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Mayor Isko, China Amb. Huang & Fil Chinese Business leaders inaugurate new park viewing decks beside Binondo Intramuros Bridge in Manila ---Manila Mayor Isko Moreno, China Ambassador Huang Xilian and Congressman Yul Servo graced the turnover ceremony of the new China-Philippines Friendship Park donated by 3 major Filipino Chinese business and cultural federations to Manila City located beside the multi-billion peso Binondo-Intramuros Bridge donated by China to the Philippines. Mayor Isko Moreno, Ambassador Huang and Dr. Lim hailed the new park and the bridge as symbols of the over 1,000-year-old friendship between the Philippines and China. Despite the rains that afternoon during the ceremony, the whole program continued, with Mayor Isko Moreno saying: "The rains symbolize blessings for us Filipinos, like this event and like these donations to the people of Manila City by the Filipino Chinese organizations and the bridge donation by China". Ambassador Huang also described the rains as symbolizing fortune in Chinese tradition, and he wished Manila City and the Philippines good fortune.

Photo from left: Philippine Chinese Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Inc. (PCCCI) Pres. Lugene Ang, Congressman Yul Servo, Manila Mayor Isko Moreno, Federation of Filipino Chinese Chambers of Commerce & Industry, Inc. (FFCCCI) Pres. Dr. Henry Lim Bon Liong, China Amb. Huang Xilian, Federation of Filipino Chinese Associations of the Phil. (FFCAP) Pres. Yang Hua Hong at ribbon-cutting, unveiling of marker & turnover ceremony of China-Philippines Friendship Park North & South Viewing Platforms beside the Binondo-Intramuros Bridge, Manila on May 18, 2022 afternoon.



BOC-Port of Cebu Hosts May 2022 Collectors' Conference---p.8



**JUST COMPENSATION.** The Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development and Task Force Bangon Marawi discuss initial plans for the establishment of the Marawi Compensation Board in a meeting on Monday (May 16, 2022). Republic Act 11696 or the Marawi Siege Compensation Act will benefit the relatives of those who died or were displaced and incurred property damage during the 2017 siege. (Photo courtesy of DHSUD-CDMRD)---p.8

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## BACoor HIGHLIGHTS BEST PRACTICES FOR INFORMAL SETTLERS

**TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite-Bacoor City Mayor Lani M. Revilla recently shared best practices on the relocation of Informal Settler Families (ISFs) situated in danger zones during the Second Quarter 2022 Meeting of the Sectoral Committee on Social Development/ Social Protection (SCSD/ SP) held on May 11 via video conference.**

She said that the city had relocated a total of 3,915 ISFs in their off- and in-city housing relocation area to date. The city will continue to provide direct housing assistance and relocation areas for ISFs, especially those residing within danger zones.

The city under her leadership implemented various initiatives to address the issues concerning the relocation of ISFs which in line with the Republic Act 7279 or the Urban Development and Housing Act of 1992 and the Supreme Court Mandamus to clean up, rehabilitate and preserve Manila Bay.

Among the reported best practices were reorganization of the Bacoor Urban Development and Housing Board to address the challenges

and needs of ISFs, creation of a Community-Based Monitoring System- Technical Working Group to update data of the 2014 Bacoor City Local Shelter Plan, preparation of the City of Bacoor Relocation and Resettlement Action Plan 2017-2023, which was endorsed to HUDCC and DBM for funding. The Plan includes housing projects for the resettlement plan of Bacoor City, coordination with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources on the delineation of coastal legal easements to ensure that river ways and shorelines are free from structures that may cause flooding, partnership with other LGUs and concerned agencies such as the National Housing Authority and Social Housing Finance Corporation on the provision of off- and in-city housing projects for ISFs, coordination and social preparation to promote self-demolition of ISF structures and digital tagging, mapping, house listing, and profiling in compliance with the Urban Development Housing Act of 1992. **(RBF/PIA-Cavite with reports from Herbert C. Molinyawe, NEDA Region IV-A)**

## Caviteño workers' salary increase to be implemented

**TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite (PIA)--** A public hearing on the increase in wages of workers in CALABARZON was launched this May 16 by the Regional Tripartite Wages and Productivity Board IV-A (RTWPB) at the Legislative Building of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan ng Cavite.

The said hearing was attended by the Chairman of RTWPB IV-A and DOLE IV-A Regional Director, Director Ezekiel Ronie de Guzman, Cavite Vice Governor Jolo Revilla, representatives of Labor Groups and Laborers along with workers in factories in the province as well as the representative from the Management Group.

The province of Cavite recently filed a Provincial Resolution led by Vice Gov. Revilla in 2021 to promote the wage increase of Caviteños and in April this year, the public consultation was held throughout the region successfully. "It has been four years since the last increase in the wages of workers in Cavite. It is time to raise it now, especially since the price of commodities has been rising relentlessly due to the rise in oil prices," said Vice Governor Revilla. He added that the distance between Cavite cities and towns in the National Capital Region (NCR) particularly the City of Bacoor is less than 6 kilometers away, Imus is 10 kilometers and

## CAVITEX toll rate adjustment to be implemented

**TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite (PIA)--** The Toll Regulatory Board (TRB) approved the new toll rates for CAVITEX R-1 this coming May 22, 2022; motorists plying through CAVITEX R-1 segment (Cavitex Longos Bacoor to MIA Exit v.v.) will be charged the following VAT-Inclusive amounts of Php 33.00 for Class 1 vehicles, Php 67.00 for Class 2, and Php 100.00 for Class 3 respectively. The toll rates adjustment to be applied by Cavitex Infrastructure (in Parañaque Toll Plaza) and its joint venture partner, Philippine Reclamation Authority (PRA) was being deferred last May 12 to provide more time for the registration of PUV drivers and operators to the toll reprieve program which allows them to continue to enjoy the old toll rates of Php 25 for Class 1, Php 50 for Class 2 through a rebate program.

The toll reprieve program is system driven via the RFID, so all the PUVs operators and drivers have to do is enroll their account to the program in coordination with their different transport organizations. The program will run for 90 days starting on Day 1 of the implementation of the new toll rates.

Toll Regulatory Board expressed gratitude to CIC and its JV partner PRA for their cooperation and support to the mass transport groups. Target enrollees to the program are all drivers and operators of the 1,420 public utility vehicles that ply through CAVITEX.

The new rates are inclusive of the 2011 and 2014 periodic toll petitions, and add-on toll petition for enhancement works done in the expressway, which includes bridge lane widening works. **(RBF/PIA-Cavite)**

## CA Justice Filomena Singh appointed to SC

**MANILA --** President Rodrigo Duterte has named Court of Appeals (CA) Justice Maria Filomena Singh as new associate justice of the Supreme Court (SC), Malacañang announced Wednesday. Executive Secretary Salvador Medialdea, in a text message, confirmed that Singh has been promoted to the high tribunal. Medialdea, however, did not mention the date Singh

was appointed as the new SC magistrate. Malacañang has yet to release a copy of Singh's appointment paper. Singh will fill the seat at the SC vacated by Senior Associate Justice Estela Perlas-Bernabe who retired on May 14. She will be the last appointee of Duterte to the SC before stepping down as Chief Executive on June 30.

Singh, who has been with the CA since 2014, completed the membership in the 15-man SC. Singh also served as a metropolitan trial court and regional trial court judge in Quezon City prior to her promotion to the CA. She practiced law for 10 years before joining the judiciary. She graduated cum laude from the University of the Philippines with a bachelor's degree. She earned her juris doctor degree from the Ateneo de Manila University with second honors distinction. Singh then studied at the America University Washington College of Law for a master of laws.

Kawit is 13 kilometers. It is expected for the wages of Caviteño workers to increase before the new administration takes over. According to the DOLE IV-A Regional Director, it is not mandatory to surpass the 30 days after the public hearing with the result that the wages of workers in CALABARZON will be greatly increased. "I have a positive view that we can raise the wages of workers not only in Cavite but in the entire region" RD de Guzman concluded. **(Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite)**

## DOST-4A pilots inventory mgmt system, boosts ICT innovations

**MANILA --** The Department of Science and Technology in Calabarzon (DOST-4A) is currently piloting its in-house developed Purchasing and Inventory Management System (PIMS) as the agency continues to produce information and communications technology (ICT) solutions. In an interview with the Philippine News Agency on Tuesday afternoon, Francis Barquilla, DOST-4A's Management Information Systems Unit head for technical operations, said the agency rolled out PIMS last April 20 and will be pilot testing it for six months to fine-tune the system.

The agency hopes the PIMS will be fully operational before yearend and looks forward to different agencies adopting the technology by 2023. Technology adoption for PIMS is free. The PIMS aims to hasten and organize the process of equipment procurement and inventory. The DOST-4A also plans to add supplies management in the PIMS for a faster issuance and monitoring of supplies.

"Through PIMS, our staff could file purchase requests for the items they need, hence, we can ensure the right specifications and quantities. PIMS could also generate (other) necessary forms such as canvass forms, abstract of canvass, purchase order, work order, inspection and acceptance report, and property acknowledgment receipt," he said. Basically, the PIMS follows the procurement process, but it enables the employees to easily track their purchase requests

since this is online. They could also upload in the PIMS the filled-out canvass forms from suppliers, as well as signed purchase orders.

Barquilla noted that this is useful for government agencies since it could hasten the processes and make them transparent. "Because with PIMS, approval requests are just a point and click. Further, the staff could easily follow up their requests or give feedback since the location and status of purchase requests are traceable," Barquilla noted.

Continuous innovation In a separate interview, DOST-4A Director Emelita Bagsit said the agency has already developed 25 application systems that they are mostly using for internal operations, while others have been adopted by other government agencies.

These innovations include the Tracking, Retrieval, and Archiving of Communications for Efficiency (TRACE), which is used to log communications with other agencies. The DOST-4A supervisors use this to communicate with the staff. This technology was adopted by the National Police Commission (NAPOLCOM) in Region 8, according to Bagsit, adding that it provided smoother internal operations in NAPOLCOM.

The Regional Research and Innovation Committee (RRIC) in Calabarzon has adopted the DOST-4A's Exchange of Probes, Learnings, and Outputs of Researches (Explore), a research and development (R&D) platform.

Bagsit said this was developed to create a centralized platform showing R&D initiatives of higher education institutions. The RRIC, she said, used this as a reference for researchers in looking for related or previously conducted research. The RRIC also used this to see the R&D contributions of member agencies.

Using application systems has many benefits not just for the agencies but also for its clients. Digital culture, improved employee productivity, organized documentation, organizational transparency are just among the benefits," Bagsit said. **(PNA)**

In a statement, acting Presidential Spokesperson and Communications Secretary Martin Andanar said the Palace is confident that Singh would excel in her new stint.

This, as he conveyed the Palace's congratulatory message for Singh. "Justice Singh served as Associate Justice of the Court of Appeals and we are confident that she would continue to uphold judicial excellence and independence in the High Court. We wish AJ Singh success in her new assignment," Andanar said. **(PNA)**

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IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION TO  
CORRECT THE CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH  
WITH REGISTRY NUMBER 99-5154 AND  
THE PETITION TO ALLOW ALYSSA MARIE  
BITBIT TO USE THE SURNAME OF HER FATHER

ALYSSA MARIE BITBIT BADILLA,  
Petitioner,  
-versus-

Special proceedings case No.  
BSP-2022-01

THE OFFICE OF THE  
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OF BACOR CITY, CAVITE,,  
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AUTHORITY, OFFICE OF THE  
SOLICITOR GENERAL, AIDA  
DELBO BITBIT, and FRANCISCO  
BULAN BADILLA,

Respondents.

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**NOTICE OF HEARING**

A Petition for the Correction of the Certificate of Live Birth and Use of Surname of Father of **ALYSSA MARIE BITBIT BADILLA** was filed in this Court praying that after notice and hearing, judgment be rendered ordering the public respondents to delete the entry "May 16, 1997 Zumarraga Western Samar" in the "date and Place of Marriage of parents" and to replace the same with "Not Married", and to allow petitioner to use the surname of the respondent Francisco B. Badilla so that the former may continue to be known as "Alyssa Marie Bitbit Badilla".

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT said petition, being sufficient in form and substance, has been set for hearing on **September 13, 2022** at 8:30 in the morning, in this Court, on which date and hour and place, any person interested is cited to appear and show cause why the same should not be granted.

Let this Notice be published once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of of general circulation in the Cities and Province of Cavite pursuant to Section 4, Rule 108 of the Rules of Civil Procedure, as amended.

Likewise, let a copy of this Notice and that of the Petition be furnished the Office of the City Civil Registrar of Bacoor, City, Cavite, Philippine Statistics Authority, Office of the Solicitor General, Aida Delbo Bitbit, and Francisco Bulan Badilla.

WITNESS THE HONORABLE Judge Maricar S.A. Prudon-Sison, Assisting Judge of this Court this 1st day of April, 2022 at Bacoor City, Cavite.

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**1ST LEG TRIPLE CROWN**

Nangibabaw ang galing ng outstanding favorite na si Basheirrou sa katatapos na 2022 Philracom 1st Leg "Triple Crown Stakes Race" na inilarga sa pista ng San Lazaro Leisure Park (MJCI) sa Carmona, Cavite. Pinatnubayan ng hineteng si Kelvin Abobo, si Basheirrou ay kalmadong bumandera bahagyang nalagpasan at muling nakabalik upang sungkitin ang korona sa 1st leg. Sa pagbukas ng aparato ay agad na umarangkada si Basheirrou upang makapuwesto sa unahan, katabi sa ikalawang posisyon si Radio Bell na ginabayan ni Jonathan Hernandez, pangatlo si Jungkook na pinatungan ni Jeff Zarate, pang-apat sa pinakalabas si Don Julio na sinakyan ni Rodeo Fernandez, panglima si Gomezian na nirendahan ni Oneal Cortez habang si Enigma Uno na lulan ni John Alvin Guce ang bugaw sa unang yugto ng laban. Paglagpas sa unang kurbada ay bandera pa rin ang paborito na si Basheirrou, kasunod pa rin ang tersero liyamado na si Radio Bell, pangatlo ang segundo liyamado na si Don Julio, pang-apat ang quinto liyamado na si Gomezian, panglima ang kwarto liyamado na si Jungkook habang ang pinakadehado na si Enigma Uno ay nanatili sa likuran. Pagsapit sa medya milya ay nasa unahan pa rin ang bida na si Basheirrou, nakakapit naman sa ikalawang puwesto si Radio Bell, gumuguhit sa ikatlong posisyon sa gawing loob si Gomezian at pang-apat sa gawing labas si Don Julio. Sa far turn ay bahagyang nakalamang sa

tabing balya si Gomezian laban kay Basheirrou na tila magtutuloy tuloy na, ngunit pagpasok sa rektahan ay binagsakan ng todo ni Kelvin ang kanyang sakay kaya nabawi uli ni Basheirrou ang unahan. Pagdating sa huling 75 meter ay klaro na ang kalamangan ng ating winning horse at tinawid ang meta ng may dalawang kabayong agwat laban sa malakas na nasegundo na si Jungkook, tersero si Radio Bell at dikit na pumang-apat si Gomezian. Nakapagrehistro si Basheirrou ng tiyempong 1:42 (24'-24-25'-28) para sa isang milyang distansiya o 1,600 meter. Nasungkit ng may-ari ni Basheirrou na Rancho Santa Rosa, Inc. ang premyong P2.1M bilang kampeon at nakahamig naman ang koneksiyon ni Jungkook ng P787,500 bilang 2nd prize. Kumubra din sina Radio Bell at Gomezian ng premyong P437,500 at P175,000 bilang 3rd at 4th placer ayon sa pagkakasunod. Hugandong nagwagi naman ang kabayong si Brother Son na nirendahan ni Jesse Guce sa ginanap na 2022 Philracom 1st Leg "Hopeful Stakes Race". Nakapagtala si Brother Son ng tiyempong 1:42.6 (25-24-25'-28) para sa distansiyang 1,600 meter. Walang hirap na nagwagi din ang kabayong si Charm Campaign na pinatungan din ni Jesse Guce sa ginanap na 2022 Philracom 1st Leg "3Y/O Locally- Bred Stakes Race". Pumoste si Charm Campaign ng tiyempong 1:43.8 (24-25-26-28') para sa parehong distansiya. Congrats sa mga nagwagi.

**Rider, patay sa BJMP vehicle**

**PATAY** ang rider matapos mabangga ang minamanehong motorsiklo ng marked vehicle na minamaneho ng jail guard sa Tanza, Cavite Martes ng umaga. Naisugod pa sa Tanza Family Hospital ang biktimang si Mark Ferdinand Coluna y Mondreal, 26, binata, ng Palangue 1, Naic, subalit hindi na umabot ng buhay. Kinilala naman ang driver ng marked vehicle na si Melchor Das Ilen y Gregorio, 42, may-asawa, jail guard sa Naic BJMP, ng

Brgy. Mabolo, Naic. Sa ulat ni PSSgt Jonathan Lagario, ng Tanza Police Station, binabagtas ng biktima ang kahabaan ng Antero Soriano Highway ng naturang bayan at nabangga ang likurang bahagi ng kanyang motorsiklo ng minamanehong marked vehicle ni Ilen dakong alas-5:46 ng umaga. Dahil sa lakas ng pagkakabangga, hindi na umabot ng buhay abng biktima sa ospital. **GENE ADSUARA**

**EDITORIAL**

**Mababang presyo**

**MAISASAKATUPARAN** ng gobyerno na maibaba sa halagang P20 hanggang P30 ang presyo ng bigas.

Batay ito sa pananaw ni Samahang Industriya ng Agrikultura (SINAG) Chairman Rosendo So.

Ang kailangan lang umano ay dapat maingat ang magandang uri ng binhi ng Philippine Rice Research Institute.

Halos parehas ang pananaw sa panig ni Department of Trade and Industry Undersecretary Ruth Castelo.

Maaaring maibaba sa naturang presyo ang kada kilo ng bigas subalit nangangailangan ng masusing pag-aaral.

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## DHSUD, SMDC enhance partnership with new pact

**QUEZON CITY** — In an effort to bolster relationship with the private sector, the Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development (DHSUD) has finalized a key pact with SM Development Corporation (SMDC) that will pave the way for the establishment of one of the former's regional offices.

On Thursday afternoon, DHSUD Secretary Eduardo Del Rosario and SMDC President Jose Mari Banzon signed a Memorandum of Agreement on the construction of the Department's new three-story regional office in Koronadal City through the private developer's incentivized compliance to balance housing program. The housing czar expressed appreciation to SMDC and SM Prime Holdings for extending support in constructing the new building, saying the Department truly welcomes the private developer's initiative as it will allow DHSUD to further expand its presence in the localities.

"We are very thankful to SM Prime, to the SMDC President, for granting this and providing the budget utilizing their balanced housing compliance in Region 12," Secretary Del Rosario stressed.

"On behalf of the officers and employees of the Department, thank you very much," the DHSUD chief noted.

Secretary Del Rosario said the new office in Koronadal City will also ensure better delivery of shelter-related services to the region. He likewise bared that Ayala Land Corporation has also signified intent to fund the construction of other DHSUD regional offices, indicating booming ties between the government and private sector.

For his part, Banzon thanked DHSUD for the opportunity to stamp its mark and be part of the Department's legacy through this agreement. He also vowed to continue supporting the government, through DHSUD, in its programs aimed at

empowering the housing and urban development sector.

SMDC Vice President for Business Planning and Development Armenia Ballesteros, DHSUD Undersecretary Marilyn Pintor, Assistant Secretary Daryll Villanueva, Housing and Real Estate Development and Regulation Bureau OIC-Director Angelito Aguila and Public Assistance Service Director Mario Mallari witnessed the momentous occasion. (DHSUD)

## DILG: Peryahan ng Bayan still suspended; PNP, LGUs told to strictly reinforce the suspension

**QUEZON CITY** -- Following reports that the "Peryahan ng Bayan" (PnB) has again resumed operations in several areas of the country by virtue of a previous court order allowing its operations, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) today said that the illegal numbers game is still suspended by the Office of the President and that the court order has immediately been recalled after issuance.

At the same time, DILG Secretary Eduardo M. Año directed the Philippine National Police (PNP) and local government units (LGUs) to monitor if the "Peryahan ng Bayan" is continuously operating in their areas and further intensify its campaign against the illegal numbers game.

"Suspendido pa rin po ang operasyon ng Peryahan ng Bayan kaya inaatasan ko ang PNP na ipagpatuloy ang maigting na kampanya para supilin ang lahat ng uri ng illegal gambling, kasama na ang PnB," he said.

On January 29, 2020, Executive Secretary Salvador Medialdea issued a Memorandum to the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO), clarifying that the resumption of PnB operations is still suspended. This prompted the PCSO to suspend the operations of Peryahan games effective February 6,

## Dimming the lights for birds at night

**LAGUNA** -- On May 14, the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity joined (ACB) the global celebration of World Migratory Bird Day. The theme, Dim the Lights for Birds at Night! enlightens us on the harmful impacts of the steadily increasing artificial light on biodiversity, including the scores of birds that migrate from north to south.

Natural light is essential to any species' survival – it supports food production, mobility, vision and other physiological processes, as well as "adaptation to diurnal and seasonal

changes" (Jägerbrand and Bouroussis, 2021). However, the amount of artificial light – often found in urban and industrial areas – has been increasing by at least two per cent per year, leading to a 'worldwide phenomenon' of light pollution or the emission of artificial light at night (ALAN) (Sordello, et al, 2022).

Studies correlate the increased use of artificial light to rapid urbanisation, with cities and industrial zones requiring illumination for operations and protection of human life and property (IUCN, 2021). Bright sources such as street lamps, shopping malls, skyscrapers, neon signs, and billboards cast upward light visible at tens or even hundreds of kilometres away.

The impact of light pollution on biodiversity is serious and can even be grave. Nocturnally migrating birds such as ducks, geese, plovers, sandpipers, and songbirds are vulnerable to light pollution. Excessive artificial light can disorient seabirds such as petrels and shearwaters and cause collisions with brightly-lit ships at sea and various structures on land. Birds can be attracted to artificial light at night, or be averse to it – either way, it can disrupt the migratory routes of these wildlife and even affect their behaviour such as foraging and vocal communication. The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and Convention on Migratory Species (CMS) joint resolution during the 13th Conference of Parties state that even the behaviour of insects, which

operasyon na dapat ang mga Peryahan," Año emphasized.

Last March, DILG Undersecretary and Spokesperson Jonathan E. Malaya warned the public against fake news that the DILG Secretary allegedly directed the PNP to allow the operation of PnB. He said Secretary Año has not and will never issue such a directive to the PNP to condone illegal gambling activities such as Peryahan ng Bayan. (DILG)

some migratory species prey on, is also negatively influenced, thus affecting their food and sustenance.

With the ASEAN located at the heart of the East Asian-Australasian Flyway, it is essential for the region to raise awareness on the issue of light pollution and its impacts on the scores of migratory birds passing by the flyway. At the global level, guidelines and campaigns on light pollution and how it can be reduced are already taking flight, with the CMS endorsing management principles such as promoting natural darkness and the use of adaptive light controls and appropriate materials that only emit harmless wavelengths and keeps light directed to the ground.

Additionally, the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) adopted a motion on light pollution in 2021 during the IUCN Congress in France promoting dark infrastructure, which identifies natural darkness as an additional quality criterion for ecological networks.

## MARINA slashes fees for 2 seafarer certifications

**MANILA** – The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) has reduced the fees for two of its certifications for seafarers by over a third on Monday. In a Facebook post, MARINA announced that the issuance, revalidation, or replacement of a Certificate of Proficiency (COP) has been reduced to PHP130 from the previous PHP200, with the fee for its expedited or onboard processing reduced to PHP330 from PHP600.

The fee for the Certificate of Competency (COC) has been reduced to PHP530 from PHP1,000, with expedited or onboard processing of the certificate reduced to PHP780 from PHP1,500.

These prices are inclusive of the documentary stamp tax.

Previously filed applications that are still under evaluation -- with a status of "online", "final evaluation" and other

We at the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB) are keen to support the ASEAN Member States in aligning these criteria with existing initiatives integrating biodiversity in cities and urban areas in the region. As a regional centre of excellence for biodiversity, the ACB stands ready to support discussions that can shed light on conservation strategies that take into account light pollution and the significance of natural darkness, whose own conservation value is comparable to having clean water, air, and soil.

Today's celebrations will give us a bird's eye view of the emerging and important issue of light pollution. It is incumbent upon us to learn more and understand deeper the implications of artificial light to the region's biodiversity, and the migratory birds that our rich ecosystems support. From small actions such as dimming our lights at night, to initiating the development of conservation strategies and approaches, we can protect migratory species from the harmful impact of light pollution.

Happy World Migratory Bird Day! (TMSLim-ACB)

pending applications -- that require resubmission of documents will be charged the old fees.

Seafarers who wish to avail of the new fees are advised to cancel their existing applications and reapply.

"This will however entail a slight delay as the application will pass through the same process," MARINA said.

The new fees were made official through MARINA Circular No. SC-2022-02 issued on Friday, entitled "Revised Fees COCs and COPs."

According to the circular, the changes were made in accordance with Republic Act 11032 or the "East of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act of 2018," and the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification, and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978. (PNA)

## UMABAGERONG KUYA, IPINAKULONG NG GRADE 12 NA KAPATID

**IPINADAMPOT** ng grade 12 student ang nakatatandang kapatid dahil sa hindi makontrol na pambubugbog sa kanya sa Bacoor City, Cavite Martes ng hapon. Hawak ng Bacoor City Police si Eduardo Concepcion y De Guzman, 36, dahil sa reklamo ng 18-anyos niyang kapatid, kapwa residente ng Brgy Mambog II, Bacoor City. Sa ulat ni Corporal Edilberto Reyes, Jr., ng Bacoor City Police, natutulog

ang biktima sa loob ng kanilang bahay na walang sabi-sabing binugbog ng kanyang kuya dakong alas-5:30 ng hapon. Sinasabing ang kanyang nakatatandang kapatid ay dumaranas ng karamdaman sa pag-iisip at hindi makontrol ang pananakit sa kanya. Natigil lamang ito nang rumesponde ang barangay na siyang tumulong at nagpagamot sa biktima. **GENE ADSUARA**

## Salpukan ng 2 motor, 3 sugatan

**PAWANG** inoobserbahan sa ospital ang tatlong rider nang nagsalpuhan ang minamanehong motorsiklo sa Kawit, Cavite Linggo ng gabi. Kinilala ang mga biktima na sina Elisabeth Escobio, 25, call center at angkas nito na si Jomar Ellorde Villegas; at Jodhel Aromas Baldovino, 27, helper. Sa ulat ni Corporal Mark Anthony Dealca, ng Kawit Municipal Police Station, dakong alas-11:50 ng gabi naganap ang insidente. Lulan si Escobio ng kanyang motorsiklong Yamaha Vega Force at

angkas nito si Villegas. Binabagtas nila ang kahabaan ng Centennial Highway north bound sakop ng Brgy Potol, Kawit habang Honda RS naman ang minamaneho ni Baldovino na binabagtas din ang nasabing lugar. Liiliko sana pakaliwa si Escobionangnakasalpuhan ang motorsiklo ni Baldovino na patungo naman sa south bound direction ng Gen Trias City. Isinugod sila sa San Pedro Calungsod Hospital dahil sa tinamongsugat sa katawan. **GENE ADSUARA**

## 3 babaing miyembro ng 'laslas gang' swak sa kulungan

**SWAK** sa kulungan ang tatlong babae na hinihinalang mga miyembro ng "laslas gang" kabilang ang isang lola matapos laslasin ang bag ng dalawang ginang habang namamalengke sa pampublikong pamilihan sa Silang, Cavite Linggo ng umaga. Kinilala ang mga suspek na sina Parena Garces y Castro, 60; Anelyn Herrera y Zonio, 49; at Liza Salonga y Soriano, 49, pawang residente ng Kasiglahan Montalban Brgy. San Jose, Rodriguez, Rizal. Kinilala naman ang mga biktima na sina Jennilyn Sarmiento Baay, 35, ng Camia St. Brgy San Miguel 2, Silang; at Richel Hiponia Tausa, 39, ng B6 L10, RCD Royale Homes Brgy.

Kalubkob, Silang. Sa ulat ni Corporal Ralph Jayson Santos, ng Silang Police Station, namamalengke ang mga biktima sa Silang Public Market sa Brgy San Miguel 2, dakong alas-10:50 ng umaga. Sinundan sila ng mga suspek at nilaslas ang hawak nilang echo bag at tinangay ang laman nito. Nakuha kay Baay ang P731 na cash habang halagang P190 at postal ID ang natangay naman kay Tausa. Huli na nang napansin ng mga biktima na nalaslasan sila kaya ipinagbigay alam sa pamunuan ng palengke kung saan pinanood sa Close Circuit Television (CCTV) na nagresulta sa pagkakaaresto sa mga suspek. **GENE ADSUARA**

## Kelot, arestado sa 2 warrant ng magkahiwalay na kaso

**DALAWANG** kaso ang isinilbi sa 52 anyos na lalaki makaraang arestuhin ng mga operatiba ng Manila Police District sa lungsod ng Quezon kamakailan. Unangnaireportangkason estafa na may piyansang P78,000.00 habang kasong falsification by Private Individual and Use of Falsified Document na may piyansang P36,000.00 ang inilaang piyansa laban sa suspek na nakilalang si Ronald Solano Fesalbon, negosyante, ng 3rd flr. Regala Park Tower sa panulukan ng P.Tuazon at EDSA sa Cubao, Quezon City Ayon sa isinumiteng ulat ng District Warrant and Subpoena Section kay MPD- Director Leo "

"Paco" Francisco, ininguso ng impormante ang kinaroroonan ng suspek makaraan itong magtago. Bitbit ang warrant of arrest na inisyu ni Hon. Carolina Icasiano - Sison, presiding Judge ng Regional Trial Court Br 18 ng Manila may petsang June 14,2021, dahil sa kasong estafa. Kasabay naman na inisyu ni Hon. Nerina Cassandra Anastacio - Mendiuneto, presiding Judge ng Metropolitan Trial Court Br.22 ng Manila na parehong petsa. Sinusulat ito ay nananatili sa kustodiya ng MPD Detention jail ang suspek habang inaalam kung may iba pa itong warrant of arrest. **JUN G.**

## 'Tulak' 2 pa, timbog sa P306,000 shabu

**NASABAT** ng Manila Police District-Delpan Police Station Police Station 12 Drug Enforcement Unit ang tinatayang 45 gramo ng shabu na may DDB value na P306,000 makaraang magpositibo ang ikinasang buy bust operation na nagresulta sa pagkakatimbog sa isang umano'y tulak ng iligal na droga at dalawang kasamahan nito sa Purok 3 Isla Puting Bato, Barangay 20, Tondo, Maynila. Ang pagkakasakote ng mga operatiba ni PS12

commander PLTCOL Paul Doles sa mga suspek ay bilang bahagi ng patuloy na kampanya kontra droga na direktiba ni MPD Director PBGEN Leo 'Paco' Francisco alinsunod sa programa ni OIC PNP PLTGEN Vecente Danao, Jr. Kaugnay nito ay pinuri ni PNP OIC PLTGEN Danao ang MPD sa patuloy na pagsasagawa ng maayos kampanya kontra kriminalidad at droga sa Maynila. **JUN G.**

## 6 katao, tiklo sa 'damo'

**DALAWANG** hinihinalang tulak at apat na nagsasagawa ng pot session ang inaresto ng Cavite Police sa isinagawang buy bust operation sa isang bahay sa Bacoor City Martes ng gabi. Kinilala ang mga inaresto na sina AJ Mark Tropa y Rejoso; Vincent Macanlalay y Mohon; Dave Dimayuga y Saique; John Mark Pineda y Saymo; Micaella Dimple Argana Y Alberto; at Edmund Israel, pawang nasa wastong edad at residente ng Brgy Talana 5, Bacoor City. Sa ulat ni PMSgt Christian Nel Cuevas, ng Bacoor City

Police Station, dakong alas-8:30 ng gabi nagsagawa ng buy bust operation ang mga operatiba ng Bacoor CPS sa Brgy Talaba 5 kung saan katransaksiyon ng poseur buyer sina Tropa at Macanlalay na nagresulta sa kanilang pagkakaaresto at narekober ang 5 gramo ng hinihinalang pinatuyong dahon ng marijuana na may street value na P5,000. Sa pagkakaaresto sa dalawa naaktuhan din habang nagsasagawa ng pot session sina Dimayuga, Pineda, Argana at Israel at nakuha sa kanila ang ilang drug paraphernalia sa paghitit ng marijuana. **GENE ADSUARA**

## Amnestiya para sa transfer tax, pinalawig ng Marikina LGU

**LUNGSOD QUEZON, (PIA)** – Pinalawig pa ng Pamahalaang Lungsod ng Marikina ang amnestiya sa transfer tax upang matulungan ang mga naiwan ng mga pumanaw na may-ari ng lupa o mga benepisyaryo nito. Ito'y matapos lagdaan kamakailan ni Marikina City Mayor Marcy Teodoro ang Ordinansa Bilang 28, s. 2022 o ang "Ordinance Amending Ordinance 182, Granting Relief on Surcharges and Interests on Transfer Tax of Real

Property Ownership," na ginawang zero interest o walang multa ang Transfer Tax upang makabawas sa alalahanin ng mga pamilyang naiwan. Ayon kay Mayor Teodoro, prayoridadngpamahalaang lungsod ang pagsalba at paglago ng kabuhayan mga taga lungsod Marikina bilang bahagi ng COVID recovery program. Sa ilalim ng naturang programa, 100 porsiyento (100%) ang amnestiya na ibibigay sa transfer tax. **(Marikina City/PIA-NCR)**

## DTI, hinihikayat ang mga MSMEs na magparehistro

**SABLAN, Benguet (PIA)** -- Hinihikayat ng Department of Trade and Industry - Cordillera (DTI-CAR) ang mga Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) na iparehistro ang kanilang negosyo sa DTI. Ayon kay DTI-CAR Regional Director Juliet Lucas, malaki ang maitutulong ng registration sa mga MSMEs kung saan tuturuan ang mga maliliit na negosyante kung paano mag-compute ng buwis. Sa pamamagitan aniya nito ay matututunan ng mga negosyante kung paano magpataw ng presyo sa kanilang mga produkto. "With all the services that we are planning, that we are bringing for the developmentofbusinesses, dapat ma-mainstream da. Haan nga kabotboteng ti agrehistro iti negosyo," giit ni Lucas. Aniya, mahalaga ang pagpaparehistro para sa pagkalap ng datos na siyang panggagalingan ng mga impormasyon kung anong kaukulang tulong ang dapat maibigay sa mga ito. "Taxes is the lifeblood of the

government. We cannot do away with taxes. Umay da ketdin, ma-mind setting da, agrehistro da, they will be listed," dagdag ni Lucas. Ang registration ang isa sa mga serbisyong iniaalok sa mga Negosyo Center na itinatayo sa bawat bayan. Hinikayat naman ng isa sa mga negosyante ang kanyang mga kasamahan na iparehistro ang kanilang negosyo sa DTI. "Mayat gayam nu adda ladta ti registration iti DTI ta at least, adda ladta met ti pakinabang. Kasi ti registration fee ket P500 and that is good for five years," ani Nelia Benito na isang negosyante. Kapag nakarehistro na ang mga MSME ay maaari na silang isailalim sa consultation, mentoring, at business modeling. Ipinaalala din ni Lucas ang pagkuha ng lisensiya ng mga food processors mula sa Food and Drug Administration upang matiyak na ligtas kainin ang kanilang mga produkto. Aniya, tumutulong ang Negosyo Center sa pagkuha ng naturang lisensiya. **(DEG)**

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## Fighting Maroons kampeon sa UAAP Season 84

Bidang-Bida si Joel Cagulangan ng Unibersidad ng Pilipinas sa tuktok ng kampeonato sa UAAP men's basketball pagkatapos ng 36 mahabang taon sa game-winning triple sa nalalabing 0.5 segundo, makaraang itinaas ng Fighting Maroons sa 72-69 overtime kontra Ateneo. Sa kanilang huling yugto ng UAAP Season 84 men's basketball tournament sa SM Mall of Asia Arena sa Pasay City. Panalo laban sa defending champion na Ateneo de Manila University, kamakailan sa SM Mall of Asia Arena sa Pasay City. Naiwan ng lima na wala pang dalawang minuto sa dagdag na yugto, si JD Cagulangan ay

gumawa ng back-to-back big-time plays. Inubos muna niya ang isang bailout troy bago gumamit ng pick-and-roll kay Malick Diouf para sa sa, 69-69, may 39.7 segundo ang nalalabi. Matapos ang isang Dave Ildelfonso sa kabilang dulo, kinuha ni Cagulangan ang bola, bumilis ang orasan, at humila ng step-back na three-pointer para sa panalo. "Sobrang sarap, wala akong masabi. Champion na kami. Sobrang sarap talaga," ani Cagulangan, tubong Butuan. Ito ang ikatlong titulo ng UP sa liga, na nanalo sa kanilang unang titulo hanggang sa ikalawang season ng liga at sinundan ito makalipas ang 47 taon sa season 49.



UAAP SEASON 84 CHAMPION

NAG bunyi at itinaas ang championship trophy ng Unibersidad ng Pilipinas makaraang makamit nito ang kampeonato via overtime kontra Ateneo sa puntos na 72-69. (RGN)

## MAY NAGHIHINTAY NA CASH INCENTIVE SA MGA SEAG MEDALISTS

Ang cash incentives para sa medal-performing athletes ay dadaloy mula sa kaban ng Philippine Sports Commission pagkatapos ng 31st Southeast Asian Games dito. Sa hindi bababa sa 20 gintong medalya para sa Team Philippines sa kalahatian ng 11-nasyon na biennial meet kasama ang 25 pilak at 36 na tansong medalya simula ng unang bahagi ng unang kumpetisyon, ang PSC ay maglalabas ng hindi bababa sa P18 milyon na mga cash bonus na ibinigay ng batas sa ilalim ng Republic Act 10699. Kung hindi man kilala bilang National Athletes and Coaches Incentives and Benefits Act, ang batas ay nagbibigay ng gantimpala sa Filipino athlete ng PHP300,000 para sa bawat indibidwal na gintong medalya na napanalunan habang ang halaga ng isang silver at bronze ay PHP150,000 at PHP60,000, ayon sa pagkakabanggit.

"Binabati ko ang aming mga atleta para sa isang mahusay na trabaho. We'll be expecting more medals to be won by Team Philippines in the coming days," PSC Chairman William Ramirez said in a news release. Ngunit ang cash windfall mula sa gobyerno ay hindi lamang ang pinagmumulan ng monetary incentives para sa mga medalyang atleta sa SEA Games. Ayon sa tradisyon sa administrasyong Duterte, iginagawad ni Pangulong Rodrigo Duterte ang mga cash bonus sa Malacañang at namimigay ng karagdagang pabuya na pera sa pamamagitan ng pagtutugma ng mga insentibo na natanggap ng mga atleta. "Kilala ang Pangulo, istilo niya na magbigay ng karagdagang cash bonus bukod sa mga insentibo na itinadhana ng batas kapag binisita siya ng

mga atleta sa Malacañang," ani Ramirez. Batay din sa batas, ang mga coach ng podium finishers ay makakakuha ng 50 porsiyento ng halaga ng cash bonus na natanggap ng kanilang mga atleta. Para sa mga cash incentive ng koponan, ang isang pangkat na may apat o mas kaunti ay makakatanggap ng katumbas na indibidwal na medalya na kanilang napanalunan habang ang bawat miyembro ng isang koponan na may limang miyembro o higit pa ay may karapatan sa 25 porsiyento ng halaga ng indibidwal na medalya. Ang mga nagwagi ng medalya na nalampasan ang mga kasalukuyang rekord ng Pilipinas, mga pamantayan ng SEA Games o mga rekord sa anumang masusukat na internasyonal na kompetisyon ay maaari ding makatanggap ng mga cash incentive na



**SMB 6 ROUND PICK - CHARLES CADUA BINATI** ni PBA Commissioner Willie Marcial ang pinaka huling napili ng San Miguel Beer para round 6 pick no 9 na si Charles CADUA sa ginanap na PBA DRAFT Season 47 sa Robinson Plaza, Manila. (RGN)

## SLP, pandayan ng batang swimmers

TULOY ang agresibong programa ng Swim League Philippines (SLP) para mas palakasin ang grassroots development program sa sports sa pagbabalik aksyon mula sa mahigit dalawang taong pananahimik bunsod ng pandemya sa isinagawang 1st RFN Swimming School Long Course Age Group Swimming Competition kamakailan sa Paraiso ni Baste Resort sa Valenzuela City. Kabuuang 233 batang swimmers mula sa 22 koponan ang nakiisa at nakipagtunggalian sa kompetisyon sa iba't ibang age-group categories na naglalayon na matularan ang mga pamosong homegrown swimmers na pawang produkto ng mga katulad na torneo. "The likes of Jasmine Mojdeh, Isabelle Basa, Yuan Parto and other elite swimmers from SLP and Behrouz Elite Swimming Team started their career in this kind of competition. Ngayon, sumasali na sila sa

international meet and right now their doing great sa Melun, Paris competition," pahayag ni SLP Marketing Director Giuseppe Ancheta. Nakamit ng Cavite Sea Beast Swimming Club ang overall championship sa nakamit na kabuuang 646 puntos kasunod ang host Paraiso ni Baste Swim Club na may 445 at Mt. Apo Swim Club na umiskor ng 304. Kabilang sa top 10 ang Carmona Angel (266), Barbiera Swim team (229), Coach Agot Team (188), The Rising Aquaducks (182), San Jose (178), Pasig Swim team (164) at Alvarez Swim Club (182).84 "Since nagbukas ang tournament ng SLP ito ang ikalawang championship ng Cavite Swim Team na patunay lang na talagang marami tayong talento na puwedeng makuha para isali sa mas matataas na kompetisyon," sambit ni Ancheta. Ikinalugod ni SLP president Joan Mojdeh ang patuloy na pagtaas ng partisipasyon ng mga swimming club mula sa iba't ibang parte ng bansa na aniya'y malaking tulong sa kanilang paghahangad na makuha at masanay ang mga talent para maisabak sa international competition. "From here, pipili kami ng mga swimmers na puwedeng maisama sa elite team at maisali natin sa abroad para mas masanay," sambit ni Mojdeh, ina ni Jasmine at dalawang junior protegee. Kasalukuyang bahagi ng junior national team ang 16-anyos na si Jasmine, tinaguriang 'Water Beast' at National Junior record holder

itinakda ng PSC. Ang pagpopondo para sa mga cash bonus na ito mula sa gobyerno ay kinukuha mula sa net cash income ng Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation na ipapadala sa National Sports Development Fund ng PSC. Lampas na ito sa regular na kita na nire-remit sa PSC ng PAGCOR.



## GOLDEN TIGRESSES TAGUMPAY KONTRA ATENEO

Pinigil ng University of Santo Tomas ang three-game winning streak ng Ateneo de Manila University sa dramatikong paraan, na nagtala ng 25-19, 25-21, 29-31, 33-31 tagumpay sa UAAP Season 84 women's volleyball tournament sa SM Mall of Asia Arena sa Pasay City. Pinangunahan ni Eya Laure ang Golden Tigresses na may career-high na 31 puntos para sumabay sa 14 na mahusay na pagtanggap upang itulak ang kanyang panig sa 5-2 standing pagkatapos ng unang round para sa solo second. At ito ang ikalawang henerasyong Tiger na nagtapos sa laban. Naghabol sa 30-31 sa fourth set, nakagawa ang UST ng tatlong sunod na hit mula sa error sa serbisyo ng Ateneo. Sinundan ito ni KC Galdones ng isang kill block habang tinapos ni Laure ang mga bagay gamit ang isang off-the-block kill para tapusin ang laro. "Parang six sets," quipped UST head coach Kungfu Reyes sa laban na tumagap ng dalawang oras at 28 minuto. "Rollercoaster ride. Pinakamaganda doon 'yung maexperience 'yung pagdating sa mga pitipan 'yung fighting spirit mo nandoon." Sa unahan lamang ng dalawang puntos, umiskor si Laure ng tatlo sa kanyang siyam na unang set points sa 6-2 closing run ng UST para sa upper hand, 25-

19. Ang mga hit nina Galdones at Imee Hernandez, kasama ang dalawang error sa Ateneo, ay nagpatingkad sa 4-2 spurt ng Golden Tigresses para makuha ang 2-0 set advantage, 25-21. Nasa 29 sa ikatlong set, nag-deliver si Vanie Gandler ng Ateneo mula sa backrow bago gumawa ng attacking error si Ypril Tapia para palawigin ng UST ang laban, 31-29. "Dadalhin namin itong panalo na ito towards second round. Nakachamba lang ulit kami. Nachambahan ulit ni Eya kahit papaano nakabalik," Reyes continued. Inilagay ni Hernandez ang kalahati ng kanyang 14 puntos sa ikaapat na set para sa UST, habang may 12 puntos si Galdones, kabilang ang tatlong block. Nagdagdag din si Tapia ng 11 puntos sa panalo, kabilang ang tatlo sa clinching set. Si Christine Ecalla ng UST ay lumitaw na na-spray ang kanyang kanang bukung-bukung matapos ang awkward landing sa unang bahagi ng ikalawang salvo. Nanguna si Faith Nisperos sa Ateneo na may 22 puntos habang si Gandler ay nagtala ng 18 puntos, lahat mula sa spike. Bumagsak ang Blue Eagles sa 3-4, na linya sa University of the Philippines para sa ikalima.

### UST VS ATENEO

P A S O K ang banat na tirada ni University of Sto. T o m a s spiker Ypril Tapia sa pagitan ng d o d l e n g pag block nila #16 Lyann De G u z m a n at #12 Joan Narit kapwa ng Ateneo sa mahigoit na tagisan nila sa U A A P Season 84 Women's volleyball elimination round sa Mall of Asia Arena Pasay City. (RGN)



## SC reprimands judge for improper social media posts

**MANILA – The Supreme Court has admonished a La Union Regional Trial Court judge for posting photos of himself half-dressed and exposing his tattoo art.**

In a decision uploaded on May 13, the SC Second Division found Judge Romeo Atillo Jr. guilty of conduct unbecoming of a judge and sternly warned that a repetition of the same shall be dealt with more severely.

The Court reminded the magistrate "to be more circumspect in his professional and personal dealings in social media".

Atillo claimed that his Facebook account was hacked on Aug. 11, 2019 and his privacy setting was set from private to public. He also claimed the photos were only meant for him and his friends and not for public viewing.

The Court held that "setting posts or profile details' privacy is no assurance that it can no longer be viewed by another user who is not Facebook friends with the source of the content".

The Court said all social media users face the same risks when sharing content in cyberspace.

"The Court once again reminds judges to mindful of what they communicate in social networking sites -- regardless of whether it is a personal matter or a part of his or her judicial functions -- as such content indubitably creates and contributes to the public's perception not only of the concerned judges, but, more importantly, of the Judiciary as a whole," it said.

Printed copies of photos allegedly posted by Atillo used as "cover photos" and "profile pictures" on Facebook were received by the Office of the Court Administrator (OCA).

The OCA found Atillo guilty of violating the New Code of Judicial Conduct, as well as OCA Circular No. 173-2017 when he posted the subject photos on his Facebook account and recommended a PHP15,000 fine and that he be reprimanded with a stern warning.

The Court adopted the findings of the OCA but

modified the penalties.

It agreed with the OCA that Atillo "had breached his duty to avoid impropriety, or even just the appearance of impropriety, when he posted the subject pictures showing his half-dressed body and tattooed torso on his Facebook account that eventually became readily accessible to the general public".

Citing its 2014 ruling in *Lorenzana v. Judge Austria*, the Court held that "while judges are not prohibited from becoming members of and from taking part in social networking activities, we remind them that they do not thereby shed off their status as judges".

In the *Lorenzana* case, the respondent judge was found guilty of impropriety when she posted photos of herself wearing an "off-shoulder" suggestive dress on a social networking site and made it available for public viewing.

The Court clarified that the impropriety relates solely to the judge's "act of posting the subject picture on social media, and it has absolutely nothing to do with his choice to have tattoos on his body".

"Simply put, by posting the pictures on Facebook, [the respondent judge] placed himself in a situation where he, and the status he holds as a sitting judge, became the object of the public's criticism and ridicule," the SC said. (PNA)

## CSC holds power to discipline gov't employees: SC

**MANILA – The Supreme Court (SC) has upheld the dismissal from government service of a former accountant of the National Statistics Office-Bicol (NSO-5) for grave misconduct related to a bidding process.**

In a notice of resolution uploaded on May 6, the SC Second Division turned down the appeal filed by Milagros Longasa, questioning the decision of the Civil Service Commission (CSC) and the Court of Appeals (CA) to dismiss her.

Longasa, who was the head of the agency's Bids and Awards Committee at the time, facilitated all

## DHSUD begins planning for Marawi Compensation Board

**MANILA – Planning has started for the creation and operations of the Marawi Compensation Board (MCB) that will facilitate the tax-free reparation to qualified claimants who lost residential and commercial properties and beneficiaries of those who died or are presumed dead after the 2017 Marawi City siege.**

Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development (DHSUD) Secretary Eduardo del Rosario said they must hasten the creation of the board so that the Task Force Bangon Marawi (TFBM) can start providing what is due the beneficiaries.

"What we can do for the initial push is to formulate key measures aimed at ensuring the optimum operationalization of the upcoming MCB," del Rosario, also the TFBM chief, said in a statement on Tuesday. "Providing compensation to victims of the Marawi siege will also allow private individuals to rebuild not only their properties but, more importantly, their lives in general."

Del Rosario called for an executive committee meeting on Monday to discuss the preparation and processes in determining beneficiaries or claimants and identification of destroyed or damaged properties during the

five-month-long conflict between government forces and terrorist groups. "We must fast-track our efforts in finalizing the formation of the MCB. It is part of our mandate and responsibility to give just compensation to our Maranao brothers and sisters who lost their lives, were displaced, and incurred property damage during the siege," del Rosario told the committee.

Republic Act (RA) 11696 or the Marawi Siege Compensation Act of 2022 signed by President Rodrigo Duterte last month mandates the creation of the MCB as "an independent and quasi-judicial body primarily to receive, evaluate, process and investigate applications for claims under the law, as well as, to award compensation as warranted".

Del Rosario is set to visit Marawi City this week to check on the rehabilitation developments.

He will grace the annual Marawi Week of Peace to commemorate the "heroism and unity displayed by citizens" during the armed conflict.

The TFBM will inaugurate and turn over major public infrastructures such as the Peace Memorial and Rizal Park, Marawi Museum, School of Living Traditions, Sarimanok Sports Complex, and Marawi Convention Center. (PNA)

liable for grave misconduct and ordering her dismissal from the service.

The COA probe discovered she disposed of NSO's unserviceable properties without public bidding.

In turning down her appeal, the SC stressed the power to discipline government officials and employees is vested by the Constitution in the CSC.

"It is a basic doctrine that the findings of fact of quasi-judicial agencies, like the CSC, in the assessment of the pieces of evidence presented before them, are accorded great weight, more especially when sustained by the CA," the court said. (PNA)

## BOC-Port of Cebu Hosts May 2022 Collectors' Conference

The Bureau of Customs (BOC)-Port of Cebu successfully hosted the Collectors' Conference at Jpark Island Resort and Waterpark Cebu, Lapu-Lapu City last Friday, 06 May 2022. In attendance were Commissioner Rey Leonardo B. Guerrero and the Bureau's Deputy Commissioners, Directors, Division Chiefs, and District Collectors.

During the conference, the District Collectors discussed the accomplishments and concerns of their respective collection districts. The Bureau-wide collection performance was also analyzed, including updates on the newly rolled out systems and strategies to sustain the programs of the agency.

Commissioner Guerrero commended the ports for the initiatives and programs that the ports consistently implement for the betterment of their collection districts. He emphasized that the hitting of collection targets, upgrading and refinement of intelligence and enforcement capabilities, and enhancement of trade facilitation were made possible through the hard work and conscious effort of all personnel of the Bureau. He encouraged everyone to continue to work tirelessly to sustain

the agency's transformation programs.

Commissioner Guerrero also awarded certificates of commendation to the Ports of San Fernando, Manila, Manila International Container Port, Batangas, Legaspi, Iloilo, Cebu, Cagayan de Oro, Zamboanga, Davao, Subic, Clark, Aparri, and Limay for hitting their assigned collection targets for April 2022.

Towards the latter part, the World Customs Organization (WCO) virtually presented the draft Action Plan on Integrity Development and Countering Corruption in the BOC and discussed steps to ensure its implementation. The discussion concluded the six-day Consultations on the Revised Arusha Declaration Concerning Customs Integrity between the BOC and the WCO.

The conference ended with the presentation of a Certificate of Commendation to the Port of Cebu for the successful hosting of the Collectors' Conference.

District Collector Charlito Martin R. Mendoza, on the other hand, presented a portrait painting to the Commissioner as a token of appreciation from the men and women of the Port of Cebu. **PR**

## Q2 nat'l earthquake drill set on June 9

**MANILA – The Office of Civil Defense (OCD) on Tuesday announced that the second quarter online National Simultaneous Earthquake Drill (NSED) will be on June 9.**

"Muling inaanyayahan ang sambayanan na makilahok sa second quarter online NSED, sa ika-9 ng Hunyo 2022, alas nuwebe nang umaga. Magsisimula ang programa ng alas otso (We are inviting again the public to participate in the second quarter online NSED which will be held on June 9 at 9 a.m. The program starts at 8 a.m.)," the agency said in a Facebook post.

"Sabay-sabay tayong mag-duck, cover, and hold sa pagtunog ng sirena (Together, let us duck,

cover, and hold once the siren starts)," it added.

The OCD said the evacuation part of the second online NSED is still not allowed due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The first quarter online NSED for 2022 was held last March 10.

The second quarter NSED can be watched live stream on Civil Defense PH and NDRRMC Facebook pages and YouTube channels.

In 2021, the NSED for the first and second quarters was held on March 11 and June 10, respectively. The third quarter national earthquake drill was on September 16 while the fourth quarter drill was on November 11. (PNA)

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

MARGARITO G. PACIA, Mortgagee

-versus- EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT 3115, AS AMENDED BY ACT 4118

SPS. JOE ALLAN A. VILLANUEVA AND ROWENA DEL ROSARIO VILLANUEVA, Mortgageors. FC No.17338-22 x-----x

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118 filed by MARGARITO G. PACIA, mortgagee, with residence address at Unit 2 Eusebio Townhouse, Eastroad Corner 17th Avenue, Murphy Cubao, Quezon City, against SPS. JOE ALLAN A. VILLANUEVA AND ROWENA DEL ROSARIO VILLANUEVA, with residence and postal address at No. 20 Tulip Street, Neighborhood-C, Parkplace Village, Brgy. Anabu, Imus, Cavite, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of April 4, 2022 amounts to SIX HUNDRED FORTY NINE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY PESOS (P649,750.00), 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 July 19, 2022 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. 057-2016067064

"A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 5608-B-5-A-2, OF THE SUBD. PLAN PSD-042109-067052, BEING A PORTION OF LOT 5608-B-5-A, PSD-04-044795, LRC REC. NO. ) SITUATED IN THE BRGY. OF PASONG BUAYA, MUN. OF IMUS, PROV. OF CAVITE. BOUNDED ON THE E, ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 5608-B-5-A-1, OF THE SUBD. PLAN; ON THE SE., ALONG LINE 2-3 LOT 5608-B-5-B, PSD-04-044795; ON THE W., ALONG LINE 3-4 BY LOT 5608-B-5-A-3; ON THE W., NW., & N., ALONG LINES 4-5-6-1 BY LOT 5608-B-5-A-5, (ALLEY), ALL OF THE SUBD. PLAN xxx CONTAINING AN AREA OF THREE HUNDRED (300) 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, it shall be held on July 26, 2022 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, April 28, 2022.

ISRAEL S. MEDINA Sheriff IV

APPROVED:

ARMIE A. FRANCISCO Clerk of Court VI

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MARGARITO G. PACIA

Unit 2 Eusebio Townhouse, Eastroad Corner 17th Avenue, Murphy Cubao, Quezon City

SPS. JOE ALLAN A. VILLANUEVA AND ROWENA DEL ROSARIO VILLANUEVA

No. 20 Tulip Street, Neighborhood-C, Parkplace Village, Brgy. Anabu, Imus, Cavite

ATTY. JASON DEMETRIO O. BENITEZ

11th Floor, Unit MN, Cyberzone Building Eastwood Cyberpark, bagumbayan, Quezon City

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Republic of the Philippines Fourth Judicial Region Regional Trial Court of Cavite Office of the Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff New Justice Hall, J.P. Rizal Avenue, Kaybagal South, Tagaytay City

CITIZEN'S RURAL BANK (CABIAO), INC.,

Mortgagee,

-versus-

EJF NO. TG-22-011

FOR: Petition to Sell in Extrajudicial Foreclosure

SPS. ARIEL R. AUSTRIA AND MARIA BELEN BAYAS AUSTRIA,

Mortgagor/s-Borrower/s,

X-----x

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-judicial foreclosure sale under Act 3135, as Amended by Act No. 4118, filed by Mortgagee, CITIZEN'S RURAL BANK (CABIAO), INC., duly organized under Republic Act No. 720 as amended, with principal office and place of businesses at San Juan North, Cabiao, Nueva Ecija, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Real Estate Mortgage ("MORTGAGE") executed and notarized on June 25, 2019, by Mortgagors/Borrowers, PETRITA ROJAS IGNACIO and TITO L. IGNACIO, with residence and address at Panapaan, Bacoor, Cavite represented by SPS. ARIEL R. AUSTRIA and MARIA BELEN BAYAS AUSTRIA as per Special Power of Attorney executed and notarized on June 25, 2019 in favor of the Petitioner/Mortgagee, over a real estate property including improvements thereon, described in and covered by TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-74897 of the Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City, in order to satisfy the outstanding loan obligation of the Mortgagors/Borrowers in the amount of EIGHT MILLION TWO HUNDRED THIRTY THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SEVENTY TWO PESOS & 25/100 (Php 8,230,972.25), excluding interest and penalty, as of February 18, 2022, the undersigned Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff of the Regional Trial Court of Cavite thru her deputy, Oliver N. Mendoza, will sell at public auction on June 23, 2022 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter, at the New Hall of Justice of Tagaytay City, to the highest bidder, for Cash or Manager's Check and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all its improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. (T-74897)

Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City

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

A parcel of land (Lot 24, Blk. 36 of the cons. subd. plan, Pcs-04-015310, being a portion of Lot 287 Cad-452-D, Silang Cad. LRC Rec. No. ), situated in the Brgy. of Lungon, (now) Lukshuin, Mun. of Silang, Prov. of Cavite. Bounded on the W., along line 1-2 by Lot 23, Blk. 36, on the N., along line 2-3 by Rd. Lot 39, along line 3-4 by Rd. Lot 39, & Open Space on the E., along line 4-5 by Open Space and on the S., along line 5-1 by Lot 1, Blk. 36, all of the cons. subd. plan. Beginning at a pt. marked "1" on plan being S. 72 deg. 4'W., 1755.38 m. from BLLM No. 1, Mun of Silang Cavite, thence N. 09 deg. 27'W., 20.00 m. to pt. 2; thence N. 80 deg. 32'E., 16.93 m. to pt. 3; thence S.54 deg. 29'E., 5.58 m. to pt. 4; thence S.09 deg. 29'E., 16.05 m. to pt. 5; thence S. 80 deg. 32'W. 20.90 m. to pt. of beginning, containing an area of FOUR HUNDRED TEN (410) SQ. METERS. All pts. referred to are indicated on the plan and are marked on the ground by PS cyl. Conc. Mons. 15x40cm., bearings true; date of orig. survey, May 14, 1981 & that of the cons. subd. survey, Jan. to May 1999, & was approved on Oct. 19, 1999.

is registered in accordance with the provisions of the

CA affirms jail term for seller of counterfeit items

MANILA – The Court of Appeals (CA) upheld the ruling of the Mandaluyong Regional Trial Court (RTC) that sentenced the seller of counterfeit shoes and other items to up to five years in prison.

The CA affirmed the Nov. 14, 2018 decision of Mandaluyong RTC Branch 211 that found Manolo Samson guilty of violating the Intellectual Property Code of the Philippines' provisions against unfair competition. "The trial court correctly imposed the indeterminable penalty of two years as minimum to five years as maximum and a fine of PHP100,000," read the decision dated May 11 and made public on Monday.

Samson, proprietor of Itti Shoes Corp., Kolm's Manufacturing Corporation, and Caterpillar Boutique and General Merchandise, distributed and sold counterfeit Caterpillar brand products such as footwear, garments, clothing, bags,

and accessories. On Dec. 5, 2000, lawyers for Caterpillar Inc. sought help from the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI), which raided Samson's outlets that sold Caterpillar products.

Two years later, more raids were conducted in various outlets owned or operated by Samson in Mandaluyong, Quezon City, Manila, Caloocan, Makati, Parañaque, Las Piñas, Pampanga, and Cavite after reports that he continued to sell imitation products.

The court said the "accused intended to deceive the public as to the identity of the goods sold or of the manufacturer thereof," and that "the trial court therefore did not err in finding the accused guilty of unfair competition".

The Caterpillar trademark was first used in 1904 on track type tractors.

In the Philippines, the Caterpillar trademark was registered in 1968, initially for tractors, tractor parts, and equipment. (PNA)

Property Registration Decree in the name of\* PETRITA R. QUINOLA, Filipino, of legal age, single.

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on June 30, 2022 without further notice.

Prospective bidders or buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate and verify for themselves the TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-74897, the encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

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

Tagaytay City, Philippines, April 27, 2022.

ATTY. VARBRA ANN A. VARIAS-DIMAYUGA Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff

OLIVER N. MENDOZA Sheriff-in-Charge

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## Science chief shares with UN the Philippines' STI efforts in achieving SDGs and in building back better from Covid-19

**QUEZON CITY-** The Philippine Statement delivered by Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Secretary Fortunato T. de la Peña at the Multi-Stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and

Innovation (STI) for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) featured the DOST's scientific efforts in recovering from the pandemic and contributing to the achievement of the SDGs.

The seventh annual STI Forum, with the theme "Science, technology and innovation for building back better from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development" was held in a hybrid format on 5-6 May 2022 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, USA.

As practiced in previous years, experts and representatives from various sectors around the world gathered together at the STI Forum to exchange insights on issues and topics aligned with the priorities of the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development. This year's discussions zeroed in on the crucial role of science, technology, and innovation in SDGs 4 on quality education, 5 on gender equality, 14 on life below water, 15 on life on land, and 17 on partnerships for the

Goals.

The Philippines, through the representation of DOST Secretary de la Peña, showcased the country's various STI programs in line with the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda. These include the Harmonized National R&D Agenda 2017-2022, technology breakthroughs in agriculture and marine resources, drug discovery and health programs, waste-to-energy facilities and hybrid vehicles development, scholarship offerings in STEM, food security programs, and science-based interventions for livelihood. Ministers and government leaders also shared their best practices in response and recovery from COVID-19. The DOST chief also highlighted that the country provided funding support to research studies on COVID-19 supplemental medicines,

needed medical equipment and biomedical devices, and repurposing of available technologies.

At the end of the statement, Sec. de la Peña stated that "for sustainable recovery, investment should be made in research and development,

infrastructure, and STI ecosystem. Short- to long-term agenda must also be set." Distinguished speakers of the Forum collectively called for harnessing full STI potential for the benefit of all sectors in all countries. **(DOST)**

## DOST-Calabarzon seeks more support for macapuno research

**MANILA** – While there are existing known macapuno products, the Department of Science and Technology in Calabarzon (DOST 4-A) is seeking more support for macapuno research and development (R&D), saying there's more that can be generated from it.

"We would like to have a focused R&D on macapuno so we could develop and commercialize high value products. This would help us to level up from what we only have now such as candies and preserves," DOST 4-A Director Emelita Bagsit told the Philippine News Agency in an interview Monday afternoon.

She noted that people are familiar with macapuno as a food product, but macapuno actually has many uses that are high in value, such as in nutraceuticals and even in cosmetics.

"Macapuno is very promising since it has a component called galactomannan that has health and industrial use," Bagsit remarked.

The DOST 4-A, she said, wants to improve the recently established macapuno R&D center located in one of the buildings of the Cavite State University (CvSU). The DOST 4-A funded this center, but Bagsit wants to get a Niche Centers in the Regions for R&D (NICER) program funding, as well as funding from the Coco Levy fund, for this center.

Launched in 2017, the DOST's NICER program aims accelerate industrial competitiveness, by enabling higher education institutions (HEIs) nationwide to make a significant improvement in regional research by integrating development needs with existing R&D capabilities and resources. Chosen HEIs are provided with an institutional grant for R&D capacity building and the improvement of infrastructure. The amount would depend on what the HEIs need, then the

DOST would evaluate if the institution could absorb the requested amount.

The DOST 4-A wishes to have a NICER on macapuno, according to Bagsit, adding that the office already had invested and ongoing efforts on this industry.

"The first research on macapuno embryo was done in UPLB (University of the Philippines Los Baños using the Laguna tall variety by renowned researcher, Emerita De Guzman. The (region's) revitalization of macapuno industry project has been ongoing since 2009," Bagsit said.

Should there be a NICER on macapuno, it would mainly focus on R&D on agricultural production; and food and non-food products processing, including innovative nutraceutical products, Bagsit said.

Current NICERs Currently, Calabarzon has three NICERs located in the Laguna State Polytechnic University; De La Salle University - Laguna; and UPLB. The three centers had a total of PHP132,641,085 funding from the DOST NICER program.

"DOST-Calabarzon is also providing coaching and mentoring. We also mediate in the early phases of research, in conceptualization. Our own personnel are very much involved especially in the preparation of proposals. We are here to assist and guide the applicants in the very best way we can," Bagsit said.

She said there is no limitation as to how many NICERs a region could have, as long as the region could work on the DOST's priority research areas.

The three NICERs in Calabarzon are focused on effectively rehabilitating and managing the lake environments in the region for improved ecosystem services; vector-borne diseases; and cave biodiversity assessment and conservation, respectively. **(PNA)**

## Methanol detection kit project likely completed by August

**MANILA** – The field test kit to detect methanol contamination in lambanog is expected to be completed by August, an official of the Department of Science and Technology in Calabarzon (DOST 4-A) said Monday. "We target the field testing to be completed by August. Then we will get intellectual property protection, then work for its commercialization. Our plan for the region is for the local producers of lambanog to benefit from the production while we are waiting for technology adopters," DOST 4-A Director Emelita Bagsit told the Philippine News Agency.

The DOST funded the project for PHP1,074,900, while the Cavite State University (CvSU) provided counterpart funding of PHP1,324,900 for the project.

Bagsit said to date, there is no specific instrument that the local distillers could use to trace or detect contamination in methanol. "They rely on a traditional method wherein they discard the first drops of lambanog since the first few milliliters of lambanog in the distillation process are high in methanol content. Aside from that, they are not using other instruments for quality assurance purposes," she said.

Local distillers, she said, do not have access to instruments to test or

determine the methanol level of their products before they reach the market.

"Only those lambanog brands that have LTO (license to operate) and Certificate of Product Registration have the product testing, but this is not yet included in the requirements for business registration," Bagsit added. In 2019, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued an advisory about mass hospitalization "allegedly due to drinking distilled coconut sap, locally known as lambanog."

"Based on the available data (Philippine Coconuts Authority in 2019), there were only 14 (lambanog producers) that have a certificate of product registration from the FDA. That means there are more fly-by night operations, making it more dangerous to have a high level or permissible content of methanol (in lambanog)," Bagsit said.

She said there may be existing kits, but these are imported and quite unaffordable from the micro to small businesses.

"The average person goes to local sellers for lambanog. More than just an innovation, this methanol detection kit project is a solutions-driven project that aims to address issues like lambanog poisoning," Bagsit said. **(PNA)**

## Liberalized rice trading lowers staple food price for Filipinos

**MANILA** – The passage and implementation since 2019 of the Rice Tariffication Law (RTL) has slashed prices of the country's staple food to the current average of PHP39 per kilogram (kg) or a reduction of about PHP7 per kilogram compared to its cost in 2018 when it peaked to a per-kilo retail cost of around PHP46.

Freed from local entrenched interests that took advantage of the protectionist policy on rice for decades, this staple food is now more affordable, especially for low-income Filipinos who spend about 16 percent of their total household budget on rice.

President Rodrigo Duterte signed the RTL into law on Feb. 14, 2019 as Republic Act 11203. The law, which later took effect on March 5, 2019, replaced rice import quantitative restrictions with tariffs.

"The Rice Tariffication Law was finally achieved after more than thirty years of failed attempts under previous administrations. The law opened up the Philippine rice market and, in turn, reduced the price of our country's staple food for more than 100 million Filipinos," Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez III said in a statement Sunday.

As a result of this reform, which he first proposed three decades ago when he was Agriculture Secretary, rice is no longer a main contributor to inflation, Dominguez said.

"It took the strong political will of the President for rice tariffication to finally happen for the benefit of our consumers," he added.

With rice made affordable through the RTL, the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) estimates that three years from now, the proportion of malnourished children and population at risk of hunger in the country would be reduced by 2.8 percent and 15.4 percent, respectively.

These estimates are equivalent to around 2.1 million less people at risk of hunger and malnutrition, the NEDA said. In 2018 before the RTL took effect, the retail price of regular-milled rice (RMR) spiked to PHP46.04 per kg. After RTL, the average price of this rice variety went down to

PHP39.13 as of April 2022, or cheaper by PHP6.91 per kg.

Another key benefit of RTL is the flow of billions of pesos in funds to the agriculture sector through the creation of the PHP10-billion Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund (RCEF), which is used exclusively to finance programs that will sharpen the competitiveness of palay growers by way of providing them with easy access to fertilizer, farm machinery and equipment, high-yield seeds and cheap credit; and offering them skills training programs on farm mechanization and modern farming techniques.

Under the RTL, all import duties collected from rice imports beginning March 5, 2019 go to the RCEF and other agriculture modernization programs.

In the first four months of 2022 alone, the Bureau of Customs (BOC) already collected PHP6.6 billion in duties from rice imports, which is already two-thirds of the PHP10 billion earmarked annually for RCEF. The National Food Authority (NFA) monopolized rice importations before the RTL, with a few private traders granted import permits that enabled them to control the price and supply of rice through hoarding and other manipulative practices.

With RTL, the role of the NFA has been limited to ensuring emergency rice stocks exclusively procured from local palay growers.

Dominguez said that with rice tariffication, the government was able to handle the coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) crisis "with strength on the food security front."

He said that despite logistical restrictions resulting from the mobility restrictions or lockdowns imposed nationwide to protect people and communities from the pandemic, the government was able to sustain the flow of produce from local farms to Filipino consumers.

The agriculture sector was "one of the brightest spots" of the Philippines' response to the pandemic owing in large part to the RTL, Dominguez added. **(PR)**

## Pag-IBIG finances over 5K socialized homes for low-wage earners

**MANILA** – State-run Home Development Mutual Fund (Pag-IBIG Fund) has financed a total of 5,411 socialized homes for its minimum-wage and low-income members within the first four months of this year.

Data released Wednesday showed that socialized home loans make up 18 percent of the 29,310 units financed by Pag-IBIG from January to April 2022.

In terms of amount, socialized home loans represent 7 percent or PHP2.35 billion out of the record-high PHP31.97 billion of home loans released by the agency in the same period.

Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development (DHSUD) Secretary Eduardo del Rosario, who also chairs the 11-member Pag-IBIG Fund Board of Trustees, said the socialized housing is designed intendedly for its members belonging to the minimum and low-wage earners.

"With Pag-IBIG Fund's Affordable Housing Program, we make sure that all our members, particularly those from the low-income sector, are given the opportunity to own a home. This is the essence of the BALAI (Building Adequate, Livable, Affordable and Inclusive) Filipino communities program of the government's housing sector towards providing decent shelter for every Filipino family," del Rosario added.

Pag-IBIG Fund also offers an Affordable Housing Program (AHP) for its members in the National Capital Region (NCR) that are earning up to PHP15,000.

Those members that are residing outside NCR and earning up to PHP12,000 monthly can also avail of the AHP.

Under the AHP, borrowers enjoy an annual subsidized rate of 3 percent for home loans of up to PHP580,000 for socialized subdivision projects, and up to PHP750,000 for socialized

condominium projects. Pag-IBIG Fund Chief Executive Officer Acmad Rizaldy Moti cited that the AHP's 3 percent rate remains the lowest in the market – a rate that the agency has provided for low-income members since May 2017.

Moti said the rate was offered "due to its tax-exempt status" as prescribed under Republic Act No. 9679 or the Home Development Mutual Fund (Pag-IBIG Fund) Law of 2009.

"Because of our Charter, Pag-IBIG Fund is able to provide the lowest rates for the home loans of minimum and low-wage workers. We first offered our subsidized 3 percent rate in May 2017 to help more members realize their dreams of owning a home. And, until now, that special rate still stands," he added.

Aside from keeping its interest at a low percentage, Moti said the agency is committed to keeping the insurance premiums at a minimum amount that will allow borrowers to pay a low monthly amortization of PHP2,445.30 only for a socialized home loan of up to PHP580,000. **(PNA)**

## BSP, PPMI to launch three e-payment streams

**MANILA** -- The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) and the Philippine Payments Management, Inc., (PPMI) will launch three e-payment streams as part of a push to broaden the use of digital payments over the next two years.

During the recent Eastern Communications E-Huddle webinar, BSP Governor Benjamin E. Diokno said the central bank and PPMI will launch Bills Pay, Request to Pay, and Direct Debit facilities.

Bills Pay seeks to improve the existing fragmented bills payment mechanism for retail customers. This will allow them to pay their electricity, water, and telephone bills even if the accounts of the customer and the biller are with

## DOH Calabarzon, USAID to expedite patients' access to 'TB Care'

**MANILA** – The Department of Health (DOH)-Center for Health Development Calabarzon (Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal, Quezon) received new tools for improved TB (tuberculosis) care from USAID and Stop TB Platforms.

Regional Director Ariel Valencia, who received the new tools, stated that DOH Calabarzon is fortunate to be selected as one of the recipients of the new tools. "Through these tools, we can further intensify our TB screening initiatives that have greatly been affected by Covid-19 (coronavirus disease 2019) pandemic not only in the communities but also in the hospital for the benefit of the vulnerable and at-risk populations, especially in several GIDA (geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas) areas," Valencia said in his message during the ceremonial hand over Thursday of new tools for improved TB care held at the DOH Calabarzon Regional Office in Quezon City.

"The DOH Calabarzon is in full support and committed to roll out these tools in the region. Through our

different banks or other financial institutions.

Request to Pay aims to empower payees to initiate collections by sending a "request to pay" to the payor without the need to provide the account details or the amount. The payor only needs to authorize the collection instruction (by clicking on "approve", for example) from the payee. Direct Debit allows customers to better manage recurring payments such as monthly rentals, amortizations, insurance, among others, by simply authorizing the billers to pull funds from the account of payors.

Under the BSP Digital Payments Transformation Roadmap (DPTR) 2020-2023, the BSP aims to

integrated approach, the new tools would definitely speed up our goal of achieving a TB-free Calabarzon," he said.

The donated new tools are one unit of ultra-portable chest X-ray machines with computer-aided detection or artificial intelligence, and five units of Truenat machines.

Fuji X Air Ultraportable Chest X-ray (UP CXR) and CAD4TB are used to screen TB. It is a battery-operated and lightweight ultra-portable equipment that can store up to 100 images with lower radiation exposure and computer-aided detection or artificial intelligence. The UP CXR and CAD4TB will first be deployed in Laguna Medical Center (direct recipient) and all local government units (LGUs) in Laguna as indirect recipients.

On the other hand, TrueNAT machine with laboratory connectivity is a testing system that uses portable, battery-operated devices to rapidly detect Mycobacterium tuberculosis complex bacteria (MTBC) within an hour and rifampicin resistance. It is a cost-effective (low equipment and test costs) minimal biosafety requirements, suitable for installation at peripheral health facilities, and is ideal for active case finding activities in GIDAs. TrueNAT will be deployed in Laguna Medical Center, Pangil RHU, Sta. Rosa CHO 1, Rodriguez RHU I, and General Trias RHU. Moreover, USAID, through

convert 50 percent of the volume of retail payments into digital form and onboard 70 percent of Filipino adults onto the formal financial system by 2023.

The PPMI is a key BSP partner for the DPTR and is an industry-led self-governing body that is accredited and overseen by the BSP as a Payment System Management Body in accordance with the National Payment Systems Act. **(BSP)**

TB Platforms, introduced Video Observed Treatment (VOT) where patients will do self-video while taking medications through SureAdhere App. Videos will be uploaded and transmitted to the Everwell Hub and health staff will receive the videos and ensure treatment adherence is followed. Reports can be generated on the Everwell hub as well. This will be first introduced in all TB Directly Observed therapy (TB DOTS) facilities, Satellite Treatment Centers (STC) and select private providers.

And lastly is the 3HR. It's a short-course TPT regimen, patients are given a dose of Isoniazid (INH) and Rifampicin (R) daily for a period of three months to stop the TB infection from developing into an active disease. It is recommended for all ages and is the preferred TPT option among children since it is better tolerated, and child-friendly dispersible fixed-dose combinations (FDCs) are available and already in use for TB treatment. This will be introduced to Laguna Province; all DOTS providing facilities hubs/ social hygiene clinics and select private providers.

"(The) Philippines is one

of six country recipients, supported by STOP TB Partnership and funded by USAID. It is our goal to improve the treatment success rate of DS-TB to >90 percent and interim treatment outcome DRTB to 85 percent by 2022, and reduce the burden of traditional support measures for observed therapy and posttreatment follow-up on health systems and people with TB as measured by client satisfaction," Dr. Marianne Calnan, Chief of Party-USAID's TB Platforms noted.

According to the World Health Organization's Global Tuberculosis Report 2021, due to the pandemic, the Philippines is one of the top countries that saw a huge drop in the number of TB cases reported between 2019 and 2020 because of the lack of testing.

In 2021, Calabarzon records a total of 62,367 TB cases with the province of Laguna having the highest case notification rate at 15,234; followed by Cavite with 14,584 cases; Batangas with 12,928; Rizal with 12,052; Quezon with 6,145 cases; and Lucena City with 1,475. The treatment success rate for the whole region is 94 percent. **(PR)**

## Duterte names 2 new CA justices

**MANILA** – President Rodrigo Duterte has named two new Associate Justices of the Court of Appeals (CA), Malacañang confirmed Thursday.

Acting presidential spokesperson and Communications Secretary Martin Andanar said Duterte has appointed John Lee Zurbito and Eleuterio Larisma Bathan as the two new justices of the CA.

"The Palace congratulates Mr. John Zurbito Lee and Mr. Eleuterio Larisma Bathan on their appointment as Associate Justices of the

Court of Appeals," Andanar said in a press statement.

"We wish both Associate Justices all the best, and we are confident that they would dispense justice with fairness, impartiality and integrity," he added.

Lee will replace Associate Justice Dorothy Gonzaga who resigned in November 2021.

Bathan will take over the post of Associate Justice Japar Dimaampo, who was appointed as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court. **(PNA)**

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Basahin Mo Ito!

## TRANSAKSIYON NG DROGA SA 'MUNTI, TULOY PA RIN?

**HINIHINALA ng kapulisan na nagaganap pa rin ang transaksiyon ng ilegal na droga sa loob ng New Bilibid Prison sa Muntinlupa City.**

Kaugnay ito ng pagkakaaresto kamakailan kay Res Leonardo, 46, ng Zone 2, Brgy. Tanza Esperanza, Iloilo City Proper.

Nakumpiska sa naturang drug suspect ang tinatayang P1.3 milyong halaga ng shabu na nasakote sa isinagawang buy bust operation sa Brgy. Taal, Molo, Iloilo City.

Nabatid na si Leonardo ay dating nakulong sa NBP sa 'Munti dahil sa kasong homicide.

Bukod pa rito ay napabilang din si Leonardo

sa mga 'natokhang' noong pinalalakas ni Pangulong Rodrigo Duterte ang kampanya laban sa ilegal na droga.

Dahil dito ay inaalamin ni Police Lt. Col. Marc Anthony Darroca, hepe ng Regional Police Drug Enforcement Unit VI, kung si Leonardo ay konektado sa isang nagngangalang Jovern Abantao, alyas Jovan.

Si alyas Jovan na isang drug personality ay nananatiling nakapiit sa NBP sa Muntinlupa City.

Hinihinalang sa mga tinatawag na 'downline' mula sa Western Visayas nanggagaling ang droga papuntang 'Munti. **MARCK BADION**

## Mon Tulfo, inaresto ng MPD

**INARESTO** ng mga tauhan ng Manila Police District-Special Mayor's Reaction Team (SMaRT), ang broadcaster na si Ramon Tulfo Jr. dahil sa reklamong cyber libel na isinampa ni dating Justice Secretary Vitaliano Aguirre sa loob ng Quadrangle ng Manila City Hall, A. Villegas, Ermita, Maynila.

Ang pag-aresto kay Tulfo, 75, journalist at ng Unit 20- D Kingswood Vito Cruz, Bgy La Paz, Makati City ay isinagawa ni PMaj Edward Samonte sa bisa ng isang "bench warrant" na inisyu ni Manila RTC Presiding Judge Maria Victoria A. Soriano-Villadolid ng RTC Br 24. Nabatid na bago ito ay nagpunta sa SMaRT si Atty Lean Cruz, abogado

ni Aguirre at humingi ng police assistance para sa pag-areato kay Tulfo, pasado alas 10 ng umaga. Si Tulfo ay nahaharap sa kasong paglabagsa Sec 4, (c) (4) RA 10175 Cyber Libel dahil aa kanyang mga isinulat na column laban kay Aguirre noong ito ay kalihim pa ng DOJ.

Inirekomenda rin ng korte ang P60,000 piyansa para sa kanyang pansamantalang kalayaan. Kaugnay nito, sinabi ni Aguirre naglabas ng bench warrant ang korte dahil sa malimit na hindi pagdalo ni Tulfo sa mga pagdinig. Sinusulat ito ay nasa tanggapan ng SMsRT si Tulfo para sa pagsasaayos ng kanyang piyansa. **(Leonard basilio)**

## Central Luzon, hangad maging drug free ng PRO-3

**HANGAD** ng liderato ng kapulisan na maging drug free ang Central Luzon. Ito ang target ni Brig. General Matthew Baccay, regional director ng Police Regional Office-Central Luzon (PRO-3)

Bilang pagpapakita ng pagpapaigting kontra droga ay dalawa umangon drug pusher ang nasakote at nasa P2.4 milyong halaga ng hinihinalang shabu ang nakumpiska sa magkahiwalay na operasyon sa Pampanga. Ang suspek na si Julius Guillermo, 30, ay nahuli sa buy bust operation sa Barangay Mawaque Maragul, Mabalacat City. Nakumpiska sa kanya ang anim na pirasong heat-sealed at dalawang pirasong knot-tied transparent plastic sachets na naglalaman ng umano'y shabu na tumitimbang ng 305 gramo at tinatayang nasa P2.074 million.

Kumpiskado rin ang isang cellular phone, isang pirasong genuine P1,000 bill, 19 pirasong boodle money, at weighing scale. Arestado naman ang 53-anyos na si Jean Dantes sa entrapment operation sa Barangay Dila-dila, Sta. Rita.

Nakuha kay Dantes ang tatlong pirasong plastic sachets ng umano'y shabu na may timbang na 55 gramo at tinatayang nasa P374,000 halaga.

Nakita rin sa kanyang pag-iingat ang isang cellular phone, P1,000 bill, at weighing scale.

"We are continuously conducting proactive operations against all forms of illegal drugs in the region and we will not stop until we achieve our quest of a drug-free Central Luzon," ayon kay Brig. General Matthew Baccay. **RUBEN LACSA**

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## Checkpoint sa dilim ng MPD?; Paghamon sa Laguna PPO para kay 'Buknoy Panganiban'

**IBANG** klase ang ilang pulis ng Manila Police District mula sa isang Police Community Precinct. Nagsasagawa ng checkpoint o oplan sita sa madilim na bahaging lugar?

Batay sa nakarating na impormasyon ay 'astig' ang mga nagsasagawa ng checkpoint.

Sa kabila na walang violation ay pilit na gumagawa ang mga parak na maaaring paglabag ng rider.

Nawawala ang tunay na diwa ng checkpoint dahil 'bangketahan' ang layunin ng paninita at panghuhuli.

Kung tutuusin ay maganda naman ang mayroong mga nakalatag na checkpoint sa mga lansangan kahit abala sa pagbibiyaha.

Dapat lamang ang mga nasa checkpoint ay iyong mga disiplinadong pulis.

Naku! Ayaw ni PNP officer-in-charge, Lt. Gen. Vicente Danao Jr. ng ganyang sistema.

Si Gen. Danao ay nanggaling sa MPD bilang district director at galit siya sa mga ganitong klaseng pulis.

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Hindi na marahil kay PNP OIC Danao pa magmula ang pag-atas laban sa mga astig na gambling operator sa erya ng Laguna. Ang Laguna ay sakop ng

Region 4A at ang police regional director ay si PBGen. Antonio Candido Yarra.

Acting Laguna Police Provincial Director naman si PCol. Cecilio Ramos Ison Jr.

Kaya naman dapat ay kay Col. Ison na lamang magmula ang 'pagtapyas' sa kahambugan ng isang nagngangalang Buknoy Panganiban.

Hindi na dapat pang ipamukha sa Laguna PPO kung sino itong si Buknoy Panganiban dahil batid naman ng kapulisan ng naturang lalawigan ang minamantining ilegal na pasugalan nito.

Basta ang matigas na ipinagmamalaki nitong si Buknoy ay hindi makakaya o magagawang tibagin ng Laguna PPO ang mga pinamamahalang pasugalan nito.

Maaaring kapani-kapaniwalang kung hindi makakagawa ng aksiyon ang Laguna PPO sa pangunguna ni Col. Ison laban sa mga pasugalan ni Buknoy.

Antay lamang tayo sa Laguna PPO at kapag walang nagawa ay kakatukin natin si PBGen. Yarra at isasama na rin ang mag-among Egay at Lito Saksak.

Isa itong paghamon sa pamunuan ng Laguna PPO para kay Buknoy Panganiban. 'Wag bibitiw.



"KAMI sa MRRD-NECC na itinatag ng Hon. Secretary ng TESDA at ngayon ay chairman ng National Commission for Muslim Filipinos (NCFM) Atty. Guiling "Gene" Ampang Mamondiong, ay ipinagmamalaki na batiin si Vice President-Elect ng Republika ng Pilipinas na si Atty. Sarah Zimmerman Duterte-Carpio, pinakamamahal na anak ng Kanyang Kagalang-galang na Pangulong Rodrigo Roa Duterte. Naitala na ang MRRD-NECC (Mayor Rodrigo Roa Duterte- National Executive Coordinating Committee) ay ang pangunahing organisasyon na nagtulak kay PRRD sa pagkapangulo. Sa kababaang-loob na sinasabi namin, ang napakalaking tagumpay nina Sarah at BBM ay isang palatandaan ng hindi pa nagagawang kasikatan ni PRRD na nagpapatuloy hanggang ngayon. Dapat pangalagaan ang legacy ni Duterte. Kaya, sinasamantala namin ang pagkakataong ito para himukin si VP Sarah Duterte, isang mahusay na legal na luminary, na hanapin ang posisyon ng Kalihim ng Departamento ng Pambansang Depensa kung saan siya ay mukhang mas angkop at siya ay may malakas na kalooban, karakter at personalidad. Sa ganoong paraan, ang seguridad ng ang buong bansa, ang kapakanan ng mamamayan at ang pangangalaga sa pangalan at pamana ng kanyang ama ay natitiyak. At para sa layuning ito, umaapela kami kay President-elect BBM na ipagkaloob kay VP Sarah ang kinakailangang appointment. Muli, binabati namin ang anak ni MRRD (Mayor Rodrigo Roa Duterte)-VP Sarah at ang kanyang running mate na si BBM." Nasa Larawan sina: sa left side Mr. Eder Sampang -National VP for Political Sector, Atty. Francisco "Arlene" Buan Jr., Atty. Orlando "Orly" De Guzman-Chief Legal Consultant MRRD-NECC, Bryan Buan-Pampanga Prov't Coordinator, w/ The Founder and Pres. Bernard Minoza at Sec. Noli Liwanag (PIMAI Phil.) Idinaos ang press conference kamakailan sa The Max's Restaurant, Quezon Ave., Q.C. **JIMMY HAO**

**IN THE SCOOP:** Chinese Ambassador to the Philippines, Mr. Huang Xillian together with the Publisher's Association of the Philippines Inc. (PAPI) Chairman Emeritus, Representatives of NCR Chapter, and the representatives from Tawitawi, Mindanao headed by Ms. Angeline Lim, during the opening ceremony of the Embassy of the People's Republic of China and Federation of Filipino-Chinese Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Inc., "Photo Exhibition on China-Philippines Cooperation Achievements," held at Federation Center, FFCCL Building, Muelle de Binondo St., Manila.

