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**To fire victims...**

## LGU DASMARIÑAS PROVIDES FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, RELIEF GOODS

**Dasmariñas City, Cavite (PIA)** --The city government provided financial assistance and relief goods to the 114 households affected by the fire that razed several houses in a residential area at Zone 5, Bautista Barangay Sampaloc IV July 3, 2020.

Mayor Jenny Austria-Barzaga led the distribution activity July 10, 2020 at the Barangay Luzviminda II covered court.

The financial assistance was the subject of the resolution passed by the Sangguniang Panlungsod as requested by Mayor Barzaga to help the families left homeless and suffered because of the fire.

The amount granted for the households affected depends on the degree of damage sustained. A total of P3.75M were distributed to the households broken down as follows: P1,880,000 for the 44 households in Block 44 that were totally damaged; P1,845,000 to 44 households that were totally damaged on Block 43; P25,000 to 5 households that were partially damaged; and P210,000 for the 21 households renting.

The families also received assistance from the office of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) who gave 144 packs of Family Food packs; 144 pcs. of sleeping kits; 144 cartons of family kits; and 288 pcs. of bottled water and ready-to-eat food.

Meanwhile, the neighboring city of Imus thru the office of Congressman Alex 'AA' Advincula and represented by Councilors AJ Advincula and Tito Monzon lend a hand in the distribution and also gave food packs and relief goods for the affected families.

In a separate occasion, representatives from the office of Senator Bong Go

came to visit the fire victims and gave financial aid amounting to P5,000 and food packs for each family. The Bautista fire victims are still sheltered in the five barangay covered courts in the city were they were immediately evacuated and given collapsible tents to allow social distancing. Mayor Barzaga assured the local government will continue to help especially in the processing of documents they lost during the fire. (*Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite with report from Dennis Abrina*)

## 11 former NPAs receive almost Php 1M Government Grants

**CAMP CAPINPIN, Tanay, Rizal** — Eleven former rebels received cheques amounting to P86,000 each on Tuesday directly from the head of the government's Task Force Balik Loob which oversees the Enhanced Comprehensive Local Integration Program or E-CLIP.

Undersecretary Reynaldo Mapagu of the Department of National Defense presided over the ceremony which was held after his meeting with CALABARZON's military officers and DILG officials.

During his interaction with the FRs, Usec Mapagu said that "the government's sincerity and commitment to deliver your E-CLIP benefits will never falter, even in the advent of this deadly Covid-19 pandemic."

He assured the FRs that "your reintegration to mainstream society will be monitored by the government, particularly your safety as well as those of your families."

Major General Arnulfo Marcelo Burgos Jr, Commander of the Philippine Army's 2nd Infantry Division, said that "604 former

## Tamang nutrisyon sa First 1000 Days,susi laban sa pagkabansot

**SAN JOSE, Occidental Mindoro (PIA)** -- Mahalaga ang wasto at sapat na nutrisyon mula pagbubuntis hanggang sa ikalawang taon ng isang bata o First 1000 days (F1K), upang maiwasan ang pagkabansot o stunting, ayon sa National Nutrition Council (NNC) Mimaropa.

Ipinaliwanag ni Ma. Eileen Blanco, Regional Nutrition Program Coordinator ng NNC Mimaropa, na sa First 1000 days nagaganap ang simula at pinakamahalagang bahagi ng physical at mental development o pagkabuo ng pisikal na anyo at kaisipan ng sanggol. "Kaya kailangan tiyakin ng pamilya na nakukuha ng ina ang tamang sustansya sa kanyang kinakain upang sapat din ang makuhang nutrisyon ng sanggol sa kanyang sinapupunan," saad ni Blanco.

Ayon sa opisyal, maliban sa tamang pagkain, kabilang sa mga kailangan ng isang buntis ay kumple-

tong pre-natal check-up, pag-inom ng mga bitamina ng ibinibigay ng doktor, at pagtiyak na ang panganganak ay gagawin lamang sa tamang lugar-paanakan (lying-in clinic o pagamutan) at hindi sa bahay. "Mainam na sa tamang pasilidad magsilang, upang matiyak ang kaligtasan kapwa ng ina at ng kanyang anak," pahayag ni Blanco.

Binigyang-dii pa ni Blanco na pinakamainam na gatas lamang ng ina ang ibigay sa sanggol sa unang anim na buwan (exclusive breastfeeding) dahil ang breastmilk ay kumpleto sa lahat ng sustansiya kailangan ng musmos sa naturang panahon.

Payo ng NNC, dapat iwasan ang pagpapainom sa sanggol ng infant formula dahil maaari itong mag-ing-sanni ng impeksyon, allergies, sakit sa puso o kanser sa kanyang pagtanda. Pagsapit ng bata sa ika-anim na buwan, saka pa lamang maaring bigyan ito ng complementary foods na makatulong sa kanyang patuloy na paglaki. Kapag naman nagsimula nang bigyan ang sanggol ng complementary foods, dapat ay patuloy pa ring pasusuhin sa ina ang bata hanggang ito ay mag-dala-wang taong gulang.

Ang First 1000 days ay kinikilala bilang 'golden window of opportunity' sa buhay ng isang indibidwal kung kailan ang kakapusang sa wastong nutrisyon ay maaring magbunga ng

Maj Gen Burgos ended his statement by expressing optimism that "more terrorists will surrender in the coming days because of the prevailing demoralisation across their ranks as well as the lingering fear in their minds brought about by the recent signing of the Anti-Terrorism Act."

He has earlier indicated that additional ground, air and naval assets have been deployed in his area of operations as part of the military's final push to decimate the NPA terrorists who have suffered unprecedented losses in Southern Tagalog in recent history. Under E-CLIP, qualified former rebels can avail up to Php 700,000 worth of government grants which they can use to start in living peaceful lives after turning their backs from the underground movement. (2IDPAO)

mga problemang pangkalusugan sa hinaharap, kabilang na ang stunting o pagkabansot.

Ayon kay Blanco, ang stunting, na isa sa pangunahing mukha ng malnutrition sa bansa, ang sentro ng pagdiriwang ng Buwan ng Nutrisyon ngayon taon na may temang, 'Batang Pinoy Sana Tall, Iwas Stunting Sama All, Iwas All di sa COVID-19'.

"Tamang bigyan ito ng pansin dahil irreversible ang kundisyon ng pagkabansot, at ang epekto ay hindi lang pisikal, kundi mental at sikolohikal", babala ni Blanco. Ang batang bansot aniya ay maaring mahina ang performance sa klase na posibleng madala hanggang siya ay nagta-trabaho na, at madalas ding biktima ng panunuko o bullying.

Paliwanag pa ng opisyal, bagama't bumababa ang kaso ng stunting sa rehiyon bunga ng pagtutulungan ng iba't ibang ahensya at pamahalaang lokal, nananatiling kabilang ang Mimaropa sa tatlong re-

hiyon sa bansa na may pinakamataas na bilang ng mga kaso ng stunting. Ani Blanco, base sa pinakamahalung resulta ng Operation Timbang (OPT) sa Mimaropa, pinakamataas ang stunting prevalence rate ng Palawan (18.9%), sumunod ang Occidental Mindoro (16.5%), Romblon (14.2%), Oriental Mindoro (12.6%), at Marinduque (10.3%).

Panawagan ni Blanco sa lahat, bukod sa kalusugan ng mga buntis at kanilang sanggol, pahalagahan din ang kalusugan ng bawat miyembro ng pamilya. Hindi aniya kailangang mahalin ang mga bibilhing pagkain, at mahalagang sa tuwina ay may gulay at prutas sa hapag-kainan.

"Ang pamahalaan ay lagging handang tumulong kaya't suportahan natin ang mga programang ibinababa sa komunidad, lalo na ang mga programang pang-nutrisyon," ayon pa kay Blanco. (VND/PIA MIMAROPA)

## Increasing COVID-19 cases in Laguna due to population density

**BAY, Laguna (PIA)** — Department of Health Region 4A (DOH 4A) Regional Director Eduardo Janairo clarified that one of the reasons for the increasing number of confirmed Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) cases in the province of Laguna is the population density.

During the Sulong Calabarzon online program of Philippine Information Agency (PIA) Calabarzon, Janairo laid down the identified reasons for the rising number of active cases in the province of Laguna.

"The more population that you have the higher density mas madali ang magkahawahan at magkaroon tayo ng maraming kaso (it is easier to spread and have new cases)," Janairo said.

DOH4A Regional Director Eduardo Janairo stated that out of the 123 Municipalities in the Calabarzon region, only 23 are not affected by COVID-19. While, all the 20 cities in the region have been affected.

He then explained that this figures mean that the more population density, the easier and faster it is to spread the virus.

For instance, in Laguna, Janairo said the province have numerous industries located in its cities like

Technopark where there is higher population of workers plus the number of enclosed population of persons deprived of liberty (PDLs) or inmates. Laguna may also have been faster in contact tracing, hence, the increase in the number of positive COVID-19 cases.

The contribution of Calabarzon to the national cases of COVID19 has only been usually 6 to 7 percent.

With this, he said they are closely monitoring the cases in the region and their goal is to not exceed the 7 percent mark because it will be very alarming if Calabarzon would have more cases compared to Cebu City.

DOH4A RD Janairo also clarified that based on his personal research, COVID-19 is still transferred through droplets. He took a stand that it is not yet proven that the virus is airborne and most of those who claim it to be airborne only based their claims on their experiential agreement.

Janairo said that social distancing, wearing of face mask, washing of hands and personal hygiene remain to be the important ways of preventing the contagion of COVID-19. (Joy Gabrido/PIA4A)

## DA nagkaloob ng kabuhayan sa mga magsasakang apektado ng pagsabog ng Bulkang Taal

**LUNGSOD NG BATANGAS (PIA)** --Nagkaloob ang Department of Agriculture (DA) ng livestock interventions para sa mga magsasakang naapektuhan ng pagsabog ng Bulkang Taal noong ika-3 ng Hulyo, 2020.

Ang pamamahagi ay mula sa Taal Recovery and Rehabilitation Program ng DA Region IV CALABARZON kung saan kabilang ang mga lokal na pamahalaan ng Balete, Bauan, Mataas na Kahoy at Agoncillo. May kabuuang 60 native na kambing (12 modules) at 50 kalabaw (10 modules) ang ibinigay sa mga benepisaryong magsasaka sa bayan ng Balete.

Samantala, 50 broiler chicken modules na may 2,500 piraso, 1,700 piraso (34 modules) at 2,050 piraso (41 modules) naman ang naipamahagi sa mga benepisaryong sa bayan ng Bauan, Mataas na Kahoy at Agoncillo.

Pianganuhan ni Gng. Vilma Dimaculangan, Assistant Regional Director for Research and Regulations at Livestock Program Coordinator ang pamamahagi

ng livestock intervention sa mga naturang lokal na pamahalaan.

"Patuloy pong magkaloob ang DA Calabarzon ng suportang agrikultural para sa ating mga magsasaka hindi lamang po sa mga naapektuhan ng pagsabog ng bulkang kundi maging sa lahat ng magsasaka sa buong rehiyon. Hangad po ng ahensya na matulungan ang ating mga magsasaka sa pagkakaroon o pagpalago ng kanilang hanapbuhay. Marami po kaming programa na nakahanay upang mas matulungan pa sila," ani Dimaculangan.

Nagpahayag naman ng pasasalamat ang mga magsasakang nabigyan ng tulong. Ayon kay Balete Mayor Wilson Maralit, isang napakalaking tulong ito sa kanyang mga kababayanan sapagkat ang mga ito ay naghahangad na muling buhayin ang kanilang mga naiwang pinagkikitaan na lubhang naapektuhan ng pagsabog ng bulkang Taal.

**(BHABY P. DE CASTRO-PIA Batangas with reports from DA-RAFIS)**

## Programa ng OWWA para sa kapakanan ng mga OFW, ibinahagi

**LUNGSOD NG CALAMBA (PIA)**-- Ibinahagi ng Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA) Region IV-A ang ilan sa mga programang nakalaan para sa kapakanan ng mga Overseas Filipino Workers (OFW) na kabilang sa mga lubhang naapektuhan ng pandemyang dulot ng COVID-19.

Sa programang Usapang PIA, inilahad ni OWWO II, Officer in charge – Programs and Services Division of OWWA 4A na si Ms. Sheryl Briton-Caya ang mga impormasyon na napapanahon at kadalsang itinatanong ng public tungkol sa ahensya kaugnay ng pagbibigay ng iba't-ibang serbisyo para sa kapakanan ng mga OFW beneficiaries.

Ilan sa mga mahalang ipinagbibigay alam ni Ms. Sheryl Briton-Caya mula sa OWWA ang mga hakbang na dapat gawin ng isang OFW kung sakaling nais nitong makauwi na ng bansa gayundin ang

makuha o ma-avail ang ilan sa mga benepisyo na nakalaan para sa kanila.

Aniya, kung nais bumalik ng bansa kailangan nilang makapagrehistro online at kapag nakapagrehistro na ang isang indibidwal ay magkakaroon siya ng QR Code na kailangan maipakita sa verification counter na itinalaga sa airport pagdating sa Pilipinas at sa verification counter ay bibigyan sila ng anim na stickers.

"Dun sa verification counter bibigyan sila ng stickers na anim na piraso at yung isa ilalagay nila automatic sa passport tapos proceed na sila sa swab booth. Sa swab booth kukuhanan ng sample and then the rest of the five stickers ibibigay nila sa officer na nagtake ng swab, after ng swab proceed sa counters na magbibigay ng kanilang quarantine facility assignment," pahayag ni Ms. Sheryl Briton-Caya.

Paglilinaw pa ni Ms. Caya, kung ang isang indibidwal

## Magtampisaw ng ganoong karaming tubig?

**TUWING** bago sumapit ang ika-15 ng bawat buwan ay dumating na ang bill sa tubig.

Ibig sabihin, bago magakinse ay paparating na ang bill at kalimitan ay every 16th or 17th of the month ang payment due date.

Dahil nga sa COVID-19 at sa umiral na lockdown ay walang dumating na bill bago sumapit ang Marso 15.

Huling nakapagbayad ng bill para sa konsumo ng Pebrero at ilang buwan nga na walang naganap na meter reading.

Hunyo ay may dumating na bill at ang bayarin ay para sa apat na buwan.

Konsumo ng Marso, Abril, Mayo at Hunyo na ang kabuuang bill para sa apat na buwang konsumo ay P2,000 o dalawang libong piso.

Nangangahuligan na P500 ang bill sa loob ng isang buwan at ang pinakakonsuwelo lamang ay maaaring mabayaran ang P2,000 hanggang Agosto 30.

Wala pa ang lockdown, ang tanging binabayaran lamang ay P130 sa loob

ay landbased OFW kailangan niya magtungo sa OWWA desk at para naman sa mga seafarers ay mayroon itinalagang special desk at kung hindi naman isang OFW, alinman sa turista o student visa ay maaaring magtungo sa Department of Tourism desk at pagkatapos ay ihatid na sila sa mga hotel o quarantine facilities na pagdadahan sa kanila.

Kaugnay nito, bilang welfare agency libreng nagkakaloob ang OWWA ng welfare assistance katulad ng Repatriation Assistance Program na layuning matulungan ang mga OFW sa kanilang pagbabalik sa bansa kung magkakaroon man ng hindi inaanahang problema sa abroad.

Kalakip nito ang pagbibigay ng tulong mula sa air-

## EDITORIAL

### Ano ang ikinatatakot?

NASA 50 quarantine facilities pa ang target ng gobyerno na maipatayo sa buong bansa. Sa kasalukuyan ay mayroong 52,223 available beds sa mga quarantine facilities ng pamahalaan na nakalaan sa mga COVID-19 patients.

Pahayag ng Department of Health na available ang maraming isolation facilities sa pagtanggap ng mga ganitong pasyente.

Però bakit maraming mild COVID-19 patients mula sa pribadong ospital ang ayaw mailipat sa isolation facilities ng pamahalaan?

Sa pahayag ng Private Hospitals Association of the Philippines, Inc. (PHAPI) ay sinasabing mas nais ng nakararaming pasyente na ma-admit sa pagamutan na alam nilang malapit sa kanilang tinitirhan.

Ano ang ikinatatakot nila sa isolation facilities ng pamahalaan?

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# COVID-19 TESTING TO BE MADE AFFORDABLE

**BAY, Laguna (PIA)** – Senator Dick Gordon, Philippine Red Cross (PRC) Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, gladly announced that COVID-19 testing will be made cheaper and affordable for the benefit of the Filipino people.

During the inauguration of the UPLB COVID-19 Molecular Diagnostic Laboratory (CMDL) last Friday, July 10, the Senator took the opportunity to deliver the good news that he was in agreement with Philhealth to lower the cost of Reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) testing to enable more Filipinos especially the underprivileged ones to afford it.

"I have already agreed with Philhealth that we would lower the cost of testing from P3500, it might go down to about P2,500 para mas kaya natin ng mga tao lalo na ang mga mahihirap (so that the people, particularly the poor, can afford it)," he pronounced.

The Senator also encouraged the present local government officials during the inaugural program to undergo COVID-19 testing which he said he had been advising to all local chief executives (LCEs) and other local officials in order to prevent further spread of the virus.

While he appealed to those who are financially able, "If you can afford it, test yourself. If you can afford to help your employees, help them. The government doesn't have all the money in the world. Not even the United States has all the money in the world."

Gordon said he is ultimately concerned to the people in compressed areas and to the informal settlers as the rate of positive cases in the country increases by 5 to 6 percent.

Although he said it is understandable that the rate of cases is expected to continuously rise while testing continues.

Lowering the price of testing will at least help reach

out to the sectors hardly reached and can barely afford getting tested.

He pointed out that along with the need to continue working for the sake of the economy and financial sustenance of poor Filipino families is the need for more and more people to be tested.

"The dilemma is do we allow people to work or do we test first. Obviously all the nations in the world are saying well we allow people to work but we must test," he said.

With this, he said the Philippine Red Cross is totally committed to ensure that everyone who must be tested gets tested and plans to soon conduct house-to-house surveillance. (*Joy Gabrido/PIA4A*)

## 2 motor, nagsalpuhan

**KRITIKAL** ang isang 57-anyos na motorcycle rider habang sugatan ang isa pa nang nagsalpuhan ang kanilang minamanehong motorsiklo sa Bacoor City, Cavite.

Kapwa isinugod sa Binakayan Hospital ang mga biktima sina Rodolfo Ablao at Madelyn Jabay, residente ng Bacoor pero inilipat sa ibang ospital ang una dahil sa maselan nitong kalagayan.

Sa ulat ni Pat Jerome Asid, ng Bacoor City Police Station, dakong alas-8:00 ng gabi nang naganap ang insidente sa kahabaan ng Tirona Highway, sakop ng Brgy Habay 1, Bacoor City, kung saan minamaneho ni Ablao ang kanyang motorsiklong Yamaha Aerox 155 habang si Jabay ay ang motorsiklong Russi at kapwa binabagtas ng dalawa ang naturang lugar.

Pero pagsapit sa Tirona Highway nang nagsalpuhan ang dalawa na nagresulta sa kanilang pagkakasugat at isugod sa ospital.

Sinusulat ito ay hindi pa rin nagkakamalay habang ginagamot sa ospital si Ablao. **GENE ADSUARA**

# Nangursunada, diretso selda

**NASA** kustodiya na ng City Social Welfare Development (CSWD) ang limang menor de edad habang hawak naman ng pulisia ang tatlo pa nilang kasamahan nang pag-tripan na sirain ang isang Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) na pagmamayari ng pamahalaan sa Cavite City.

Kinilala ang mga inaresto na sina Rommer Francisco, Glen Mark Lugapo, at John Michael Araga, pawang nasa wastong edad; alias Mark; Jeremiah; Jonjon; Harry at Denmark, pawang menor de edad at residente ng Cavite City.

Ang walo ay inaresto dahil sa reklamo ng City Govern-

ment. Sa ulat ni PSSgt Armangel Genuino, ng Cavite City Police Station, dakong alas-1:00 ng madaling araw nang napadaan ang naturang grupo sa Brgy 48A, San Antonio, Cavite City at napag-tripan na sirain ang CCTV camera na nagkakahalaga ng P17,370 na nakalagay sa nasabing lugar at pag-aari ng City Government.

Sa insinagawang follow up operation ng mga barangay officials ay naaresto ang mga suspek at sinampahan ng kasong Malicious Mischief. **GENE ADSUARA**

## SC orders quick inspection, destruction of seized drugs

**MANILA** – The Supreme Court (SC) on Wednesday ordered lower court judges handling drug cases to immediately inspect and order the destruction of the seized or surrendered illegal drugs held as a piece of evidence.

In Circular 118-2020, Court Administrator Jose Midas Marquez said regional trial court (RTC) judges are mandated under Republic Act 9165 or the Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002 to conduct ocular inspections of the seized dangerous drugs within 72 hours from the filing of a criminal complaint in court.

They are also mandated to issue a destruction order within 24 hours after the ocular inspection.

This came as Marquez met with some judges and Philippine National Police chief, Gen. Archie Gamboa, who raised that seized or surrendered dangerous drugs remain in the custody of law enforcement agents due to the delays in the issuance of court orders for their destruction.

In cases where the seized dangerous drugs are physically brought to the court, the court shall issue the order of destruction of the drugs "within 24 hours therefrom", Marquez said. Under Marquez's directive, courts with pending drugs cases where the seized dangerous drugs amount

to more than five kilograms, which have not yet conducted the necessary ocular inspection of the seized drugs and issued orders for their destruction "shall immediately conduct the ocular inspection and within 24 hours therefrom, issue the destruction orders after retaining the required representative samples thereof."

Section 21(4) of RA 9165 provides that after the filing of a criminal case, "the court shall, within 72 hours, conduct an ocular inspection of the confiscated, seized and/or surrendered dangerous drugs, plant sources of dangerous drugs, and controlled precursors and essential chemicals, including the instruments/paraphernalia and/or laboratory equipment, and through the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency shall within 24 hours thereafter proceed with the destruction or burning of the same, in the presence of the accused or the person/s from whom such items were confiscated and/or seized, or his/her representative or counsel,

a representative from the media and the Department of Justice, civil society groups and any elected official... provided that a representative sample, duly weighed and recorded is retained." (**PNA**)

# Labor chief assures gov't assistance, job opportunities for returning OFWs, displaced workers

**CALOOCAN CITY (PIA)** --Labor and Employment Secretary Silvestre Bello III once more laid out the various programs of the labor department to ensure the availability of government assistance and job opportunities for the returning overseas Filipino workers as well as for local workers who lost their jobs because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

During the Pre-SONA Forum" with the Participatory Governance, and Human Development & Poverty Reduction Cabinet clusters on Wednesday, Bello said DOLE is ready to assist workers and OFWs who will permanently lose their jobs to receive the benefits they are entitled to.

He said they anticipated the rise in unemployment as businesses temporarily closed due to the pandemic.

The labor chief said, upon the return of displaced OFWs, they will be provided with livelihood opportunities, cash assistance of P20,000 will also be available if they want to start a small business.

"There is a program called Balik Pinas! Balik Hanapbuhay!, a package of livelihood support and other assistance intended to provide immediate relief to returning OFWs that include a maximum of Php 20,000.00 as start-up or additional capital for a livelihood project or small business," Bello said.

"For those who have teaching experience, we have 'Sa Pinas, Ikaw ang Ma'am at Sir' program. I have talked to DepEd Sec. Liling Briones and

requested her if they can prioritize hiring returning OFWs who are teachers by profession," Bello added.

"Sa 'Pinas, Ikaw ang Ma'am at Sir" is a collaborative project of DOLE, Department of Education (DepEd), Commission on Higher Education (CHED), Technical Education Skills Development Authority (TESDA) and Professional Regulations Commission (PRC) to assist OFWs who worked as professional teachers or household service workers (HSWs) abroad by providing employment to them as teachers upon their return to the Philippines. The labor chief also highlighted the full implementation of the Build, Build, Build Program with some 400,000 job opportunities.

"I have talked with DPWH Secretary Mark Villar and DOTR Secretary Arthur Tugade and they have committed to hire construction workers from among the returning OFWs," Bello said.

"The BPO industry has also informed us of current opening for some 6,000 call center agents, and I also requested them to prioritize returning OFWs," the labor chief said. Since the onset of COVID-19 pandemic, many OFWs have been left with no choice but to return to the country after losing their jobs abroad temporarily or permanently.

As of June 7, a total of 55,859 Filipinos from different countries had returned to the Philippines – 17,419 of whom were land-based while 38,440 were sea-based. (**PIA-NCR**)

## Defense chief urges for 'rules-based' order in South China Sea

### CALOOCAN CITY (PIA)

-- Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana on Wednesday urged for "rules-based" order in the South China Sea following a latest statement by the United States rejecting China's claim of owning nearly the entire South China Sea. "We strongly agree with the position of the international community that there should be a rules-based order in the South China Sea," Lorenzana said in a statement sent to the PIA-NCR.

"We urge China to comply with the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) ruling, and abide by the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Seas (UNCLOS) to which it is a signatory," he added, calling on the Chinese government to abide by international law and comply with the 2016 arbitral ruling that nullified the Chinese claims.

The United States on Tuesday rejected as "illegal" most of China's territorial claims in the South China Sea. It also

branded as "completely unlawful" China's expansive claims across most of the South China Sea.

China, for its part, is asserting its claim to almost the entire South China Sea, including areas being claimed by the Philippines, Brunei, Malaysia and Vietnam.

"It is in the best interest of regional stability that China heed the call of the community of nations to follow international law and honor existing international agreements," Lorenzana said.

Lorenzana also expressed hope for the finalization of the Code of Conduct in the South China Sea in order to settle disputes and prevent the escalation of tensions in the region.

"Moving forward, we continue to push for the finalization of a substantive Code of Conduct in the South China Sea to settle disputes and prevent the escalation of tensions in the region," he said. (**PIA NCR**)

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The Body Shop was founded in 1976 by Dame Anita Roddick in Little Hampton, England. The beauty brand pioneered corporate activism and was built on a philosophy that business can be a force for good. With its brand expression, Beauty with Heart, the company continues to be focused on five core values: Against Animal Testing, Support Community Fair Trade, Activate Self Esteem, Defend Human Rights and Protect The Planet.

All products are created using the finest ingredients sourced from the four corners of the globe, which are not tested on animals and are 100% vegetarian. The Body Shop has been in the Philippine market for eighteen years with over 55 strategically located stores nationwide.

ever, whenever, for that instant 'ahhh' feeling and 48-hour hydration.

- Get the perfect sun-kissed look with less time in the sunshine with The Body Shop's new sensorial bronzing range looks. Enriched with Community Fair Trade Coconut from Samoa and 100% vegan, it looks exactly how the sun-shine feels.

• Treat yourself to a calming bedtime routine with The Body Shop's new French Lavender Pillow Mist infused with lavender essential oil from beauti-

ful Provence. Simply spritz on your pillow, close your eyes, breath in . . . and sweet dreams.

The Body Shop's self-care essentials are available in The Body Shop stores, Call & Deliver, Lazada, Shopee and ShopSM. Join The Body Shop's Viber Community to know more about Call & Deliver and other promos. The Body Shop now accepts SM Advantage Card for points earning and redemption, SM and Sodexo premium pass in all The Body Shop stores nationwide.



Hydrate on-the-go with The Body Shop's **Vitamin E Skin Cooling Mist** with natural raspberry extract to create a refreshing hydration for all skin types.



Simply spritz The French Lavender Pillow Mist to your pillow to soothe you to sleep. The pillow mist is infused with lavender essential oil from the beautiful Provence, France.



Dust The Body Shop's **Coconut Bronze Sun Kissed Bronzing Powder** over your skin for a natural looking tan all year round.



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After being homebound for some time, this is the best time to re-visit The SM Store and enjoy its So Many Markdowns.

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Whether it's for organizing the home or planning for a future trip this **Samsonite Popsoda Suitcase** is a great bargain. Original Price: 14,250.00 Markdown Price: 8,550.00



Take your little one for short morning walks in your place safely and securely with this **Picolo Pinkstripe Stroller**. Original Price: 2,999.75 Markdown Price: 2,100.00



Add a pop of color to your kitchen with this retro **Gene Elijah Bar Stool**. Original Price: 2,495.00 Markdown Price: 1,746.50



Have all the little one's needs in one place for every important trip with this **Ollin Taryn Sling Diaper Bag**. Original Price: 899.75 Markdown Price: 719.80



Relieve the pain on your neck and shoulders with this **portable Neck Massager**. Original Price: 1,999.75 Markdown Price: 999.75



Bring your own coffee, juice or tea with this double wall **Aqua Vacuum Flask** that will help keep your drinks hot or cold from sunrise to sundown. Original Price: 299.75 Markdown Price: 149.87



Get organized with this set of 3 **tropical Mini Box**. Original Price: 399.00 Markdown Price: 280.00



Neutralize noise with this noise-cancelling, **Wireless Headset** by SM Accessories. Original Price: 499.75 Markdown Price: 249.00



Make your kids' days more upbeat with these cute, printed **SM Accessories Kids' Earphones**. \*Sold separately. Original Price: 149.75 Markdown Price: 74.00



Express your ideas and feelings in a notebook that is just as fabulous – **Unicorn Sequins Notebook**. Original Price: 249.75 Markdown Price: 169.00



Keep your kids active with this **Mickey Foldable Trike**. Original Price: 2,299.75 Markdown Price: 1,999.75

# REDEFINING THE CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE AT SM CENTER IMUS

You can now have your much needed beauty products and essential merchandises with a curbside drive through, or stay home and have

your essentials delivered at your doorstep by a personal shopper as SM CENTER IMUS redefines customer service during these challenging times through SM Center Imus's official messenger and contact numbers, SM Center Imus Center Concierge, Get and Go, and SM Cavite Community Rider services.

Chat with us by simply contacting us through messenger, @SMCenterImus or call our mall admin to find out the availability of essentials and answers to any mall queries that you may have. It's a system designed for your convenience and tailored to your preference.

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With the many options of convenience the mall provides, SM Center Imus is only getting started. Ushering a new era of customer experience, the mall will continue to provide safe and efficient solutions for the benefit of its shoppers. For more information on the SM Center Imus, follow us on Facebook.



## PSC exec nag pasalamat sa LandBank sa pag-alis ng padding ng pad payment

Ang opisyal ng Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) na si Ramon Fernandez ay nagpasalamat sa Land Bank of the Philippines sa pagbibigay sa kanyang opisina ng isang head-up hinggil sa umano'y payroll padding scheme na ginawa ng isa sa mga empleyado nito.

Si Marietta Cabusao, katuwang na bise presidente ng LandBank, ang unang natuklasan ang mga manalinlang na pagkilos ni Paul Michael Ignacio nang mapansin niya ang isang hindi pangkaraniwang pattern sa kanyang mga transaksyon sa payroll.

Ayon sa LandBank, ginamit ni Ignacio ang mga pangalan ng mga pambansang atleta at coach hindi na tumatanggap ng mga allowance mula sa PSC at ginamit ang kanyang account sa bangko, na humantong sa anomalya ng payroll padding.

"Nais naming pasalamat ang pamamahala ng Landbank para ipaalam sa amin kaagad noong nakaraang Hulyo 7," sinabi ni Fernandez sa isang pagpupulong, sa unang pagkakataon na pinag-uusapan niya ang

isyu.

Matapos malantad ang scheme, sinabi ni Fernandez na agad na humingi ng tulog ang PSC sa National Bureau of Investigation (NBI).

"Naghihintay lang kami sa resulta ng kanilang (NBI) na pagtatanong," ani Fernandez.

Tulad ng ipinag-uutos ni Pangulong Rodrigo Duterte, sinabi ni Fernandez na naging misyon ng mga opisyal ng PSC na pinamumuan ni chairman Butch Ramirez na maalis ang anumang anyo ng katiwalian sa ahensya.

"Natutuwa kami na natuklasan namin ito," sinabi ni Fernandez tungkol sa iregularidad.

Si Fernandez, dating superstar ng Philippine Basketball Association, nauna nang nanumpa na ang PSC ay "hindi kailanman mag-aalinlangan sa kanyang tungkulin na protektahan ang interes ng mga stakeholder at mamaya'y Pilipino".

"Inaasahan namin na makarating tayo sa katotohanan at dalhin ang responsible sa hustisya nang mabilis," aniya.

## IM "RICKY" DE GUZMAN KAMPEON SA ASIAN SENIORS ZONE 3.3 ONLINE CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Pinagharian ni International Master (IM) Ricardo "Ricky" de Guzman ang Asian Seniors Zone 3.3 (50 and over) Online Chess Championships matapos ang dating Filipino Asian Junior champion ay nagwagi kontra kay Rudijanto Majella ng Indonesia sa final round.

Ang mahalagang panalo ay naghatid kay De Guzman sa pagtala ng 6.0 points, iskor ding naitala nina Grandmaster (GM) Rogelio "Joey" Antonio Jr. at National Master (NM) Rudy Ibanez na kanyang dinaig sa tie break points. Ang dating solo leader na si Antonio ay nabigo na makopo ang korona matapos makipaghatiaan ng puntos kay International Master (IM) Dede Lioe ng Indonesia at magkasya sa second place.

Si Ibanez, head coach ng Arellano University chess team ang gumiba naman kay Soi-Hock Lee ng Malaysia tungo sa over-all 3rd.

Nakamit ni Antonio ang second place sa 2017 World Seniors sa Acqui Terme, Italy, tubong Calapan City, Oriental Mindoro native si Antonio ay nakasama ang kapwa GMs

na sina Rogelio "Banjo" Barcenilla Jr., Mark Paragua at Darwin Laylo sa first FIDE Online Olympiad matapos manalo kay International Master (IM) Paulo Bersamina sa play off para sa last slot sa PH chess team.

Tampok din sa fourth place si International Master (IM) Petronio Roca na suportado ang kanyang kampanya niya dito nina Rep. Elpidio "Pidi" Frani Barza Jr. at ng Skin Magical Dasma Carsigma ay pinayuko si Baga Marojahan Sagala ng Indonesia tungo sa total 5.5 points.

Bumida din si National Master (NM) Jonathan Tan na may 5.0 points para sa fifth place at pagkumpleto sa Filipino domination.

Ang iba pang Pinoy wood-pushers na lumahok ay sina IM Chito Garma (8th place), NM Rolzon Rouullo (10th), James Infiesto (13th), engineer Joel Hipcap (16th), AGM/Dr. Alfredo "Fred" Paez (17th), Nunilon Fulo III (18th), AIM Emmanuel Asi (24th), Jimmy Dano (25th), Jimmy Sigaya (27th), NM Mario Mangubat (29th), Joselito Asi (30th), Joselito Cada (31st), Father Vic Arellano (34th), IM Angelo Young



(37th), Danilo Reyes (38th), Atty. Jose "Jong" Guevarra Jr. (39th), Felix Duterte (44th), Augusto Marcial (46th), NM Alexander Lu-

pian (47th), IM Emmanuel Senador (48th) at AIM Martin "Binky" Gaticales (49th). (*Marlon Bernardino*)

## Arnis umaasa sa Vietnam SEAG

Inaasahan ng mga manlalaro ng Arnis na mula sa Cordilleras ang isport na gusto nila ay isasama sa 2021 Timog Silangang Asya (SEAG) na magiging host ng Vietnam.

Kamakailan lamang ay naglabas ang Vietnam ng 36 na mga kaganapan na balak nilang isama kapag nag-host sila ng kaganapan sa Nobyembre sa susunod na taon.

Tatlong mga kaganapan na pinangungunahan ng Pilipinas ang huling dula ay hindi natatalo lalo na ang arnis, triathlon, at lahi ng kurso ng balakid (OCR). Sa kabilang pagkawala ng kaganapan, ang mga manlalaro dito ay nananatiling positibo at sumassailim pa rin sa kanilang regular na pagsasanay.

Sinabi ng gintong medalya na si Elmer Manlapas nitong na nanatiling umaasa siya na ang arnis ay isasama dahil aktibo siyang ginagawa ang pagsasanay sa kabilang pag-uwis sa nakaraang apat na buwan dahil sa sakit na coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemya. "(Kami ay) umaasa pa rin na ang arnis ay isasama sa SEA Games," sinabi nito sa social media.

"Patuloy ang aming programa sa pagsasanay," idinagdag ang 19-taong-gulang na mag-aaral sa University of Baguio (UB). Ang isa pang gintong medalya, si Crisamuel Delfin ay umaasa na ang mga pinuno ng palakasan ng Pilipinas tulad ng punong Komisyon ng Olympics ng Pilipinas na si Abraham "Bambol" Tolentino ay patuloy na mag-lobby para sa pagsasama ng mga kaganapan na pinangunguhanan ng bansa sa huling SEAG.

"Naghihintay pa rin kami ng pag-update mula sa PEKAF (Philippine Escri-

ma, Kali Arnis Federation) at sa pag-aprubha (Naghihintay pa kami ng kumpirmasyon mula sa PEKAF at ang pag-aprubha nito)," sabi ni Delfin.

Si Delfin ay nag-hogged ng mga pamagat noong nakaraang taon nang tumanggi siyang maglaro sa finals nang pumayag siyang huwag magsuot ng mga panandaliang ilalim ng kanyang loin cloth, sinasabing laban ito sa kanyang kultura bilang isang Cordilleran.

Si Delfin, na natapos na ang kanyang kurso sa pamamahala ng negosyo sa Jose Rizal College sa Binangonan, Rizal kung saan siya ay umalis ngayon kasama ang kanyang ina, kalaunan ay pinabilis at nagpunta upang manalo ng ginto sa arnis-ano.

Sa kabilang takot na ang arnis ay hindi isasama sa ika-31 SEAG, ginugol ni Delfin ang oras na maperpektong kanyang mga galaw sa isport na gusto niya.

Ang Philippine arnis team ay nagwagi ng 14 na gintong medalya, anim na silvers at dalawang tanso na medalya, ang pinaka-mahusay na gumaganap na iskuwad na Pilipino sa ika-30 larong SEA.

Ang mga manlalaro mula sa Baguio at Benguet ay nagkakaloob ng tatlong gintong medalya, isang pilak at tanso.

Bukod sa dalawa, ang mga manlalaro na umuwi na may medalya ay sina Abigail Abad (ginto), Billy Joel Valenzuela (pilak) at Eza Rai Yalong (tanso).

Umaasa din para sa isa pang SEAG ay balakid na takbo ng karera ng atleta na si Sandi Menchi Abahan, na nanalo ng ginto sa kaganapang iyon noong nakaraang taon.



**PINALIWANAG** ni Edwin Gastanes POC Secretary General / PFF Official ang mga protocol pag dating sa mga events na pinayagan sa pagsasanay na sports event at iba pang mga nararapat gawin upang maiwasan ang madaling pagkahawa sa pandemik na Covid - 19 sa kanyang paglahok sa via online Zoom "Usapang Sports" ng Tabloid Organization in the Philippines TOPS. (RGN)



(RGN)



## NO CHOICE SI BELA PADILLA



**WALANG** nagawa si Bela Padilla at itinuloy ang pagsasampa ng kauklang kaso.

No choice ang aktres, need gawin iyon siyempre para sa kanyang seguridad at kaligtasan.

Sino ba naman ang hindi matatakot o makakaramdam ng kaba kung ikaw ay mayroong stalker.

Mahirap para sa isang babae na kagaya ni Bela na siya ay may stalker na lalaki.

Yes, nagpasya na si Bela na isampa ang kaso sa tanggapan ng piskalya sa Mandaluyong City.

Bago dumulog sa prosecutors office ay nagpunta muna si Bela sa police station.

Sa presinto ay isinalaysay

ng aktres ang buong kuwento o pangayari.

Batay sa paglalahad ni Bela ay nitong Hulyo 9 ay sinundan siya ng lalaki.

Ang lalaki ay nasa 33 ang edad at mula sa Paranaque City na binubuntutan ang aktres habang papauwi sa tinutuluyang condominium. Sa takot ng aktres ay ipinaalam ang pangayari sa mga guwardiya.

Ang siste ay tumagal pa ng ilang minuto bago ganap na naitaboy ng mga sekyu ang lalaki.

Batay sa pagpapakilala ng lalaki ay classmate siya ng aktres sa Davao City.

Well, sinusulat natin ito ay wala pa tayong latest o development sa naturang kaso.

Hirap din ang mayroong



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KUNG sa likod na pagmagsahe ay literal na masarap dahil sa nararamdam man pagkarelaks o ginahawa subalit bakit iba na ngayong sa harap na. Hindi na sarap dulot ng ginhawa bagkus ay nasasarapan si Mikel na nababalot ng kiliti.

"Okey na 'yan, sige na at magbibis ka na. Siguro naman ay makakatulog ka na niyan."

Tinapos na kaagad ni Lea ang pagmagsahe sa bahaging dibdib ni Mikel. Nakikita at nararamdam kasi ni Lea na kakainba na ang mga ngiti mula kay Mikel.

Nagsuot na nga ng damit pang-itaas si Mikel at padapang inilatac ang sarili sa kama.

Nakamasid lang naman sa kanya si Lea at nagbabantay sa pagkakatulog niya.

Dulot ng massage na ibinigay ni Lea kaya naman napadali na para kay Mikel ang makatulog.

"Naku at mabuti naman kung ganoon, sana nga

ay magdire-diretso na 'yan."

Sa paglipas ng mga araw ay masaya ang lola ni Mikel nang malamang maayos nakakatulog ang kanyang apo.

Diretso ang pagtakbo ng buhay para sa kanila, si lola ay natutukang mai-gi ang maliit na negosyo. Si Mikel naman ay natatuon sa kanyang pag-aarial habang Lea ay sa trabaho.

Responsibilidad ni Lea si Mikel gabi-gabi lalo na sa kumplikadong oras.

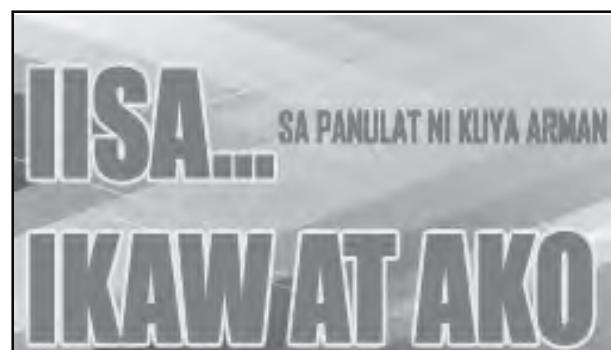
May mga pagkakataon na nauulit ang ginagawang pagmagsahe ni Lea kay Mikel.

Madalang naman nang-yayari iyon, swerte lamang kung kahit isang beses kada linggo.

Nakakatulugan na rin kasi minsan ni Mikel ang kanyang pag-aarial.

Nadadatnan nga ni Lea ang libro o anong baba-sahin na Mikel na nakakatulugan nito.

*(Itutuloy)*



**(Ika-68 labas)**

**PANAY** ang paghingi ng tawad ni Jane kay Ramil at ganoon din naman si Bernard kay Cecile.

Walang tugon mula kina Cecile at Ramil sa halip ay nagbilin sa dalawang kasama nilang lalaki bago lumabas.

"Kayo na ang bahala sa magsyotang 'yan, alam na ninyo ang dapat gawin sa dalawang 'yan."

Binalot ng matinding takot sina Jane at Bernard sa habiling iyon nina Cecile at Ramil sa dalawang lalaki.

Sa salitang iyon nina Ramil at Cecile ay nasa pagpapasya na ng dalawang lalaki ang susunod na mga hakbang.

Pwedeng desisyon na ng dalawang lalaki kung patayin na ba sina Jane at Bernard.

Kung anong klase o uring pagpatay ang gagawin sa kanila ng dalawang lalaki?

Papatayin ba sila sa pamamagitan ng pagbaril o pananaksak?

Doon na ba mismo isasagawa ang pagpatay sa kanila o sa ibang lugar? "Ramil...Ramil...parang awa mo."

"Cecile...Cecile...nakikiusap ako sa iyo."

stalker, kailangan ay mag-ing alisto at alerto tayo. Pero the best ay ihabla ang stalker para na rin sa inyong safety.

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**PROUD SI JINKEE**

Sa Instagram account na kamakailan ay post sa unang tingin ay si Jinkee Pacquiao.

Aakalain mo na ang may-babay ni Pembansang Kamao Senator Manny Pacquiao ang buntis o nagdadalan-tao.

Ang post na larawan ay nagsasabing 12 weeks na ang pagbubuntis.

Però hindi po siya si Jinkee Pacquiao, sa halip ay ang kanyang kakambal na si

Habul-habol pa rin ang paghiyaw at pagmama-kaawa nina Bernard at Jane.

Però sadyang hindi na sila pinakinggan nina Ramil at Cecile hanggang sa makalabas.

"Paano na 'yan, nasa mga kamay na namin ang buhay ninyong magsyota."

"Magpaalam na kayo sa isa't isa dahil ito na ang huling pagsasama at pag-kikita ninyo."

Hinatak ng isang lalaki si Jane at nilagyan ng piring sa mga mata bago sila lumabas.

"Saan ninyo ako dadalhin?"

Bago pa muli makapagsalita ay tinakpan na rin ng panyo ang bibig ni Jane.

Nasa labas na si Jane at hawak siya ng isang lalaki, wala siyang matanaw dahil may takip ang kanyang mga mata.

Inaasahan ni Jane na ang isususnod na ilalabas ng isa pang lalaki ay si Bernard.

Naghihintay si Jane nang biglang makarinig ng isang malakas na sigaw mula kay Bernard.

Kasunod ay ang...

"Bang...Bang..."

**(Sundan)**

Janet Jamora.

Kung 12 weeks pregnant na ang kambal ni Jinkee, meaning ay nasa tatlong buwan na ang tiyan nito.

Kaya naman very thankful ang mister ni Janet na si Steven Jumalon.

Para kay Steven ay considered bst gift ang pagbubuntis ng kanyang misis.

Very proud naman siyempre ang misis ni Senator Manny at si Jinkee ang bumati sa kanyang kapatid.

Dalawa na ang anak ng mag-asawa, sina Ella at Raymond.

Pebrero 2016 nang ikasal sina Janet at Steven sa Sarangani Province.

# MGA DAYUHANG PASAHERO, KAKAUNTI

**BUMAGSAK ng halos 95 porsiyente ang bilang ng pumasok at umalis na mga dayuhang pasahero sa bansa nang nagsimula ang community quarantine, ayon sa Bureau of Immigration (BI).**

Ang nasabing pagbagsak na bilang ng pasahero ay dahil sa suspension ng mga international flights ng mga airlines dagdag pa ang travel restriction na ipinapairal dahil sa COVID-19 pandemic.

"We do not foresee these statistics to rise in the near future while the entire world is still fighting to defeat this coronavirus," ayon sa the BI Chief.

Gayunman, siniguro pa rin ng opisyal ang pagiging alerto ng mga BI officers na nagmamando sa mga ports laban sa mga illegal na dayuhan at human trafficking.

Sinabi naman ni Immigra-

tion Deputy Spokesperson at BI National Operations Center (BINOC) Acting Chief Melvin Mabulac na umabot sa 189,000 pasahero ang dumating mula March 16 hanggang June 30 taliwas sa mahigit na 5.16 million na mga dumating na mga pasahero sa kaparehas na taon. Dagdag pa nito na 238,000 na mga pasahero ang umalis naman sa bansa kumpara sa 5.18 million noong nakaraang taon. Nabatid na nito lamang June pinayagan ng pamahalaan ang pagre-resume ng international flights sa Clark at Mactan airports. "Also included in these figures are the more than 16,000 seafarers who disembarked after being quarantined aboard their vessels anchored at the Manila Bay," ayon kay BINOC Acting Chief.

**GENE ADSUARA**

## 34 irresponsableng magulang sinampolan, kulong sa Maynila

**DINAKIP** ng mga tauhan ng Special Mayor's Reaction Team (SMaRT) ang may 34 na mga magulang dahil sa kapabayaan ng mga ito sa kanilang mga anak na pawang mga menor de edad na lumabas ng kanilang bahay alinsunod sa panuntunan na ipinapatupad ng Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF). Ito ay dahil sa ipinag-utos ni Manila Mayor Isko Moreno Domagoso laban sa mga pabayang magulang at paglabag sa umiiral na Ordinance No. 8243 o ang Anti-Child Endangerment Act. Batay sa panuntunan ng IATF, ang edad 20 pababa ay hindi maaaring lumabas ng kanilang bahay bilang pag-iingat dahil na rin sa kinakaharap na pandemya dulot ng COVID-19 kung saan nasa ilalim bansa sa State of Health Emergency. Ayon kay SMaRT Chief Rosalino Ibay Jr., isinagawa ang operasyon sa Barangay 228, 221, 61, 56, 55, 53, 52, 51, at 50 katuwang ang ilang mga tauhan ng Manila Police District (MPD) Station

As commuter woes continue, Hontiveros pushes anew for return of public transpo via service contracting

**SENATOR** Risa Hontiveros has called on the government anew to adopt service contracting with the public transportation sector, so that more buses, jeepneys and other mass transport can soon serve commuters struggling daily in Metro Manila and other areas under general community quarantine (GCQ). "Patuloy ang pahirapang biyahe para sa ating mananakay, habang wala paring kita ang madaming driver. Hindi dapat yan ang 'new normal.' Government should engage the public transport sector via service contracting to enable the speedy and safe return of jeeps and buses to our streets," Hontiveros said. The senator reiterated her proposal after news reports continue to show commuters forced to endure long walks and lines due to the limited availability of public transportation in Metro Manila and nearby provinces, along with drivers of traditional jeepneys forced to beg in the streets due to months of lost income.

"Lagpas isang buwan na matapos ang simula ng GCQ, hanggang ngayon hindi pa rin makabalik sa biyahe ang maraming jeepney driver. Hindi malinaw at magkakasalungat ang mga anunsyo ng Department of Transportation (DOTr) sa resumption ng traditional jeepney at bus routes," Hontiveros said. "Nasaan na 'yung sinasabing plano at aksyon ng pamahalaan para maibsan ang hirap ng mga driver at commuter?" She said that government should enter into service contracts with operators and drivers of buses, jeeps and other public transportation to ensure that more mass transport options will soon become available, and that these will be more compliant to health and safety measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Under a service contract scheme, Hontiveros noted, government will pay operators and drivers a per kilometer fee to ply their routes in lieu of the traditional mode of collecting payments from passengers. This arrangement, she said, ensures steady income for drivers and

operators and allows government to strictly enforce health measures, such as wearing of masks and social distancing in public transport vehicles.

"Subok na ang service contracting. In fact, it has been used by some local government units to great effect during and after the enhanced community quarantine (ECQ). At kung safety measures ang pag-uusapan, matagal na ring sinabi ng mga drivers and operators na handa silang sumunod sa kahit anong health guideline ang ipapatupad ng pamahalaan, basta ito ay malinaw at hindi pabago-bago," Hontiveros said.

According to Hontiveros, government should immediately implement service contracting or other means to rapidly expand the country's public transport capacity, if government wants to achieve its goal of restoring the economy to 75 percent capacity by this month. "Hindi babangon ang ekonomiya natin kung laging late o hindi makapasok ang mga employado dahil sa walang public transport," she said.

Hontiveros also said that government should not push "untimely and unproductive" policies such as the virtual phaseout of

One-stop-shop para sa ABS-CBN employees na mawawalan ng trabaho, pinakakasa sa DOLE

**IPANUNUKALA** ng Malakanyang sa Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) na maglagay ng one-stop-shops ABS-CBN compound para sa mga empleyado na mawawalan ng trabaho. Ito ang sinabi ni Presidential spokesperson Harry Roque na maaaring humingi ng tulong ang mga empleyado ng ABS-CBN na mawawalan ng hanapbuhay sa pamahalaan. Nag-anunsyo na kasi ang ABS-CBN na ititigil na nito ang operasyon ng ilan sa kanilang mga negosyo kaya't magbabawas sila ng kanilang mga manggawa sa katapusan ng Agosto matapos na mabigo ang media firm na makakuha ng bagong prangkisa mula sa Kongreso. "Siguro ang gagawin ko, kokontakin ko si DOLE Secretary Silvestre Bello III and I will encourage him to open a one-stop shop doon siguro sa ABS-CBN to assist those

traditional jeepneys during the pandemic, and instead just focus on service contracting and other programs that will directly address the problems faced by commuters and drivers alike.

"Unahan natin ang kapakanan ng mga commuter na



**TINATAYANG** 80-100 barung barong ang natupok ng apoy sa Blk.15 Baseco Compound, Gasangan, Port Area, Manila, dakong 2:45 ng hapon kamakailan na umabot sa 2nd alarm at tumagal ng isa at kalahating oras. **CHRISTIAN HERAMIS**

# DTI ENJOINS LGUS TO EXTEND CURFEW HOURS TO ALLOW MORE DINE-IN TIME

PASIG CITY (PIA) -- Trade and Industry Secretary Ramon Lopez encourages local government units (LGUs) to extend the curfew hours in their areas to allow more time for restaurants to accommodate more dine-in customers.

During the Laging Handa Public Briefing, Lopez encouraged LGUs to extend their curfew hours from 10 p.m. to 12 midnight to allow more time for dine-in customers to generate more revenues.

"Ini-enjoin din natin [sana] ang mga local government units na i-allow po nila sana yung extension nung curfew nila, imbes na 10 p.m. ay gawing 12 in the evening para po yung mga restaurants can operate up to about 10 to 11 p.m. at dun po yung maximum operating hours nila," said Lopez.

He also said that longer operational hours for restaurants can also generate additional revenues.

"Sana magawa po yun dahil makakadagdag po sa kikita nung mga workers."

Lopez explained that longer operating hours will add more turnover at least during the dinner period. He

## GSIS extends COVID-19 Emergency Loan application until Aug. 12

PASIG CITY (PIA) -- State pension fund Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) has announced that it will extend its emergency loan program until August 12, 2020.

According to GSIS, the COVID-19 Emergency Loan is available nationwide to all GSIS members, old age, and disability pensioners.

The GSIS loan assistance of P20,000 is payable in three years at six percent (6%) interest rate per annum.

Loan applications can be

added that dinner would normally account for 40 to 50 percent of the revenue in a day.

The DTI chief also said that by July 21, that operating capacity of dine-in restaurants in GCQ areas will be increased from 30 percent to 50 percent. While an increase from 50 percent to 75 percent in MGCQ areas.

However, Lopez stressed that strict health and safety measures should still be implemented.

"Ang isang istrikong papairalin pa rin doon ay yung social distancing, siguraduhing maganda ang ventilation, yung exhaust system at kung saan po pwede magkaroon ng mga clear acrylic dividers para po yung mga medyo magkakatabi, or hindi eksaktong magkatapan ay siguradong safe sila. Walang transmission, hindi mag spread ang anumang disease sa mga kumakain ang mga customers. Para makadagdag ingat dito sa mga dine in restaurants."

Lopez also cited a very good compliance rating to restaurants which is being monitored by the DTI daily and done digitally. (PIA-NCR)

made via online or thru the GWAPS Kiosk.

The emergency loan is payable in three years with an interest of only 6% per annum. The relaxed eligibility requirements and increased loanable amount will be implemented for the duration of the crisis due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

For more information, please visit the GSIS website [www.gsis.gov.ph](http://www.gsis.gov.ph) or Facebook Page @gsis.ph, or call the GSIS Call Center Hotline (02) 8847-47-47. (PIA-NCR)

# LandBank releases P3.02-B in loans to help farmers, fishers boost productivity

CALOOCAN CITY (PIA)

-- The Land Bank of the Philippines (LandBank), in partnership with the Department of Agriculture (DA), has released a total of P2.5 billion in loans to 19,367 eligible farmer and fisherfolk borrowers as of June 30, 2020, a statement sent to the PIA-NCR said. Of the total borrowers, 19,189 are small farmers and fishers (SFFs), 119 are micro and small enterprises (MSEs), and 59 are farmers and fisherfolk cooperatives/associations, LandBank said in pursuit of its mandate to support the country's agriculture sector.

Under the Agricultural Competitiveness Enhancement Fund (ACEF) Lending Program, the bank continues to provide affordable financial assistance to farmers and fishers, as well as their cooperatives and associations, to help increase their productivity and profitability.

Direct lending under the ACEF Lending Program has been made available

to eligible borrowers at an affordable interest rate of 2% per annum.

"LandBank is continuously working with the Department of Agriculture to intensify our support to the agriculture sector. Through the ACEF and ERCA-RCEF Loan Programs, we aim to assist more farmers and fishers, as well as their cooperatives and associations, so they can boost their productivity and profitability, and contribute significantly in ensuring food security in the country especially with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic," LandBank president and CEO Cecilia C. Borromeo said.

Individual farmers and fishers may use the loan under the program for the purchase of farm inputs and equipment or for farm improvement. For MSEs, cooperatives and associations, the loan may be used for the acquisition of machineries, equipment and facilities for agri-based production and post-production, as well as processing.

Moreover, LandBank has released a total of P527.3 million in loans to 3,115 rice farmers and 22 cooperatives as of end-June 2020 under the Expanded Rice Credit Assistance under the Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund (ERCA-RCEF) Program.

The ERCA-RCEF Program was implemented to provide support to farmers following the implementation of the Republic Act No. 11203 or the Rice Tariffication Law. The Bank is one of the implementing agencies for the P1-billion RCEF allocation for credit, and mandated to make available P500 million in loans annually to rice farmers in 59 out of 80 rice-producing provinces covered by the Program from year 2019 to 2024.

Direct lending under the ERCA-RCEF Program has been made available to eligible borrowers at an affordable interest rate of 2%

per annum. For on-lending, interest rate is at 0% per annum with prescribed pass-on rate to end-borrowers of up to 6% per annum.

Individual farmers may use the loan under the Program for the purchase of farm inputs for rice and rice seed production, and acquisition of farm machineries and equipment for production and post-production.

For cooperatives, the loan may be used for the purchase of farm inputs for rice and rice seed production as a collective operation, working capital for rice and rice seed trading operation and other rice farming-related activities, acquisition of machineries and equipment, relending to small rice farmers listed in the Registry System for Basic Sectors in Agriculture (RSBSA), and rediscounting of existing loans of small rice farmers listed in the RSBSA. (PIA NCR)

## Paalala ng MIAA sa mga pasahero: Kumpirmahan ang flight schedule bago magtungo sa airport

LUNGSOD PASIG (PIA)

— Pinaalalahanan si Manila International Airport Authority (MIAA) General Manager Eddie Montreal sa mga pasahero na kumpirmahan ang kanilang flight schedule bago magtungo sa airport.

"Ako po'y humihiling at um-aapela, uulitin ko yung lagi naming sinasabi na sana po 'pag hindi po confirmed ang inyong mga ticket o kaya wala po kayong ticket huwag sana po tayo pumunta sa paliparan o kaya saan mang lugar na malapit sa paliparan," wika ni Montreal sa ginanap na Public Briefing nitong Lunes.

Aniya, kailangang tiyakin ng mga pasahero ang kanilang flight at siguraduhin gaya ng travel pass at health certificate. (PIA-NCR)

mga dokumento.

"Kailangan din po na kumpleto ang mga dokumento. Kailangan po meron po silang travel pass, meron po silang medical certificate na kinakailangan po ng mga local government sa pagdating nila sa kanilang destinasyon."

Nanawagan din si Montreal sa tulong at kooperasyon ng mga mananakay upang hindi sila maabala pagdatting sa paliparan.

Ibinahagi rin ng tagapanggasiwa ng MIAA na katuwang nila ang Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) para sa mga dokumentong kailangan ng mga pasahero gaya ng travel pass at health certificate. (PIA-NCR)



## SHARP RETURN, NAKASILAT

Nakadehado ang kabayong si Sharp Return sa takbuhanan naganap sa karerahan ng Metro Turf sa Malvar, Batangas, na kung saan ay marami kaagad ang nalaglag sa unang iskoran ng Winner Take All event dahil nagdala lamang siya ng benta na P60,201 mula sa kabuuang benta na P2,794,752. Sumegundo sa karerang iyan ang naging paborito na si Hello Junior at tersero naman ang bumanderang si Quincy. Hindi nakita ng magandang pagtakbo sa laban na iyan sina Whatdreamsmaycome at Daldalero na tila naghahanap pa ulit ng tamang grupo, habang sina Born Unto Battle at Barangka ay parehong nakababa na ulit sa Condition Race 22 na grupo. Sa kasunod na takbuhanan ay dikit na nagkatalo ang tatlong kalahok na sina Tempus Fugit ni Jesse Guce, Suzie Cat at Laughing Tiger, sa tagpong iyan ay napabor lang kina Jesse ang ikli ng distansiya. Nakapag-pahinga naman sa harapan ang tersero liyamadong si Storm Shadow, dahil diyan ay hindi na nagawang talunin pa siya ng mga nakalaban na sina Hold Me Tight Baby at Mahilig. Nagpakita din ng galing ang hineteng si Unoh Hernandez sa kabayong si Kapayapaan matapos niyang maunahan sa puwestuhan ang mahigpit na nakatunggal na si Derham Park hanggang sa tapusin ang laban. Turnersero ang bumanderang si Manila Bay na nakita na ng buti kahit pa mabigat ang kanyang nalabanan. Samantala, hugandong nagwagi ang outstanding favorite na si Shanghai Grey na maraming marami pa nung tumawid sa meta at nakapagtala ng matulin na oras na 1:11.8 (24'-22'-25') para sa 1,200 meters na distansiya bilang mananakbo.

# TRANSAKSIYON NG MGA 'TULAK' DIRETSO KAHIT CURFEW

SA kabilang mahigpit pa ring ipinapairal ang curfew sa ilalim ng Community Quarantine, mis-tulang binabale-wala at kabi-kabiilaan pa rin ang ginagawang transaksiyon sa ipinagbabawal na gamot matapos na nasabat ang tinatayang mahigit sa P300K halaga ng shabu sa isang tao habang umabot naman sa 35 na iba pang tulak ang dinampot sa isinagawang magdamagang buy bust operation sa magkakahiwatalay na lugar sa Cavite.

Kinilala ang mga naarestong tulak na sina Kevin Carlo Pascual, 29; Christopher Hernandez, 43; Jernica Hernandez, 44; Ma. Maricar Cuazon, 26; Vergie Magat, 38; Rose Maica Frias, 26; at Mary Ann Corollo, 33; Johaimin Diaka, 27; Norsina Limbona, 27; Salman Batugan, 26; George Sapanta, 47 at Dennis Pugong Zapanta,

64, pawang sa Bacoor City; Romero Estores, 59; John Cris Naig, 29, at Andy Dimapiles, 47, pawang sa Rosario; Jay R Asunson at Danny Novales, 54, kapwa sa Tagaytay City; Rod Dela Cruz, 29; Mary Jane Sierra, 41; Kennedy Cuenca, 49; Karen Gail Manuel, 33, at Teresita Santos, 54, pawang sa Bacoor City; Angelyn de Guzman, 29; Reynan Veras, 33, at Fernan Zantua, 22, pawang sa General Mariano Alvarez (GMA); Ferdinand Medalla at Reynan Apostol, kapwa nasa wastong edad; Joel Cabrillas, 28; Renald Luna, 35; at Jemma Camerino, 48; Rhodora Alonzo, 49; Ernesto Roman, 59; Harold Samson, 21; Jonas Peruche at Alfie Gopez y Mendoza, pawang sa Imus City; Eugene Dela Torre, 36, at June Cordero, 46, kapwa sa Gen Trias City.

Sa ulat ng Cavite Provincial Police Office (CPPO), isinagawa ang buy bust op-

eration sa pagitan ng alas-12:30 ng hatinggabi alas-4:40 ng madaling araw sa magkakahiwatalay na lugar sa lalawigan. Sa datos, nanguna ang Bacoor City kung saan 16 na pawang mga tulak ang inaresto kasunod ang Imus City (10), tig-3 naman sa Rosario at GMA at tig-2 sa Tagaytay City at Gen Trias City, pawang sa Cavite. Subalit sa magdamagang buy bust operation, namumukod ang pag-aresto kay Pascual kung san sinita ito dahil sa curfew na naabutan sa kalsada dakong alas-2:30 ng madaling

araw sa Aragon St., Panapaan 1 Bacoor City. Sinita ang suspek at tinanong ang hawak nitong itim na helmet subalit imbes na ipakita ay sinigawan pa ang mga awtoridad dahilan upang arestuhin at inspeksiyun kung saan nakuha sa kanyang pag-iingat ang tinatayang 50 gramo ng shabu na may street value na P325,000. Inihanda ang pagsasampa ng kasong paglabag sa RA 9165 sa mga naarestong suspek na kasalukuyang nakakulong sa Cavite Custodial Center. **GENE ADSUARA**



**PINANGUNAHAN** nina Paranaque City Mayor Edwin L. Olivarez, 1st District Congressman Eric L. Olivarez, at P'que City Police, chief P/Col. Robin King Sarmiento ang pagwasak sa mga illegal na video kerera at fruit games na nakumpiska ng pamahalaang lokal bilang tugon sa kampanya laban sa illegal gambling sa lungsod. **(JIMMY HAO)**

## Nabugnot sa lockdown, nanaksak ng kaanak ni esmi

**HINIHINALANG** naburyong dahil sa Community Quarantine, pinagsasak-sak hanggang sa napatay ang isang 32-anyos na lalaking kumukop at nagpatira sa kanilang bahay sa Gen Trias City, Cavite. Isinugod pa sa Gen Trias City Hospital ang bikti-mang si Charie Mangyao, may-asawa, ng MS Building Brgy San Juan 2, Gen Trias City, dahil sa mga saksak sa katawan na tinamo mula sa suspek na si Clemente Duran, 49, binata, ng nasabing address.

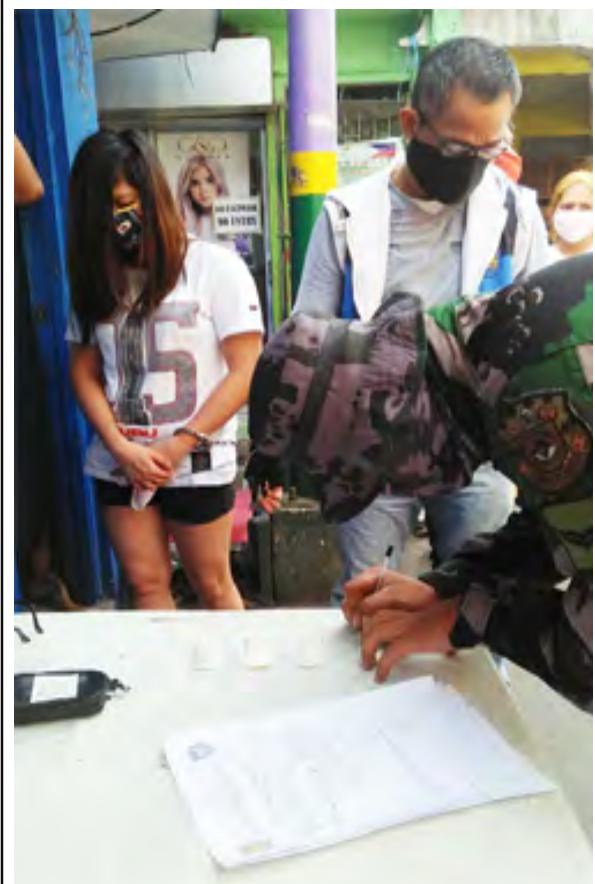
Sa ulat ni PSSgt Ernesto Angue, Jr., mahimbing na natutolog ang biktima at asawa nitong si Jane, 30, nang naalimpungan ang huli at nikitang sinasaksak ang kanyang mister ng suspek.

Tinangka rin na saksakin si Jane pero mabilis itong nakatakbo palabas ng bahay at humingi ng saklolo

sa mga rumurodang barangay tanod na nagresulta sa pagkakaaresto ng suspek. Ayon kay Angue, nitong mga nakaraang araw ay nakitaan umano ng pagkabangot ang suspek dahil nasa loob lamang ng bahay na kinukop ng mag-asawa na tumira sa kanilang bahay upang maghanap ng trabaho.

"Kamag-anak ni Jane ang suspek at dinala sa kanilang bahay nitong buwan ng Pebrero upang maghanap ng trabaho pero naabutan ng lockdown kaya istambay siya at nagkukulong lang sa bahay," ayon kay Angue.

Hinala ni Angue na naburyong ang suspek dahil nakatigil lamang ng bahay sahi ng umiiral na lockdown, bagama't patuloy ang isinasagawang imbestigasyon ng pulisya sa motibo sa pagpatay. **GENE ADSUARA**



**KALABOSO** si Miriam Bondoc y dela Torre na na-kumpiskahan ng 4 na pirasong plastic sachet ng hinihinalang shabu sa buy bust operation na isinagawa sa Sampaloc Ave., Sampaloc Site II, B. F. Homes, P'que City. Ang mga arresting officer ay sina Pcpl. Joefrey Maret, Pcpl. Gerald Sison, at Pcpl. Christian DonDon Salasa, ng PCP-5, P'que City Police. **(JIMMY HAO)**

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## Kumpiyansa sa DepEd?

**KALIWA'T** kanan ang komentong natatanggap ng Department of Education.

Pero sa kabilang nito ay tuloy ang kagawaran para sa pagbubukas ng klase sa darating na Agosto 24.

Malaki ang paniwala at kumpiyansa ng DepEd na ang mga ipatutupad na mga hakbang sa school opening ay magiging epektibo.

Sabi nga ni Education Secretary Leonor Briones, may Covid man o wala ay tuloy lamang ang pag-aaral.

Sa madaling salita ay nahanda ang kagawaran para sa pagbubukas ng school year.

Malalaman din naman iyan kung kakayanin ng DepEd, kung mayroon ngang sapat na kaalaman para yakapin ang ganitong kalaking trabaho o responsibilidad.

Ang mahalaga para sa kahilim ay maipagpatuloy ang edukasyon sa mga bata.

Kung tatanungan at paulitulit na tatanungan si Bri-

ones kung ready ba ang DepEd, tanging tugon ng kahilim na handa ang kagawaran.

Nakikita naman ang problema tulad sa walang magagamit na gadgets para sa online platforms. Wika nga ng opisyal, hindi naman ito lang ang tanging paraan upang ipagpatuloy ang pag-aaral.

Hindi man ubra ang online ay nariyan ang telebisyon o ang radio, ibig sabihin ay may alternatibo.

Walang internet connection, maaaring ipapadala sa mga paaralan at tahanan ang mga printed modules sa tulong na rin ng local government units.

Para sa mga magulang, nasa inyo na po iyan kung kayo ba ay mababahala.

Nasa inyo rin po kung ibibigay ang kumpiyansa sa DepEd sa panahon tayo ay nasa pandemya.

Sa pagkakaalam natin, batay sa huling datos ay mahigit 20-milyong estudiante ang nakapag-patala na sa iba't ibang pampubliko at pribadong paaralan sa buong bansa.



**SA** isinagawang Oplan GALUGAD ng PCP-2 ay apat na pawang menor de edad ang nahulihan ng marijuana sa Macapagal Ave., harap ng City of Dreams, Tambo, P'que City. Kasama ang mga tauhan ng barangay at DSWD na nagsilbing mga testigo. **(JIMMY HAO)**