasama at inihaharap si pulitiko sa mga okasyon o pagtitipon na kanyang kaanak ay malinaw na 'niluluto' na iyon bilang kandidato.

Tanong ng nila ay hindi ba raw pwedeng ipagbawal ito kasi nagagamit ni pulitiko ang kasaluluyang puwesto para sa lantarang kandidatura ng kaanak para sa halalan.

Mukhang may punto sila pero ano po sa inyong palagay, tama nga ba na hindi dapat isinasama ng nakaupong pulitiko ang sino mang kaanak sa mga dinadaluhang event lalo at papalapit ang eleksiyon?

Ang malinaw sa sambit ng ating tropang kalsada ay higit na marami na ngayon mula sa low level ang matalino ng botante.

### Pasahero ng e-trike, dedo

**NASAWI** ang pasahero ng E-trike habang malubha ang driver nito nang banggain ng Hyundai Accent habang papaliko pakaliwa sa Imus City, Cavite.

Kapwa isinugod sa ospital sina Amelita Ricafrente at ang driver ng E-trike na si Virgilio Minaldo, 64, pero namatay habang ginagamot si Ricafrente.

Kinilala naman ang driver ng Hyundai Accent Sedan na si Raven Supilanas na tinangkang tumakas subalit hinabol ng isang tricycle driver.

Sa ulat ni PSSgt Jury Rayco, ng Imus City Police Station, dakong alas-7:20 ng

gabi naganap ang insidente sa kahabaan ng Aguinaldo Highway sakop ng Brgy Anabu 1-C.

Minamaneho ni Minaldo ang kanyang E-trike habang pasahero nito si Ricafrente at binabagtas ang nasabing lugar galing sa City Mall at paliko sana sa kaliwang bahagi sa direksiyon ng north bound nang mabangga ni Supilanas na patungo naman sa north direction.

Dahil sa lakas ng pagkakaibang, kapwa tumilapon ang nakasakay sa E-trike na nagtamo ng malalang sugat kaya isinugod sa ospital. **GENE ADSUARA**

## EDITORIAL

### Mapagbirong laro

**NAPAPATUNAYAN** sa larangan ng pulitika ang sinasabing walang permanenteng kaibigan at kaaway.

Kaibigan ngayon subalit bukas ay kaaway na dahil iisa lamang ang permanente.

Hindi nga permanente ang kaibigan at hindi rin permanente ang kaaway dahil ang tanging permanente ay ang interes lamang.

Nagkaroon ng batik ang magandang pagsasamahan at pagkakaibigan dahil pumapasok ang pansariling interes.

Sa pamamagitan ng interes na iyan sa isang iglap ay tapon ang bigkis ng kaibigan at ang kapalit ay ang hampas ng kaaway.

Pagpapakita at pagpapatunay lamang ito na ang pulitiko ay mapagbirong laro?

Mayroong tunay na panalo subalit mayroong ding talo gayunman ay nananatili pa rin ang pagkapanalo.

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## SSS IMPROVES MOBILE APP FOR EASIER USE

**MANILA** – The Social Security System (SSS) launched Wednesday an improved version of its mobile application to allow its users to access information about their membership and contributions as well as for members to apply for salary loans and submit maternity notification via this app's easy-to-navigate features.

"For the mobile app, the SSS introduced enhanced features to allow for easy navigation and effortless information presentation for its users," SSS president and chief executive officer Aurora Ignacio said in a statement.

Ignacio said the improved SSS mobile app provides SSS members with, among others, updates on their membership contributions, application and status of salary loans, and online contribution payment services.

For employers, the app provides them with information about their contributions and loan payments, and reimbursement claims, among other services.

The SSS mobile app was introduced to the public on April 23, 2018 and was initially available in the Google Play Store for Android phones and the App Store for iPhones and other iOS devices.

It became available in the Huawei AppGallery on October 7, 2019.

In the year the app was launched, it was downloaded 824,006 times. This number continuously increased since then, with the total volume of downloads hitting 2,296,967 and 7,378,627, respectively, in 2019 and 2020.

"The total cumulative number of downloads of the SSS Mobile App as of 31 May 2021 has already reached 15,359,070," Ignacio said.

The new, enhanced version was made available in the Huawei AppGallery last May 30, and in Google Play the following day, she said.

Ignacio said the SSS is now in talks with Apple to make the app available for iOS devices "in the near future."

Earlier, Ignacio reported that the online filing and

registration of new employees as SSS members, along with the submission of most forms and benefit claims have been made mandatory as of July 15 last year.

The release of loans and benefits to members, except for unbanked pensioners, have also been made "cheque-less" or online through the use of PesoNet and other electronic payment systems beginning July last year.

Ignacio said that since July 15, 2020, the submission of the maternity notification form for pregnant female SSS members and the sickness notification form were required by the SSS to be done online, along with the retirement benefit claim of members who are at least 65 years old and land-based overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) and voluntary members who are at least 60 years old and the application for unemployment insurance benefit (UIB).

The online filing of the applications for the calamity loan and salary loan were made mandatory by the SSS on June 15 last year, while the filing of the sickness benefit reimbursement claim of employers was required to be done online as of July 1, 2020.

The online enrollment of bank accounts in the My.SSS or SSS online portal has become mandatory for member-employees since June 2020 and for their employers starting July 2020.

This online enrollment of disbursement accounts has enabled the SSS to automatically deposit benefits to the enrolled bank accounts of worker-members and their employers.

The SSS has also made the mandatory online filing of applications for the Covid-19 Calamity Loan Assistance Package (CLAP) since the program was launched on June 15 last year.

Online filing of funeral benefit claims for SSS member-claimants was made available starting July 2020 and was made mandatory by August 2020, Ignacio said.

The online filing of the retirement benefit claim of employed members who are 60 to 64 years old has

## More laws needed to address teen pregnancies

**MANILA** – President Rodrigo Duterte's signing of Executive Order (EO) 141, which aims to address the root causes of the rising number of adolescent pregnancies, will hopefully spur the creation of relevant laws that will address the situation that has been labelled an "urgent priority".

The Commission on Population and Development (PopCom) chief Juan Antonio Perez III told reporters on Thursday they hope significant legislation will come out after EO 141.

"Complementing the action of President Duterte, his signing of EO 141 will hopefully draw a positive response from Congress and the Senate to address gaps in family planning and reproductive health services among minors who have become parents, or are pregnant," he said.

Perez said they are thankful for the EO as it manifests the national government's deep concern for the most vulnerable during this pandemic.

"They include minors who had unplanned or unintended pregnancies, which lead to the most vulnerable single-parent families amid the pandemic," he said.

A 2018 report by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) showed that while adolescent birth rates have declined globally, they have remained generally stagnant or even increased in Southeast

Asia, with wide-ranging variations between countries.

The average adolescent birth rate in the region was 47 births per 1,000 females aged 15 to 19, higher than the average of 35 in South Asia and close to the global average of 50, according to the UNICEF report.

The UN agency responsible for providing humanitarian and developmental aid to children worldwide also shared that highest adolescent birth rates at the country level were seen in Lao (94), Cambodia (57), Thailand (50), Indonesia (48), and the Philippines (47).

"A striking number of young girls become pregnant without having planned to or without having had control of their pregnancy. When an adolescent girl becomes pregnant, her life changes forever. Her schooling often gets disrupted, or ends altogether, her prospects of a job dim, the health hazards due to complications from pregnancy and childbirth are huge and often fatal," Wivina Belmonte, UNICEF deputy regional director for East Asia and the Pacific said.

"The issues are complex and challenging to address. Good solutions come from collaboration, co-creation, and adolescent-centered approaches." In 2019, the Philippines recorded 180,916 live births in the 10 to 19 age group, or about 495 live births per day, according to the Civil Registration and Vital Statistics System of the Philippine Statistics Authority.

The PopCom Board of Commissioners, led by National Economic and Development Authority Secretary Karl Kendrick Chua, said the issue of teenage pregnancies is an urgent priority.

"The action of the President effectively focuses the attention of the government on the issue of pregnancies among adolescents in the Philippines," Perez also said in a statement.

PopCom, as one of the EO implementers, is directed "to continue to educate leaders, parents, and other community members about evidence-based strategies to reduce, if not eliminate, adolescent pregnancy, and improve adolescent reproductive health".

"The PopCom shall consolidate a Comprehensive Action Plan Towards the Prevention of Adolescent Pregnancies the different initiatives of all government agencies and institutions," the EO read. (PNA)

## Ex-Samar exec guilty of graft over 'ghost' employees

**MANILA** – The Sandiganbayan has found a former Samar provincial administrator guilty of misappropriating PHP76,000 to wages of "ghost" job order employees in 2005.

In its 64-page decision written by Associate Justice Kevin Narce B. Vivero dated June 25 and recently published online, the anti-graft court's Sixth Division sentenced Romeo Chan Reales to six to 10 years in jail for violation of Republic Act 3019 or the Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act and another two to eight years for the crime of malversation through falsification of public documents.

He was also required to pay the provincial government of Samar PHP75,000 plus interest in civil liability. The court noted that investigation showed that 25 job order workers listed on the

time book and payroll of the provincial government were nothing but "ghost names".

The court noted that the "poorly controlled environment at Samar's provincial capitol enabled OIC-Provincial Administrator Reales to add fictitious persons to the payroll, put them forward for payment each period and stash away their wages."

"Taking advantage of the situation required less creativity and more devilry," the court said.

Reales, the court concluded, acted with criminal intent and wrote entries in each of the summary of payrolls and time book and payroll public documents which affected its integrity and changed the effects which it would otherwise produce". (PNA)

## Demand for residential property picking up

**MANILA** – The demand for residential property has continued to pick up since last year's dip as more investors take advantage of promotional payment terms in anticipation of market recovery from the pandemic, a property expert said.

During the virtual The ViCon event Thursday, Leechiu Property Consultants (LPC) chief executive officer David Leechiu said the demand rebounded for the second quarter this year in a row, with overseas Filipino workers (OFW) remittances showing "great influence" in the movement of the residential real estate price index (RREPI).

"Capital values were modestly affected, thanks to developers who were quick to pivot and maintain market velocity," he said.

Leechiu said the pandemic has affected residential condominium sales in Metro Manila last year, prompting developers to delay launches till the second half of 2020 and offering unprecedented payment terms.

Unit sales are up by 5.7 percent in the first quarter of 2021 from the fourth quarter last year.

"Recovery in the upper-

middle to luxury segment is strong with the rest of the segments expected to follow suit," he added.

Leechiu said the softening of rental rates is seen as temporary and is expected to stabilize once quarantine restrictions ease, vaccine rollout speeds up, and office operations return.

Meanwhile, the Villar Group kicked off the two-day The ViCon, the country's first and biggest virtual property exposition that would showcase its complete real property offerings from various price points.

It has partnered with banks and an institution in providing affordable home financing to Filipino families, such as AllBank, Banco de Oro, Rizal Commercial Banking Corp. (RCBC), UnionBank, and PAG-IBIG Fund that are taking part in The ViCon.

"We felt the need to open a digital window so that we can continue reaching and serving our clients since the pandemic seemed to shut the physical doors for us. The ViCon is just one of the many digital initiatives that we will be unfolding in the future," chairman Manuel Villar Jr. said in a statement. (PNA)

## DENR CALABARZON CALLS FOR FURTHER PROTECTION OF MABINI, BATANGAS AS CENTER OF THE CENTER OF MARINE BIODIVERSITY, DURING CORAL TRIANGLE DAY

**The DENR CALABARZON and CENRO Lipa together with its Green Fins Members - Batangas Community Divers Seal, Inc. as NGO partner of DENR, Peoples Organization, PNP and the Local Government of Mabini, Batangas conducted a Coastal Clean Up and Scubasurero at Balayan Bay, Mabini, Batangas.**

A total of 166 kg of wastes and 38 pieces of facemasks were collected by 77 volunteers. Collected wastes will be transported to the Materials Recovery Facility of Mabini then to the Sanitary Landfill of Batangas City for proper disposal.

The activity was held in celebration of the Coral Triangle Day last June 9. According to DENR4A Regional Executive Director Nilo B. Tadoria, Mabini is center of the center of marine biodiversity. RED Tadoria shared, "Napakamakahulugan po ang ating activity ngayong araw na ito dahil ito pong Mabini ang puso ng coral triangle na binubuo ng kalipunan ng pinakamalusog at pinakamaraming marine species".

Because of Mabini's rich biodiversity, numerous dive shops could be found in the area. In the Philippines, Mabini, Batangas in CALABARZON was identified as one of the seven marine tourism hotspots. However, RED Tadoria emphasized the roles of the local communities as well as tourists for the preservation of the area. "Subalit habang pinakikinabangan po natin sa pamamagitan ng mga ganitong activity ang ating lugar, diyan naman po pumapasok ang responsibilidad natin na pangalagaan ito para sa mga susunod na salinlahi", he said.

RED Tadoria was also the Regional Director of DENR CALABARZON when Mabini was proclaimed as the center of center of marine biodiversity. Last May 2021, RED Tadoria was again assigned to the Region.

Meanwhile, Atty. Jinky Luistro, Municipal Administrative Officer of Mabini, Batangas shared that the province is part of the Verde Island Passage where diverse marine species could be found. Atty. Luistro also challenged the people of Mabini for the conservation of their rich marine biodiversity. "People always claim that we are the home of Verde Island Passage but ang tanong ko po ay may ginagawa ba sila at pinaninindigan ito in words and in deed?", she said as she encouraged the people to participate in marine conservation initiatives.

Coral Triangle is one of the three great ecological complexes on the planet, together with the Congo Basin and the Amazon Forest. In Southeast Asia, the Philippines is among the 6 member countries of Coral Triangle. **PR**

## DepEd wants proper support, protection for teachers in 2022 polls

**MANILA** – In preparation for the upcoming 2022 national and local elections, the Department of Education (DepEd) is seeking to facilitate the bulk application of more than 900,000 of its employees to obtain their Philippine National Public Key Infrastructure (PNPKI) digital signatures.

"We are continuously cooperating with our lead agencies to have a secure and peaceful elections, and part of our commitment is to ensure that our teachers are protected and given the proper support," Education Secretary Leonor Magtolis Briones said in a news release on Monday.

The PNPKI digital signature is a new requirement of the Commission of Elections (Comelec) for all public school teachers who will serve as Electoral Board Members. It is a virtual 'key' that subscribers use to secure files sent over an otherwise unsecured 'public' network like the Internet.

In a letter from DepEd to the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT), the Department requested to streamline the application process by waiving the requirement for individual application forms, including physically filling out the forms. In previous discussions with the DICT, the requirements for individual interviews and sup-

## BOC-MICP Seizes Php 10 Million Worth of Smuggled Onions

**AS** part of the Bureau of Customs' (BOC) drive to curb smuggling, the Manila International Container Port (MICP), through the Port's Customs Intelligence and Investigation Service (CIIS), X-ray Inspection Project (XIP) and Enforcement and Security Service (ESS) on June 28, 2021 seized smuggled onions.

Through the issuance of a Pre-lodgment Control Order (PLCO), the two shipments consigned to E. Austero Merchandising which originated from China and declared as ice cream were subjected to non-Intrusive and 100% examination.

The examination conducted by examiners of Section 1A of MICP's Formal Entry Division and witnessed by MICP District Collector Romeo Allan R. Rosales together with the Port's Customs Intelligence and Investigation Service (CIIS), X-ray Inspection Project (XIP) and Enforcement and Security Service (ESS) revealed the presence of red onions which were concealed in Ice

Cream Containers.

The seized items were estimated to have a market value of Php 10 million. A Warrant of Seizure and Detention (WSD) was issued against the shipment for violation of Section 1113 in relation to Section 1400 of Republic Act (RA) 10863 also known as the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA).

In his statement, MICP District Collector Romeo Allan R. Rosales reiterated the Port's commitment to prevent the entry of all illegal goods including Agricultural products which are meant for human consumption and do not have the necessary permits to ensure the safety of such items.

As the importation of food items remains a priority to ensure food security in the country, MICP remains committed to curb smuggling of unsafe food items under the direction of BOC Commissioner Rey Leonardo B. Guerrero. **PR**

## Sta. Rosa City starts Covid-19 vaccination for A4 workers

**STA. ROSA, Laguna** – Gilbert Lora was initially hesitant about getting vaccinated with a coronavirus shot due to the negative feedback about some vaccines.

At the end of the day, however, the 37-year-old security guard from Biñan realizes that with his line of job, he needs to get inoculated.

"Syempre, andoon na yung pag-aalangan kasi alam mo naman 'yung media, maraming lumalabas na negative, pero kailangan na kasi ng vaccine lalo na sa security kasi kami 'yung may direct contact doon sa mga tao. Kami yung nasa front-liners ng mga companies na binabantayan namin (Of course, the hesitancy is there because the media would report the negative feedback of the vaccines, but the security force has to be vaccinated now because we have direct contact to the people. We are among the front-liners of the companies we are guarding)," Lora said on Wednesday.

Lora, currently stationed at the Laguna Technopark also in Biñan, is one of five essential workers in the A4 priority group (essential workers) who received a jab during a ceremonial activity at the Ayala Malls Solenad here.

This, as the province has begun inoculating the A4 workers within its jurisdic-

## SC clears columnist of libel raps

**MANILA** – The Supreme Court (SC) acquitted newsman Raffy Tulfo of libel charges in connection with his 1999 column in a tabloid where he bared the alleged illegal activities of a Bureau of Customs (BOC) lawyer.

In the decision announced Tuesday, the SC said "the constitutionality of criminalizing libel is doubtful".

"The libel cases that have reached this Court in recent years generally involve notable personalities for parties, highlighting a propensity for the powerful and influential to use the advantages of criminal libel to silence their critics," the SC said.

It added that "alternative legal remedies exist to address unwarranted attacks on a private person's reputation and credibility".

"Civil actions for defamation are more consistent with our democratic values since they do not threaten the constitutional right to free speech, and avoid the unnecessary chilling effect on criticisms toward public officials," the Court said.

The tribunal reminded media practitioners of the standards expected of them as provided for under the Journalist Code of Ethics.

"We regard the vital role that the media plays in ensuring that the government and its officials remain true to their oath in carrying out their mandates in a manner prescribed by law. Nevertheless, the constitutionally protected freedoms enjoyed by the press cannot be used as a shield to advance the malicious propagation of false information carried out by unscrupulous entities to injure another's reputation," the Court said.

Tulfo and the tabloid owners were sued over a series of articles on alleged shady dealings in the BOC, particularly on the reported extortion activities against brokers and shippers, as well as a supposed illicit affair, involving lawyer Carlos So.

The Court's Third Division ruled that "the prosecution failed to prove that petitioner Tulfo acted with malice, or with reckless disregard in determining the truth or falsity of the imputations".

The Court held that the allegations all referred to acts related to So's official functions at the BOC.

It further held that reading the articles as a whole, the statements indicated So's alleged use of connections to stay in position and conceal his misconduct. They were written to end his purported abuse of public position.

"From these, it can be deduced that the impugned articles fall within the purview of qualified privileged communications. These columns relate to Atty. So's exercise of his official functions. His alleged actsuations refer to matters of public interest which the citizenry ought to know," the Court said.

Tulfo and publishers Allen A. Macasaet and Nicolas V. Quijano were sued by So before a Pasay City Regional Trial Court, which convicted them for 14 counts of libel and imposed on them the penalty of imprisonment and fine.

The Court of Appeals affirmed the conviction on July 31, 2006 but after a motion for reconsideration, eight counts of libel were quashed and the remaining ones were sustained. **(PNA)**

## PHILIPPINE STATISTICS OFFICE- PHILIPPINE IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM, OPENS SATELLITE OFFICE AT SM CENTER IMUS

**SM CENTER IMUS, CAVITE** – To better serve their clients, The Philippine Statistics Office- Philippine Identification System in partnership with SM Supermalls, opened their Satellite Office at the SM Center Imus recently. Present in the launch are officials from PSA headed by PSA Provincial Statistics Officer Ms. Lucia Iraida Soneda, SM Center Imus officials headed by their Mall Manager Marnelle J. Sumilong, and Imus City LGU headed by Mayor Emmanuel Maliksi. A short program was held where PSA explained the Second process of the Philippine Identification System, the safety protocols involved, and the benefit it could give to Filipinos especially to those who do not have access to basic banking, and transactions to private institution and government agencies. SM Center Imus Mall Manager Marnelle Sumilong led the guests as they cut the ribbon and officially launch the satellite office. First in line is Mayor Emmanuel Maliksi who tested the registration process.



Ensuring that the clients are safe, SM Center Imus pledged to provide a clean and convenient venue for PSA PhilSys registration. Aside from this, the mall previously collaborated with the Local Government and other government agencies and provided venue for different LGU project events.

## WALKING TOGETHER WITH BATA AND CHILDHAUS



Bata Philippines donated milk to indigent children with cancer at The Center for Health Improvement and Life Development (CHILD) Haus as part of its "Let's Walk Together" campaign. It pledged 50 pesos for every pair worth 999 and above on Friday sales of August to September 2020. Photo shows Jeanette Cu of CHILD Haus and the children receiving the donation from Juris Soliman of SM Foundation and Arlyn Guanlao of Bata Philippines.

## MODERN WAYS TO WEAR FILIPINIANA AT KULTURA

A cropped terno top worn with slim silk pants . . . Art Deco inspired black embroidery on a white silk terno top and ruffled skirt, an exquisitely embroidered capelet over a red shantung silk gown , a playful inabel terno top with pineapple designs.

These are some of the Kultura Filipino's Modern Filipiniana designs for the contemporary Filipina. And you'll be amazed how the traditional Filipiniana attire has been transformed into inventive and exciting new looks.

The iconic butterfly sleeved terno gets a fresh new look worn with pants and other modern pieces. Natural materials like pinasilk and just are woven by local artisans into stylish pieces with exquisite hand painting and embroidery. Inabel fabric from the Ilocos region is updated with innovative designs.

In this time that intimate events and special occasions with health protocols are now allowed, make that moment memorable and meaningful and dress up with fashionable Modern Filipiniana and Barong Tagalog from Kultura.

The collection consists of both classic and modern silhouettes - tops, skirts and dresses that can be worn together or mix and match. Many of the pieces are embroidered or hand-painted by artisans in our partner communities of weavers, embroiderers, farmers and workers, making each unique and a true labor of love.

Perfect for small intimate events and special occasions, the Modern Filipiniana and Barong Tagalog collection is available at Kultura Stores. You can also shop thru our website: [www.kulturafilipino.com](http://www.kulturafilipino.com) or thru Call to Deliver 09175174096. Kultura ships here and abroad.



This handwoven cropped Inabel terno worn with ivory shantung silk pants is an elegant yet playful option from Kultura's Modern Filipiniana collection.

Exquisitely embroidered silk cocoon kimono top worn with a tiered shantung silk skirt.

Intricate black embroidery on white silk give this terno top and skirt an Art Deco feel.



An inabel terno top with pineapple designs worn with a mikado silk ballgown skirt for today's modern Filipina.

Feminine hand painted silk cocoon barong top with puffed sleeves and is paired with a navy mikado silk ball gown skirt.

Delicately embroidered organza bolero with scalloped edges worn over a pink gazer gown.



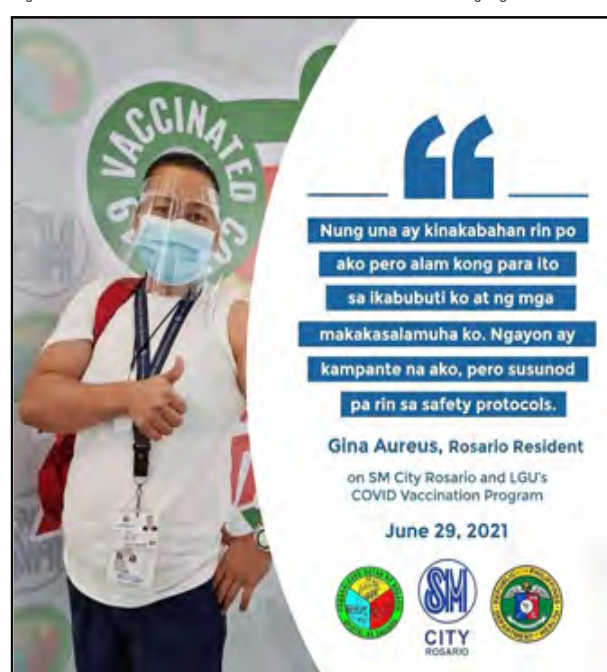
Delightful hand painted and hand embroidered floral accents highlight this white organza dress.

Beautifully embroidered silk cocoon capelet paired with a red shantung silk gown.

Handmade Luxury. Exquisitely embroidered Barong Tagalog in silk cocoon.



Trece Martires Cavite launches the newest vaccination hub Tower Mall in partnership with City Government of Trece Martires and City Health Department launch the newest vaccination hub in Trece Martires City! Tower Mall supports the efforts of the government in fighting the COVID-19 pandemic by providing safe spaces for #Resbakuna vaccination efforts throughout the country. For registration, <http://bagongtrece-online.com/Registration.aspx> Don't forget to bring your own pens and observe safety protocols!



**Rosario A4 Group, thankful for their first shot.** SM continues to provide a safe and convenient venue where the community can get vaccinated. SM City Rosario together with the Rosario local government has started vaccinating A4 categories. They are the group of people working outside the house and constantly exposed to the virus. There is now less chances of them infected severely by the virus.

## PILIPINAS handa na sa 2021 FIDE World Cup Chess

LAHAT ng apat na kinatawan ng Pilipinas sa 2021 Chess World Cup ang umaasang makagawa ng tamang paggalaw kapag ang prestihiyosong kaganapan ay itinanghal mula Hulyo 10 hanggang Agosto 3 sa Sochi, Russia.

"Bagaman kami ay underdogs, tiwala pa rin ako sa aming mga paglalaro," sabi ni Janelle Mae Frayna, ang unang babaeng Grandmaster ng bansa, sa online ng Philippine Sportswriters Association (PSA) Forum.

Ang 24-taong-gulang na Frayna ay unang babaeng kumatawan sa bansa sa kaganapan na bahagi rin ng proseso ng pagpili para sa World Championship.

Si Frayna ay naglaro sa Hungarian nang isang beses taon 2018 Chess Olympiad, na may rating na 2179 ay nagkaroon ng mapait na pagkatalo. Ngunit sinabi nito na hindi dapat tumigil siya mula sa pagtulak para sa panalo sa klasikal na laban na maaaring tumagal ng tatlong araw.

"Hindi ako natatakot sa kanya kasi I had good Chances even I lost when we play in the 2018 Olympiad," said Frayna of her kalaban who has a rating of 2404.

Magtuuos sila sa over-the-board na paligsahan sa loob ng dalawang tuwid na araw sa bawat laban na tatagal hanggang anim na oras. Isa pang laban ay itinakda sa ikatlong araw.

"Iyon ang dahilan kung bakit mahalaga ang bawat laro," sinabi ni Frayna sa forum na ipinakita ng San Miguel Corporation (SMC), MILO® Philippines, Amelie Hotel Manila, Braska Restaurant at ng Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR).

Kaugnay nito makikipagtagisan din sa kaganapan sina 16-taong-gulang Daniel Quizon, 15-taong-gulang na si Michael Concio Jr. at ang 22-taong-gulang na GM na may pag-asa na si Paulo Bersamina na gagawin nila sa about ng kanilang kakayahan para sa unang pagkakataon ng pakikipag tagisan sa World Cup.

Sina Quizon at Concio, na nakapasok sa kaganapan kasunod ng malakas na 1-2 sa Asian Zonal 3.3 qualifier, ay binabantayan ang kanilang mga pamantayan sa GM, habang si Bersamina, na hinirang ng NCFP tulad ni Frayna, ay 38 puntos lamang ang layo mula sa isang titulong GM. "Kakailanganin kong manalo ng pitong laro sa World Cup ngunit alam kong mahirap ito," sabi ni Bersamina, na may rating na ELO na 2462. Haharapin niya ang 15-taong-gulang na Indian GM na si Rameshbabu Pragganandhaa sa kanyang pambungad na laban. "Sina-sabi nila na siya ay hinaharap na kampeon sa mundo. Tinalo ko na siya nung 11 years old pa lang siya at mataas pa ang rating ko," said Bersamina during the forum also graced by GM Jayson Gonzales, chief executive officer of the Philip-

pine Chess Federation. Sinabi ni Gonzales na handa na ang mga bagay para sa kanilang mahaba at magastos na paglalakbay sa Russia, na idinagdag na ang apat na manlalaro ay sumailalim sa malawak na pagsasanay laban sa mga beterano ng Chess Olympiad ng bansa.

## Ruel B. Velarde naghari sa Mayor Dexter Uy Summer Rapid Chess Tourney

Nakalikom si Ruel B. Velarde ng perfect 5 points para magkampeon sa Mayor Dexter Uy Summer Rapid Over The Board Chess Tournament na ginanap sa 3rd floor SHS Building, Samar National High School, Barangay Ubanon sa Catbalogan City, Samar.

Dinaig ni Velarde ang mga top contenders gaya nina Andres R. Sabio, Arzel O. Serpa Juan, Francis B. Velarde na nag 2nd, 3rd at 4th places, ayon sa pagkakasunod.

Naikamada ni Sabio ang 4 points habang nakaipon sina Serpa Juan at Francis B. Velarde ng tig 3.5 points. Tumpas sa fifth hanggang eleventh places ay sina Vinz Paul O. Lapura, Artemio Ocio, Aian Paul O. Lapura, Lanz Paul O. Laura, Arsenio Cabarles Jr., Roland Labong at Emmanuel Butial.

Ang mga catagory winners ay sina Evelyn Fortaliza (top lady), Mary Kaye Cabadsan (top kiddy) at Cesar Placiente (top senior).

Matagumpay na naisagawa din ang Mayor Dexter Uy Summer Chess Clinic (Batch 1 Beginner Level) sa gabay nina trainers Debbie J. Calades, Ruel B. Velarde, Athaliah J. Calades, Laz Paul O. Lapura at Ariane Rose A. Abalos.

"Recently we conducted chess clinic and tournament sponsored by our city mayor Hon. Dexter Uy," sabi ni Catbalogan City Chess Club president Ethan Justimbaste Calades. (Marlon Bernardino)

## PAGLILINAW NG PH VOLLEYBALL EXEC PARA SA PAGSASANAY

Nilinaw ng pambansang director ng pagsasanay na si Marc Velasco na ang mga koponan ng volleyball ng Pilipinas ay hindi pa nasisimulan ang kanilang pagsasanay sa gitna ng ilang mga ulat na ang ilang mga miyembro ng koponan ng kababaihan ay nagkasakit ng coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19).

Pinabulaanan ni Velasco na ang koponan ng kababaihan ay nasa Baguio City sa ngayon habang kinumpirma ni Mayor Benjamin Magalong na ilang volleybelles ang nasubok na positibo sa sakit sa kanilang pinakahuling pagsubok.

"Nais ipatid ng PSC na ang pambansang koponan ng volleyball ay hindi nagsasanay sa

## GILAS BINIGO NG SERBIA 83 - 76

Ang Gilas Pilipinas ay umusbong lamang ng isang malaking pagkagalit laban sa Serbia na nakatakas sa 83-76 panalo upang walisin ang AA play sa FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tournament sa Aleksandar Nikolic Hall sa Belgrade

Ang beterano ng Pambansang Basketball Association na si Boban Marjanovic ay nagtala ng mga mahahalagang basket na binabaan upang matulungan ang host country na pigilan ang isang mabangis na panig ng Gilas.

Sinimulan ng Serbia ang laro na mainit sa isang 11-2 run lamang para makabawi ang Gilas at panatilihin malapit ang laro sa pagtatapos ng unang yugto.

Ang Serbia ay nagsimulang tumira sa panahon ng ikalawang quarter at kalaunan ay nagbukas ng 16-point lead, 56-40, sa pangatlo.

Gayunpaman, natagpuan ng Serbia ang sarili sa malalim na problema matapos mabuhay ang Gilas sa ikalawang kalahati at humantong pa rin sa 74-73 nangunguna sa layup si RJ Abarrientos sa natitirang 3:50 sa laro.

Ngunit isang Marjanovic slam off at isang Milos Teodosic assist sparked

Serbia's endgame blow habang ang Gilas ay nagsimulang maghimas sa pamamagitan lamang Gayunpaman, may mga pagkakataon pa rin ang Gilas na muling makuha ang nangunguna ngunit hindi nakuha ni Baltazar at SJ Belangel ang kanilang tatlong puntos na pagtatiangka at nagpatuloy na nakapuntos si Marjanovic ng mga kritikal na basket para sa Serbia.

Nagtapos si Marjanovic ng 25 puntos sa 12-of-18 na pag basket, 10 rebound, isang assist, upang pangunahan ang Serbia, na naghihintay ngayon kung alin sa Italya at Puerto Rico ang madulas sa nag-iisang laban sa Group B

Nagdagdag si Ognjen Dobric ng 16 puntos sa 6-of-10 na pag basket kasama ang 4-of-7 mula sa kabila ng arc, dalawang rebound, at dalawang assist. Si Ange Kouame ay naglagay ng 17 marker, pitong board, two dimes, three blocks, at isang steal para sa Gilas, na haharap sa Dominican Republic maa-gang Biyernes (Philippine Time) para sa karapatang hamunin ang nagwagi sa Italya-Puerto Rico sa semi-finals.



Gilas Pilipinas vs Serbia

NAGING mainit ang tagpong ito sa pagitan ng Gilas Pilipinas at Serbia para sa kanilang paghaharap sa FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tournament sa Aleksandar Nikolic Hall sa Belgrade kung saan ay nagwagi ang Serbia sa Gilas Pilipinas sa puntos na 83 - 76 (RGN)

PSC Baguio," sabi ni Velasco. Tulad ng nangyari, ang nasa-bing mga spikers ay bahagi ng delegasyon ng Banko Perlas na pumili ng Baguio bilang lugar ng bubble training bago ang darating na Premier Volleyball League (PVL) season. Inihayag ni Magalong na walo sa mga manlalaro ay positibo para sa Covid-19, kahit na hindi niya isiwalat kung sino ang mga manlalaro.

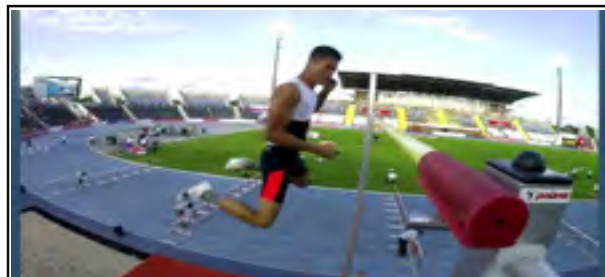
"Tulad ng naturan, isinumite ng PSC ang bagay sa Games at Amusement Board para sa kinakailangang pagsubaybay," dagdag ni Velasco.

Pansamantala, kinumpirma ni Velasco na ang mga pambansang koponan ng volleyball ay magsisimula ng kanilang

bubble training. Gaganapin ng Philippine National Volleyball Federation (PNVF) ang bubble training sa Laoag bilang bahagi ng mga darating na kaganapan ng pambansang koponan.

Ang koponan ng pambabae ay magho-host sa AVC Women's Seniors Championships ngayong Agosto, habang ang koponan ng kalalakihan ay maglalakbay sa Japan para sa male tournament.

Kapansin-pansin na sapat, ang PVL ay naghahanap din upang buksan ang bagong panahon sa Laoag. Sinabi ng pangulo ng liga na si Ricky Palou na ang PVL ay maaaring magsimula sa panahon ng bubble nito sa Hulyo



EJ OBIENA POLE VOLT

NAGTALA ng bagong record sa height na 5.87m Ej Obiena sa at nagkamit ng silver medal nilahukang Irena Szewinska Memorial/Bydgoszcz Cup sa Bydgoszcz, Poland for the World Athletics Continental Tour Gold. (RGN)



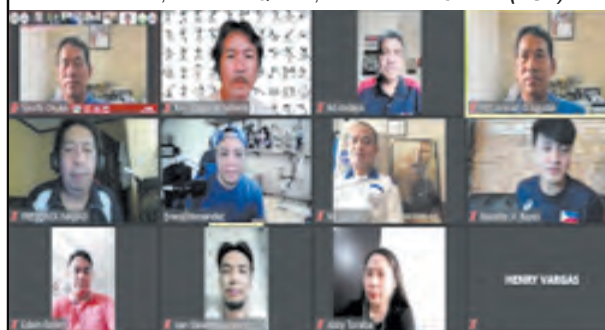
TOP 3 WINNER

Kampeon si (gitna) Anton Raga sa katatapos na Quezon City Ten Ball Billiard Cup habang nasa magkabilang dulo sina (kaliwa) 2nd Place Ronnie Alcano at (kanan) 3rd Place Kyle Raymond Amoroto (RGN)



PSA WEEKLY ONLINE FORUM

MAKIKITA si NCFP CEO Director GM Jayson Gonzalez sa kanyang mga pahayag sa weekly Online PSA forum kaugnay sa kahandaan para sa nalalapit na 2021 FIDE World Cup Chess mula Hulyo 10 hanggang Agosto 6, 2021 sa Sochi Russia kung saan ay lalahukan ito nila 1st Woman Grandmaster Janelle Mae Frayna, I'm Internacional Master Paolo Bersamina, IM Daniel Quizon, at IM Michael Concio. (RGN)



TOPS USAPANG SPORTS

NAGHAYAG ng mga mahahalagang pagtalakay si PSC Commissioner Arnold Austin particular sa hanay ng mga atletang Para Games kung saan kabilang dito si Ernie Gawilan ng Swimming na nakatakdang luhakan ang 11th ASEAN Para Games 2021 Hanoi, Vietnam, maging ang iba pang mga programa ng PSC ay bininyang ng paliwanag nito tulad ng pagkakaroon ng nationwide na para games ay patuloy ito bagamat nahinto dahil sa pandemya. Magkaganun man ang ilan dito ay naisasagawa pa rin sa pamamagitan ng ilang webinar training. (RGN)

17. Ang bagong panahon ay magiging unang panahon ng PVL bilang isang ganap na propesyonal na liga. Nauna nang sinabi ng PNVF na maaaring tingnan ang PVL upang masubaybayan ang mga manlalaro na naimbitahan sa mga pagsubok sa koponan ng kababaihan ng Pilipinas

# MANDANAS-GARCIA SC RULING 'PREVIEW' OF FEDERALISM IN PH

**MANILA – The implementation of the Supreme Court (SC) ruling on Mandanas and Garcia petitions starting next year will serve as a preview of what federalism could be if and when it is adopted in the country.**

Professor Shermion Cruz, vice president of the Philippine Futures Thinking Society, an organization advocating for futures thinking through impact foresight education and advocacy, said the implications of the ruling in giving local government units (LGUs) more power to govern autonomously is “simulating the possibility” to the shift, without having to change the system of government under the 1987 Philippine Constitution.

“If you try to frame it, this is a preview to federalism. It is giving you some sort of a face to be ready, in the event that we decide as a country to shift to a federal system,” he said during the Futures of Philippine Cities Within the Context of Mandanas Ruling’ webinar recently. The activity is part of the month-long Fiesta of ImagiNation series organized by the

Department of the Interior and Local Government’s Center for Local and Constitutional Reform.

The webinar identified the possible scenarios that may occur in dealing with various policy decisions in the implementation of the Mandanas-Garcia SC ruling and discussed the future for local governance across the different levels of government.

In his talk, Cruz noted that the ruling should be tackled through an “anticipatory governance systems” lens to explore the “multiple futures” that could occur following the Mandanas ruling’s implementation. He emphasized that an “innovative” strategy that is “meaningful for all people” should be utilized in the transition to devolution.

He called upon stakeholders to ask, “How will the future of local government or Philippine cities, in the context of [the] Mandanas ruling, look like? What is our preferred story? What is our preferred news headline?”

Intergovernmental relations Meanwhile, Rupak Chatto-

padhyay, the president and Chief Executive Officer of the Forum of Federations, said intergovernmental relation mechanisms and processes will be important to keep the Philippine government running smoothly and without friction in the context of the Mandanas-Garcia implementation.

The Forum of Federations is an international governance organization founded by Canada and funded by nine other partner governments – Australia, Brazil, Ethiopia, Germany, India, Mexico, Nigeria, Pakistan, and Switzerland. It is a learning network concerned with promoting intergovernmental learning on governance challenges in multi-level democracies.

“In order for effective functioning, I think it’s very important that we need to level up robust mechanisms of intergovernmental relations. As the transition takes place, there will be periodic clashes between various orders of government, whether it’s over resources, administrative directives,” Chattopadhyay said.

“There has to be some institutionalized way in which these differences can be reconciled, both horizontally, between local governments; but also vertically, between higher-order governments and local governments,” he added.

During the webinar, DILG Bureau of Local Government Development Director Anna Liza Bonagua also talked about the implications of the Mandanas ruling to LGUs.

She said with the ruling, the national internal revenue taxes as the base for determining the just share of the LGUs provided in Section 284 of the Local Government Code of 1991 or Republic Act No. 7160 contravened the express provision in Article X, Section 6 of the 1987 Constitution, which explicitly mentions “national taxes” as the source of the just share of the LGUs.

Due to this, the 40 percent share of LGUs from national taxes will now be based on “all national taxes” and will not be limited to “national internal revenue taxes,” as stated in the Local Government Code. (PR)

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BY ACT 4118

RIA MAE V. MANGUIAT,  
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### NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118 filed by, **JOCELYN PADUA**, mortgagee, with residence address at No. 21 Bacoor Bay Street, Villa Porta Vaga Subd., San Roque Cavite City, against **RIA MAE V. MANGUIAT** with residence and postal address at Marta Royale Estate Subd., Mendez Junction, Tagaytay City, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of January 31, 2021 amounts to **NINE HUNDRED SIXTY TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (Php 962,500.00)**, Philippine Currency including interest and penalty charges but excluding Attorney’s fees sheriff’s fees and of all other charges incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned sheriff IV will sell at public auction on **August 3, 2021** at 10:00 a.m. or soon thereafter at the main entrance of the Office of the Clerk of Court, RTC-Imus, Bulwagan ng Katarungan, Aguinaldo Hi-way Imus, Cavite to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all the improvements therein, to wit:

### TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE No. 057-2014082308

A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 4-B-2-D OF THE SUBD. PLAN PSD-04-086888, BEING A PORTION OF 4-B-2-D, PSD-04-031695, LRC REC. NO. ) SIT. IN THE BRGY. OF MEDICION I, MUN. OF IMUS, PROV. OF CAVITE. BOUNDED ON THE NW, ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 4-B-17, PSD-0425532 (6.50 M.WIDE); ON THE NE., ALONG LINE 2-3 LOT 4-B-2-F, PSD-04-031695; ON THE SE., ALONG LINE 4-1 BY LOT 895, IMUS ESTATE; ON THE SW, ALONG LINE 4-1 BY LOT 4-B-2-D-2 OF THE SUBD. PLAN x x x CONTAINING AN AREA OF ONE HUNDRED (100) SQ. MS. x x x

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **August 10, 2021**, at 10:00 a.m. without prior notice.

Prospective bidders/buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title to the said property and encumbrances thereon if any there be.

Imus, Cavite, Philippines, June 7, 2021.

**ISRAEL S. MEDINA**  
Sheriff IV

APPROVED:

**ARMIE A. FRANCISCO**  
Clerk of Court  
Officer-in-Charge

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**JOCELYN PADUA**

No. 21 Bacoor Bay Street, Villa Porta Vaga Subd., San Roque Cavite City

**RIA MAE V. MANGUIAT**

Marta Royale Estate Subd., Mendez Junction, Tagaytay City

**ATTY. EDITO E. CEDRO**

No. 18 (B5 L27) Guyabano Street, Doña Josefa Village, Almanza 1, Las Piñas City 1750

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
Office of Atty. Wilfredo P. Saquilayan  
Notary Public of Bacoor City, Province of cavite

UNION BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES,  
Mortgagee.

CASE NO. FN-2021-45  
EXTRAJUDICIAL FORECLOSURE  
OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE  
UNDER ACT NO. 3135, AS AMENDED

-versus-

SPS. NERISSA R. ENDOZO and  
ROY U. ENDOZO,  
Mortgagor/s

x ----- x

### AMENDED NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SALE

Pursuant to the terms of the Real Estate Mortgage dated and notarized on 20 October 2016, executed by **SPS. NERISSA R. ENDOZO and ROY U. ENDOZO**, with residence and postal address at Block 26, Lot 26, Ph. 3 Villa De Primarosa Subd., Brgy. Buhay na Tubig, Imus, Cavite, Mortgagor/s, in favor of **UNION BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES**, Mortgagee, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness in the total amount of **PESOS: FIVE MILLION TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY ONE & 94/100 (PHP 5,200,271.94)** Philippine Currency, exclusive of accrued interest as of 10 May 2021; excluding attorney’s fees, expenses of foreclosure sale and other charges, the undersigned Notary Public for Bacoor City, Province of Cavite, hereby gives notice to all parties concerned and to the public in general that on **July 20, 2021 at 9:00 in the morning/afternoon** or soon thereafter at the main entrance/lobby of the City/ Municipal/ Justice hall of Bacoor City, Province of Cavite, he/she will sell at public auction to the highest bidder and for cash, in Philippine Currency, the property/s covered by **Transfer Certificate of Title No. 167-2016032536** issued by Registry of Deeds for Province of Cavite, Bacoor City Branch, including the improvements thereon and more particularly described as follows:

Registry of Deeds for Province of Cavite, Bacoor City Branch  
Transfer Certificate of Title No. 167-2016032536

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in BARANGAY OF MAMBOG, MUNICIPALITY OF BACOR, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON, bounded and described as follows:

LOT NO: 2 BLOCK NO: 7 PLAN NO: PCS-04-029312  
PORTION OF: THE CONS. OF LOT 15, BLOCK 13,  
PSD-04-108597 & LOT 4, PCS-04-025516;  
LRC RECORD NO. 8843

LOCATION: BARANGAY OF MAMBOG, MUNICIPALITY OF BACOR, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON

#### BOUNDARIES:

LINE	DIRECTION	ADJOINING LOT(S)
1-2	NW	ROAD LOT 6, PCS-04-029312
2-3	NE	LOT 3, BLOCK 7, PCS-04-029312
3-4	SE	LOT 2, BLOCK 9, PCS-04-022041
4-1	SW	LOT 1, BLOCK 7, PCS-04-029312

TIE POINT: MON. NO. 177, IMUS ESTATE

LINE	BEARING	DISTANCE
TO CORNER 1	N. 46° 22' W	2259.98 M.
1-2	N. 72° 45' E	12.50 M.
2-3	S. 17° 15' E	11.95 M.
3-4	S. 72° 31' W	12.50 M.
4-1	N. 17° 15' W	12.00 M.

AREA: ONE HUNDRED FIFTY (150). SQUARE METERS

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the abovestated time and date.

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **August 3, 2021 at 9:00 in the morning/afternoon** or soon thereafter at the same place without further notice.

Pursuant to law, copies of this Notice shall be posted for not less than (20) days in at least three (3) public places in the City/Municipality where the mortgage property/s is located and shall be published once a week for a least three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation before the date of the foreclosure sale.

Done at Bacoor City, Province of Cavite, 25 June 2021

**ATTY. WILFREDO P SAQUILAYAN**  
Notary Public

**Warning:** It is absolutely prohibited to remove, deface or otherwise mutilate the instant notice form and its place until after the date of the public auction sale.

Copy Furnished:

**ASSET RECOVERY GROUP**  
**UNION BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES**

UnionBank Plaza, Meralco Avenue Corner  
Onyx & Sapphire Roads, Ortigas Center, Pasig City

**SPS. NERISSA R. ENDOZO and ROY U. ENDOZO**

Block 26, Lot 26, Ph. 3, Villa de Primarosa Subd., Brgy. Buhay na Tubig, Imus, Cavite

**Publication: HANEP July 5, 12 & 19, 2021**



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT  
TRECE MARTIRES CAVITE

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND  
Mortgagee,  
-versus-

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-500-15

AIDA L. CALAGOS,  
Mortgagor/s,  
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**NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE**

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 as amended by Act 4118 filed by Mortgagee, **HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND**, with business address at 12th Floor, JELP Business Solution Center, NO. 409 Shaw Boulevard, Mandaluyong City, against the Mortgagor/s **AIDA L. CALAGOS**, with residence and postal address at Lot 12 Block 43 Phase 6, CH Tanza, Bagtas, Tanza, Cavite to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of 31 March 2015 amounts to **TWO HUNDRED FIFTY NINE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY THREE PESOS and 32/100 (P 259,873.32)**, Philippines Currency including interest, penalties and other charges as of said date but exclusive of all other expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on **August 26, 2021** at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at the main entrance of the Government Center Building, located at the Provincial Capitol Compound, Trece Martires City, to the highest bidder, for CASH and in Philippine Currency the following property with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

**TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE No. T-726406**

"A PARCEL OF LAND (Lot 12, Blk.43, of the subd. plan, Psd-04-095761, being a portion of Lot 2054-A, Psd-04-095009, LRC Rec. No. ) situated in the Brgy. of Bagtas, Mun. of Tanza, Prov. of Cavite, Is. of Luzon. Bounded on the SE., along line 1-2 by Lot 11, Block 43; on the SW., along line 2-3 by Lot 10, Block 43; on the NW., along line 3-4 by Rd. Lot 11 and on the NE., along line 4-1 by Lot 14, Blk. 43 all of the subd. plan. Beginning at a point marked "1" on plan. x x x containing an area of **THIRTY THREE (33) SQUARE METERS**" x x x

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date and time, it shall be held on **September 2, 2021** without further notice.

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

Trece Martires City, June 15, 2021.

**LUCIO C. ALEJO III**  
Sheriff IV

**COPY FURNISHED:**  
**HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND**  
12th Floor, JELP Business Solution Center  
No. 409 Shaw Boulevard, Mandaluyong City

**AIDA L. CALAGOS**  
Lot 12, Block 43, Phase 6, CH Tanza, Bagtas,  
Tanza, Cavite

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT  
TRECE MARTIRES CAVITE

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND  
Mortgagee,  
-versus-

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-600-15

ALLAN M. MANIBO married to  
IMELDA A. MANIBO,  
Mortgagor/s,  
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**NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE**

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 as amended by Act 4118 filed by Mortgagee, **HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND**, with business address at 12th Floor, JELP Business Solution Center, NO. 409 Shaw Boulevard, Mandaluyong City, against the Mortgagor/s **ALLAN M. MANIBO married to IMELDA A. MANIBO**, with residence and postal address at Lot 4 Block 21 West Governor Heights 2, Cabuco, Trece Martires City, Cavite to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of 14 August 2015 amounts to **SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY THREE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED NINETY SIX PESOS and 87/100 (P 673,696.87)**, Philippines Currency including interest, penalties and other charges as of said date but exclusive of all other expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on **August 26, 2021** at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at the main entrance of the Government Center Building, located at the Provincial Capitol Compound, Trece Martires City, to the highest bidder, for CASH and in Philippine Currency the following property with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

**TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE No. 077-2012000026**

"A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 4, BLK.21, OF THE CONS. SUBD. PLAN, PCS-04-023167, BEING A PORTION OF LOT 2455-N, 3615 & 3619-B, FLS-1839 STA. CRUZ DE MALABON ESTATE) SITUATED IN BRGY. CABUCO CITY OF TRECE MARTIRES, PROV. OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON. BOUNDED ON THE NW., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 6, BLK 21; ON THE NE., ALONG LINE 2-3 BY ROAD LOT 30; ON THE SE., ALONG LINE 3-4 BY LOT 2, BLK. 21 AND ON THE SW., ALONG LINE 4-1 BY LOT 1, BLK. 21 ALL OF THE CONS. SUBD. PLAN. BEGINNING AT A POINT MARKED "1" ON PLAN. X X X containing an area of **FIFTY (50) SQUARE METERS**" X X X

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date and time, it shall be held on **September 2, 2021** without further notice.

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

Trece Martires City, June 15, 2021.

**LUCIO C. ALEJO III**  
Sheriff IV

**COPY FURNISHED:**  
**HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND**  
12th Floor, JELP Business Solution Center  
No. 409 Shaw Boulevard, Mandaluyong City

**ALLAN M. MANIBO married to IMELDA A. MANIBO**  
Lot 4, Block 21, West Governor Heights 2,  
Cabuco, Trece Martires City, Cavite

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT  
TRECE MARTIRES CAVITE

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND  
Mortgagee,  
-versus-

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-894-16

BAMBI C. CASTILLO,  
Mortgagor/s,  
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**NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE**

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 as amended by Act 4118 filed by Mortgagee, **HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND**, with business address at 12th Floor, JELP Business Solution Center, NO. 409 Shaw Boulevard, Mandaluyong City, against the Mortgagor/s **BAMBI C. CASTILLO**, with residence and postal address at #260, Ma. Cecilia Subdivision, Mulawin Tanza, Cavite & Lot 7, Block 2, Phase 1, 1L Giardino Residences Buenavista, General Trias, Cavite to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of 27 June 2016 amounts to **TWO MILLION TWO HUNDRED FORTY THREE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED NINETY FIVE PESOS and 64/100 (P 2,243,995.64)**, Philippine Currency including interest, penalties and other charges as of said date but exclusive of all other expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on **August 26, 2021** at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at the main entrance of the Government Center Building, located at the Provincial Capitol Compound, Trece Martires City, to the highest bidder, for CASH and in Philippine Currency the following property with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

**TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE No. 057-2012017995**

"A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 7, BLOCK 2, OF THE CONS-SUBD. PLAN, PCS-04-024513, BEING A PORTION OF THE CONS. OF LOTS 1, 2 AND 3, PCS-04-023353, LRC REC. NO. 5964) SITUATED IN THE BRGY. OF BUENAVISTA, MUN. OF GEN. TRIAS, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON. BOUNDED ON THE N.W., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 5, BLOCK 2; ON THE N.E., ALONG LINE 2-3-4-5 BY ROAD LOT 4 (8.00 METERS WIDE); ON THE S.E., ALONG LINE 5-6 BY LOT 9. ON THE S.W., ALONG LINES 6-7-1 BY LOT 8, BOTH OF BLOCK 2, ALL OF THE CONS.-SUBD. PLAN. BEGINNING AT A POINT MARKED "1" ON PLAN. X X X CONTAINING AN AREA OF **ONE HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE (125) SQUARE METERS**" X X X

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date and time, it shall be held on **September 2, 2021** without further notice.

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

Trece Martires City, June 15, 2021.

**LUCIO C. ALEJO III**  
Sheriff IV

**COPY FURNISHED:**  
**HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND**  
12th Floor, JELP Business Solution Center  
No. 409 Shaw Boulevard, Mandaluyong City

**BAMBI C. CASTILLO**  
#260, Ma. Cecilia Subdivision, Mulawin Tanza, Cavite &  
Lot 7, Block 2, Phase 1, 1L Giardino Residences Buenavista,  
General Trias, Cavite

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## SC ORDERS BPO TO PAY FORMER EMPLOYEE BACK WAGES

**MANILA – The Supreme Court (SC) has ordered a business process outsourcing company to pay back wages to a former employee who filed a complaint against it for illegal dismissal.**

The SC's 2nd Division upheld the petition of Vincent Michael Banta Moll against Convergys Philippines, Inc., which was ordered to pay back wages from March 25, 2018, separation pay and other unpaid benefits, and salaries, as well as attorney's fees. The labor arbiter who first handled the case in 2018 had awarded Moll PHP264,329 that year after finding that Convergys abused its discretion when it transferred the employee without justifying the trans-

fer. The high court said it is "not convinced" there was an actual transfer, saying the firm "failed to adduce any office document, be it in the form of a memorandum, notice, letter, email, or any form of communication pertaining to petitioner's supposed transfer to the Glorietta Office." "It also failed to prove the inclusion of petitioner's name in the payroll account of U-verse Program in Glorietta Office if indeed there was transfer as Convergys would have this Court believe," the tribunal said. There was considerable distance between Moll's residence and the Eton Centris Office in Quezon City compared to the company's Glorietta office in

Makati City.

The agent was hired as a sales associate in 2015 and was assigned regular accounts as part of schedule of activity and responsibility. However, beginning March 25, 2018, he no longer received any schedule. He went to the Eton Centris Office and confirmed that he was no longer given any new assignment. He attempted to report the matter to the company's human resources department for clarification but was refused entry to the office. Moll filed a complaint before the National Labor Relations Commission and during the mediation proceedings, the company ordered him to report back to work.

This return-to-work order, the court noted, "was clearly a mere afterthought, made only after the case had already been filed."

On March 24, 2018, the company decided to transfer excess manpower from the Eton Centris Office, including Moll, to its Glorietta office.

The transfer did not require a different set of skills nor a diminution of salary.

Moll transferred and attended the first day of the training on March 26, 2018, but eventually did not report to work.

The company argued that it merely exercised its management prerogative to transfer employees as stated in the employment contract. (PNA)

## 36 'tulak' swak sa buy bust

**UMABOT** sa tatlungpu't anim na hinihinalang tulak ang naidagdag sa lumulobong bilang ng mga drug pushers sa Cavite Custodial Center na inaresto sa magkakahiwalay na insidente sa lalawigan.

Sa ulat ng Cavite Police Provincial Office (PPO), isinagawa ang buy bust operation sa pagitan ng alas-10:15 Lunes ng umaga hanggang alas-12:30 Martes ng madaling araw sa limang lungsod at siyam na bayan.

Nanguna sa listahan ng

mga pinakamaraming bilang ng mga tulak na inaresto ang Bacoor City (7) sumunod ang Cavite City (5); habang (4) naman sa Naic; tig (3) ang Tanza at Silang; ang Rosario, Trece Martires City; Tagaytay City, Noveleta at Gen Trias City ay tig (2) habang tig (1) ang Alfonso, Maragondon, Carmona at Mendez o kabuuan na 36.

Ang mga naarestong hinihinalang tulak ay naharap sa kasong paglabag sa RA 9165 (buy bust operation).

**GENE ADSUARA**



## KAPARKAN FALLS, NAKALAMANG!

Muling nakapanood ang bayang karerista ng matinding bakbakan noong Hunyo 27 na kung saan ay nakalamang ang kabayong si Kaparkan Falls na nirendahan ng hineteng si Jeffrey Bacaycay sa naganap na 2021 Philracom "Road To Triple Crown" sa karerahan ng Santa Ana Park sa Naic, Cavite. Makapigil hininga ang naging labanan sa pagitan ng winning horse na si Kaparkan Falls at ang nabitin sa pagremate na si Nuclear Bomb na sinakyan ni Pabs Cabalejo. Sa simula ng karera ay kinaskas kaagad ng hineteng si CS Pare Jr ang kanyang sakay na kabayo na si Paru Parung Bukid upang makuha ang bandera. Nakadikit sa kanya sa gawing labas ang kabayong si Chrome Platter ni OP Cortez, pangatlo si Kevlar na ginabayan ng hineteng si Jeff Zarate, pang-apat ang kabayong si Stay In The Moment ni Patty Dilema, habang kasunod ang winning horse na si Kaparkan Falls. Pagsapit sa 600 meters ay nasa unahan pa rin si Paru Parung Bukid habang nagsimulang gumalaw si Stay In The Moment habang nakabuntot din si Kaparkan Falls. Pagpasok sa home stretch ay nasa unahan na si Stay In The Moment at nakakapit sa gawing labas si Kaparkan Falls. Pagdating sa huling rektahan ay naagaw na ni Kaparkan Falls ang bandera kay Stay In The Moment habang malakas na numeremate sa gawing loob si Nuclear Bomb kasabay si O Sole Mio ni Kelvin Abobo sa gawing labas at nasa ika-apat na puwesto naman si Hook On D Run ni MM Gonzales. Naging dikdikan ang labanan sa huling 50 meters sa pagitan nila Kaparkan Falls at Nuclear Bomb. Dikit ang dalawang kabayo bago tumawid sa meta na nagresulta ng photo finish. Ngunit idineklara pa ring panalo si Kaparkan Falls matapos mangusuan ang nabitin na si Nuclear Bomb. Nakapagrehistro si Kaparkan Falls ng tiyempong 1:41.6 (25'-23'-24'-28) para sa distansiyang 1,600 meters. Kumubra ang horse owner na si Wilbert Tan ng P300,000 na premyo bilang 1st place, Nakapag-uwi naman si Nuclear Bomb ng P112,500 bilang 2nd place, nakakuha si O Sole Mio ng P62,500 bilang 3rd place at P25,000 naman ang napunta kay Hook On D Run bilang 4th place. Nakatanggap din ang breeder ng winning horse ng P25,000 na premyo. Parehong maganda ang ipinakitang performance nina Kaparkan Falls at Nuclear Bomb kaya asahan na magandang laban ang muli nating masasaksihan sa 1st Leg ng Triple Crown.

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT  
TRECE MARTIRES CITY

**BDO UNIBANK, INC.,**  
Mortgagee,

Foreclosure Case No. **F-010-21**

-versus-

**SPS. EDGAR B. AGUILAR II  
AND JESSIELYN V. AGUILAR,**  
Mortgagors

X-----X

### NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed by Mortgagee, **BDO UNIBANK, INC.**, with business address at BDO Corporate Center, 7899 Makati Avenue, Makati City against the Mortgagor/s, **SPS. EDGAR B. AGUILAR II AND JESSIELYN V. AGUILAR**, with residence and postal addresses at (1) Lot 38 Blk. 42, Grand Oakridge, Antel Grand Village, Brgy. Bacao, Gen. Trias Cavite; (2) Lot 10, Block 40, Hornbeam Street, Phase 5, Lancaster Residence, Imus, Cavite, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of 15 January 2021, amounts to **THREE MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY FIVE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTY FIVE PESOS and 53/100 (P3,855,885.53)**, Philippine Currency, including interest, penalties and other charges as of said date but exclusive of all other expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on **September 2, 2021** at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at the main entrance of the Government Center Bldg. located at the Provincial Capitol Compound, Trece Martires City, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following described property with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

**TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE No: 057-2019060361**

**LOT NO. 38 BLOCK: 42 PLAN NO. PCS-04-029031**

**PORTION OF:** LOTS 1548 (RS-04-002232); 1553 (RS-04-003334), 1573 (RS-04-002132), 1556, 1558, 1559 ALL OF SAN FRANCISCO DE MALABON ESTATE, 1572-A & 1572-D BOTH OF PSD-042108-055969, 1557-A, 1557-B, 1557-C ALL OF (LRC) PSD-117597, BLK. 120, BLK. 122, BLK. 123 & ROAD LOT 1 ALL OF PCS-04-017881; (LRC) REC. NO.

5964

**LOCATION:** BARANGAY OF BACAO I & II, MUNICIPALITY OF GENERAL TRIAS, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON

### BOUNDARIES:

LINE	DIRECTION	ADJOINING LOT(S)
1-2	NE	LOT 20, BLOCK 42, PCS-04-029031
2-3	SE	LOT 22, BLOCK 42, PCS-04-029031
3-4	SE	LOT 23, BLOCK 42, PCS-04-029031
4-5	SW	LOT 37, BLOCK 42, PCS-04-029031
5-6	SW ROAD	LOT 14 (8 M. WIDE) PCS-04-029031
6-7	NW	LOT 39, BLOCK 42, PCS-04-029031
7-1	NE	LOT 19, BLOCK 42, PCS-04-029031

**AREA: TWO HUNDRED FIFTY FIVE (255), SQUARE METERS**

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

In the event of public auction should not take place on the said date and time, it shall be held on **September 9, 2021** without further notice.

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

Trece Martires City, June 22, 2021

**REYNALDO L. SALOMA**  
Sheriff IV

Copy Furnished:

**BDO UNIBANK, INC.**  
**RISK MANAGEMENT GROUP-REMEDIAL MANAGEMENT UNIT**  
11th Floor, BDO South Tower, BDO Corporate Center 7899 Makati Ave., Makati City

**SPS. EDGAR B. AGUILAR II AND JESSIELYN V. AGUILAR**  
(1) Lot 38 Blk. 42, Grand Oakridge, Antel Grand Village, Brgy. Bacao, Gen. Trias Cavite;  
(2) Lot 10, Block 40, Hornbeam Street, Phase 5, Lancaster Residence, Imus, Cavite

**WARNING:** IT IS ABSOLUTELY PROHIBITED TO REMOVE DEFACE OR DESTROY THIS NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE ON OR BEFORE THE DATE OF SALE.

**PUBLICATION: HANEP** June 28, July 5 and 12, 2021

## CARMONA PRIDE MOVEMENT: RESPECT FOR LGBTQIA+ RIGHTS

**Trece Martires, Cavite (PIA) – In celebration of PRIDE Month, the Local Government of Carmona yesterday launched the Carmona PRIDE Movement, a broad and progressive organization being established for the LGBTQIA+ community in the municipality.**

Two hundred fifty members of the said community joined the activity to celebrate gender equality, to show respect for their individual rights, and appreciate their talents.

Fifth District of Cavite Representative Dahlia A. Loyola with Town Mayor Roy M. Loyola together with other local government officials graced the event held at the Municipal Town Plaza in support of the LGBTQIA+ community.

During the program, Bataan 1st District Representative Geraldine Roman, the first transgender politician to win a congressional seat in the Philippines inspired the participants as she encourage them 'to accept their

true self.'

The participants received rice packs from the LGU, and 5 winners of the Head-dress Competition received cash prizes.

Mayor Roy Loyola said that the Carmona PRIDE Movement is the LGU's initiative that aims to recognize members of the LGBTQIA+ community and promote their rights.

He also urges everyone who belong to this sector of society to join and be a member of the said organization by registering with the link provided in the municipal government's FB page or coordinate with their respective barangay or at the MSWDO of the municipal hall.

Meanwhile, the Carmona Pride invites members of the community with innate talent for dancing to join the Carmona PRIDE Tiktok Dance Challenge, and get the chance to share their talents and be discovered.

**(Ruel Francisco with reports from the Municipality of Carmona)**

## Malacañang still confident of 'better' Christmas

**MANILA – Malacañang expressed confidence on Thursday that Filipinos will still experience a "better" Christmas this year despite the presence of a more infectious Delta coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) variant.**

"Confident pa rin tayo for a better Christmas," Presidential Spokesperson Harry Roque said in an online press briefing.

Roque issued the statement, as he noted over 10 million individuals have received vaccines against Covid-19 nationwide.

"We have exceeded the 10 million mark for vaccination," he said. "And we're confident that with more supplies of the vaccine coming in, mas maraming mabibigyan ng proteksyon (many more will be given protection) and we can move towards containment and a better Christmas this year."

Around 7,538,128 of the 10,065,414 individuals have received the first dose of Covid-19 vaccine, while the remaining 2,527,286 have been fully vaccinated as of June 27.

Despite the discovery of

new Covid-19 variants, Roque said the government was able to manage the recent surge of coronavirus infections in the National Capital Region (NCR) Plus 8 by prioritizing them in the vaccine deployment.

The NCR Plus 8 is composed of Metro Manila, Bulacan, Cavite, Laguna, Rizal, Metro Cebu, Metro Davao, Batangas, and Pampanga.

"We have managed the Covid cases in Metro Manila Plus 8 na naging kuta talaga ng Covid-19 (with high Covid-19 cases)," Roque said.

The Philippines has so far received a total of 17,455,470 Covid-19 vaccines.

The country is also expected to receive over 13 million vials of Covid-19 vaccine in July.

National Task Force Against Covid-19 chief implementer and vaccine czar Secretary Carlito Galvez Jr. ensured Wednesday that coronavirus vaccine portfolio went through a "rigorous" review and scrutiny by the vaccine expert panel. **(PNA)**

## BOC Files Criminal Raps vs Importers over P87M worth of Smuggled Goods

**THE** Bureau of Customs recently filed three (3) criminal complaints before the Department of Justice (DOJ) involving P87 million worth of misdeclared smuggled goods.

The first case is against JANTHEARA TRADING INTERNATIONAL for the alleged misdeclaration of an estimated 2,500 bags of imported onions amounting to P3,315,350.96 last May 17, 2021 at the Port of Davao.

The second case is against DENIAN DRY GOODS TRADING for its alleged misdeclaration of 343 cartons of Union cigarettes, 588 cartons of Astro American Blend cigarettes, and 32 cartons of laptop table worth P50,770,685.44 on September 18, 2020 at the Port of Cagayan de Oro.

The third case is against

MICASTAR CONSUMER GOODSTRADING involved in the alleged misdeclaration of P33,191,648.77 worth of copy paper, insulators, chairs, bricks, and cigarettes on May 2, 2021 at the Port of Manila.

The licensed customs brokers who processed the importations of the three (3) importers are facing similar complaints.

Both the importers and the customs brokers purportedly violated several provisions of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA) and other applicable laws.

The cases filed were through the initiatives of the Bureau's Action Team against Smugglers, Port of Davao, Port of Cagayan de Oro, and Port of Manila.

**PR**

## DFA brings home 1.9K distressed OFWs from UAE

**MANILA –** Around 1,920 distressed Filipinos were flown home from the United Arab Emirates amid existing restrictions last month, the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) reported Thursday.

The recent batch was a group of 347 overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) who left Dubai on June 30 and arrived July 1 via Philippine Airlines (PAL).

It was the third chartered flight in June alone especially mounted by the DFA for UAE-based Filipinos.

All passengers of DFA repatriation flights are required to undergo reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction test 48 hours before the flight.

"The Duterte government continues to help our kababayan (countrymen) who are stranded or distressed in the UAE. We have and we will continue mounting chartered flights until we have successfully repatriated those in need," DFA Undersecretary for Migrant

Workers' Affairs Sarah Lou Arriola said in a news release.

On June 2, a Cebu Pacific flight brought home 364 land-based Filipino workers, while PAL transported 322 on June 17.

The DFA also thanked local manning agencies in helping organize the repatriation of sea-based workers. Three flights arranged by the agencies arrived from the UAE also last month with a total of 886 seafarers.

Two more flights arranged by a local manning agency and the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration will land on July 5 and 10 while an estimated 350 OFWs are expected to arrive on July 17.

"We are not only firming up plans but executing these plans swiftly to bring them home at the soonest possible time, in accordance with the instructions of the President," Arriola added.

**(PR)**

## Bacoor LCE gave updates on LGU's CoVID-19 response

**Trece Martires, Cavite (PIA) –** Bacoor City Mayor Lani Mercado-Revilla revealed that the city has 100% utilization rate for ICU units that are equipped with mechanical ventilators as she gave an update on the LGU's CoVID-19 response.

The local chief executive disclosed this during her interview with broadcaster Alex Santos of Radyo Pilipinas last Monday, June 21.

Revilla said that compared to last year, the ICU hospitals have somehow improved like the Southern Tagalog Regional Hospital having 8 ICU units. The city has four level 2 hospitals with about 2 to 3 ICU units and are usually reserved for non-CoVID patients.

"Kulang talaga. Kaya in cases na talagang kailangan, nagre-request ang LGU sa General Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital (GEAMH) sa Trece Martires o nire-refer sa One Command Hospital with the Philippine General Hospital (PGH) near-out to the city," said Mayor Lani.

Bacoor remains the highest among the cities in terms of the number of CoVID-19 cases which the Mayor said is basically due to the city's proximity to NCR with most of the residents working there. Transmission happens within the families and the LGU has no choice but to keep them together and pull out only those with critical symptoms.

While the LGU thru the City Health Office continue to remind the residents to notify the Barangay Health Emergency Response Team (BHERT) during the onset of CoVID-19 symptoms, home isolation is still prevalent among families due to hesitancy on quarantining in isolation facilities.

As of June, the rate of CoVID-19 related deaths

is 1 per day while positivity rate averages 29 cases per day, and recovery rate is 39 patients per day.

"Ang recovery rate is quite good, at ang mga Isolation Facilities namin ay hindi na gaanong napupuno," shared Revilla.

The Mayor also disclosed during her interview that about 13K doses of Sino-vac will arrive during the week and they are among the few LGUs to administer PfizerBionTech vaccines which are intended to be distributed immediately among the registered residents.

The LGU will commence with the immunization of the A4 priority groups or the Economic Frontliners with the completion of the vaccination of Seafarers & OFWs as well as the members of the A2 (Senior Citizens) and A3 (Persons with Comorbidity) according to the Mayor.

"Kahit nandito na ang vaccines, hindi pa rin ibig sabihin na Kalayaan na. Nandyang pa rin po ang virus...maging pasensyoso po tayo sa vaccine roll-out natin. We're trying our best to open more vaccine hubs para po maging accessible po ang ating roll out sa karamihan," Revilla said.

(Even though the vaccines are here, it still doesn't mean Freedom. The virus is still around... let's be patient with our vaccine roll-out. We're trying our best to open more vaccine hubs so that our roll out can be accessible to the majority.)

The local chief executive encouraged everyone to register in the online registration site since walk-ins are not accepted during the vaccination activity. Procedures for said online registration are posted on the city government's FB page. **(Ruel Francisco with reports from City Government of Bacoor FB page)**

# MAGSASAKA, TINANIMAN NG 2 BALASAULO

**PATAY ang 51-anyos na magsasaka nang barilin sa ulo ng hindi nakilalang suspek sa kanyang kubo sa gitna ng bukid sa Amadeo, Cavite.** Dalawang bala sa ulo ang tumapos sa buhay ng biktima si Luis Cabelin, ng Brgy Halang, Amadeo. Ang hindi nakilalang suspek ay tumakas matapos ang insidente dala ang baril na ginamit. Sa ulat ni PSSgt Arvin Balbuena, ng Amadeo Police Station, dakong alas-6:45 Miyerkules ng umaga ng umaga naganap ang pamamari.

Nasa kubo sa gitna ng bukid ang biktima sa Brgy Halang nang lapitan ng suspek at binaril sa likod ng ulo ng dalawang beses na nagresulta sa agarang kamatayan nito. Ayon kay Balbuena, tila walang plano ang mga kamag-anak ng biktima na magsampa ng reklamo sa suspek bagama't may "person on interest" na ang kapulisan sa pagkakakilanlan nito base sa mga saksi. Sinusulat ito ay wala pang nakikitang motibo sa pagpatay sa biktima. **GENE ADSUARA**



**LIBRENG TAHO SA MGA BATA:** Bahagi ito ng feeding program nina Kagawad Kuya Boy Fernandez at Kagawad Wilmer Agnas sa Sta. Rita St. Bagong Silang at Bagong Sikat sa Baclaran, Paranaque City. Katuwang din sina Julius Ladigohon at Ronald Belleza, ng Baclaran Vendors Development Cooperative. **(JIMMY HAO)**

## First private sector vaccination launched June 25 by FFCCII in San Juan City 500,000 Sinovac vaccines to be distributed nationwide from Luzon, Visayas to Mindanao

"LET us all cooperate and accept vaccines, for faster public health and economic recovery of the Philippines", Federation of Filipino Chinese Chambers of Commerce & Industry, Inc. (FFCCII) President Dr. Henry Lim Bon Liong said in the June 25 afternoon launching of the Philippines' first ever private sector vaccination by FFCCII held at Xavier School in No. 64 Xavier Street, Greenhills, San Juan City. Dr. Lim said: "The Filipino Chinese business community has undertaken this vaccination project in the spirit of volunteerism and out of civic duty to help the country overcome this global crisis. Filipino Chinese entrepreneurs nationwide want to contribute to faster national public health and economic recovery. We believe the

Philippine economy is fundamentally sound and this global health crisis is temporary, that we should all unite, cooperate and help." The project officers of this FFCCII vaccination project for economic frontliners--entrepreneurs and workers nationwide from Luzon to Mindanao---are led by FFCCII Vice President Cecilio Pedro, FFCCII Vice-President Victor Lim, FFCCII Vice-President Michael G. Tan and FFCCII Secretary-General Dr. Fernando Gan. Various other major Filipino Chinese business, civic and cultural organizations have joined with FFCCII to undertake this project. FFCCII's import of 500,000 doses Sinovac vaccines arrived on June 17 arrival as the first Philippine private sector vaccine import. This civic project---at zero cost to government--- was

undertaken through a tri-partite agreement with the national government, for the 500,000 CoronaVac vaccines from Sinovac Biotech in Beijing, China. Dr. Lim thanked the support of government led by Vaccine Czar Sec. Carlito Galvez, Jr. and China Ambassador Huang Xilian for this civic project of the Filipino Chinese business community for economic frontliners nationwide---entrepreneurs and their workers nationwide. FFCCII President Dr. Henry Lim Bon Liong said: "We would like to thank government leaders led by Vaccine Czar Secretary Carlito Galvez, Jr. and China Ambassador Huang Xilian for their support for this vaccine civic project for economic frontliners, which seeks to lessen the burdens on government in terms of expenses and

logistics. Special thanks to China for helping start the Philippines' mass vaccination program with their donation on February 28 and their immediate commitment then of 26 million doses for 2021 at a time of very difficult global vaccine supply. This vaccine support manifests their friendship and shall boost the fast-growing economic cooperation between our two countries." Dr. Lim added: "Let us all get vaccinated and support our national vaccine program, for faster recovery of Philippine public health, consumer confidence and economic growth. Let us unite, help each other, so that we can quickly overcome the global pandemic and economic crisis. We at FFCCII are hopeful and will earnestly help Philippine economic recovery this year 2021." **PR**



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## 'Di lamang mga batang mag-aaral

**HINDI** kayang isapalaran ang kalusugan partikular ang kaligtasan ng mga bata.

Ito ang mabigat na dahilan ni Pangulong Rodrigo Duterte para ipagpaliban pa rin ang face to face classes.

Nananaig sa isip at puso ng Chief Executive ang kapakanan ng mga batang estudyante laban sa COVID-19.

Lalo at napakaliit pa lamang ng bilang ng nakatanggap na ng COVID-19 vaccine at higit sa lahat ay hindi pa nababakunahan ang mga estudyante.

Sa pasyang ito ng pangulo ay hindi nawawala ang magkakaibang pananaw dahil may nagnanais na maipatupad na dapat ang physical classes.

Kayo po, tama lang ba na

hold na muna ang face to face classes?

Tama naman at maganda na ipagpaliban pa rin sa pandemiya.

Pero sana ay para sa kapakanan ng lahat ng bata nakasentro ang pananaw ni Tatay Digong.

Ibig sabihin ay hindi lamang para sa mga bata na mag-aaral.

Pansin naman ninyo sa maraming lansangan ang pagkalat ng mga bata.

Sila kung tawagin ay mga batang-lansangan na palabay-labay.

Mayroong namamalimos, nangangalakal, sumisinghot ng rugby o solvent at iba pang ginagawa sa kalsada.

Nawa'y hindi rin maisugal ang kapalaran ng mga batang palaboy sa lansangan sa banta ng COVID-19.