ANAK NA NANUBO NG AMA, DIRETSO 'OBLO'

IPINAKULONG ng isang ama ang sariling anak nang tubuhin nito matapos namagitan sa away sa Bacoor City, Cavite Linggo ng gabi.

Hindi nagdalawang isip na kasuhan ng biktimang si Alfredo Sungkip, 62, ng attempted homicide ang anak na si Alfredo Sungkip Jr., 21, construction worker, at kapwa residente ng SMPD Bukid Andrea Village 2, Brgy Panapaan 5, Bacoor City.

Sa ulat ni PSSgt Albert Badocdoc, ng Bacoor City Police Station, dakong alas-10:30 ng gabi ay naabutan ng biktima ang dalawa nitong anak (suspek at Ashley) na nagtatalo sa loob ng kanilang bahay.

Nabatid na lasing ang batang Sungkip nang inaaway nito ang kanyang kapatid Tinangkang awatin ang dalawa pero imbes na nakinig ang suspek ay kumuha ng tubo at hinataw ang ama.

Matapos ang pangyayari ay tumakas ang suspek pero sa isinagawang follow up operation ng mga barangay tanod sa lugar ay naaresto ang batang Alfredo.

Tinuluyan naman ng ama na ipakulong ang kanyang anak upang matuto. ***GENE ADSUARA***

Huwag pulitikahin ang community pantries –Gatchalian

LUNGSOD CALOOCAN (PIA) -- Umapela si Senator Win Gatchalian sa mga lokal at iba pang opisyal ng gobyerno na huwag gamitin sa pamumulitika ang mga nagsulputang community pantries sa bansa at sinabing ang mga ganitong gawain ay dapat na itinataguyod upang makahikayat pa ng partisipasyon ng pribadong sektor.

Sa kanyang pananaw, sinabi ni Gatchalian na pinausbong ng community pantry ang makabagong bayanihan spirit sa mga Pilipino at ipinakita nito ang pagkakaroon ng disiplina ng mga benepisyaryo sa gitna ng kinakaharap na pandemya dulot ng COVID-19.

"Para sa akin, dalawa ang sinisimbolo nito. Simbolo ito ng pagkakawanggawa at disiplina ng mga kababayan natin na huwag tayong kumuha ng labis. Magtira tayo para sa iba rin na nangangailangan," ani Gatchalian.

"Hindi dapat ginagawa itong negative political weapon. Ang mga ganitong klaseng noble effort ay mas maganda kung manatiling nasa pribadong kamay para walang pulitika, walang kulay. Mawawala 'yung spirit of volunteerism, pagtutulungan na nakikita natin ngayon, at ang pagkakawanggawa para sa mahihirap nating kababayan," dagdag pa ng senador.

Mas maiging manghikayat na lang ng mga donasyon o mga potensyal na donors sa community pantries upang masiguro na magtutuloy-tuloy ito habang may mga kinakapos at nangangailangan ng pang-araw-araw na food supply sa kamaynilaan at iba pang lugar sa buong bansa, ayon sa senador.

"Kailangan din naman na ma-sustain ang ganitong napakagandang inisyatibo, isang maliit na kakayahan na maraming natutulungan kaya kailangan ng mas marami pang magdo-donate," sinabi ni Gatchalian.

Ang pag-usbong ng ganitong inisyatibo, ayon sa senador, ay nagpapakita ng pagiging matulungin ng mga sibilyan at mga nasa pribadong sektor na maging kaagapay ng gobyerno sa pagbibigay ayuda sa mga nangangailangan. ***(PIA NCR)***

Modernisasyon, low carbon technologies isinulong para labanan ang global warming -Dominguez

LUNGSOD QUEZON (PIA) -- Inihayag ni Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez III, Chairman-designate ng Climate Change Commission (CCC), ang isinumiteng "Nationally Determined Contribution" (NDC) ng Pilipinas ang magiging instrumento para umunlad ang ekonomiya sa pamamagitan ng pag-adopt ng modernisado at low carbon na teknolohiya gayundin ang mga pamamaraan na magpapagaan ng krisis sa klima.

Ani Sec. Dominguez, sa papagitan ng NDC, ang ekonomiya ay mas tatatag at mapapanatili ang pagunlad.

Nauna nang inaprubahan ni Pangulong Rodrigo Roa Duterte ang unang "Nationally Determined Contribution" (NDC) sa bansa para mabawasan ang greenhouse gas (GHG) emission.

Layon nitong pababain ng 75 porsyento ang "GHG emission and avoidance" bilang pangako ng Pilipinas sa Paris Agreement on Climate Change.

Ang NDC ang kumakatawan sa layunin ng Pilipinas na ma-modernisa at magkaroon ng low carbon at resilient na pag-unlad para sa sektor ng agrikultura, waste, industriya, transportasyon at enerhiya mula taong 2020 hanggang 2030.

Ang 75% target ay base sa projected business-as-usual cumulative economy-wide emission ng bansa na 3,340.3 metric tons (MT) ng carbon dioxide equivalent (MtCO2e).

Nagpasalamat din si Sec. Dominguez sa mga ahensya --- Departments of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), of Agriculture (DA), of Transportation (DOTr) and of Energy (DOE); of Foreign Affairs (DFA); and the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA)—na na nagtulong-tulong para mabuo ang NDC sa kabila ng pandemiya at tuluy-tuloy na mga bagyo na siyang nag pa antala ng proseso nitong nakaraang taon.

Pinasalamatan niya rin ang mga kinatawan ng mga industriya gayundin ang mga lider sa academe at civil society organizations para sa mga ambag at suporta sa government's vision of a transformational NDC.

Sa kabilang banda, nanawagan din ang kalihim sa international community na magsama-samang patatagin ang global efforts for climate change mitigation and adaptation.

Ayon kay Sec. Dominguez, inaasahan ang developed nations, na nagdulot ng global climate crisis ayon sa kasaysayan, ay tutugon sa commitment nito sa Paris Agreement, na panatilihin ang global average temperature na hindi hihigit sa 1.5 degrees Celsius survival threshold.

Dagdag pa ni Sec. Dominguez, ang mga kritikal na oras ngayon hanggang 2030 ay oportunidad para sa transformative climate action para masiguro ang planetary well-being bago maging huli ang lahat.

Ang mga NDC ay mga pangako o "pledges" na isinumite ng mga bansa sa United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) bilang ambag upang makamit ang mga layunin ng Paris Agreement partikular na ang paglimita sa global warming, mas mababa sa two degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels or further to 1.5 degrees Celsius.

Ang pagbuo ng Philippine NDC ay sumailalim sa matinding proseso ng economic modeling analyses, expert reviews and consultations kasama ang iba't ibang stakeholders mula sa public, private and civil society sectors. ***(PIA NCR)***

Nutrigold, handog ng DOST sa mga bata sa Banton

ODIONGAN, Romblon (PIA) -- Aabot sa 50 mga bata sa bayan ng Banton, Romblon ang napakain ng libreng Nutrigold ng mga tauhan ng Department of Science and Technology (DOST)-Mimaropa kamakailan para matugunan ang malnutrition rate ng probinsya.

Iniulat ni DOST Secretary Fortunato "Boy" T. de la Peña na namahagi sila ng Nutrigold sa ilang barangay sa bayan ng Banton, isang fifth-class municipality, at pang-pito sa may pinakamataas na malnutrition rate sa buong probinsya.

Ang mga Nutrigold na binuo sa pamamagitan ng Complimentary Baby Food program ay ginawa ng DOST-Mimaropa sa pakikipagtulungan ng Barangay Nutrition Scholars Association (BNSA)-Odiongan at DOST-Food and Nutrition Research Institute.

Ito ay pinaghalong rice, mungbean, at sesame seeds.

Ang isang 30g pack ng Nutrigold ay mayaman sa enerhiya at protina upang suportahan ang paglaki ng mga bata na 6-36 buwan ang edad.

Ang isang pack ay sapat para sa isang serving at mainam na kinakain araw-araw. ***(PJF/PIA-Mimaropa)***

MGA KAMPEON NG COMMISSIONER'S CUP

Habang wala pang katiyakan kung kailan muling papayagan na magbukas ang mga karerahan ay samahan niyo na lang ako na balikan ang mga kabayong nag kampeon sa PHILRACOM Commissioner's Cup mula noong taong 2010 hanggang sa taong 2020. Simulan natin noong 2010 na kung kailan nag kampeon ang kabayong si Ibarra na sinakyan ng hineteng si Jessie Basilio Guce. Ito ay ginanap sa karerahan ng San Lazaro Leisure Park at nakapag rehistro si Ibarra ng tiyempong 2:00.6 (19'-23'-25'-25'-27) para sa distansiyang 1,900 meters. Isunod natin ang kabayong si Yes Pogi na nirendahan ng hineteng si MF Daquis na nag kampeon noong 2011 PHILRACOM Commissioner's Cup na ginanap sa pista ng San Lazaro Leisure Park at nakapagtala ng tiyempong 2:00.2 (19'-22'-26'-27'-27') para sa distansiyang 1,900 meters. Isunod natin ang kabayong si Cheese Mosa na ginabayan ng hineteng si Jonathan Basco Hernandez na nag kampeon noong 2012 PHILRACOM Commissioner's Cup na ginanap sa karerahan ng Santa Ana Park at nakapag rehistro ng tiyempong 2:00.6 para sa distansiyang 1,900 meters. Isunod natin ang kabayong si Hagdang Bato na pinatungan ng hineteng si Jonathan B. Hernandez na nag kampeon noong 2013 PHILRACOM Commissioner's Cup na ginanap sa pista ng Santa Ana Park at nakapagtala ng tiyempong 1:56.2 (14-24-25'-25'-27') para sa distansiyang 1,800 meters. Sa sumunod na taon ay ang kabayong si Hagdang Bato pa rin na sinakyan muli ng hineteng si Jonathan B. Hernandez ang itinanghal na kampeon sa 2014 PHILRACOM Commissioner's Cup na ginanap sa karerahan ng Santa Ana Park at nakapag rehistro ng tiyempong 1:56.8 para sa distansiyang 1,800 meters. Noong 2015 naman ay walang hirap na nag kampeon ang super mega outstanding favorite na kabayo na si Malaya na nirendahan ng hineteng si Jonathan B. Hernandez. Ito ay ginanap sa pista ng Metro Manila Turf Club at nakapagtala ng tiyempong 1:52.8 (14-23'-24-24-27) para sa distansiyang 1,800 meters. Kasunod naman ang kabayong si Low Profile na ginabayan ng hineteng si Mark Angelo Alvarez at nag kampeon noong 2016 PHILRACOM Commissioner's Cup na ginanap sa karerahan ng Metro Manila Turf Club at nakapag rehistro ng tiyempong 1:49.8 (13'-23'-24-22'-26) para sa distansiyang 1,800 meters. Sumunod ang dehadong kabayo na si Manalig Ka na pinatungan ng hineteng si MM Gonzales na nag kampeon noong 2017 PHILRACOM Commissioner's Cup na ginanap sa pista ng San Lazaro Leisure Park at nakapagtala ng tiyempong 1:51.8 (10-23-24'-25'-28') para sa distansiyang 1,750 meters. Sumunod naman ang kabayong si Bite My Dust na sinakyan ng hineteng si Jessie B. Guce na nag kampeon noong 2018 PHILRACOM Commissioner's Cup na ginanap sa karerahan ng Santa Ana Park at nakapag rehistro ng tiyempong 1:46 (7'-24'-24'-23'-26) para sa distansiyang 1,700 meters. Noong 2019 naman ay ang kabayong si Sepfourteen na nirendahan ng hineteng si John Alvin Guce ang itinanghal na kampeon sa PHILRACOM Commissioner's Cup na ginanap sa pista ng San Lazaro Leisure Park at nakapagtala ng tiyempong 1:51.8 (10'-23'-24'-26-28') para sa distansiyang 1,750 meters. Ang kabayong si Princess Eowyn naman ang itinanghal na kampeon sa kahuli- hulihang PHILRACOM Commissioner's Cup (2020) Si Princess Eowyn ay ginabayan ng hineteng si Jonathan B. Hernandez at pagmamay- ari ng sikat na horse owner na si Boss Edong Diokno. Si Princess Eowyn ay nakapag rehistro ng tiyempong 1:50.8 (14-24-23'-23'-25') para sa distansiyang 1,800 meters. Sa inyong palagay mga bayang karerista, Sino kaya ang magiging kampeon ngayong 2021 PHILRACOM Commissioner's Cup?

Lucena City mayor, nanawagan sa mga residente na sumunod sa minimum health standards, quarantine protocols

LUNGSOD NG LUCENA, Quezon (PIA) -- Nanawagan kamakailan si Lucena City Mayor Roderick Alcala sa mga nasasakupan nito na sumunod sa ipinatutupad na health and safety protocols upang mapigilan ang pagtaas ng bilang ng aktibong kaso ng coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) sa lungsod.

Sa ipinalabas na video mula sa Lucena City Public Information Office, hinikayat ng alkalde ang kanyang mga kababayan na patuloy na mag-ingat upang maprotektahan ang sarili laban sa nakahahawang sakit.

"Parati po nating sundin ang health at safety protocols, tulad nang palagiang paghuhugas ng kamay, pagsusuot ng face mask at pagpapanatili ng social distancing upang makaiwas tayo sa COVID-19," pahayag ni Mayor Alcala.

Ayon pa sa alkalde, malaki ang maitutulong ng pagtalima sa mga minimum health standards upang mabawasan ang bilang ng mga nahahawaan ng Covid-19.

Samantala, binigyang pagkilala rin ng alkalde ang mga barangay marshalls sa lahat ng barangay sa Lucena na siyang palagiang nag-iikot at nagbibigay paalala sa mga residente nito hinggil sa ipinatutupad na protocols.

Ayon sa punong lungsod, nararapat lamang na igalang at sundin ng mga mamamayan ng lungsod ng Lucena ang mga barangay marshals dahilan sa ang ginagawa nila ay para lamang matiyak ang kaligtasan ng bawat isang Lucenahin.

Ayon sa Lucena City PIO, ang ginawang pagpapaalala ni Mayor Alcala para sa kaniyang mga kababayan ay naglalayong maging ligtas ang mga Lucenahin sa gitna ng tumataas na kaso ng Covid-19 sa lalawigan ng Quezon.

Batay sa tala ng Quezon Integrated Provincial Health Office, ang lungsod ng Lucena ang may pinakamataas na naitalang aktibong kaso ng Covid-19 kumpara sa ibang mga bayan at lungsod ng lalawigan.

Sa opisyal na Covid-19 bulletin na inilabas nitong Linggo, umabot na sa 137 ang kabuuang bilang ng aktibong kaso ng sakit sa Lucena City. May 1,604 pasyente naman ang gumaling at naka-recover na habang 76 naman ang naitalang pumanaw dahil sa sakit. ***(Ruel Orinday-PIA-Quezon/ may ulat mula sa Lucena PIO)***

DHSUD program pushes for climate-resilient homes

MANILA – The Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development (DHSUD) is pushing for a housing microfinance strategy that will grant low-income families access to climate-resilient homes at affordable costs.

Secretary Eduardo del Rosario said DHSUD will hold consultation meetings and workshops with financial institutions, private developers, and other stakeholders to establish the Inclusive Green Housing Microfinance (IGHM) program.

"With the high price of land, especially in urban areas, affordability remains a major stumbling block to homeownership for many Filipinos who fall below the poverty line," del Rosario said in a statement Sunday.

A total of 6 virtual meetings are scheduled between April and May this year. It will involve the formulation of frameworks and the creation of long-term targets for the rollout of IGHM.

"The department is committed to finding alternative means such as housing microfinance to help them afford their dream homes," del Rosario said.

The agenda for the consultation meetings include a discussion of major findings from the assessment of existing housing microfinance programs.

The meetings will assess the operations of existing housing microfinance programs nationwide, identify and address challenges related to housing microfinance, and analysis of green housing features.

"We are reaching out to our stakeholders, especially the microfinance institutions that are already implementing housing microfinance in the communities to gather insight, capture best practices, and ease barriers for an effective nationwide implementation," del Rosario said.

These microfinance institutions include Microfinance Council of the Philippines and Alliance of Philippine Partners in Enterprise Development, ASA Philippines Foundation, Kasagana-Ka Cooperative, and Habitat for Humanity.

DHSUD will also meet with developer groups such as the Organization of Socialized and Economic Housing Developers of the Philippines and Socialized Housing Developers Association, and key shelter agency Social Housing Finance Corporation and Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas Center for Learning and Inclusion Advocacy.

The IGHM program is aligned with the 2021 agenda of the National Human Settlements Board, a multiagency housing body chaired by the DHSUD that focuses on the pursuit of policy reforms to accelerate housing microfinance as a primary pro-poor housing finance strategy in recognition of the need to provide alternative housing solutions to low-income households. ***(PNA)***

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Silang mapagmatyag

SINASABING may napapaulat na insidente na nagpopositibo sa COVID-19 pagkatapos maturukan ng unang dose ng bakuna.

Ang mga ganitong klase ng balita ay hindi pinalalagpas ng mga kababayan nating nasa lansangan.

Usap lang sila at bahagi nga ng kanilang paksa ang iba't ibang katanungan.

Bakit nga raw nangyayaring nagiging positibo sa kabila na nabakunahan na?

Kaya ang kanilang tanong ay bakit hindi muna isailalim sa swab test bago isagawa ang pagtuturok?

Wala namang rekomendasyon ang Department of Health hinggil dito.

Maging sa buong mundo ay hindi naman umano inirerekomenda ito.

Ibig sabihin ay walang bansa nagpapatupad na ago ang bakuna ay swab test muna.

Ang paliwanag ng DOH ay sumasailalim muna sa symptom and exposure screening ang sino mang sasalang sa vaccine.

Kung makikitaan ng sintomas ay hindi pahihintulutan ang pagbabakuna.

'Kamot-ulo' ang tropa nating lansangan sa pahayag ng kagawaran na maaaring ang ilan ay walang sintomas o asymptomatic.

Kung ganoon nga naman ay talagang nalilito sila at bakit hindi ubra ang swab test muna bago ang bakuna.

Ang punto lang natin dito ay silang mga taong-lansangan ay sadyang mapanuri at mapagtanong.

Sila na mangmang sa paningin ng ilan o nakararami subalit sa katotohanan ay puno ang kanilang kaalaman.

Kung hindi ba naman mapagmatyag ay sukat na napuna rin nila ang sistema ng mga pamahalaang lokal sa pagsasagawa ng bakuna.

May mga vaccination sites na kumpulan ang mga tao dahil sa kakulangan o kawalan ng maayos na pagpapatupad.

Sabi nga nila, ang hangad ay bakuna para panlaban sa COVID-19 pero sa mga ganitong eksena ay pag-uugatan pa ng pagahahawaan.

Walang pinag-iba sa maling pamamaraan ng pagbibigay ng ayuda sa mga tao.

Ilalagay sa mahigpit na quarantine para sa paglilimita sa paglabas ng mga tao pero sa sistemang pagbibigay ng ayuda ay kumpulan ang resulta.

Nais nilang matuto ang mga tao subalit dapat silang mga nasa puwesto ang unang kailangang marunong.

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Walang ano mang bahid

NAGSULPUTAN ang community pantry sa iba't ibang bahagi ng bansa.

Ang layunin nito ay upang makapagbigay ng tulong sa bawat komunidad.

Isa pang misyon nito ay makapanghikayat sa mga may kakayahan na makapag-abot ng tulong sa iba.

Sa pangyayari ay asahan ang pagdagsa ng mga tao sa bawat community pantry.

Nananatili pa rin sa pandemiya bunsod ng COVID-19 kaya nararapat na mamayani ang mahigpit na health protocol.

Dito pumapasok ang kakayahan ng bawat lokal na pamahalaan para sa paggabay sa publiko.

Ang community pantry ay sumisimbulo sa ugaling bayanihan ng higit na nakararaming Pinoy kaya hindi ito dapat nahahaluan ng ano mang bahid.

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DOH Calabarzon urges seniors, persons with commorbidities to register to get COVID-19 vax

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) – The Department of Health Center for Health Development Calabarzon on Monday called on all senior citizens and persons with comorbidities to register now in order to avail the governement's free Covid-19 vaccine.

"We urge all senior citizens and persons with comorbidities to participate and register in our government's Covid-19 vaccination program to ensure added protection against the Covid-19 virus. The registration is voluntary and the vaccine is free," Regional Director Eduardo C. Janairo stated.

"Once registered, an individual will undergo careful evaluation of health status and exposure risk. Only after due assessment can a person be vaccinated at their respective LGUs," he emphasized.

According to DOH CHD 4A, the online registration of priority groups A2 (senior citizens) and A3 (persons with comorbidities) is essential to ensure a smooth rollout of COVID-19 vaccines among the target population.

"Considering the limited supply of available vaccines, we also need to provide protection to our elderly due to the rising cases of Covid in the country," Janairo added.

As of April 15, 2021, a total of 106,513 individuals have already received their first dose of Covid-19 vaccine in the region.

A total of 7,313 senior citizens and 8,428 persons with comorbidities already received their first dose of Covid-19 vaccine.

All target groups are advised to register online through the Facebook page or pre-registration websites of their respective LGUs. Those who do not have access to the internet may coordinate with their barangay health workers for the vaccination registration.

After completing the registration, wait for text message or call from health workers for the next instruction. For other priority groups, wait for the announcement of the date of registration and vaccination. For further details on the government's vaccination program, visit the https://doh.gov.ph/vaccines. ***(DOH CHD 4A/PIA4A-SMT)***

Truck driver 'naperder'

NASAWI ang driver ng delivery truck ng buhangin nang sumabog ang hydraulic cylinder nito at bumulusok sa ilog sa Tanza, Cavite Lunes ng umaga.

Isinugod pa sa General Trias Maternity Hospital ang biktimang si Ruel Ruma, ng Brgy San Miguel, Bulacan subalit idineklarang dead on arrival habang masuwerteng nakaligtas ang helper nito na si Jerome Manalastas, 18, matapos itong nakatalon.

Sa ulat ng Tanza Police Station, dakong alas-8:20 ng umaga naganap ang insidente kung saan nagdidiskarga sila ng buhagin malapit sa ilog sa Brgy Poblacion, Tanza, nang bigla umanong sumabog ang hydraulic cylinder dahilan ng pagdausdos ng truck at bumulusok sa ilog.

Hindi na nagawa pang nakalabas sa truck ang biktima at kasamang sumubsob sa ilog.

Agad namang nagsagawa ng Search and Rescue Team ang Tanza Rescue Team at Philippine Coast Guard (CG) Cavite Response Team kung saan iniahon ang biktima at isinugod sa ospital subalit hindi na ito umabot ng buhay. ***GENE ADSUARA***

OFW pinalawig ng 1-taon ang pananatili sa Korea

LUNGSOD NG QUEZON -- Pinalawig ng isang taon ang pananatili at pagtatrabaho ng mga overseas Filipino worker (OFW) sa Korea na nasa ilalim ng Employment Permit System (EPS) na ang kontrata ay mawawalan ng bisa sa panahon ng 13 Abril 2021 hanggang 31 Disyembre 2021 at ito ay epektibo ng 13 Abril 2021.

Sa ulat kay Labor Secretary Silvestre Bello III, sinabi ni Labor Attaché Maya Valderrama ng Philippine Overseas Labor Office sa Korea na sa pinakahuling issuance mula sa Ministry of Employment and Labor (MOEL) at ng Ministry of Justice (MOJ) ng Korea ukol sa inamyendahang Act on Employment of Foreign Workers, pinalalawig sa pananatili ang mga banyagang manggagawa dahil sa kasalukuyang kondisyon dulot ng pandemya.

Nakasaad sa issuance na palalawigin pa ng isang (1) taon ang panahon ng pananatili at pagtatrabaho ng banyagang manggagawa (E-9 and H-2) sa ilalim ng EPS at iyong kontrata ng pagtatrabaho (3 taon o 4 na taon at 10 buwan) na magkakawalang-bisa mula 13 Abril 2021 hanggang 31 Disyembre 2021.

Ayon kay Valderrama, inaasahan ng MOEL na sa ganitong paraan maresolbahan ang problema ng manggagawa sa pagpasok at paglabas ng bansa sa panahon ng pandemya at ang kakulangan ng manggagawa sa small at medium-sized company.

Pinasalamatan ni Bello ang pamahalaan ng Seoul ang pagbabagong ito para sa kapakinabangan ng banyagang manggagawa sa Korea.

"Ipinagpapasalamat namin ang bagong patakaran sa empleo na ipinagkaloob ng Republic of Korea (ROK) sa ating manggagawa na nasa ilalim ng EPS lalo na ngayong panahon ng pandemya. Ang pangangalaga sa trabaho ng ating OFW sa buong mundo ay pangunahin nating layunin, at ipinapakita nito ang kahalagahan ng 15 taong tuloy-tuloy na bilateral cooperation kasama ang ROK," wika ni Bello.

Nakasaad din sa patakaran na sakop ang mga manggagawa na nasa ilalim ng EPS na nabigyan ng 50-araw visa extension ng awtoridad ng Korea, kung ito ay nasa loob ng 13 Abril 2021 hanggang 31 Disyembre 2021. Ang pagpapalawig sa pananatili at pagtatrabaho ng karapat-dapat na banyagang manggagawa ay agad ipatutupad ng ROK at magkakabisa ng 13 Abril 2021 sa pamamagitan ng apilikasyong isinumite ng kanilang employer.

Ang EPS ay isang government-to-government hiring system na nagpapahintulot sa Korean employer na legal na mag-employ ng banyagang manggagawa sa pagkakataon na walang makuhang manggagawang lokal. Ito ay nasa pangangasiwa ng Philippine Overseas Employment Administration bilang sending agency katuwang ang Human Resource Development Service ng Korea.

Ang Pilipinas ang unang bansa na lumagda ng Memorandum of Understanding sa EPS sa ROK noong 2004. ***(DOLE)***

50 pamilya, nawalan ng tirahan

TINATAYANG 50 pamilya ang nawalan ng mauuwiang bahay matapos lamunin ng apoy ang kanilang tinitirhan sa Bacoor City, Cavite, Martes ng madaling araw.

Sa ulat ni PSSgt Marvin Rae Calaor, ng Bacoor City Police Station, dakong ala-1:30 ng madaling araw nagsimula ang sunog sa isang bahay na gawa sa light materials hanggang sa madamay ang iba pang bahay.

Mabilis namang nagresponde ang iba pang pamatay sunog sa karating lungsod at bayan kaya naagapan ang apoy gayunman umabot pa rin sa dalawampu't apat na bahay ang natupok.

Umabot sa ikalawang alarma ang sunog at idineklarang fire under control dakong alas-2:34 ng madaling araw at fire under control dakong alas-3:02 Martes ng madaling araw.

Ang mga naapektuhan sa sunog ay inilikas sa Talaba Elementary School. ***GENE ADSUARA***

Hontiveros urges DSWD, DILG: Fix problems affecting safe, speedy release of 'ayuda'

SENATOR Risa Hontiveros urged the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) and the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) to address reported problems surrounding the latest release of cash aid to struggling Filipinos, such as erroneous lists and crowded distribution venues.

"Maliit na nga ang ayuda na ibinibigay sa ating mga kababayan, sana naman ay huwag na yan patagalin pa o ibulsa. The DSWD and DILG should look closely into all reports of problems involving the distribution of financial assistance, which is a matter of life and death for many Filipinos during this crisis," Hontiveros said.

The DILG recently revealed that only around P4.47 billion or 40 percent of allocated funds for cash aid or ayuda has been so far distributed in the National Capital Region (NCR) by local government units. On top of this, Hontiveros noted the growing number of incidents - both reported in news and social media - stemming mainly from errors in government's list of beneficiaries for the cash distribution program.

"Mayroong mga reports na may listahan ng beneficiaries na may pangalan ng patay na tao o menor de edad, na di dapat qualified sa ayuda. Mayroong mga beneficiaries ng kasalukuyang Pantawid Program (4Ps) na nawala ang pangalan sa listahan para sa ayuda. Mayroon ding mga report ng mga beneficiary na hindi sinama sa listahan dahil hindi sila botante sa lugar. These stories are way too many to be mere fabrications and should be fully investigated," Hontiveros said.

Hontiveros added that due to erroneous list of beneficiaries and other issues, aid distribution venues in several areas have become regularly crowded with applicants, thus creating potential "super-spreaders" for COVID-19:

"Nakakabahala iyan, dahil kasama sa mga pumipila at nakikipagsiksikan para sa ayuda ay maraming senior citizen na mas vulnerable sa COVID-19 at iba pang sakit."

"Nakakalungkot na 2021 na pero hindi pa rin maayos ang proseso ng pagbibigay ng ayuda. Ang haba-haba ng pinipila ng mga kababayan natin para lang kumuha ng ayuda, pero pagdating nila sa distribution venue, madami ang wala sa listahan at walang mauuwi sa kanilang pamilya. There has been an entire year to fix the database of cash aid recipients and devise a better aid distribution, but it seems not much progress has been made," Hontiveros said.

The senator then urged the DSWD and DILG to create a unified and comprehensive database of cash aid recipients from the various existing lists of aid beneficiaries held by the DSWD and local government units. To do this, Hontiveros said the DSWD must complete its 'poverty survey' to determine the true number and identities of poor Filipinos who need financial assistance during the pandemic.

In the meantime, the DSWD and DILG should remove errors in government's list of aid beneficiaries, including removing dead, fictitious or unqualified persons, Hontiveros said. She also said that government officials or employees involved in acts of corruption or fraud using these assistance funds should be immediately investigated and prosecuted.

To avoid the spread of COVID-19 in aid distribution venues, Hontiveros then reminded local officials to see to it that health protocols, such as physical distancing and wearing of masks, are followed by everyone. She also recommended using large facilities with open ventilation such as public gyms for such large activities.

"The government should act with a sense of urgency and due diligence. Buhay ng Pilipino ang nakataya dito. Kung makupad ang pamahalaan sa pagbigay ng ayuda, baka hindi sa virus mamatay na ang mga kababayan kundi sa gutom," Hontiveros concluded. ***PR***

PRRD allows grant of 'one-time' P20-K aid to EC pensioners

MANILA – President Rodrigo Duterte has authorized the grant of one-time financial assistance of PHP20,000 to qualified pensioners under the employees' compensation (EC).

Administrative Order (AO) No. 39, signed by Duterte on Monday, empowers the Employees' Compensation Commission (ECC) to grant a one-time cash aid to around 31,000 pensioners of the Social Security System (SSS) and Government Service Insurance System (GSIS).

In signing the AO, Duterte recognized that "the adverse effects of the pandemic on the economy, supplementary health necessities for the battle against the virus, and restrictions imposed on our mobility and social interaction, have increased the financial and health burdens experienced by the EC pensioners."

"The ECC is hereby authorized to grant a one-time financial assistance of PHP20,000 to EC pensioners for permanent partial disability, permanent total disability and survivorship, in the private and public sectors, subject to the availability of funds and pertinent laws, rules, and regulations," the AO read.

The ECC, SSS, and GSIS are directed to appropriate and release the amounts necessary to cover the one-time financial assistance from the reserves of the relevant Social Insurance Fund (SIF) that the SSS and GSIS administer under the EC program.

The ECC, in coordination with the SSS and GSIS, shall issue the implementing rules and regulations (IRR) necessary for the effective implementation of the order.

AO 39 takes effect immediately following its publication in the Official Gazette or a newspaper of general circulation.

Earlier, the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) approved a resolution mandating pension-issuing agencies and their servicing banks and other financial institutions to adopt alternative modes of validation for senior citizen pensioners. Currently, senior citizens no longer need to make a physical appearance to claim their pension.

"The IATF considered the health and safety of senior citizen pensioners in approving this resolution and directed relevant government agencies to issue the corresponding memorandum circulars for its implementation by March 1, 2021," Presidential Spokesperson Harry Roque, also acting as IATF-EID spokesperson, said in a statement.

Roque said the IATF-EID's latest directive was meant to protect senior citizens who are considered vulnerable to Covid-19.

"Alam naman natin na tayo ngayon ay nasa gitna ng pandemiya at ang mga seniors ay isa sa high-risk at vulnerable sa Covid-19. Para matiyak ang kanilang kalusugan at kaligtasan, inaprubahan ng resolusyon na ito na hindi na sila kinakailangan na magkaroon ng personal appearance sa mga bangko at iba pang institusyon para makuha lamang ang kanilang mga pensyon (Amid the pandemic, seniors belong to high-risk groups and are vulnerable to Covid-19. To ensure their safety, the resolution was approved so they would no longer be required to make a personal appearance in banks and financial institutions just to claim their pension)," he added. ***(PNA)***

Free data access to TESDA website extended until 2022

MANILA – Globe Telecom announced on Monday it will extend providing its subscribers free data access to get resource materials from websites of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) and other educational platforms until 2022.

These platforms include websites of the Department of Education (DepEd) Commons and the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), as well as the Globe eLibrary (https://globeelibrary.ph/), an online platform which features eLearning videos and age-appropriate and engaging e-books.

This means that for the school year 2021-2022, Globe and TM subscribers will not incur data charges when accessing those websites. It does not include free access to pages that users may need to open outside of TESDA, DepEd Commons, and CHED's domain.

"We endeavor to help enhance opportunities for self-learning by making quality content available to teachers and students. We hope our customers will take advantage of this free service to DepEd, CHED, and TESDA for their online learning requirements," Yoly Crisanto, Globe's chief sustainability officer, said in a statement.

TESDA Secretary Isidro Lapeña earlier told the Philippine News Agency (PNA) that Globe started providing free access to TESDA's online courses in August last year. This enabled individuals to learn various skills from the TESDA Online Program (TOP).

"Through Globe's support, our online courses are made more accessible," he said.

Most of the TOP courses are only short courses that learners could complete, compared to full qualifications. ***(PNA)***

'Generosity virus' infects Filipinos nationwide

MANILA – If the coronavirus can be killed with kindness, Filipinos could have easily prevailed against the pandemic.

Lately, community pantries have been sprouting everywhere, inspired by initiatives along Quezon City roads, where donations have been pouring in.

"The virus of generosity named Community Pantry is gaining momentum all over the country. The Filipino spirit of 'bayanihan' is ever alive. That compassion and generosity is a universal language that everyone understands," Fr. Edgardo Vizcarra of the Comboni Missionaries wrote on Facebook.

He praised the pioneer of such initiative and who showed "that nobody is so poor or rich who cannot reach out and give to those who are in need of basic daily commodities such as food".

Netizens have reported similar pantries all over the country.

Most believe that community pantries exist simply because there are good-hearted individuals who wanted to help and not because the government is not doing anything.

"Madami pa din matulungin at may malasakit lalo sa parte ng mga taong mismong apektado. Hindi naman kasi talaga kakayanin ng gobyerno lahat sa sobrang dami ng apektado ng pandemya (Many really wants to help, especially those who got affected. The government cannot do everything especially with so many people affected by this pandemic)," Chai Chai, who works in Rome, Italy, said.

"Gusto lang nila talagang tumulong. 'Di naman nagkukulang ang government. Lahat na ibinigay sa tao, eh (They only want to help. The government has already given everything to the people)," netizen Misette Regisaurelio said, adding that financial aid from the national government and food packs from the local government units have been distributed several times.

Sisters Lucia and Luzianie Silva of Iligan City also started their pantry on Sunday, with the items donated by relatives and friends gone in an hour.

Another netizen, Malia Olvido Bautista, thinks the government did not fail in helping the people and critics must stop putting political colors to the initiatives.

"Ito ang magandang attitude ng Pinoy, Matulungin sa kapwa. Walang mayaman sa ginagawa nila, 'Ika nga, helping hand ang meron. Sana lang wag bigyan kulay. Let's help. Proud Pilipino ako (This is one of the good attitudes of Filipinos. You do not have to be rich to lend a helping hand. Let us not taint it. Let us help instead. I am a proud Filipino)," she said.

Senator Win Gatchalian, meanwhile, said community pantries are signs that "ordinary Filipinos are ready and willing to help" the needy.

"Ito ay ang pinakamagandang simbolo ng modern-day bayanihan na lahat tayo ay may kakayahang tumulong (This is modern-day unity that shows everyone is capable of helping)," he said in a statement on Monday.

Former representative and current Technical Education and Skills Development Authority Deputy Director John Bertiz said community pantries remind him of a famous quotation by former US President John F. Kennedy.

"Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country or at least communities or fellow Filipinos. Sa panahon ngayon dapat talaga magtulungan ang bawat isa, kasi laban po natin lahat ito (In times like this, we should all help one another because this is everyone's fight)," Bertiz said. ***(PNA)***

Mall operator links with QC for vaccine rollout

CALOOCAN CITY (PIA) -- The Quezon City Government found a partner in retail giant SM supermalls for its massive vaccination rollout by putting together its own team of doctors and nurses to help inoculate senior citizens and individuals with comorbidities in the city.

"The city has had numerous partnerships with the private sector throughout the pandemic, and we're glad to be working with them still as we vaccinate our residents and immunize them against COVID," said Mayor Joy Belmonte.

Belmonte said the partnership addresses the lack of available healthcare workers who will conduct the vaccination among residents.

"We have agreed that their own medical team can give the shots to qualified SM employees who reside in QC, provided that it will be supervised by our City Health Department," Mayor Joy added.

The city has opened a vaccination site at the Skydome of SM City North Edsa to cater to mall employees who reside in the city and are medical frontliners, senior citizens, and persons with comorbidities ages 18 to 59 years old, or those who fall under A1 to A3 categories, respectively.

Also vaccinated on the site were qualified senior citizen residents of Barangay Sto. Cristo, where the mall is located, and its nearby barangays.

According to Business Permits and Licensing Department (BPLD) head Margie Santos, this move will also help boost the economy as frontline workers, such as those who work at malls and supermarkets, will get vaccinated faster.

"There are close to 16,000 SM employees who work and reside in the city and are qualified to get the vaccine. By teaming up with their employer SM, we can be assured that all of them will be vaccinated protecting not just the employees but also the families they go home to after work. We really appreciate SM and other private sector partner for lending us a hand amid manpower crunch," said Santos.

More vaccination sites are expected to be opened in several other branches of SM malls within the city to cover the target employee population.

The city is also currently in talks with other private sector groups such as Robinsons Malls, Ayala Malls, Araneta City, Eastwood Mall, and the IT and BPO sector. All are considered essential establishments during Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine classification. ***(PIA NCR)***

DOE assures enough power supply during dry months

MANILA – As power demand peaks during the dry season, the Department of Energy (DOE) does not foresee rotational brownouts as long as there will be no further shutdown of power plants that could substantially impact the Luzon grid.

DOE Assistant Secretary Redentor Delola said in a press briefing Thursday that the current power supply can cater to the peak demand of 11,841 megawatts (MW), which is expected mid-May, even if seven power generation companies are offline from April to June.

Firms that have been on outage since last month are Asia Pacific Energy Corporation, Caliraya-Botocan-Kalayaan Power Company Ltd, Luzon Hydro Corporation, First Gas Power Corporation, GN Power Mariveles Center Ltd. Co., Petron Corp., and Sem Calaca Power Corporation.

Some of the outage will extend until July and August.

Delola previously said the DOE is already looking into shutdowns that are caused by scheduled maintenance and technical glitches, among others.

"Given these extended outages, what we are seeing in our profile is there is a possibility of yellow alerts during week 15 to week 18. That's the second week of April and the first week of May. We expect another round of yellow alerts during week 21 to week 25," he said.

DOE Undersecretary Felix William Fuentebella said consumers need not worry about yellow alert status as this would not lead to power interruption.

"Huwag tayong mangamba dahil meron pa tayong supisyente na kuryente. Hindi s'ya nagreresulta sa power interruption. Pero 'pag nagred alert na po 'yan, 'yon ang nagkakaroon ng mga rotating brownout (Let's not worry because we have sufficient power. It won't result in a power interruption. But if it's a red alert, that's when we will have rotating brownouts)," he said.

During a yellow alert, the DOE will closely monitor generation companies so that there will be no further power plant outages that may escalate into a red alert.

"Since mababa 'yung demand, 'yung projection ng yellow alert hindi rin mangyayari. Ibig sabihin maganda ang sitwasyon natin (Since there is a lower demand, our projection of a yellow alert might not even happen). And it's already April, so we are almost one-third away from the peak period," Fuentebella said. ***(PNA)***

P1.2-B worth of illegal drugs seized in 5 months

MANILA – The National Capital Region Police Office (NCRPO) has seized some PHP1.2 billion worth of illegal drugs and arrested almost 8,000 suspects from November 2020 to April this year.

NCRPO chief Maj. Gen. Vicente Danao on Friday said seized drugs include shabu weighing a total of 175 kilograms, 329 kilograms of marijuana and 884 tablets, and 300 ml of ecstasy.

Citing a report, Danao said 7,941 drug suspects were arrested in the 4,618 anti-illegal drugs operations in the NCR from November 11, 2020 until April 15 this year.

He said the NCRPO is consistent in its campaign to stop the proliferation of illegal drugs, particularly those distributed and sold despite health protocols due to the pandemic. ***(PNA)***

Gob Fernando: Labanan ang maling impormasyon ngayong pandemya

LUNGSOD NG MALOLOS (PIA) -- Dapat sabayan ng paglaban sa mga maling impormasyon ang pakikibaka sa nararanasang pandemya ng COVID-19.

Iyan ang binigyang diin ni Gobernador Daniel R. Fernando sa ginanap na pulong ng Provincial Task Force against COVID-19 dahil sa labis na pagkalat ng mga maling impormasyon na aniya'y nakakapagdulot ng lalong pagkalito, pagkatakot at pagkagalit ng mga Bulakenyo.

Bagama't hindi pa aniya tapos ang laban sa pandemya, mas marami pa ring magagandang resulta ang laban na ito.

Una na riyan ang nananatiling mataas na recovery rate ng Bulacan na nasa 78 porsyento. Ibig sabihin, 15,891 na ang gumaling mula sa 20,139 na tinamaan ng COVID-19 sa lalawigan.

Higit na mas mataas ito sa 19% o 3,707 na kasalukuyang may COVID-19 pa o tinatawag na active cases. Nakapagtala naman ng 3% o 541 ang namatay dahil sa nasabing sakit.

Dahil dito, hinikayat ng gobernador ang mga Bulakenyo, pati na ang mga pumupuna sa mga hakbang ng pamahalaang nasyonal at lokal, na wala aniyang magaling sa panahon ng pandemya kaya mas kailangan na makiisa ang lahat sa mga ipinatutupad na alintuntunin at huwag lamang humanap ng mga mali.

Sapagkat higit aniyang mas marami ang napagtagumpayan ng pamahalaang panlalawigan ng Bulacan sa laban sa pandemya ng COVID-19.

Patuloy din sa pagtaas ang testing capacity ng pamahalaang panlalawigan mula nang agarang ipatayo ang Molecular Laboratory na sinabayan ng pagkakaroon ng mga GeneXpert machines.

Mula sa pagsasagawa ng 23 swab tests kada araw noong Hunyo 2020, nakakapagtest na ng nasa 653 kada araw nitong Marso 2021. Dahil dito, umabot na sa 70,561 na mga indibidwal ang naisailalim sa testing ng pamahalaang panlalawigan.

Mababa rin ang positivity rate. Nasa 3% lamang o tatlo sa sampung isinasailalim sa swab tests ang nagpopositibo.

Sa kabuuan naman mula nang umarangkada ang testing noong Hunyo 2020, nasa 16% ang nagpositibo o 11,083 sa 70,561 na sumailalim sa swab test.

Samantala, nirerepaso na sa Sangguniang Panlalawigan ang pagkakaroon ng sariling planta ng oxygen na planong itayo sa likurang bahagi ng Bulacan Medical Center sa Malolos.

Natapos na rin ang konstruksyon ng bagong dalawang palapag na gusali ng Provincial Health Office kung saan ilalagak ang bagong lokasyon ng Bulacan Provincial Blood Center.

Ayon pa kay Fernando, bahagi ito ng pagpapalakas ng kapasidad ng pamahalaang panlalawigan sa pagtugon sa mga tinamaan ng COVID-19 at maging sa kalusugan ng mga karaniwang pasyenteng hindi ito ang sakit. ***(CLJD/SFV-PIA 3)***

LGU vaccine rollouts held at SM City Masinag & San Mateo

ANTIPOLO CITY, Rizal (PIA)-- The Antipolo City Government and San Mateo Municipal Government recently held vaccination drives on April 12 with the local SM malls as their venues.

In San Mateo, Priority groups A1 (medical frontliners) and A3 (persons with co-morbidities were vaccinated in the cinema area of SM City San Mateo. The theater lobby served as the vital signs area, registration, vaccination and recovery stations.

San Mateo Mayor Cristina Diaz also visited the activity on to monitor the situation.

Meanwhile in Antipolo,hundreds of pre-registered senior citizens belonging to the A2 priority groupwere inoculated at SM City Masinag's cinema lobby with vaccines provided by the Antipolo City Government.

Antipolo City Mayor Andrea Ynares also observed the vaccination area in the mall to check on the situation.

SM City San Mateo & SM City Masinag partnered with the respective local governments to provide spacious facilities as vaccination centers due to the strict implementation of health protocols which is ideal to serve as COVID-19 vaccination facilities. ***(PIA-Rizal with reports from SM City Masinag/SM City***

PHLPost launches 500th Anniversary of the Arrival of Santo Niño commemorative stamps

PASIG CITY (PIA) -- The Philippine Postal Corporation (PHLPost) has launched commemorative stamps to mark the 500th Anniversary of the Arrival of the Santo Niño in the country.

PHLPost Postmaster General Norman "Mr. Postman" Fulgencio, together with His Excellency Archbishop Jose Palma of Archdiocese of Cebu, unveiled the commemorative stamps to mark the Quincentennial Anniversary of the arrival of the image of Señor Santo Niño and the first baptism that both took place in Cebu, some 827 kilometers south of Manila.

The launching ceremony of the historic commemorative issuance of postage stamp characterized the expression of faith and deeper devotion among the Filipino Catholic Community to the Holy Child Jesus.

The Santo Niño is known for his miracles and people's devotions that transcend religions. In the words of Pope Francis, the Holy Child is the Protector of the Philippines for half a millennium.

The oldest religious icon of the country has been enshrined and widely venerated at the Basilica del Minore del Sto. Nino in Cebu City under the care of the Augustinians of the Province of Sto. Nino de Cebu-Philippines.

The popular image of the Sto. Nino was given by the Portuguese navigator Ferdinand Magellan to the local queen Humamay (later named Juana), after her baptism on April 14, 1521. On April 28, 1565, Miguel Lopez de Legaspi's expedition landed on the island of Cebu. One of his soldiers found an image of the Child Jesus in a hut believed to be the same image Magellan had given the queen of the island forty-four years earlier.

"The Post Office pays its homage to the image of Señor Sto. Niño of Cebu, the source of hope and faith of the people, who is historically recognized as the oldest religious relic in the Philippines," Postmaster General Fulgencio said.

He added that the stamp features the rich cultural heritage showcasing our country's many manifestations of art. The milestone commemoration of the arrival of the image of Señor Santo Niño is one such important moment that recalls the uniqueness of Filipino culture and history".

Stamps and Official First Day Covers of "Santo Niño at 500 –1521-2021: Santo Niño, the Abiding Presence of the Father in Our Journey of Faith" are now available at the Philatelic Counter, Manila Central Post Office, all Mega Manila Post Offices, Postal Area 1,Tuguegarao, Postal Area 2, San Fernando, La Union, Postal Area 4, San Pablo, Area 5, Mandaue, Postal Area 6, Iloilo, Postal Area 7, Davao, Postal Area 8, Cagayan de Oro, and Postal Area 9, Zamboanga.

For inquiries, please call 8527-01-08 or 8527-01-32 or follow/like the Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/PilipinasPhilately/ for updates. ***(PIA NCR)***

POEA warns public vs. fake e-mails with virus

MANILA – The Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) has warned the public against fake e-mail messages appearing to be from the agency.

In a Facebook post on Wednesday, the agency cautioned the people not to open such e-mails using the name of its chief Bernard Olalia as these may contain viruses.

"Spam emails have been sent using olalia@poea.gov.ph. Those e-mails were not from the office of the POEA Administrator so please disregard and do not open the attached files," the post said. "They may contain a disguised program (malware, adware, spyware, virus, etc.) that could damage your computer system or steal your data."

The POEA also apologized to those that have received such an email.

"We apologize for any confusion or harm that the malicious e-mails may have caused," it said. ***(PNA)***

Cavite Coast Guard conducts underwater clean-up drive

Ternate, Cavite (PIA) – The Philippine Coast Guard (PCG)- Cavite together with the Special Operations Group-Cavite in partnership with the Local Government here, and concerned group of divers recently conducted an underwater clean-up – SCUBAsurero at the coastal waters of Caylabne Bay, Sapang 1.

The area subjected for the clean-up drive has been declared a Marine Protected Area in which a series of proactive Artificial Marine habitations (artificial coral reefs) were installed by the PCG, Philippine Coast Guard Auxiliary (PCGA), and the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office (PENRO) in previous years.

A total of five (5) sacks of non-biodegradable materials were collected from the activity.

The underwater clean-up activity was spearheaded by PCG-Cavite Commander Lt. Michael John Encina with the active involvement of the LGU and stakeholders to be the primary coast guardians in taking care of their own marine ecosystem even in the midst of the pandemic.

Also through the SCUBAsurero, formed by a growing group of scuba divers, dive clubs, dive centers, dive shops, and resorts with the advocacy for cleaner oceans through safe and environmentally-sound marine activities, everybody will take responsibility to take action in the restoration and maintenance not just of the province's marine biodiversity but of the country's renowned beaches and pristine waters as well. ***(Ruel Francisco with reports from Dennis Abrina/PCG-Cavite)***

PGC to hold 1-day Voluntary Vaccination for Senior Citizens of the province

Trece Martires, Cavite (PIA) – In its bid to protect the vulnerable members particularly the Senior Citizens (SCs) of the province thru CoViD-19 inoculation, the provincial government headed by Governor Jonvic Remulla will hold an experiment for a one-day Voluntary Vaccination for SCs to be held in the municipality of Silang.

This was prompted by the survey result showing 65% of the population of the province comprised mostly of senior citizens are still hesitant to get vaccinated with the CoViD-19 vaccine. Current statistics show that there are 348,000 registered SCs in the province.

"Senior Citizens have the highest risk of death from CoViD-19. Kahit sabihing nasa bahay lang kayo ay pwede pa rin mahawa sa mga kasamahan na malimit sa labas. Walang mayaman o mahirap sa pandemya. Mula sa mga indigent hanggang sa mga bilyonaryo. Everyone is at risk," Remulla gently reminded.

The experiment will be held in the coming days at Barangays Inchican and Tibig with the turnout of participants giving an assessment on the perception of the target beneficiaries (SCs) towards CoViD-19 vaccines.

The governor guessed that 50% of the target SCs will not come out to get inoculated.

Likewise, Remulla had coordinated with the National Task Force (NTF) Vaccine Czar Sec. Galvez for the allocation of CoViD-19 vaccine intended for the SCs of the province.

Governor Remulla also disclosed that the Novovax vaccine for the wide scale vaccination program of the provincial government is expected to arrive soon.

The said vaccination program aims to inoculate those outside the groups prioritized by the national government. These are the healthy and productive residents of the province aged 18-59 years who actively contribute to the economy. ***(Ruel B. Francisco, with reports from Jonvic Remulla FB page)***

Meralco doesn't owe Muntinlupa franchise tax: SC

MANILA – The Manila Electric Company (Meralco) won a case against the Muntinlupa City government after the Supreme Court (SC) ruled that the local government's conversion from a municipality into a city "does not endow the authority to impose a franchise tax."

In a decision recently made public, the SC en banc granted the petition of Meralco and reversed and set aside the January 31, 2011 decision of the Court of Appeals (CA).

The SC ruling reinstated the September 19, 2003 decision of the Pasig Regional Trial Court (RTC) Branch 67 and declared void Section 25 of Municipal Ordinance 93-95 (Revenue Code of the Municipality of Muntinlupa of 1994).

The local measure stated that a franchise tax on private persons or corporations operating public utilities within its territorial jurisdiction will be collected "at the rate of 50 percent of 1 percent of the gross annual receipts of the preceding calendar year."

The case started on June 28, 1999 when the City of Muntinlupa demanded Meralco to pay franchise tax from 1992 to 1999.

Meralco ignored the demand letter dated August 21, 2001 on the premise that Muntinlupa, which was then still a municipality, did not have the power and authority to impose and collect a franchise tax since, under the Local Government Code (LGC) of 1991, only provinces and cities have the power and authority to collect franchise tax.

Meralco claimed that the city "cannot breathe life into an ordinance that was void from the beginning".

The SC noted that its passage "was beyond the corporate powers of the then Municipality of Muntinlupa" and "deviated from the express provision of Republic Act 7160 (LGC).

"While ordinances, just like other laws and statutes, enjoy the presumption of validity, they may be struck down and set aside when their invalidity or unreasonableness is evident on the face or has been established in evidence," the SC ruled.

The CA earlier said even if the ordinance was enacted in 1992, the assessment of Meralco's franchise tax duties should be computed from March 1, 1995, when Republic Act 7926 was signed into law converting Muntinlupa from a town to a highly urbanized city.

"It is our view that although the ordinance was void when first passed, the legality of its provision was cured by the enactment of RA 7926, which converted Muntinlupa into a highly urbanized city," the CA said.

"Thus, [Meralco's] obligation to pay franchise tax to appellants accrued only from the date RA 7926 took effect." ***(PNA)***

BOC-MICP Bolsters E-TRACC Operation

AS part of the efforts to enhance trade facilitation and anti-smuggling efforts, the Manila International Port (MICP) on April 15, 2021, bolstered its Electronic Tracking of Containerized Cargoes (E-TRACC) operations through the activation of the E-TRACC Arming Station.

The arming station is a Port initiative and is supported by the Office of the Commissioner through the Internal Administration Group (IAG). It is designed to facilitate the seamless and efficient arming and removal of trackers. This will also provide the necessary office space for MICP's E-TRACC team. Additional trackers were also acquired which now gives the port a total of 2000 functioning trackers.

The E-TRACC system was implemented by the Bureau in 2020 and has been providing real time Global Positioning System (GPS) tracking of containerized cargo for better management of volume, traffic and security. The trackers are designed to alert any tampering and allows for the swift action of the Bureau's Enforcement and Security Service Quick Reaction Team (ESS-QRT) to prevent the possibility of smuggling activities.

Also done during the activity was the recognition of the MICP's E-TRACC team composed of members of the Piers Inspection Division (PID) headed by Dr. Siegfred L. Manaois. The award recognizes the efforts of the Division in implementing the E-TRACC system in the country's largest port in terms of volume.

With the activation of MICP E-TRACC arming station comes the strengthened commitment to facilitate trade and enhance border security under the guidance of BOC Commissioner Rey Leonardo B. Guerrero. ***PR***

ERC, DOE dapat imbestigahan ang unplanned outages ng ilang planta –Gatchalian

LUNGSOD CALOOCAN (PIA) -- Hinikayat ni Senator Win Gatchalian ang Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) at Department of Energy (DOE) na imbestigahan na ang mga napabalitang unplanned outages o biglaang pagtigil ng operasyon ng ilang power plants sa Luzon na nagdulot ng pagtaas ng singil sa kuryente nito lang nakaraan.

Inudyukan din ni Gatchalian ang DOE na pagtuunan ng pansin ang mga logistical concerns na kinakaharap ng ilang power producers upang mapigilan ang mga pagsasara ng iba pang planta sa mga darating na araw at baka ito'y makaapekto sa COVID-19 vaccine rollout na inaasahang magtutuloy-tuloy na sa Mayo o Hunyo ngayong taon.

"Hindi dapat tayo magkaroon ng brownouts dahil padating pa ang mga bakuna natin sa katapusan ng buwan o kaya sa May o June. Masedelan itong mga vaccines. May iba na kailangan ng almost subzero freezing temperature o mga freezer na kaya ang negative 20 degrees. Kaya kung may brownout tayo, saan natin ilalagay ang mga bakuna natin? Malaking dagok 'yan sa atin at maaantala yung vaccination process natin," sabi ng Senate Energy Committee Chairperson.

"Dapat gumalaw dito ang ERC dahil noong November 2020, naglabas sila ng isang polisiya na lahat ng planta ay dapat makapag-deliver batay sa tinatawag na reliability index. Kapag bumagsak sila doon sa polisiya ng ERC at hindi nila ma-justify kung bakit pumalya 'yung planta, magmumulta sila," dagdag pa ni Gatchalian.

Ayon sa datos ng Independent Energy Market Operator of the Philippines (IEMOP), sa billing period para sa buwan ng Marso ng kasalukuyang taon, nagkaroon ng 1,580 megawatts (MW) na non-coincidental unplanned outages o kabuuang 61.3% ng mga naitalang nasirang mga planta sa nasabing buwan. Para naman sa billing period ng Abril pero hanggang Abril 18 lamang, umabot sa 1,428 MW ang non-coincidental unplanned outages o kabuuang 62.8% ng mga nasirang planta sa nasabing buwan.

"Dapat ring imbestigahan ng DOE ang ilang alegasyon tungkol sa logistics. Dahil nga pandemya ngayon, hindi dumarating ang mga spare parts, kaya nagkaka-problema sa logistics. Dapat magawan agad ito ng aksyon para hindi sabay-sabay na bumagsak ang mga planta," sabi ni Gatchalian.

"Dapat gawin ng pamahalaan ang lahat ng makakaya para maiwasan ang brownout. Kaya ang solusyon dito at all cost -- dapat yung mga planta huwag bumagsak, huwag silang mag outage," pagtatapos niya. ***(PIA NCR)***

MARVEL X MINISO AT HOME AND LIVING SALE

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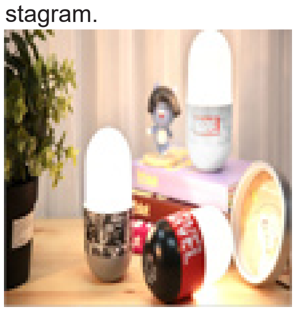

Let the Marvel Avengers light up your night with this rechargeable LED touch night light desk lamp.

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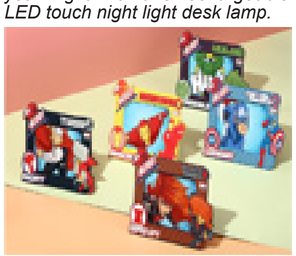

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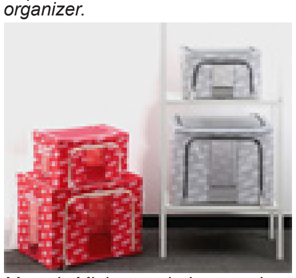
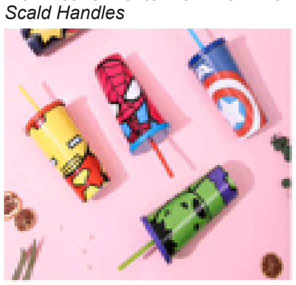


Marvel x Miniso wardrobe organizer bags are made of premium fabrics that are sturdy and stackable.



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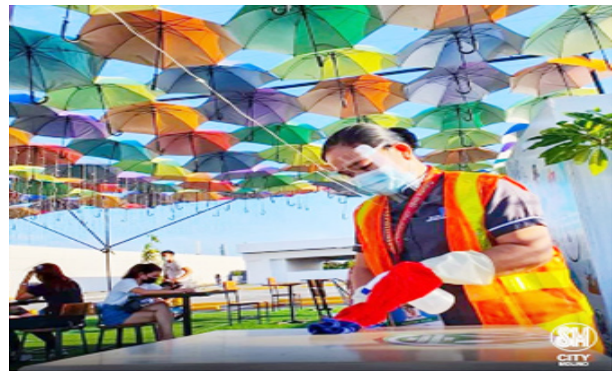
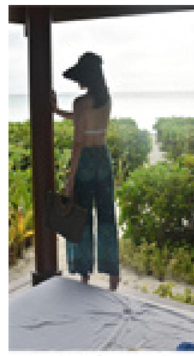
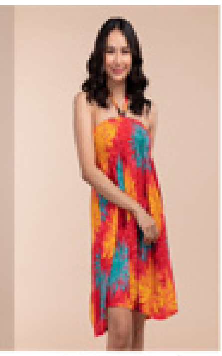


THE SPIRIT OF SUMMER AT KULTURA



A sunburst of summer colors highlight this short smocked dress with tropical leaves designs and beaded halter tie strap.

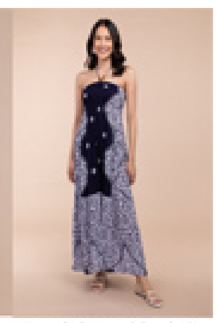
Cool and casual white linen top with sea turtle print.



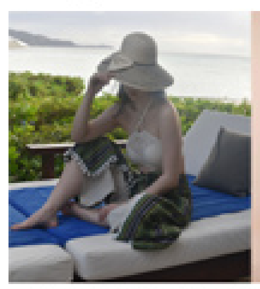
Get summer ready with comfy, breezy loungewear like this Tropiko wrap pants with exotic tropical prints.

Fatigue short sleeved linen shirt with Aztec print.

Crisp white linen top with Aztec prints.



Smock dress with ethnic inspired blue and white prints.



The spirit of summer: wrap pants with pompom trimmings, crochet top.

Kultura's printed palazzo pants worn with a white tank top is perfect for lounging at home and running errands as well.

Black linen shirt with Aztec print.

While travelling to your dream destination is currently on hold, you can still add a bit of sunshine to your wardrobe with Kultura's summer collection.

Capture the spirit of summer with the perfect sundress –pretty smock dresses, breezy umbrella dresses – in exotic tropical prints and colors that highlight everything bright and beautiful. There are also ethnic inspired wrap pants worn with tank tops that make stylish statements.

For men, there are linen tops in graphic prints and Aztec designs that will keep them cool and casual during sizzling summer days.

Hinihiling ng PSC sa mga NSA, atleta na bantayan at ingat sa Covid-19

Sa dami ng sinusubaybayan na mga nahawahang kaso na tumataas sa mga nagdaang linggo, pina-alalahanan ni Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) Chairman William Ramirez ang lahat na mahigpit na bantayan ang pagdating ng Covid-19.

Matapos ipataw ang isang 10-araw na trabaho lockdown sa dalawang mga kumplikadong ahensya, alam ni Ramirez na ang pagdidisimpekta ng mga pasilidad ay isinasagawa at isang rebisyon ng mga security na protokol ay nagawa.

Ipinahayag niya ang kanyang pag-aalala sa nakakaalarma na bilang ng mga coronavirus disease na 2019 (Covid-19) na mga kaso na sinusubaybayan sa huling yugto ng pagsubok.

"Pinauwi namin ang lahat ng mga atleta bago pa man ipataw ang unang lockdown noong nakaraang taon," sinabi ni Ramirez sa isang pahayag.

Sinabi niya na wala nang mga atleta na nagsasanay o nananatili sa alinman sa mga pasilidad ng ahensya.

Parehong ginagamit ang Rizal Memorial Sports Complex sa Maynila at PhilSports sa Pasig bilang "we-heal-as-one centres."

Kabilang sa maraming tulong na ibinigay sa mga atleta at National Sports Associations (NSAs), tumutulong din ang PSC sa pagkuha sa kanila ng reverse transcription-polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) na pagsubok kapag hiniling o kinakailangan para sa kanilang pagsasanay o kumpetisyon.

Hinimok ni Ramirez ang lahat ng mga NSA na maging mas maingat at aktibong paalalahanan ang kanilang mga atleta na sundin ang mga pangunahing protokol na nagsasabing, "sa kasong ito, mas mahusay na maging ligtas kaysa magsorry."

Ang ilang mga palakasan ay nagsasanay sa ilalim ng kanilang mga NSA sa mga venue sa labas ng mga pasilidad ng PSC.

Ang Chief of Assistance and Coordination Division at pinuno ng PSC Emergency Response Team, si Manuel Bitog, ay itinalagang pinuno ng Pangkat ng Pamahalaang Panganib.

Ang Executive Director na si Guillermo Iroy Jr. ay nagbigay ng mga tagubilin upang ipatupad ang mas mahigpit na mga protocol at ilabas ang isang QR code-based monitoring system sa loob ng ahensya upang tulungan ang pagsubaybay sa pakikipag-ugnayan.

Kai Sotto ng 2 taong deal na maglalaro sa team Aussie

Nakatakdang sumali sa Adelaide 36ers ng National Basketball League (NBL) ng Australia ang basketball star na si Kai Sotto.

Inihayag ng 36ers na sumang-ayon sila sa isang dalawang taon paglalaro ng 7 footer na sentro ng Ateneo High School na may pagpipilian para sa isang ikatlong panahon.

"Ikinalulugod naming tanggapin si Kai sa NBL upang makipaglaro sa Adelaide 36ers," sinabi ng komisyoner ng NBL na si Jeremy Loeliger. "Ang NBL ay isa sa mga pinakamahusay na liga sa buong mundo at isang mahusay na liga upang paunlarin ang mga manlalaro tulad ni Kai Sotto na nais na dalhin ang kanilang laro sa susunod na antas sa pamamagitan ng paglalaro kasama ang mga bihasang propesyonal na manlalaro sa isang sobrang mapagkumpitensyang liga."

Itatalaga siya bilang "espesyal na pinaghihigpitang manlalaro" ni Adelaide, isang sugnay na ibinigay sa mga manlalaro ng Asya kung saan maaari silang sumali sa NBL bilang mga lokal.

Kaugnay nito, si Sotto ay gaganap bilang isang lokal sa kabila ng pagiging pulos Pilipino.

"Kami ay nalulugod na maligayang pagdating kay Kai sa club at sa lungsod ng Adelaide," sabi ni Grant Kelley, ang chairman ng 36ers. "Ang pag-akit ng isang manlalaro ng potensyal ni Kai mula sa Asya, at mas kamakailan sa Estados Unidos, hanggang sa Adelaide ay magpapahusay lamang sa reputasyon ng club para sa pagkilala at pagbuo ng mga piling tao sa talento sa basketball."

Samantala, si General Manager Jeff Van Groningen ay may mataas na pag-asa kay Sotto, na naglaro ng ilang mga scrimmage para sa G League Ignite ngunit hindi nakuha sa pagsali sa koponan sa panahon ng bubble season ng NBA G League.

"Napagtanto ni Kai na mayroon siyang trabaho na nauna sa kanya tulad ng ginagawa ng lahat ng mga rookies pagdating sa matigas na liga na ito, ngunit ang kanyang kumbinasyon ng taas at pagbuo ng hanay ng kasanayan ay nagbibigay sa kanya ng bawat pagkakataon na itaas ang kanyang laro," sabi ni Van Groningen. "Sa pagsusumikap,

Kung sakali man, susundin ni Sotto ang yapak ng kasalukuyang kandidato sa NBA Rookie of the Year na si LaMelo Ball, na unang nakakita ng aksyon para sa Illawarra Hawks bago siya kinuha ng Charlotte Hornets sa pangatlong pick sa NBA Draft noong nakaraang taon.

Maaaring ideklara ni Sotto para sa draft nang mas maaga sa susunod na taon, kahit na maaari siyang piliing igalang ang kanyang garantisadong dalawang taon kasama si Adelaide at sumali sa halip sa 2023 draft.

Sa kabila nito, inulit ulit ni Sotto na maginging bahagi pa rin siya ng Gilas Pilipinas sa pag-aako niya sa pambansang koponan para sa pangatlong bintana ng FIBA Asia Cup Qualifiers sa Angeles at FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tournament sa Belgrade, parehong magaganap ngayong Hunyo.

Upang maiangat ang isang kampeon, pinayuhan ni Lizardos ang mga magulang na hayaang mag-explore ang mga bata

Ang Goal Diggers, isang bagong-inilunsad na programa ng sports podcast, ay inilunsad kamakailan ang unang yugto ng serye ng pagiging magulang nito, "Raising a Champion" kasama ang alumni ng MILO-Philippine Taekwondo Association na si Japoy Lizardo at Janice Lagman-Lizardo.

Sa dalagang episode na nasponsor ng MILO, ang mag-asawang taekwondo ay muling nabuhay ang kanilang mga paglalakbay bilang unang magulang at nagbigay ng payo sa kung paano makisali sa mga bata sa palakasan.

Sa pagsasalita mula sa karanasan sa kanilang mga anak na lalaki, nalaman ng mag-asawa na ang pagbibigay ng mga bata ng iba't ibang mga paraan upang galugarin ay makakatulong sa kanila na malaman at matuklasan ang kanilang pagibig sa palakasan.

"Huwag mo silang piliting gawin kung ano ang ayaw nilang gawin. Kasi they will not excel pag pinipilit mo sila (if you're force them). Kung ano man ang gusto nila, doon sila mag-excel (they will excel there). Hayaan silang pumili kung ano ang gusto nila at huwag pumili para sa kanila, "payo ni Janice tungkol sa pagpapakilala ng tamang isport para sa mga bata, sa paninwalang ang pagbibigay ng sapat na pagkakalantad sa mga bata ay magiging susi upang masimulan ang kanilang mga kampeon sa paglalakbay.

Sa kaso ng kanilang mga anak na sina Jace at Jevi, ang mga background sa pampalakasan nina Japoy at Janice ay pinagana ang kanilang mga anak na magbigay ng maraming outlet upang subukan ang iba`t ibang isport. Naturally para sa kanilang panganay, si Jace ay nagpakita ng matinding interes sa martial art.

"Sa MILO Summer Clinic sa taekwondo, sinali namin si Jace (I enroled Jace in MILO Summer Clinic)," Japoy said in a news release "Tinignan lang namin kung ano ang magiging reaksyon niya. Nagulat kami na natapos niya ang isang oras na session na tuloy-tuloy. I am very happy naman na nagpakita siya ng interest sa sports (Napansin lang namin kung ano ang magiging reaksyon niya. Nagulat kami na natapos niya ang isang oras na sesyon. Masayang-masaya ako na nagpakita siya ng interes sa palakasan), "aniya, mapapansin na pinapayagan din nila ang kanilang anak na subukan ang football.

Samantala, ang dalawang taong gulang na si Jevi ay tila sinundan nito, na ginagaya ang mga galaw na nakikita mula sa kanyang mga magulang at nakatatandang kapatid.

"Mabuti sa kanila [mga bata] na mayroon silang mga aktibidad," sabi ni Janice. "Para sa loob ng pamilya, ikaw ay magiging malusog at magkaroon ng malusog na pamumuhay."

TOPS usapang sports via online zoom panauhin ang mga sumusunod, Basketball Armed Mamba Kat Tan, Blue Girls Softball Coach Ana Maria Santiago, PCAP Chairman Michael Angelo Chua, Vice Chairman Ariel potot, at GM Mark Paragua Kung saan ay isa-isa nilang pinahayag ang mga pagpapatuloy sa pagsasanay at tuloy ang laro sa pamamagitan ng online bagamat may pandemya pa rin kinakaharap. ***(RGN)***

Pagbakuna sa mga manlalaro, coaches at opisyales. Inihahanda ng PBA

Ang Philippine Basketball Association (PBA) ay handa sa pagbakuna para sa lahat ng manlalaro at coach hanggang sa mga empleyado ng liga bago masimulan ang ika-46 season

Sinabi ni PBA board vice chairman Bobby Rosales na tinalakay ang plano sa kanilang pagpupulong.

"Ang unang pagkakasunud-sunod ng araw na tinalakay sa lupon ay para sa buong pamilya ng PBA na mabakunahan," sabi ni Rosales, ang gobernador para sa Terrafirma.

Idinagdag pa niya na ang inokulasyon ay mahalaga sa pagtukoy kung anong setup ang gagamitin ng liga para sa darating na panahon, na ang pagbubukas ay ipinagpaliban ng tatlong beses pangunahin dahil sa kamakailang pagtaas ng mga kaso ng coronavirus disease 2019 sa loob ng Metro Manila at ilang iba pang mga lalawigan.

"Naniniwala kami na kung ang lahat ay nabakunahan, ay magiging madali para sa gobyerno sa pamamagitan ng IATF (Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases) na payagan ang panahon na buksan," sinabi ni Rosales. "Gusto naming tingnan ang pagbabakuna ng buong PBA bilang unang pagpipilian upang maaari kaming makakuha ng isang mas mahusay na pagpipilian kaysa sa isang bubble kung papayagan ito ng IATF."

Habang hindi pinasiyahan ang ibang bubble kay Commissioner Willie Marcial na sinabi na ang Ilocos Norte ay kabilang sa mga lalawigan na inalok na maging host, tinitingnan ng PBA ang isang closed-circuit na uri ng pag-host ng torneo para sa panahong ito kasama ang Ynares Center sa Antipolo City bilang ang pangunahing arena.

Kinumpirma ni Marcial na makikipagpulong siya sa IATF sa susunod na linggo upang talakayin ang kapalaran ng PBA.

Tungkol sa pagbakuna, sinabi ni Rosales na ang pagkuha sa kanila ay hindi magiging problema habang si Manny Pangilinan, ang may-ari ng koponan ng TNT, Meralco, at NLEX, at ang San Miguel Corporation, na nagmamay-ari din ng tatlong club sa San Miguel Beer, Ginebra, at Magnolia, nakatuon na bumili ng mga bakuna habang si Marcial ay humingi rin ng tulong sa Philippine Red Cross.

Inaasahan din ni Marcial na ang mga bakuna ay darating sa lalong madaling panahon upang sa wakas ay mabuksan ang liga sa bagong panahon.

"By May or June, sana magkaroon kami ng (I hope that by May or June, we have have the) vaccine," Marcial said.

Dagdag pa ni Rosales, sa wakas na mabisa ang bakuna sa loob ng mga katawan ng mga manlalaro, maaaring simulan kaagad ng PBA

"Tinitingnan namin ang pinakamaagang Hunyo," aniya ngunit idinagdag ni Marcial na posible ring magkaroon ng mga laro sa huling linggo ng Mayo.

Sinabi ng kapwa opisyal kung ang panahon ay magsisimula sa loob ng nasabing panahon, ang PBA ay maaari pa ring magsagawa ng dalawang kumperensya na may posibilidad na matapos ito sa Pebrero sa susunod na taon.

KALAYAAN SA REHAS NA BAKAL SA LOOB NG TAHANAN

"LIMANG taon na po siyang nabubuhay sa loob ng rehas sa aming bahay."

Kuwento ito ni Rey-An Catibayan, 29, ng Brgy Halang, Naic, Cavite tungkol sa kanyang kapatid na si Jinkie, Catibayan, 33.

Ani Rey-An, dahil sa kawalang pag-asa ay humihingi siya ng atensiyong medikal upang pampagamot.

Ganoon din ang pinansiyal na pangangailangan upang tuluyan ng maitakas sa rehas na bakal ang kanyang kapatid.

Sa esklusibong panayam ng sumulat nito kay Rey-An, tanging ang pagpapakulong kaya Jinkie sa isang rehas sa loob ng kanilang bahay ang umano'y nakikita nilang solusyon upang hindi ito makapaglayas at makapanakit ng tao.

Taon 2016 ay bigla na lamang naglayas ang kanyang kapatid subalit ng bumalik ay nakakitaan na ng kakaibang ikinikilos.

Kabilang na ang pananakit sa ibang tao at dahil dito ay napagpasyahan umano ng ilang nakatatanda sa kanilang lugar na ikulong na lamang sa bahay si Jinkie kaya nagpagawa ng isang rehas.

Pero ang isa pang hindi inaasahan na pangyayari, hindi nalaman ni Rey-An na buntis ang kanyang kapatid hanggang sa nakapagsilang ng sanggol na babae na limang taon na.

Ang anak ni Jinkie ay nasa pangangalaga ng asawa ni Rey-An na nasa Abra at itinuturing na ring anak ang bata.

"Minsan kung hindi sinusumpong gusto ko ring sanang lumabas siya sa rehas pero ang inaala ka ay baka muling maglayas at mabuntis ito, eh hindi ko naman siya nababantayan," ayon kay Rey-An.

Aniya, kailangan din niyang lumabas ng bahay upang kumita ng kanilang ikabubuhay na magkapatid.

Inamin ni Rey-An na mayroon din siyang nahihinging tulong mula sa kanilang barangay, mga kaibigan at kapitbahay pero dahil sa ilang taon na rin nilang kalagayan ay unti-unting tumatamlay ang sumusuporta sa kanya.

Ipinagamot na rin umano niya sa National Center for Mental Health (NCMH) sa Mandaluyong City at Trece Martires City kung saan nalaman na may bipolar disorder with psychotic reaction pero sinabihan umano siya na kinakailangan mayrong magbantay sa kapatid.

Problema nito ang gamot na hindi niya maibigay at magawa dahil sa kinakailangan niyang magtinda ng gulay araw-araw para sa kanilang pangangailangan.

Himutok din ni Rey-An na maging ang tulong pinansiyal sa kanyang asawa sa probinsiya ay halos hindi na rin nito maipagkaloob dahil sa kanilang kalagayang magkapatid.

Umaapela siya ng tulong medikal at pinansiyal na maaaring ipadala sa GCash number na 0906-431-8705 (Jemma Escobido) o tumawag mismo (Rey-An) sa celphone number na 0965-653-9444. ***GENE ADSUARA***

Mga wanted, nalambat

NALAMBAT ng Cavite police ang dalawang tinaguriang Top 2 Most Wanted at Top 5 sa isinagawang manhunt operation sa magkakahiwalay na lugar sa lalawigan.

Sa ulat ng Cavite Police Provincial Office (PPO) dakong alas-12:11 Miyerkules ng tanghali nagsagawa ng manhunt operation ang mga operatiba ng Tagaytay City Police sa Brgy Silang Crossing East na nagresulta sa pagkakaaresto kay Norline Basagre, 29, binata, ng Brgy Silang Crossing East.

Si Basagre ay tinaguriang Top 2 Most Wanted, City Level dahil sa kasong Falsification of Commercial Document, 9 counts.

Nasa listahan din ng Top 2 Most Wanted, Municipal Level si Richie Piasan, 35, ng Excess Lot Brgy Anahaw 1, Silang.

Naaresto ito dakong alas-2:00 ng hapon sa Brgy Anahaw 1, Silang, dahil sa kasong paglabag sa RA 7610 (Anti Child Abuse Law).

Hawak na rin ng Noveleta Police ang Top 5 Most Wanted, Municipal Level si Edmon Alarcon, 34 ng Ave Maria Silangan 1, Rosario matapos isilbi ang Warrant of Arrest laban sa kanya dakong alas-3:30 ng hapon sa Gen Trias City Custodial Center dahil sa kasong paglabag sa Sec 11, Article II, RA 9165.

Dakong alas-7:00 Miyerkules ng umaga nagsagawa ng manhunt operation ang Imus City Police sa mga wanted person sa Brgy Malagasang na nagresulta sa pagkakaaresto kay

John Flores, 21, ng Block 10 Lot 49 Citilane Subdivision, Brgy. Malagasang 2F, Imus City, dahil sa kasong Acts of Lasciviousness.

Attempted murder naman ang kinakaharap na kaso ni Martin Rosales, 32, nang arestuhin ito dakong alas-9:05 ng umaga sa Brgy Burol 3, Dasmarinas City. ***GENE ADSUARA***

23 'pusher' inaresto

UMABOT sa dalawampu't tatlong hinihinalang tulak, kabilang dito ang limang babae, ang inaresto sa isinagawang magdamagang buy bust operation sa Cavite.

Sa ulat ng Cavite Police Provincial Office (PPO), sa pagitan ng alas-12:00 ng tanghali hanggang alas 11:43 Martes ng gabi nagsagawa ng buy bust operation sa magkakahiwalay na lugar sa limang lungsod at anim na bayan sa Cavite.

Nanguna sa may pinakamaraming bilang na mga tulak na inaresto ang bayan ng Silang (6); sumunod ang Tanza (5); tig-(2) naman ang Naic, Bacoor City at Dasmarinas City habang tig (1) ang Alfonso, Cavite City, General Mariano Alvarez (GMA), Carmona, Gen Trias City, Naic at Imus City o kabuuang 23. ***GENE ADSUARA***

SC upholds guilty verdict on ex-Leyte exec who altered ticket

MANILA – The Supreme Court has upheld the guilty verdict on the former municipal budget officer of La Paz, Leyte who was found guilty of having falsified a plane ticket issued to another person.

In a resolution dated March 3 and released online recently, the SC's Special First Division affirmed the Court of Appeals (CA) ruling upholding a trial court decision sentencing Emerito D. Terado to up to two years in prison and a fine of PHP5,000 and ordering him to pay the cost of the suit.

The SC upheld the guilty verdict for violation of Republic Act 3019 or the Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act and falsification of private documents.

The SC ruling upheld rulings by the CA and the Abuyog, Leyte Regional Trial Court that found Terado guilty in 2012 of falsifying a Cebu Pacific plane ticket worth PHP4,000 and issued in the name of another person, Editha Labanta, for a round trip between Tacloban City and Manila to make it appear that the said ticket was issued to him (Terado) instead of Labanta for his travel from Tacloban to Manila in April 1998.

As it turned out, Terado did not take the flight and instead traveled by land.

Terado has denied falsifying the plane ticket and said the charge was fabricated by the complainant municipal health officer Dr. Sarah Balis because she was angry at him for disapproving her subsistence allowance.

Commission on Audit (COA) findings on the accused's travel expenses revealed that the plane ticket contained erasures and, upon verification with the local airline representative, had been issued to another person.

The findings also indicated that Terado was not listed as a passenger in Cebu Pacific's flight manifests for the said dates in April 1998. ***(PNA)***

Media crucial in fighting misinformation amid pandemic: Velasco

MANILA – House Speaker Lord Allan Velasco on Tuesday stressed the importance of free and independent media to promote transparency and accountability, as well as combat misinformation and contribute to public confidence and support for government efforts to beat the coronavirus disease (Covid-19).

During the general meeting of the Kapisanan ng mga Brodkaster ng Pilipinas (KBP), Velasco said the journalists played a crucial role in spreading reliable news and information amid the pandemic.

He noted that timely, accurate, and verified information received through the mainstream media has empowered the public, enabled greater access to health care, prevented discrimination and social stigmatization.

"For every ayuda (assistance) not properly distributed, let us give hope by highlighting LGUs (local government units) that have efficiently rolled out the process," he said. "For every claim of adverse effects after inoculation, help us encourage and push for stronger vaccine confidence. We ask you to help us, your people in government, because we need to fight this monumental battle together."

Velasco said the mainstream media also helped protect the health and safety of communities by preventing the spread of false or misleading information.

"We express concern at the damage which can and has been done by the spreading of false or manipulated information about the disease and government's pandemic response," he said. "We need to push back on disinformation and propaganda, and the support of mainstream media is crucial in this fight."

Comprehensive contact tracing

Meanwhile, Deputy Speaker Loren Legarda highlighted the importance of effective and efficient contact tracing as a tool to curb further local transmissions and reduce Covid-19 deaths in the country.

"Contact tracing, if properly employed as a preventive strategy, will bolster the country's fight against the Covid-19 pandemic. Contact tracing was effectively implemented during the SARS outbreak in 2003 and the Ebola outbreak in 2014. This may be a laborious process, but this can be a key component in ending the spread of Covid-19 virus," she said.

She said several countries have successfully employed contact tracing as a cornerstone of their Covid-19 response plans, such as South Korea, Singapore, and Germany.

She cited the World Health Organization (WHO) stating that contact tracing is an essential public health tool that will break chains of transmission when systematically applied.

She recommended the hiring of contact tracers under the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) - Tulong Panghanapbuhay sa Ating Disadvantaged/Displaced Workers (DOLE TUPAD) program, particularly in the NCR Plus bubble areas composed of Metro Manila, Bulacan, Cavite, Laguna, and Rizal.

"This can also be expanded to other areas where there continue to be high incidence of Covid-19 positive cases," Legarda added.

Based on information by DOLE, the Department has already coordinated with the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) for the hiring of contact tracers to be employed under the TUPAD program.

"Hiring TUPAD workers to take on a more challenging role as contact tracers will not only give our displaced workers a source of income but will also give them the sense of fulfillment that they are doing a crucial job in the country's fight to curtail the spread of the virus," Legarda said.

She said the country can employ a uniform and systematic contact tracing system all over the country to have more organized data and assist our contact tracers in gathering significant information faster.

"Our fight against this unseen enemy is a fight easily won through a whole-of-government, whole-of-society approach. Let us work together as one, aiming for a common goal of sustainable and inclusive growth and recovery amid the ongoing pandemic," she said. ***(PNA)***

RHU Tanza reports on COVID-19 situation, vaccination in the municipality

TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite (PIA) --The Rural Health Unit (RHU) of Tanza has recorded more than 2,400 COVID-19 confirmed cases after more than a year since the pandemic hit the country, the 4th among the cities and municipalities with the highest number of COVID-19 cases in the province.

"Out of the more than 2,400 COVID-19 confirmed cases, 600 are active cases," Municipal Health Officer Dr. Ruth Punzalan said.

Meanwhile, the local government had inoculated a total of 1,300 healthcare workers and senior citizens since the start of the vaccination rollout using AstraZeneca vaccines.

Despite the global shortage of AstraZeneca vaccine, the RHU assured the healthcare workers and senior citizens who received the 1st dose of AstraZeneca jab that they will receive the 2nd dose since additional supply is expeted to arrive soon.

Dr. Punzalan said vaccination for the A2 priority group will continue with the recent approval of the Sinovac vaccine by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for the inoculation of senior citizens.

About 300 senior citizens per day are targeted to be vaccinated on a first come first serve basis at the Tanza Specialists Medical Center that started Tuesday, April 2021.

The RHU is also planning to start the vaccination of the A3 Priority group or persons aged 18-59 years with comorbidities as they call on residents belonging to this group to register for the CoViD-19 Vaccination program of the LGU using the online registration link found on Mayor Yuri A. Pacumio's FB page.

Pursuant to the provincial government's directive to intensify the conduct of the vaccination program of all the LGUs in the province, Mayor Pacumio is looking into the possibility of partnering with Vista Mall, and using the Tanza Sports Complex as additional COVID-19 hubs to speed up the distribution of the vaccines to achieve herd immunity. ***(Ruel Francisco with report from Balitang Tanzeño)***

3 most wanted persons fall in NCR, Cavite ops

MANILA – Three wanted persons were nabbed in separate operations in Metro Manila and Cavite province this week, the National Capital Region Police Office (NCRPO) reported on Thursday.

NCRPO chief, Maj. Gen. Vicente D. Danao, Jr., citing police reports, said suspect Benito Parrenas was arrested in Caloocan City at around 1 p.m. on Wednesday. He is listed as the second most wanted person of the Mina Municipal Police Station in Iloilo City.

Parrenas has two standing arrest warrants for murder issued by two local courts in Iloilo.

At around 2:30 p.m. on the same day, frustrated murder suspect Alvin Bernabe was arrested in Navotas City.

Bernabe, the sixth most wanted person of Navotas City, has an arrest warrant for frustrated murder issued by the Malabon City Regional Trial Court.

On Tuesday night, authorities also nabbed rape suspect Glenard Pilat in a manhunt operation in Cavite City.

Pilat is the second most wanted person of the Sta. Josefa Municipal Police Station in Agusan del Sur.

The arrested suspects are now under the custody of operating units for documentation and proper disposition pending issuance of commitment order from the court of origin. ***(PNA)***

ECQ aid distribution extended until May 15

MANILA – Local government units (LGUs) have until May 15 to distribute the cash aid to 22.9 million low-income residents of the National Capital Region Plus (NCR Plus) affected by the two-week implementation of enhanced community quarantine (ECQ), Malacañang said Tuesday.

"In-extend ang deadline na makumpleto ang pamamahagi ng financial assistance hanggang 15 ng Mayo 2021 (The deadline for completing the distribution of financial assistance has been extended until May 15, 2021)," Presidential Spokesperson Harry Roque said in a virtual presser.

This developed following appeals from several LGUs to extend the deadline for the distribution of assistance in NCR Plus, which covers Metro Manila and the provinces of Bulacan, Cavite, Laguna, and Rizal, Roque said.

Under the guidelines earlier released by the Department of the Interior and Local Government and the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), local officials must complete the release of aid "in 15 calendar days upon receipt of the funds if the assistance is in cash or within 30 calendar days if assistance is in-kind".

Roque said LGUs have been given more time to finish the distribution of aid to avoid mass gatherings, considering that the country is still grappling with the coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19).

"Tayo ay nasa panahon po ng Covid-19. Bawal ang malakihang pagtitipuntipon. Kailangang pangalagaan ang kaligtasan at kalusugan ng lahat (There is a Covid-19 pandemic. Mass gatherings are prohibited. We have to ensure the safety and health of everyone)," he said.

Roque added that local officials are also looking for "flexible" arrangements by distributing the assistance either through digital means or house-to-house.

The most restrictive ECQ was implemented in NCR Plus from March 29 to April 11 due to the alarming surge in coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) infections.

The status was downgraded to modified ECQ from April 12 to 30.

President Rodrigo Duterte earlier approved the allocation of PHP23 billion worth of emergency subsidy for low-income households.

Each beneficiary can receive either in-kind or cash assistance amounting to PHP1,000 per person or a maximum of PHP4,000 per family.

DSWD Secretary Rolando Bautista earlier admitted that there was a "slow start" of the distribution of aid in NCR Plus but guaranteed improvement in the coming days.

The DSWD reported Monday that around 7,470,149 low-income earners or 32.5 percent of the 22.9 million recipients have already received the assistance, as of April 18. ***(PNA)***

BOC Facilitates the Joint Cluster Meeting of the NSW-TWG

CUSTOMS Commissioner and National Single Window - Technical Working Group Chairman Rey Leonardo B. Guerrero successfully concluded the Joint Meeting of the NSW-TWG Tax and Duty Exempt Cluster, and the NSW-TWG Relief, Consignment, and Foreign Donations Cluster on April 20, 2021 through virtual conference.

Also present in the Meeting were Anti- Red Tape Authority (ARTA) Director General Jeremiah Belgica as Vice Chairperson for NSW Onboarding Matters, and BOC Management Information System and Technology Group (MISTG) Deputy Commissioner Allan Geronimo as Vice Chairperson for NSW Technical Matters.

At the Joint NSW-TWG Meeting, the DOF TRADENET Project Management Office (PMO) presented the initial findings of the TRADENET Readiness Assessment Survey which aims to provide baseline information to help in formulating a sound strategy to effectively manage the onboarding of all the target TRGAs within the year 2021. The survey found that majority of the regulatory government agencies have their own Information Technology (IT) departments, with a number of agencies having their own automated systems for trade-related processes.

To further expedite the onboarding process in the TRADENET system, the Meeting agreed to prioritize these agencies especially those who have undertaken onboarding activities such as business data gathering and commodity codes identification.

The ARTA, as Vice Chairperson for NSW Onboarding Matters, reported a decision to send out Notices of Warning to agencies that are not responsive and are not complying to the Ease of Doing Business and Anti-Red Tape Advisory Council Resolution No. 12 and ARTA Memorandum Circular No. 2021-01. The EODB-ARTA Council Resolution No. 12 mandates the onboarding of the 73 trade regulatory government agencies involved in the processing and issuance of license, permit, clearance, and certification for movement (import-export-transit) of cargo to the TRADENET on or before the second week of April. ARTA also reported that those who will still fail to comply will be subjected to investigations or appropriate administrative actions including but not limited to violations of RA 11032, AO 23, RA 6713, and RA 3019.

To ensure the sustainability of Cluster Meetings and activities, following agencies were nominated as Chairpersons of their respective NSW-TWG Clusters:Department of Finance – Revenue Office (DOF-RO) for the NSW-TWG Tax and Duty Exempt Cluster; and Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) for the NSW-TWG Relief, Consignment, and Foreign Donations Cluster. ***PR***

HONTIVEROS FILES BILL SEEKING TO END HUNGER AND MALNUTRITION

Senator Risa Hontiveros has filed Senate Bill No. 2126, otherwise known as "Ensuring Zero Hunger for All Filipinos" to address the glaring gaps in the government response in addressing hunger and malnutrition.

"Itutulak ng Zero Hunger Bill ang gobyerno upang unahin ang problema sa gutom at ang karapatan ng bawat Pilipino sa pagkain lalo ngayong marami sa ating mga kababayan ay naitulak sa kahirapan," she said.

"The Philippines has committed to end hunger and eradicate poverty by 2030 as part of its Sustainable Development Goals. Kailangan itong maging pangunahing adhikain. Hindi ito dapat maantala o maipagpaliban dahil buhay ang nakataya," Hontiveros added.

The bill mandates the state to take appropriate steps to ensure the realization of individual's right to food, design policies and fund programs that will create conditions that will free filipinos from hunger and reexamine existing policies on the use, exploitation and management of resources to achieve the goal of ending hunger.

It will also provide for adequate, coherent and transparent policies that encourage and promote private citizen's active participation such as through food banks and community pantries. "Food banks and community pantries should be institutionalized so they can get the right amount of support from the government to serve and reach more people in need," she said.

Moreover, this measure fully integrates the whole of government approach to eradicate hunger. Government and all its instrumentalities would be compelled to work together across portfolio boundaries to achieve an integrated response to eliminate hunger.

Once passed, a Commission on the Right to Adequate Food will also be established as the primary policy-making and coordinating body to guarantee the full exercise of the right to adequate food. A 'National Food Policy' would be formulated by the Commission which will serve as a nationwide framework of programs that will address hunger, help achieve food security, improve nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture.

Through the adoption of a National Food Policy, the government will be held more accountable as any violation of the right to food will be punishable by law, Hontiveros said.

"The real health disaster is still ahead of us. It will not be enough to provide short-term solutions. There should be a long-term perspective to strike at the root of the problem to be able to provide a secure future and ensure the right to food for everyone," she said.

"This proposed law will pave the way for inclusive, social, equal and sustainable growth and development to ensure that there is enough food available for all Filipinos," she concluded. ***PR***

JUNIOR, TINARAKAN NI SENIOR

TILA walang pagsisisi ang isang ama sa ginawa nang ibinaon ang walong pulgadang patalim sa kanyang anak dahil pagod na umano sa katigasan ng ulo nito sa Tanza, Cavite.

Sinusulat ito ay inoobserbahan sa Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo Hospital ang biktima na si Romeo Lasarote Jr., 36, construction worker, ng Brgy Bagtas, Tanza.

Kasong frustrated parricide ang posibleng kaharapin ng suspek na si Romeo Lasarote Sr., 51, ng Brgy Paradahan 2, Tanza.

Sa ulat ni Pat John Paul Cruz, ng Tanza Police Station, dakong alas-4:10 Martes ng hapon naganap ang insidente.

Umiinom umano ng alak ang matandang Lasarote nang nabalitaan nitong may ginawa namang kalokohan ang kanyang anak.

Dahil dito, dala ang isang 8-pulgadang patalim, agad sinugod ang kanyang anak sa tinitirhan nitong bahay at pinagsasaksak.

Matapos ang pananaksak ay tumakas ito subalit sa isinagawang follow up operatiion ng Tanza police at brgy officials ay naaresto ang matandang Lasarote at narekober ang patalim na ginamit habang ang kanyang anak ay isinugod sa ospital.

Ayon kay Cruz, matagal ng may kinikimkim na galit ang suspek sa kanyang anak dahil sa katigasan ng ulo. ***GENE ADSUARA***

HABANG nagpapatrolya sina Kag. Rolando dela Cruz at iba pang kawani ng Barangay 668 Zone-72 sa Ermita, Maynila nitong Abril 22 para sa pagpapatupad ng health protocol bilang iwas sa Covid-19, ay sinita nito ang mga nagkukumpulan sa isang sidecar at naaktuhan may hawak na hinihinalang shabu sina Edilberto Miguel at Rosita Bautista habang ang iba ay mabilis na nakatakbo. Narekober sa mga suspek ang tatlong sachet na hinihinalang shabu. ***(JEROME AMOROSO)***

SA isinagawang buy bust operation ng mga tauhan ng SPD-DDEU ay nadakip ang suspek na si Mark Joseph F. Del Pilar (nasa dulong kanan, kulay asul na damit) na nahulihan ng 4 na pirasong plastic sachet ng hinihinalang shabu sa Vitalez Compound, Brgy. San Isidro, Paranaque City. Ang naging seizing officer ay si Pcpl Joseph Ace Romeroso. ***(JIMMY HAO)***

COVID-19 MEGA HOSPITAL

(Istorya ni Christian Heramis)

SINIMULAN na ang seremoniya para sa groundbreaking ng Manila Mega COVID Field Hospital sa bahagi ng Rizal Park Burnham Green sa lungsod ng Maynila.

Bahagi ito ng proyekto ng pamahalaang lungsod bunsod ng pagtugon sa tumataas na bilang ng mga kaso ng COVID-19 hindi lamang sa Maynila maging sa iba pang parte ng Metro Manila.

Pinangunahan ni Manila Mayor Francisco Isko Moreno Domagoso ang groundbreaking ng Manila MEGA Field Hospital kasama ang ilang opisyal na pamahalaan tulad nina Health Usec. Leopoldo Vega, Vaccine Czar Carlito Galvez Jr., Tourism Secretary Bernadette Romulo-Puyat, NTF Chief Sec. Delfin Lorenzana at MMDA General Manager Jojo Garcia.

Bukod dito, nagsagawa rin ng inspeksyon sa lugar ang mga nasabing opisyal ng pamahalaan kung saan ang Manila Mega Field Hospital na may sukat na 4,402 square meter ay magkakaroon ng 336 bed capacity.

Naglaan ng 154 milyung pisong budget ang pamahalaang lungsod sa nasabing field hospital.

Base rin sa plano, magkakaroon din ito ng anim na wards na mayroong hiwalay na bahagi para sa mga lalaki at babaeng pasyente.

Mayroon din itong palikuran, nurse station para sa bawat ward, sariling water supply, doffing areas, pantry, CCTV cameras at iba pang mga kagamitan na kakailanganin para sa mga pasyenteng tinamaan ng virus.

Sa ngayon, ipinuwesto na ang nasa higit 140 na container vans sa nasabing lugar na gagamitin para sa field hospital kung saan agad na sinimulan ang konstruksyon nito habang target naman ng lokal na pamahalaan ng Maynila na matapos ito ng dalawang buwan.

DINAKIP ng mga tauhan ng SDEU P'que City police station ang mga suspek na sina Jocky Yongco, John Edward Bustamante Mingao at Jennelyn Sumaylo na nakumpiskahan ng 7 pirasong plastic sachet ng hinihinalang shabu sa Barangay B. F. Homes sa lungsod ng P'que. Ang naging seizing officer ay si PCPL Michael Ignacio ng SDEU, P'que Police station. ***(JIMMY HAO)***

Binata 'nilamon' ng ilog

WALA ng buhay nang iahon sa tubig ang 19-anyos na binata matapos lumangoy sa ilog na sakop ng Tanza, Cavite Linggo ng gabi.

Kinilala ang biktima na si Regie Oriada, ng Brgy Santol, Tanza.

Sa ulat ng Tanza Police Station, dakong ala-1:00 ng hapon ay nagkatuwaan ang biktima at ilan nitong kaibigan na maligo sa ilog na sakop ng Brg Santol.

Subalit ilang minuto ang nakakalipas ay hindi na lumutang ang biktima kaya ipinagbigay ng mga kaibigan nito sa awtoridad kung saan mabilis namang nagresponde ang mga miembro ng Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) Cavite Response Team.

Nagsagawa ng Search and Rescue Operation at natagpuan ang katawan ng biktima na wala ng buhay pasado alas-sais ng gabi. ***GENE ADSUARA***

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'Danaw na Danaw'

MALAPIT na ang paglisan ni Gen. Debold Sinas bilang haligi o ama sa bakuran ng Philippine National Police.

Maaga pa subalit ipaabot na natin ang malugod na pagbati ng Maligayang Kaarawan sa ating PNP chief.

Kasabay ng ika-56 kaarawan ni Sinas sa Mayo 8 ay ang kanyang pagreretiro sa serbisyo.

Next in rank sa hanay ng PNP ay si Lt. Gen. Guillermo Eleazar, bilang deputy chief for administration.

Ang 3rd highest post sa PNP ay si Lt. Gen. Joselito Vera Cruz, bilang deputy chief for operations.

Bagong akyat sa posisyon si Cruz dahil nitong Abril 24 ay dumating sa mandatory retirement si Lt. Gen. Cesar Hawthorne Binag na kanyang pinalitan.

Dahil papalapit na rin ang paglisan ni Sinas sa bakuran ng PNP ay nariyan ang katanungan kung sino ang hahalili sa kanya.

Sino kina Eleazar o Cruz?

Pero kalimitan ay nasa tatlong pangalan ang isinusimite na pagpipilian ng Chief Executive para sa panibagong lider ng pambansang pulisya.

Sino ang isa pang heneral?

Siya nga pala, sina Sinas, Eleazar, Binag, at Vera Cruz ay pawing kasapi ng Philippine Military Academy Hinirang Class of 1987.

Mabalik tayo, sino nga kaya ang papalit kay Sinas?

May nagsasabi, 'Danaw na Danaw' na nila ang bagong uupo sa PNP.

HINDI umubra ang suspek na si Lihong Jun (nasa kaliwa) ,26, Chinese national, na sinita ng security personnel ng Pearl Marina Tower, Marina, Barangay Don Galo, P'que City na may nakitaang kahinahinala ay agad tumawag sa presinto sa pamunuan ni P/Major Tirso T. Pascual PCP -3 Commander. Nakumpiska sa kanya ang isang pirasong maliit na sachet ng umano'y shabu at iba pang mga gamit. Naging arresting officer si Reyjie Cajutas, security personnel ng Pearl Marina Tower at ang attesting officer ay si Pat Fhil-mar Padojinog. Naging witness si Kagawad Pastor Rodriguez at ang isang Media. ***(JIMMY HAO)***

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OPERATION TULONG EXPRESS FOR BACOOR FIRE VICTIMS

SM CITY BACOOR, CAVITE – With the pandemic and the recent fire incidents within the City of Bacoor, residents were left wondering what worse life could bring them. Last April 13,2021, hundreds of families were displaced by a fire that gutted 100 homes in Sitio Tibag, Barangay Panapaan III while some residents sustained minor injuries. The victims are currently taking shelter at Gov. P. F. Espiritu Elementary School, with more risk to be exposed with the virus.

SM Cares and SM City Bacoor gifted more than 300 residents Kalinga Packs containing essential goods their families can use during their stay as the City government aid them on their relocation. The Kalinga packs were distributed by SM City Bacoor employees headed by Assistant Mall Manager Mr.Ben Ali Tolention. The goods were picked up by representatives of the families and was delivered to their current evacuation site.

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