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MAN BIKES FROM CAVITE TO PANGASINAN TO MEET GIRLFRIEND

ANDA, Pangasinan – A man from Cavite pedaled for 21 hours amid bad weather to Anda town in Pangasinan province to personally meet his long-distance girlfriend.

John Paul 'JP' Gatbonton started his journey for a 'fairy-tale' and not-your-average chick flick stunt on October 10 from Imus, Cavite with the intent to say "I love you" face-to-face to Donna Ocomen who lives here.

JP and Donna met each other some time ago through a Facebook group. He was working in Cavite, while Donna was a second-year Accountancy student then.

"The Life of an Introvert" name nung Facebook group. Nagpost ako dun noong January 22, nag comment naman siya, and in-add ko siya sa FB (The name of the Facebook group is The Life of an Introvert. I posted there on January 22 (this year), she commented and I added her on Facebook," he said in an interview Tuesday.

Gatbonton said he did not expect that a simple online conversation would spark the romance between them.

He fell in love and began courting Ocomen on February 1.

Gatbonton said they both planned to meet each other personally but due to the sudden lockdown brought about by the coronavirus disease (Covid-19) pandemic, it became impossible for him to travel.

Travel from Pangasinan to Metro Manila has been banned since the lockdown last March.

But that did not stop him from pursuing Ocomen. Gatbonton then began securing the necessary documents, such as barangay and health certificates, and travel authority. On October 10, he left Cavite to his parents' home in Nueva Ecija. From there, he rested for a night and then continued his travel to Pangasinan early morning the following day.

Gatbonton braved the rains and winds brought about by Tropical Depres-

sion Nika ravaging the Ilocos Region.

The 13-hour trip from Nueva Ecija to Anda was a difficult one as the latter is an island municipality in the far western side of Pangasinan that is only accessible through a 400-meter long bridge across the Kakiputan Channel.

Before this, Gatbonton traveled through a series of elevated and zigzag routes in Sual town, and steep slopes and terrains of Alaminos City, Bani, and Bolinao towns --a harsh challenge for bikers.

Not to mention a load of Gatbonton's baggage for the long travel—his phone, power bank, travel documents, clothes, repair kit, and gift for his girlfriend.

He arrived in Anda late in the afternoon on October 12. He was met by Ocomen's parents as they fetched him from town proper.

"My tiredness and weariness were immediately swept away as I caught a glimpse of my love at her home," Gatbonton said, adding this was the first time they have met.

Gatbonton said he was deeply shy but at the same time happy.

After spending time for a date, he then mustered his courage to ask Ocomen if she could be his girlfriend "legally". They had a mutual understanding prior to his visit to Donna's home.

"Legal na kami (we are now legally boyfriend and girlfriend)," he said.

As of posting, Gatbonton is staying at Ocomen's house while undergoing a 14-day quarantine as per order from local authorities.

Ocomen is staying in a boarding house where she is taking her online classes as the internet and data connection in their area is weak.

"Walang distansya sa love at kapag mahal mo ang isang tao, gagawin mo lahat para sa kanya at maging tapat sa isa't-isa (In love, distance would not matter and if you love the person, you will do everything for her and you should both be faithful to one another," he said. (PNA)

18 Cavite LCEs commit to more than P30M budget for local TB enactment

TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite (PIA) -- Eighteen local chief executives in the province recently participated and completed the USAID's TB Platforms Project Usapang Dibdiban Online Forum (one-on-one session) for a comprehensive analysis on the TB-related activities and the corresponding budget required to have a strengthened TB response during COVID-19.

With support from the Department of Interior and Local Government Unit (DILG), the mayors from the cities of General Trias, Dasmariñas, Bacoor, Imus, Tagaytay, and Trece Martires and the municipalities of Tanza, Maragondon, Amadeo, General Emilio Aguinaldo, Naic, Magallanes, Kawit, Carmona, Alfonso, Mendez, General Mariano Alvarez, and Silang initially committed a total of P30M as counterpart budget to the Philippine government's allocation for TB for the year 2021 and welcomed the technical assistance packages proposed by USAID's TB Platforms which include strengthening of local TB response amid COVID-19 thru technical support in drafting or amending the TB ordinance, capacity building on the preparation of TB classified cost elimination plan, orientation on the implementation of FAST strategy in health facilities, conduct of community TB screening and implementation of TB in workplace settings.

Likewise, all the mayors are supportive of their health offices' proposed development of the 2021 Operational and Budget Plan for TB as this will identify the necessary requirements of the city/municipality in terms of procurement of TB drugs and XRay machines, hiring of additional human resources like nurses and medical technologists specifically assigned for the TB program and incentives for barangay health-care workers serving the strengthened TB response in communities.

USAID's TB Platforms presented the need for the establishment of the Primary Care Provider Network (PCPN) and Health Care Provider Network (HCPN)

and all local government units along with their Provincial NTP coordinator have agreed that the city/municipal council along with their respective health offices will discuss how to effectively push this initiative which may include the engagement of the Samahan ng mga Barangay Kagawads (network of barangay councils) as part of the oversight committee.

During the discussion, USAID's TB Platforms Sustainable Finance Specialist Dr. Dave Lozada shared the importance of local chief executives support for the implementation of Universal Health Care Act and the approval of the local health board to prioritize TB in the health agenda.

Meanwhile, USAID's TB Platforms Health Governance Specialist Lilian de Leon coordinates with the Provincial DILG for the engagement of all local chief executives in the preparation of the local TB ordinances and appropriation of budget while the regional field office team led by Dr. Karen Dalawangbayan directly works with the municipal health offices and the NTP medical coordinators for the full implementation of the TB response.

Cavite Provincial NTP Medical Coordinator Dr. Armand Dotollo, on the other hand, committed to support all LGUs in engaging the Provincial Governor and the Provincial Health Board to make TB a priority amid COVID-19.

DILG Provincial Director Mr. Lionel Galope who was present in almost all Usapang Dibdiban sessions committed to help USAID's TB Platforms in monitoring the full implementation of the local TB programs in Cavite especially next year at the province face more challenges posed by the pandemic.

"If we will not act now, it will be too late. Our health-care workers are already exhausted while our communities are afraid of COVID-19 and TB. Local chief executives need to be in the forefront of TB response amid COVID-19," stated Galope. (Ruel Francisco/Ms. Diwata Paredes of USAID TB Platforms Project)

LGU Imus' Project Punla strengthens city's agricultural sector

IMUS, Cavite (PIA) -- The City Government here together with the City Agriculture Services Office takes pride in its agriculture program 'Project Punla' that was recognized recently and supported by the Department of Agriculture (DA).

Mayor Maliksi said, "Project Punla was conceptualized to strengthen the agricultural sector, to help the farmers affected during the pandemic, to bring back the people's interest in farming, and to give priority to till the idle lands in the city."

According to Vice Mayor Ony Cantimbuhan, the program has three plans: the short term is focused on the city's rice and vegetable farmers; the mid-term for those engaged in backyard gardening, and the long term is the utilization of large idle lands in the city for organic farming.

The short term plan involves the purchase of all the farm produce of the rice and vegetable farmers particularly the fresh vegetables which in turn will be distributed as relief packs to COVID-19 positive patients of the city.

The mid-term plan is the promotion of backyard gardening or urban farm-

ing to residents during the pandemic that somehow contributed to the food security and provided them an alternative source of income.

Meanwhile, the long-term plan is the use of idle lands in the city for organic farming that would yield high value crops resulting to bigger income for farmers. During the Farmers' Month celebration, Imus City Agriculturist Mr. Robert R. Marges highlighted the importance of farming saying, "Agriculture is seen as one of the key measures to restart the economy."

On the other hand, Agriculture Secretary William Dar acknowledged the farmers in his video message, "Our farmers are the real frontliners in agriculture because they feed the entire people of the country, and the victory we gain in the war against the pandemic is thru the provision of adequate supply of food."

The DA and Imus LGU recently signed a memorandum of agreement (MOA) for a partnership between in support of the Project Punla under the Plant, Plant, Plant Program of the department. (Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite/Imus City Information Office)

Tanod, 33 pa; dakma sa droga

BINITBIT ng Cavite Police ang tatlumput apat na mga drug pusher kabilang ang isang barangay tanod sa isinagawang buy bust operation sa magkakahimalay na lugar sa probinsiya.

Sa ulat ng Cavite Police Provincial Office (CPPO), dakong alas-7:00 ng umaga hanggang alas-11:00 ng gabi nang isinagawa ang buy bust operation sa limang lungsod at pitong bayan sa.

Nanguna sa may pinakamataas na naaresto ang Cavite City at General Mariano Alvarez (GMA) na may tig-7; sumunod ang Trece Martires City at Rosario na may tig-5;

sa Gen Trias City; Naic at Maragondon na tig-2; at tig-1 naman ang Tagaytay City, Alfonso; Silang at Noveleta na tig-1 o kabuuan na 34.

Sa nasabing operasyon, naaresto ang isang tanod ng Brgy Luksugan, Ilaya, Alfonso dakong alas-9:00 ng umaga.

Kinilala ang tanod na si Arjay Montenegro, 34, na nakipagtransaksiyon sa isang poseur buyer sa naturang barangay at nagresulta sa kanyang pagkakaaresto at nakumpiska ang sachet ng shbau at P500 na buy bust money. **GENE ADSUARA**

PAMPUBLIKONG OSPITAL SA BACOR CITY, BINUKSAN NA NG DOH-CALABARZON

BINUKSAN na ng Department of Health (DOH)-CALABARZON ang isang bagong ospital na magbibigay ng higit na serbisyong medikal sa Cavite. Ayon kay DOH-CALABARZON Regional Director Eduardo C. Janairo, dati itong Bacoor District Hospital, pinalitan ng Southern Regional Tagalog Hospital (SRTH) na matatagpuan sa Bacoor City, Cavite. Nang binago sa ibang namamahala, naniniwala ito na higit na makakapagbigay ng serbisyong medikal at pinaplano ding gawing development center for health sa Cavite hanggang sa ito ay isang academic at specialty training hospital sa rehiyon. "When we renationalized STRH, we recognize the need for more health care services that will provide appropriate and effective health care services in the community. We also aspired to make it a development center for health in Cavite and later an academic and specialty training hospital in the region," ayon kay Janairo sa kanyang mensahe sa blessing at inauguration ng ospital.

Dagdag pa ng director na hindi na kinakailangan pang magtungo sa Maynila ang mga Caviteño dahil available na rin ang serbisyong ospital. Kabilang sa mga wards na binuksan ay ang OB Covid ward, OB operating room, OB delivery room, respiratory ward, medical ICU at radiology bukod pa ang women and child protection unit, Cavite healthcare provider network command center at telemedicine and teledentistry unit. Sa kasalukuyan ang STRH ay ginagamit na ang outpatient consultation para sa Pediatrics, Medicine, OB/GYNE at Surgery at mayroon na ring laboratory pa sa blood services, pharmacy, first level x-ray services at ultrasound services maging ang dental, family planning, bemonc (basic emergency obstetrics and newborn care), newborn screening na may hearing test, VIA examination para sa cervical cancer at animal bite treatment center at mother baby friendly facility na nagpo-promote ng breastfeeding. **GENE ADSUARA**

SSS itinalaga ang BS2MPC bilang bagong Partner Agent

BACOR, Cavite (PIA) --Pormal na itinalaga ang Bagong Silang 2 Multipurpose Cooperative (BS2MPC) bilang bagong Servicing at Collecting Partner Agent (PA) ng Social Security System (SSS) matapos lumagda ng Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) noong Setyembre 9 sa tanggapan ng BS2MPC. Sa ilalim ng SSS Partner Accreditation Program, ang BS2MPC ay inaatasang tanggapin at suriin ang registration forms, member loan application forms, funeral benefit claims, at iba pang dokumento na isinumite ng kanilang mga kasapi na miyembro rin ng SSS. Maaari rin silang mag-isyu ng Certificate of Fact of Death para sa Death Claim Application na isumite sa kanila. Awtorisado din ang kooperatiba na mangolekta ng SSS contributions, loan amortizations, at iba pang miscellaneous payments. Sa tulong ng programang ito, mas mapapadali at mapapabilis ang pagpoproseso ng transaksyon ng higit 6,000 miyembro ng kooperatiba dahil sila mismo ang maghahatid ng sebisyo ng SSS sa kanilang komunidad. Dahil katuwang na ng SSS ang BS2MPC, inasahang may benepisyo at

pribilehiyong matatanggap ang mga miyembro sa oras ng kanilang pangangailangan. Pinangunahan nina SSS Bacoor Branch Head II Josephine S. Hipolito at BS2MPC General Manager Maria Jenet S. Avelilla ang paglagda sa MOA habang naging saksi sina BS2MPC Board of Directors Chairperson Cecilia S. Asuncion, at BS2MPC Human Resource/Administrative Head Analey R. Lopez. **(PIA-Cavite at ulat mula kay Haidee Consignado, SSS)**

SC reorganizes memberships of 3 divisions

MANILA – The Supreme Court (SC) has implemented a reorganization of its three divisions following the appointment of Associate Justice Ricardo Rosario. In Special Order No. 2795 issued by Chief Justice Diosdado Peralta dated October 9 and released on Monday, the reorganization would take effect on October 19 with the first division to be chaired by him with Associate Justice Alfredo Benjamin S. Caguioa as

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'Wag kang mag-alaga ng hayop

ANG sabi nga, ang aso raw ang mas maaasahan at mainam na kaibigan. Kumbaga ay man's best friend daw, eh komporme po ba kayo sa kasabihang ito? Sadyang maraming nag-aalaga ng aso, maging imported man o iyong kung tawagin ay 'askal.' Ang 'askal' ay simpleng pagkain lamang kumpara sa may lahing aso na siyempre ay imported foods ang ibinibigay ng amo. Binibihisan pa at sinusuotan ng pampers, dahil imported ay sa malambot pang kama nahihiga sa loob ng silid na may aircon. Mayroon din namang amo na kahit 'askal' lamang ang alaga ay binibihisan din at itinatabi sa pagtulog. Kapag ganyan ang trato sa aso, imported o 'askal' man, ay masasabing ang amo ay isang responsible pet owner. Maraming nag-aalaga ng aso subalit hindi alam ang tunay na kahulugan at responsibilidad ng pagiging amo sa hayop. Ang alagang aso ay dapat nasa loob lamang ng bakuran o bahay at hindi hahayaang makalabas at makagala kung saansaan. Maraming perwisyonang dulot ang asong pagala-gala sa lansangan at ugat din ng kapahamakan o minsan ay kamatayan.

Bukod sa 'dumi' ay ang nakakatakot ay ang makakagat ang aso. Ito pa, ang asong pagalagala ay isa rin sa dahilan ng disgrasya sa motor-siklo. Kapag ang aso ang nakadisgrasya ay walang lulutang na amo. Pero kapag ang aso ang nadisgrasya ay mabilis pa sa alas-kwatro ang amo na magpapakita at magpapakilala. May alam ako dati na naaksidente na nakamoto na hinabol ng limang 'askal' at nang magtanong ang rider kung sino ang mga may-ari ng mga aso ay walang nagpakilalang mga amo. Malaki ang pagkakaiba ng nag-aalaga sa nagmamahal ng aso, kung basta alaga ka lamang ay huwag ka ng mag-aso. Hindi lamang aso ang itinuturing na paboritong inaalagaan dahil nariyan ang pusa, mga isda sa aquarium, ibon at iba pang hayop. Ulitin lamang po natin, sa pag-aalaga ng hayop ay kaakibat ang pagmamahal. Kung hindi ka marunong magmamahal sa hayop ay huwag ka ng mag-alaga. Naririnig ko rin ang usapan na ang mga alagang hayop daw ay nagliligtas o sumasalo ng buhay sa pamilya ng amo nito. Naniniwala po ba kayo rito?

working chairperson, and Associate Justices Rosmari D. Carandang, Rodil V. Zalameda, and Samuel H. Gaerlan as members. On the other hand, the second division will be chaired by Senior Associate Justice Estela M. Perlas Bernabe with Associate Justices Alexander G. Gesmundo, Amy C. Lazaro Javier, Mario V. Lopez, and Priscilla J. Baltazar Padilla as members. Associate Justice Marvic Leonen will head the third division with Associate Justices Ramon Paul L.

Hernando, Henri Jean Paul B. Inting, Edgardo L. delos Santos, and Rosario as members. Rosario, the SC's 189th associate justice, was appointed by President Rodrigo Duterte last week. He replaced Associate Justice Jose Reyes Jr. who mandatorily retired from service after turning 70 on September 18. He served as a Court of Appeals justice and a trial court judge in Manila and Makati. **(PNA)**

EDITORIAL

'Paskong-Basa'

PARA sa mga mahihirap ay bukambibig nila tuwing sasapit ang kapaskuhan ang katagang 'Paskong-Tuyo.' **Lalongayon ay higit na nakakarami ang maririnigan natin ng naturang kataga. Ito ay bunsod nga ng pandemiyang tumama sa ating bansa na nagbigay ng matinding dagok sa marami nating kababayang manggagawa. Sa Pasko na darating ngayong taon ay hindi lamang 'Paskong-Tuyo' ang mararansan. Maging ang mga mayayaman o nakakaangat sa buhay ay makakaranas naman ng 'Paskong-Basa.' Sa pagtataya ng PAGASA ay sinasabing makakaranas ang bansa ng maulan na Pasko. Hindi lang sa Pasko kundi sa mismong Bagong Taon ay mararanasan ang pag-ulan dulot ng La Niña.**

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UKBAS 2020: FIGHT AGAINST DRUGS, PROMOTES HEALTH AMID COVID PANDEMIC

BACCOOR, Cavite (PIA) -- The City Government here will celebrate the UKBAS 2020 on October 25, 2020 at 5am with a cycling event.

Ugnayan ng Kapulisan, Barangay at Siklista (UKBAS) is a project of the Bacoor City PNP that aims to intensify awareness and information campaign against drugs abuse and emphasizes the importance of health and fitness through biking and exercise.

With this year's theme, "Bike Safely," the celebration will focus on the inauguration and launching of the Bikers' Lane.

About 50 cyclist participants composed of city and barangay officials, and Peace & Order safety officers will assemble at the corner of Molino Road and Molino Boulevard then navigate the stretch of the lane up to Bacoor City Hall.

The event features, 'The Bike With a Heart' under the Lingap Bisikleta program of the City Government that will award 165 brand new bicycles to deserving city

government employees nominated by friends, families, or co-employees thru nomination letters written and submitted before 12mn of October 15, 2020.

Fifty (50) winners from the city frontliners will be announced as nominated by their department heads, while the remaining 115 winners will be posted in the City Government of Bacoor FB page during the celebration.

Nominees must be between 21-59 years old, the nomination letter must state the reason why the nominee is worthy of the award. Letters can be submitted thru email at ukbas2020@gmail.com, or thru text messaging at 0956- 7462279, or personally deliver to the City Information Office at the 3rd floor of the Bacoor Government Center.

Mayor Lani Revilla has enjoyed everyone saying, "Tara na! Mag bike na! Kontra droga at kontra pandemya." **(Ruel Francisco/Bacoor City Information Office)**

DA celebrates Batangas egg industry on World Egg Day

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) -- CALABARZON Regional Development Council (RDC) Chair and Batangas Governor Hermilando Mandanas recognized the importance of eggs in livestock production and consumption during the celebration of World Egg Day, together with the Department of Agriculture (DA) Region IV-CALABARZON and Batangas Egg Producers Cooperative (BEPSCO).

"I am very grateful to everyone who has taken part in the campaign to develop the egg industry in Batangas. We all know how healthy eggs are, that is why it is necessary for us to ensure the quality and quantity of egg production in Batangas. The government is providing its full support to the improvement of the egg industry in Batangas," Mandanas assured.

In his message, DA-4A Regional Director Engr. Arnel

V. de Mesa emphasized the importance of eggs in nutrition and livelihood.

"The strength of the egg in terms of its nutritional value reflects the capability and endurance of the egg farmers of Batangas. I witnessed the signing of the order by Secretary William Dar to name San Jose as the Egg Processing Capital, and I know for sure that the municipality deserves this recognition."

In a meeting with the provincial government and DA-4A, BEPCO presented its plans to further promote local egg production and egg byproducts through its proposed Roadmap for Resilient and Sustainable Philippine Chicken Egg Industry.

Known as the Egg Basket of the Philippines, the Municipality of San Jose produces 70,000 metric tonnes of eggs every year. **(with reports from the Department of Agriculture IV-A)**

2 kelot, sinalpok ng E-trike

SUGATAN ang dalawang lalaki nang banggain sila ng isang naka-E-trike habang hila-hila ang kanilang nasirang motorsiklo sa Kawit, Cavite.

Kapwa ginamot sa Divine Grace Hospital ang mga biktimgang sina Sidney Prades Palos at Raniel Camo dahil sa tinamong sugat sa Sinusulat ito ay inalam ang pagkakakilanlan sa nagmaneho ng E-trike na tumakas matapos ang insidente. Sa ulat ni PSSgt Nelvin Trajico, ng Kawit Municipality Police Station, dakong

alas-10:00 ng gabi naganap ang insidente sa Advincula Road sakop ng Brgy Putol.

Hinihila ng dalawa ang kanilang sirang motorsiklo sa kanang bahagi ng kalsada patungo sa Centennial Road nang banggain sila ng isang E-trike dahilang ng pagkakasugat nila.

Pero imbes na tulungan ng nakabangga ang dalawa, mabilis nitong pinasibad ang E-trike. **GENE ADSUARA**

Palace grieves passing of ex-SC Justice Melancio-Herrera

MANILA -- Malacañang has mourned the passing of former Supreme Court Justice Ameurina Melencio-Herrera.

"We are deeply saddened by the passing of Supreme Court Justice Ameurina Melencio-Herrera," Presidential Spokesperson Harry Roque said in a statement on Monday.

Roque hailed Herrera's career, describing her as "the embodiment of judicial excellence".

"She topped the Philippine Bar Examinations, appointed the second woman Supreme Court Justice, and became the Chancellor of the Philippine Judicial Academy (PhilJa) -- the training school for justices, judges, court personnel, among others," he said.

He also recalled how Herrera paved the way for his joining the PhilJa upon her invitation.

"I am fortunate to have given the opportunity to be part of PhilJa upon the invitation of Justice and Chancellor Herrera," he added. Roque, meanwhile, offered prayers to Herrera's family and friends.

"As tributes pour to honor the life and legacy of Justice Herrera, we pray that the Almighty grant her eternal repose. Farewell and rest in peace, Madame Justice," he said.

PhilJa Chancellor Adolf Azcuna expressed sadness over Herrera's demise, but was consoled "by the fact that she lived a long and fruitful life".

"She will always be remembered for her illustrious career as a jurist marked by integrity and brilliance as

shown by her being a bar topnotcher and her scintillating ponencias, as well as her dignity and serenity as a person. We will pray for abundant light, love, grace and peace for her soul," he said in a tweet.

Herrera served as an Associate Justice of the Philippine Supreme Court from 1979 until her retirement in 1992.

She was the second woman appointed to the Supreme Court, filling the vacancy left by the retirement of the first female Supreme Court Justice, Cecilia Muñoz-Palma. **(PNA)**

TESDA launches livelihood training programs for Sariaya fisherfolk relocatees

LUCENA CITY, Quezon (PIA) --TESDA Quezon, with San Miguel Corporation (SMC) and Quezon National Agricultural School (QNAS), officially launched its livelihood programs and skills training on October 6, 2020 at San Miguel-Christian Gayeta Homes in Sariaya town.

The program aims to help fisherfolk relocatees from Sariaya to develop an environment-friendly community and sustainable livelihood. Before the relocation, they depended mainly on the resources they harvested from the sea, as well as crops and coconuts.

SMC Head for Special Projects, Atty. Micaela Rosales, conveyed an inspirational message to the trainees during the launching.

She said, "Pagkatapos ng inyong kurso sa TESDA ay bibigyan po namin kayo ng libreng toolkits...pag sumikapan ninyo pong makatapos kasi meron po kaming nakaprograma sa inyo na gagawin ninyo after ninyong makatapos... Marami po kaming naka line-up na kurso pa para sa inyo, katuwang ang TESDA at ang pamahalaang lokal, na naka-alalay sa atin."

(After your course at TESDA, we will give you tool kits for free. You try to complete the course because we have a program for you to do after completion. We have so many courses lined up for your with the support of TESDA and backing of the local government.)

TESDA Regional Director Toni June A. Tamayo, (invited all the beneficiaries to the livelihood programs and skills training and) said, "Kailangan po natin ito hindi lamang ngayon, kung hindi para sa kinabukasan ng ating mga pamilya."

(We need this not only now but for the future of our families.)

TESDA Quezon, in collaboration with QNAS, started the first livelihood training on Fish Meat and Fish Processing Program and Organic Farming and Fertilizer Production on October 7, 2020.

In partnership with the local government, San Miguel Corporation (SMC) constructed the San Miguel - Christian Gayeta Homes, a typhoon resilient 5.4-hectare relocation site at Brgy. Castañas, which aims to help relocate the affected fisherfolks along the coastal area of Sariaya. It consists of facilities for recreation, market-place, multi-purpose hall, and stable electricity and water supply. **(PIA-Quezon with reports from TESDA Quezon)**

BOC-Port of Manila Inaugurates New Office Building

As part of the Bureau of Customs and Port of Manila's effort to provide better service to its stakeholders, the Port on October 12, 2020 inaugurated its new prefabricated office building that shall be used by the Port's operations and administrative offices. The District Collector and Deputy Collectors also have offices in the said building.

The event was attended by Bureau of Customs (BOC) Commissioner Rey Leonardo B. Guerrero with Department of Finance Assistant Secretary Dakila Eilten M. Napao as special guest. Also in attendance were the Deputy Commissioners for Internal Administration Group (IAG), Enforcement Group (EG), Intelligence Group (IG), Revenue Collection and Monitoring Group (RCMG), Assessment and Operations Coordinating Group (AOCG)

and the Assistant Commissioner for the Post Clearance Audit Group (PCAG). The office building is a bi-level structure made up of prefabricated materials designed for quick assembly and disassembly as needed. The 1004.8 sqm office space was designed to maximize flow of transactions thus enhancing efficiency and coordination among the occupants. A centralized Public Address System is also installed to enable quick information dissemination.

On February 22, 2019, the historic Port of Manila building was brazed by a fire that destroyed the building and is deemed unsafe for occupation to this date. Hundreds of POM personnel and offices were displaced as a result thereof. In his speech, POM District Collector Michael Angelo Vargas was very

thankful with this project initiative of Commissioner Guerrero and expressed his happiness in being able to provide a workspace for all POM personnel. Vargas also added that when he took over as District Collector, the Port's slogan was "bangon POM", and added that it is about time to change the Port's slogan to "bagong POM" with this new building.

Commissioner Rey Guerrero for his part congratulated the efforts of the Port's personnel as they continue to work even though most of them had to make do with makeshift offices or conduct work in other BOC offices. He also stressed that the BOC continues to perform and deliver even through the challenges faced by the Bureau brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic. **PR**

MOVIE WATCHING IS MORE SAFE AND FUN AT SM CINEMA

Moviegoers can again enjoy movies on the big screen as SM Cinemas re-open at select branches starting on October 14 with enhanced safety measures for a much-missed fun movie watching experience.

With that, film enthusiasts can look forward to watching the much-awaited *Break The Silence: The Movie*, the latest film from global K-Pop superstars BTS; as well as *Digimon Adventure*, an anime film from Japan, *Train to Busan Peninsula* and *My Spy*.

The branches re-opening include SM Cinemas in Angono, Bacoor, Baguio, Baliuag, Cabanatuan, Calamba, Cauayan, CDO Downtown, Dasmariñas, Davao, Lanang, Legazpi, Lucena, Marilao, Masinag, Molino, Naga, Olongapo Central, Pampanga, Rosales, San Jose, San Mateo, San Pablo, Santa Rosa, Tarlac, Taytay, Telabastagan and Trece Martires. These areas placed under Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ) following the guidelines set by the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF).

As its theaters welcome moviegoers once more, SM Cinema highlights the safety procedures that need to be observed for a worry-free movie-going experience through its #SafeandFunMovieWatching campaign.

All patrons need to wear face masks and face shields. A seat gap policy will be enforced. There will be fewer screenings daily for mandatory intensive sanitation of the theaters and high-touch surfaces. Alcohol and sanitizer dispensers are mandatory within the cinema premises.

SM Cinema is encouraging cashless transactions by booking tickets in advance through the website

and mobile app as well as by using touch-free payment methods. A contact tracing program is also in place through scanning the QR code found in the

cinema lobby.

For more information about SM Cinema's safety protocols and latest movie updates, follow SMCinema on

Facebook and @SM_Cinema on Instagram. Book your tickets at www.smcinema.com or download the SM Cinema app.



Digimon Adventure: Last Evolution Kizuna, is a Japanese animated action adventure film produced by Toei Animation and animated by Yumeta Company. Set in the same continuity of the first two Digimon television anime series, the film serves as the series finale of the original Digimon Adventure story. This SM exclusive is coming soon at SM Cinema at SM City Dasmariñas, SM City Bacoor, SM City Trece Martires and SM City Molino.



This CIA agent has a new BFF. *My Spy* is coming to SM Cinema at SM City Dasmariñas, SM City Bacoor, SM City Trece Martires and SM City Molino.



BREAK THE SILENCE: THE MOVIE showcases K-pop sensation BTS in a 2020 South Korean documentary film directed by Park Jun-soo and produced by Big Hit Three Sixty. The documentary features the behind-the-scenes of boy band BTS' 2018-2019 Love Yourself: Speak Yourself World Tour across Los Angeles, Chicago, New York, São Paulo, London, Paris, Osaka, Shizuoka, Riyadh, and Seoul.

As the movie travels with BTS, it also explores each band member behind the curtain. Off stage, we see another side of BTS. The seven members begin to candidly tell personal stories they have never voiced before. Coming soon at SM Cinema at SM City Dasmariñas, SM City Bacoor, SM City Trece Martires and SM City Molino.



PENINSULA is the next nail-biting chapter in acclaimed director Yeon Sang-ho's post-apocalyptic world. This comes four years after South Korea's total decimation in *TRAIN TO BUSAN*, the zombie thriller that captivated audiences worldwide. Coming soon at SM Cinema at SM City Dasmariñas, SM City Bacoor, SM City Trece Martires and SM City Molino.

GUMAGAWA ANG PFL NG MGA PAGBABAGO SA ISKEDYUL NG BUBBLE

Ang Philippines Football League (PFL) ay gumawa ng ilang mga pagbabago sa iskedyul nito para sa darating na panahon ng 2020.

Ang pinakamalaki sa mga pag-aayos ay ang paraan ng pagkaronahan sa kampeon. Inihayag ni Commissioner

Coco Torre na tinanggal lamang ng liga ang format na Final 4, na pormal na tinawag na "Finals Series", bilang resulta ng isang pagpupulong sa mga mayari ng koponan "Pinag-uusapan nila ang mga pangunahing kadahilanan tulad ng pagkapagod ng manlalaro at fitness sa

katawan na binigyan ng katotohanang sa loob ng pitong buwan ay wala ring football," sabi ni Torre sa isang online press conference.

Sa pamamagitan ng Finals Series na pinasiyahan, ang bawat club ay maglalaro lamang ng limang mga tugma sa taong ito dahil ang liga ay magpapatupad ng isang solong regular na round-robin na regular na panahon.

Habang ang lima ay kakaunti para sa maraming mga tugma sa bawat club ngayong taon, sinabi ng kalihim-heneral ng Football Football (PFF) na si Ed Gastanes na hindi ito makakaapekto sa pakikilahok ng PFL sa AFC Champions League (AFCCCL) sa susunod na taon.

"Dahil sa pandemya, kapwa pinahintulutan ng parehong FIFA at AFC ang mga liga at ang mga (pambansang asosasyon) na paikliin ang tagal ng liga. Sinabihan tayo na malaya nating gawin iyon nang hindi lumalabag sa anumang regulasyon mula sa FIFA at AFC," sinabi niya.

Ang nag-kampeon sa panahon ng PFL ngayong taon ay makakakuha ng direktong puwesto sa yugto ng pangkat ng AFCCCL. Sa labas ng larawan ang playoff, matutukoy ang kampeon sa bilang ng mga

puntos na naipon ng mga club sa buong panahon kasama ang mga tiebreaker tulad ng pagkakaiba sa layunin na gagamitin upang masira ang mga bara-bara.

Ang runner-up naman ay papasok sa phase ng kwalipikadong AFCCCL.

Ang isa pang pagbabago na nagawa ay ang iskedyul ng Matchday 1.

Ang dapat na doubleheader para sa Oktubre 24 ay inilipat sa susunod na araw, na nangangahulugang ang tugma sa Oktubre 25 ay magkakaroon ng tatlong mga tugma.

Ang season opener sa pagitan ng panauhin ng koponan Azkals Development Team at Mendiola ay magaganap sa alas-9 ng umaga, habang ang sagupaan ng marquee sa pagitan ng Kaya Iloilo at Stallion Laguna ay 4:30 ng hapon.

Ang inaakalang nag-iisang laro para sa Oktubre 25 sa pagitan ng bagong dating na si Maharlika Manila at ang defending champion United City ay inilipat sa alas-8 ng gabi. Kickoff bilang nightcap ng tripleheader.

Ang lahat ng mga laban ay magaganap sa PFF National Training Center sa Carmona bilang bahagi ng isang bubble.



BINIGYAN liwanag ni PATAFA President Philip Juico sa kanyang mga pahayag sa lingguhang Tabloids Organization in Philippine Sports (TOPS) Usapang Sports on Air via zoom week 16, ang mga usapin patungkol sa nalalapit halalan ng POC sa darating na Nobyembre kung saan kabilang siya sa kandidato. at ang iba pang mga update kaugnay ng Philippine National Open sa hinaharap ay binigyan paliwanag din nito. **(RGN)**

Pinoy kata player wagi ng 2 medalyang ginto

Umuwi si James de Los Santos ng dalawa pang gintong medalya sa virtual kata game dahil siya ay nakatakdang maging bagong

hagi ang kanyang mga kasanayan at kadalubhasaan upang mabigyan ang pambansang koponan ng isang solidong pag-unawa sa mga pangunahing kaalaman sa pamamahala sa pananalapi at lumikha ng isang kamalayan sa mabuting pangangasiwa ng pera.

"Tinuturo namin sa kanila ang mga halaga ng disiplina at dedikasyon sa palakasan. Ito ang magkatulad na halagang maaari nilang mailapat sa kung paano nila hahawakan ang kanilang pananalapi. I really wish na lahat sila ay lumabas mula sa pagiging mga atleta na may komportableng buhay," said Ramirez.

Noong 2015, nagsagawa rin ang PSC ng isang libreng financial literacy seminar para sa Team Philippines, na nagtuturo din si Duplito ng parehong regular at para atleta

numero sa buong mundo. Pinamunuan ni De Los Santos ang E-Karate Games at ang Euro Grand Prix, na naglagay sa kanya sa magandang posisyon upang maabutan ang Portugal na si Eduardo Garcia sa pinakamataas na puwesto sa ranggo ng mundo.

Natalo niya si Murillo Alves ng Brazil, 24.3-23.3, sa nag-iisang showdown sa Shotokan e-Kata Division ng E-Karate Games. Tinalo ni De Los Santos si Silvio Cerone-Biagoni, 24.6-24.3, sa Euro Grand Prix.

Sa Euro Grand Prix, tinalo muna ng De Los Santos si Kevin Petry ng Luxembourg sa quarterfinals bago ibagsak si Domont Moreno ng Switzerland sa semifinals.

Sinabi niya sa Philippine News Agency na ang kanyang nangungunang pagtatapos sa Euro Grand Prix ay sapat na upang kunin ang pang-numero unong ranggo mula kay Garcia, na hindi sumali sa parehong mga kaganapan.

Online Seminar ng PSC para sa mga Atleta



Matapos maakay ang Team Philippines sa 2019 Southeast Asian Games Championship, susunod na maiugnay ang agwat sa pagitan ng kanilang buhay sa isport at komportableng hinaharap sa pamamagitan ng pagtuturo sa kanila na alagaan ang kanilang pinaghirapang pera.

Ang Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) ay magsasagawa ng dalawang araw na literasiya sa online na seminar at workshop na eksklusibo para sa mga pambansang atleta at coach sa Oktubre 29 at 30 kasama ang kilalang Registered Financial Planner (RFP) at mamamahayag na si Salve Duplito.

"Naniniwala kami na ang financial literacy webinar na ito ay napapanahon sa oras na ito ng Covid-19 pandemya. Nais nating hikayatin ang lahat ng ating pambansang mga atleta, coach at aming mga empleyado na simulan ang

kanilang paglalakbay sa kabutihan sa pananalapi habang sila ay bata pa, "sinabi ng chairman ng PSC na si William" Butch "Ramirez sa isang pahayag.

Idinagdag ni Ramirez na nakita niya ang napakaraming mga dating atleta na sinasayang ang mga panalo at napunta sa isang paumanhin na estado sa kanilang pagtanda.

"Masakit sa akin na isipin ang alinman sa ating mga atleta na ganyan," sabi ni pinuno ng palakasan na mananatiling guro at coach nang puso.

Ang Duplito ay isa sa mga pangunahing tagapaglipat ng literacy sa pananalapi sa bansa. Nakipagtulungan siya sa palabas na ANC na "Sa Pera" at aktibong patuloy na nagtuturo ng iba't ibang mga sektor ng lipunan sa kanyang channel sa YouTube, ang SalveSays. Sa pakikipagsosyo sa PSC, nilalayan niya na maiba-



SOLENN HEUSSAFF-GAWING BISYO ANG TUBIG



NAKAKATUWA ang pahayag ni Solenn Heussaff tungkol sa kahalagahan ng tubig sa isang tao.

Pero talagang may punto o sadyang tama ang sinabi ng aktres na dapat ay ikonsidera ang tubig bilang daily habit. Kumbaga ay mas mainam na gawing bisyo ang tubig kumpara sa kung ano pa man. Bisyong wala namang maidudulot na mabuti sa katawan o kalusugan. Kaya naman nasa kasalukuyang pandemiya tayo ay isinusulong niya ang importansiya ng tubig. Napakahalaga ng benepisyo ng iniinom na tubig na pumapasok sa ating katawan. Hindi lamang ng pag-inom, ang tubig ay lubhang kailangan sa paghuhugas ng

kamay. Kaya nga tamang gawing bisyo ang tubig sa pamamagitan na rin ng palagiang paghuhugas ng kamay lalo at nariyan ang COVID-19. Siyempre nariyan din ang regular na pagligo upang palaging malinis ang katawan at presko pa. May isa pang dahilan kaya mistulang bisyo para sa aktres ang tubig. Before meal ay umiinom muna si Solenn ng one glass of water dahil ito ay bahagi ng diet niya. Ang pag-inom ng tubig sa pananaw ni Solenn ay nakakatulong para sa less stress and weight. Nakakatulong din sa pagpapalakas ng immune system at nagpapatibay ng determinasyon. Sabi nga ng aktres, ang



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DOON sa manghuhula na pinuntahan nila dati ni Lea napadpad si Mikel. Naroon siya upang alamin ang kahulugan ng kanyang napanaginipan. “Opo ako nga po ‘yun, may kasama ako dati na isang babae kaya lang ‘di ko na naisama ngayon.” Natatandaan pa at nakikilala siya ng manghuhula na kanya naman sinagot. “Eh ano naman ang problema mo ngayon? Ano ang ‘yung ikokonsulta? Magsasalita na sana si Mikel subalit muli na naman siyang tinanong. “Kumusta na pala ‘yung dating kinunsulta mo sa akin dito ‘nung kasama mo ang babae?” “Nakakaranas ka pa rin ba ng ganong klase ng panaginip? ‘Yung parang bangungot.” Sinabi ni Mikel na simula nang manggaling sila ni Lea roon ay hindi na siya nakaranas ng ganoong panaginip. “Kung ganon ay mainam naman at maayos na ang pagkakatulog mo.” “Kamo ‘di ka na nakakaranas ng ganong pa-

naginip, eh bakit ka narito ngayon?” Excited na nga sana si Mikel na banggitin ang sadya niya ngayon kaya lang ay daming tanong sa kanya. “Nitong huling panaginip ko ay may kaharap at kausap akong isang babae.” “Ang problema lamang ay wala siyang mukha, simpleng bilog lamang po na hugis.” “Sigurado po akong babae ‘yun dahil ang kanyang tindig ay tulad sa isang babae.” “Isa pa po kaya natitiyak kong babae ay dahil pambabae ang kanyang kasuotan.” “Ang pinagtataka ko po ay bakit sinasabihan ko ‘yung babae na mahal ko siya.” “Wala siyang mukha, ibig sabihin ay ‘di ko kilala pero bakit sinasabihan kong mahal ko?” Pagkatapos masabi ang mga iyon ay naghihintay si Mikel sa mga isasagot sa kanya. “Sino ka ba? Ano ba ang talagang nais mo? **(Itutuloy)**



Pagkakaibigan... hanggang kailan?



Ika-11 Labas

NAGPAALAM na si Rica at lumabas ng bahay nina Marsha patungo sa kanilang kotse. “Ate Rica.” Papasakay na ng kotse si Rica nang tawagin siya ni Hazel at nakikisuyong makikisabay na lamang. “Naku pasensiya na at may dadaanan pa kami ni Kuya Banjo mo eh.” Hindi na rin naman nagpumilit pa si Hazel na makisakay kaya tumawag na lamang siya ng traysikel. “Bakit sinabi mong may dadaanan pa tayo? Pero meron nga ba tayong pupuntahan pa?” Tanong ni Banjo kay Rica dahil nang tinawagan siya para magpasundo na ay wala naman nang banggit ang kanyang misis na may iba pa silang pupuntahan. “Pwede naman maisabay ‘yun at pagdating ng highway ay dun na s’ya sasakayan.” Tuloy sa pagtatanong si Banjo subalit hindi naman siya sinasagot ng kanyang misis. “Wala lang!” Iyon lamang ang tanging nasambit ni Rica sa kanyang mister.

Kaya naman hindi na nagtanong pa uli si Banjo dahil hindi rin naman sasagot si Rica. Kung gustong magsabi ni Rica ay magsasalita na lamang kahit hindi na tanungin pa. Pero nakarating na ng bahay ang mag-asawa na walang sinasabi si Rica. Nagtataka lamang si Banjo dahil puwede naman nila talaga idaan si Hazel sa highway. “Hay naku! ‘Sori na lang siya noh, ‘di pa kami talagang close sa isa’t isa.” Sa hapag-kainan at kahit hindi nagtatanong si Banjo ay kusang nagsalita si Rica. Alam na kaagad ni Banjo sa bungad na salita pa lamang ng asawa ay si Hazel na ang tinutukoy. Hindi naman maramot sa pagpapasakay sa kanilang kotse si Rica. Pero kapag nagpasakay na si Rica ay talagang masasabing malapit na sa kanya ang isang tao. Hindi na basta kilala o kasama lamang bagkus ay turing na niya ay isang kaibigan. “Yes! Yes na yes.” **(Sundan)**

mister niyang si Nico Bolzico, ay nasa limang litro ng tubig ang naiinom sa loob ng isang araw. Nilinaw naman ni Solenn na hindi naman ibig sabihin ay gayahin ang kanyang mister sa dami ng naiinom na tubig. Aniya, depende ito sa may katawan o sa isang tao basta inuulit lamang niya ang kahalagahan ng tubig. Iyon lang!

MEGASTAR, PAGOD NA!

Pumapalo na sa 42 taon na pamamayagpag sa larangan ng showbiz ang nagiisang Megastar Sharon Cuneta. Ibig sabihin ay bata pa la-

mang o edad 12 ay nasa indutriya na si Sharon dahil sa ngayon ay 54 anyos na siya. Last year ay matatandaang nabanggit niya ang napipintong bahagyang pamamahinga sa showbiz. But this year ay tila tuloy na ang Megastar sa kanyang retirement at hindi na bahagyang pamamahinga lamang. Nakakaramdam na rin kasi ang misis ni Senator Kiko Pangilinan ng kapaguran kaya nais ng magretiro. Well! Marami na rin naman napatunayan si Sharon sa industriya at deserve niya sakaling piliin ang retirement.

HOME SCHOOL ADVICE FROM SM

As the school-year begins with online and blended learning innovations, home schooling takes on a different meaning for today's kids. And they will be needing all the tools to stay smart, creative, and productive from SM Stationery and Gadgets Hub, your one-stop shop for your home-school needs.

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1. Set a schedule for your study time with your kid. Let your child set the time for each subject that you want to work on, hour by hour, day by day, week per week.

2. Choose a quiet and well-lit area where your kids can focus on their lessons.

3. Stock up on home school supplies. Have enough pencils, erasers, activ-

ity books, notebooks, pad paper, and other school supplies you need. Prepare the gadgets they needed and sanitize it before starting the class.

4. Encourage your child to read and write freely. Make them read their favorite books whenever they are bored or have them keep a daily journal which helps them to deal their fears and anxieties.

5. Allot time to encourage your child's creativity through drawing, craft-making or other extracurricular activities such as cooking or gardening that will nurture their skills.

6. Keep your child in touch with their friends virtually from a regular basis. This may be done after they completed their school worksheet.

7. A homeschool environment will be new for you and your child. It's going to be challenging, so it's okay to ask help from your child's teacher, tutors or fellow parents who's into homeschooling.

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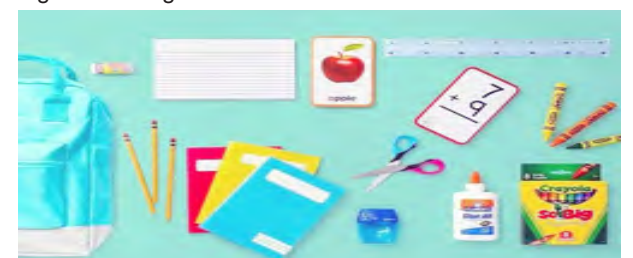
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PAO SERVES OVER 31K INDIGENT CLIENTS AMID COVID-19

MANILA – The Public Attorney's Office (PAO) on Tuesday said it has so far served more than 31,000 indigent litigants this year.

"This year, we reached 31,055 clients from March 16, 2020 to Aug. 31, 2020. Even if there is a pandemic, our PAO lawyers continue to work. We thank our donors for their support since we have no special budget for Covid-19 (coronavirus disease 2019) pandemic protection for our employees," Chief Public Attorney Persida Rueda-Acosta said in a Laging Handa briefing. She added that 7,554 prisoners were given "favorable judgment" from January to June through the help of PAO lawyers.

She also lauded PAO lawyers for their commitment as front-liners in the legal sector.

"We are like soldiers and policemen who cannot just go home and sleep leisurely. We are on duty 24 hours for those arrested and in need of legal services and

legal advice," Rueda-Acosta said.

At present, the PAO is implementing a skeleton workforce for its lawyers as part of precautionary measures against Covid-19. Field positions for PAO lawyers nationwide have grown to 2,427 from 1,048 under the administration of President Rodrigo Duterte. She added that the PAO is set to move to a new building soon.

"We are in an area that is near an illegal settlers' community where fire incidents are frequent. The new PAO building near the main office of the Commission on Audit along Commonwealth Avenue is under construction by the DPWH (Department of Public Works and Highways) and the NHA (National Housing Authority). We thank the President for this," she said.

PAO was established in 1972 and was formerly known as the Citizens Legal Assistance Office. (PNA)

Cops told to ensure cemeteries' compliance with quarantine rules

MANILA – The Joint Task Force Covid Shield on Thursday has ordered all police commanders to ensure the compliance of all cemeteries, memorial parks, and columbariums with quarantine rules in opening its doors to visitors ahead of the annual 'Undas' commemoration.

In a press statement, task force commander, Lt. Gen. Guillermo Eleazar added that the strict and proper observation of the minimum health safety standard protocol such as wearing of face mask and face shield and physical distancing is a non-negotiable rule that must be implemented.

"We leave it to the LGUs (local government units) and the PNP (Philippine National Police) to discuss the rules that would be implemented, but all the rules that would be crafted must be in consonance with what is prescribed by the

IATF (Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases)," Eleazar said.

Aside from enforcing health and safety rules, he said the usual rules such as the ban on bringing of liquor and bladed weapons and the conduct of activities that would encourage mass gatherings would remain in place.

Based on the IATF guidelines, the number of visitors in cemeteries, memorial parks and columbariums shall be limited to 30 percent of the venue capacity, and all visitors must wear face mask and face shield and observe physical distancing.

No age restrictions would be implemented on visitors in cemeteries.

The same guidelines order the closure of all cemeteries, memorial parks, and columbariums from October 29 to November 4.

Jan-Sept crime rate down almost 24%: PNP

MANILA – Recorded crimes in the country in the first nine months of this year dropped by 23.9 percent, the Philippine National Police (PNP) reported on Wednesday.

Citing latest data, PNP spokesperson Col. Ysmael Yu said the total number of crime incidents in the country from January to September decreased to 283,549 from 372,621 incidents recorded in the same period last year.

Yu said the nine-month downward trend indicates an improved peace and order situation towards the remaining months of this year.

He added that the figure includes 178,751 peace and order index crimes from January to September, a 10.79 percent drop from 200,374 incidents in the same period in 2019.

The peace and order Index is made up of 147,976 non-index crimes (82.78 percent) and 30,775 index crimes (17.22 percent), which includes focus crimes such as murder, homicide, physical injury, theft, robbery, rape, vehicle theft, motorcycle theft, and special complex crimes of robbery with homicide, robbery with rape, robbery with serious physical injury, robbery with arson, rape with homicide, kidnapping with homicide, kidnapping with rape, and arson with homicide.

Index crimes are crimes against persons and property while non-index crimes are all other illegal acts, including violations of special laws or local ordinances.

He said all these data were collated from police blotters of 17 Police Regional Offices across the country to come up with a comprehensive and accurate picture of the nationwide crime environment.

Citing the same data, Yu said all focus crimes posted double-digit decreases

However, visitors should have no symptoms of the Covid-19 and that they have no pre-existing condition that would make them more prone to coronavirus infection.

"We in the Joint Task Force Covid Shield respect the Filipino tradition of honoring their departed loved ones. But this should be done in a way that will not compromise the health safety of our kababayans," Eleazar said. (PNA)

with theft and robbery posting the biggest decline at 51.03 percent and 47.52 percent, respectively, Focus crimes generally decreased nationwide, with the highest decline recorded in the Visayas at 47.58 percent, followed by Luzon at 38.13 percent, and Mindanao at 37.49 percent. Meanwhile, crime data analysis results from the PNP Directorate for Investigation and Detective Management showed that 79.6 percent of crime incidents from January to September 2020 were declared as solved based on parameters for crime solution prescribed by the National Police Commission. These are cases where the perpetrator has been identified and arrested and a case has been filed for prosecution of the offender.

The Crime Solution Efficiency (CSE) rating of 79.6 percent posted by the PNP over the past three quarters improved by 3.28 percent, from the 76.36 percent CSE posted over the same nine-month period in 2019.

Crime Clearance Efficiency (CCE), meanwhile, remained high at 94.9 percent in 2020, from 91.62 percent in 2019.

CCE refers to the percentage of cleared cases out of the total number of crime incidents handled by law enforcement agencies for a given period of time. (PNA)

Consultative forum ukol sa PUV modernization, inilunsad ng Pasay LGU

LUNGSOD CALOOCAN (PIA)--Naglunsad ang pamahalaang lungsod Pasay ng pakikipagtalakayan sa mga transport cooperatives sa lungsod hinggil sa adhikain ng national government na i-modernize ang pampublikong transportasyon sa bansa.

Pinangunahan ito nina Mayor Emi Calito-Rubiano at Congressman Tony Calixto, kasama ang mga konsehal at iba pang mga opisyal ng pamahalaang lungsod gayundin ang Pasay Cooperative Development Office (PCDO) sa pamumuno ni Cooperative Officer Rowena Buenaventura.

Ang forum ay bahagi ng

QC front-liners thank mayor for citing efforts vs. Covid-19

MANILA – Medical health workers who serve on the frontline against the Covid-19 pandemic thanked Quezon City Mayor Joy Belmonte for her tribute to them.

"Bilang isang front-liner, ang binigay na pagkilala ni mayora sa amin ay nakakapagpalakas ng loob upang mas pagbutihin pa ang aming mga tungkulin para sa bayan (as a front-liner, the tribute given to us by the mayor makes us strong in continuing our responsibilities for the country)," Jared Acasio said in a post on Facebook on Tuesday.

Belmonte, during her second State of the City Address (SOCA) on Monday, honored the city's front-liners and other health workers for their dedication and perseverance in fighting the pandemic and caring for the patients.

She said their hard work is instrumental in gaining significant grounds in the fight against the pandemic.

"We've witnessed incredible heroism from our workers. They resolutely fulfilled their duties even in the face of mortal danger," Belmonte said in her SOCA.

She said the sacrifices made by front-liners helped

the city improve from its former third-place rank in the whole NCR in terms of Covid-19 cases per capita to its current ranking at no. 15 out of the 17 local governments in Metro Manila.

Belmonte added that as of October 10, the recovery rate of the city stood at 85 percent, and its positivity rate went down to 9 percent from almost 20 percent.

Arlyn Sunga, another front-liner in QC, recognized the sacrifices made by the city's officials as well.

"Bilang isang punong lungsod, taos puso din po kaming nag papasalamat sa mga sakripisyo ninyo sa amin Mayor Joy (as the mayor, we heartfully thank you, Mayor Joy, for all your sacrifices for us)," she said.

Other residents also posted their appreciation to Belmonte for the city's efforts in protecting its constituents and helping those who got infected with Covid-19. Residents also lauded front-liners' contribution in the fight against the disease.

"We saw all the sacrifices made by our front-liners who hardly had rested. They sacrifice even their own health and safety to help the country. Mayor Joy also saw these and she only wants to repay them," Marisol Robiso said in a post written in a mix of English and Filipino.

To better fight the pandemic, Belmonte said the city focused on improving their test, isolate, trace, and treat capability.

She said the city government also built two mobile testing units and inaugurated its own molecular laboratory to boost its testing capacity. (PNA)

vice Coop; Pasay Cavite Transport Service Coop; Buendia Transport Service Coop, Malibay Drivers Transport Service Multi-Purpose Coop; Supermalls Metrowide Transport Service Coop at DOT-ATDA Transport Service Coop gayundin ng mga kumpanyang manufacturer ng mga modern jeepneys. (Pasay PIO/PIA-NCR)

DILG IKINATUWA ANG UNHCR RESO NA SUMUSUPPORTA SA HUMAN RIGHTS EFFORTS NG PILIPINAS

LUNGSOD CALOOCAN (PIA) -- Ikinagalak ng Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) ang pagpasa ng United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) ng isang resolusyon na nagpapahayag ng suporta at kooperasyon sa pagsisikap ng bansa na protektahan ang karapatang pantao.

"Ang UNHCR reso ay isang magandang development sa bahagi ng Inter-agency Committee on Anti-Illegal Drugs (ICAD) Advocacy Cluster na pinamumunuan ng DILG. Ang hakbang na ito ay isang pagkilala sa holistic approach ng pamahalaan laban sa iligal na droga. Hindi lamang tayo naka-focus sa supply reduction kung hindi pati sa demand reduction aspect," sabi ni DILG Secretary Eduardo M. Año.

Inadopt noong ika-45 na session na ginanap sa Geneva, Switzerland, ang inihang UNHCR reso ay nagpapahayag ng technical assistance at capacity building para sa domestic effort sa karapatang pantao sa pagitan ng gobyerno ng Pilipinas at Office of Human Rights.

Ayon kay Año, ang naturang hakbang ng UNCHR ay nagpapalakas sa walang patid na commitment ng kagawaran sa kampanya laban sa iligal na droga sa bansa habang pinoprotektahan ang karapatang pantao ng mga mamamayan. Ani pa niya mas lalo pang bibigyang pansin ng DILG ang community-based drug rehabilitation efforts.

"Hindi nagbabago ang commitment ng Kagawaran na puksain abg iligal na driga sa pamamagitan ng whole-of-nation approach na may pagpapahalaga sa karapatang pantao habang ipinapatupad ng mga kawani sa ilalim ng DILG organization, ang kanilang tungkulin," dagdag pa nito.

Siniguro pa ni Año sa publiko na kahit sa panahon ng COVID-19 pandemic, hindi tumigil ang DILG sa pagharap sa problema ng illegal drugs sa bansa ayon sa systematic analysis ng data mula sa Anti-Illegal

Drugs Information System (AIDIS) mula sa iba't-ibang drug agencies.

Kamakailan lamang ay ipinag-utos nito sa PNP na paigtingin ang illegal drugs campaign sa kabila ng pagluluwag ng community quarantine sa maraming parte ng bansa kung saan bumaba ang COVID cases.

Dahil sa pagbawas ng mga illegal drug user dahil sa kawalan ng supply sa panahon ng quarantine, sinabi ni Año na ang lahat ng uri ng illegal drugs ay dapat mahinto mula sa paggawa ng raw materials hanggang sa street distribution.

"Sa gitna ng malaking krisis na kinakaharap ng maraming bansa dahil sa pandemya, napakalaking ginawa ang maidudulot ng pagtutulungan na inilagtag ng UNCHR para tuluyan na mapagtagumpayan ang illegal na droga sa bansa sa tulong ng lahat ng mga attached agencies ng DILG

at ng iba pang mga sangay ng gobyerno. Basta't sama-sama at may disiplinang kayang-kaya," sabi ni Año.

Kinilala ng 47 kasapi ng UNCHR ang matatag at bukas na pakikipag-ugnayan ng bansa sa United Nations lalo na sa rule of law, justice, law enforcement, at accountability processes dahil sa imbitasyon ng gobyerno at ayon sa prayoridad ng bansa.

Kabilang sa mga proposed areas of cooperation sa UNHCR reso ay technical assistance, capability building, domestic investigative at accountability measures, pangangalap ng datos tungkol sa paglabag ng mga pulis, pakikipag-ugnayan sa civil society at Commission on Human Rights, national mechanism for reporting at follow-up, counter terrorism legislation at human rights based approach sa drug control. **(PIA NCR)**

Virus vaccines could become available in December: WHO

GENEVA – The World Health Organization's (WHO) top scientist said Monday that Covid-19 vaccines will probably be available in December or early 2021 for submission to regulators for approval.

Asked by Anadolu Agency about a possible timeline for vaccines to combat the pandemic, Dr. Soumya Swaminathan said: "It's very encouraging to see the progress in the clinical trials that are happening all around the world."

He added: "As you know, we have about 40 vaccine candidates now in some stage of clinical trials, and 10 of them are in the Phase 3 trials, which are the late-stage clinical trials, which will tell us about both the efficacy and the safety."

He said that the earliest date for a vaccine to come onto the market to submit to regulators "is starting from December of 2020, into the early part of 2021."

Dr. Mariangela Simao, the WHO's head of access to medicines and health products, said that the vaccine

developed would have to be licensed in the country where the trial took place.

"And we also have the manufacturing capacity it will need to be available to be used at the country level. So many, many steps need to be taken after its Phase 3 trial actually ends," said Simao, adding that the WHO is working very closely with national regulatory authorities.

Earlier, WHO Director-General Dr. Tedros Ghebreyesus spoke out against the "concept of reaching so-called herd immunity by letting the virus spread."

He said herd immunity is a concept used for vaccination in which a population can be protected from a particular virus if an immunization threshold is reached.

Tedros said that never in the history of public health had herd immunity been used as a strategy for responding to an outbreak, let alone a pandemic.

He cited how immunity against measles would require about 95 percent of

Parañaque City LGU enforces motorcycle, bike lane ordinance

PARANAQUE CITY (PIA)

-- Parañaque City Mayor Edwin Olivarez has ordered the city traffic and parking management office to effectively implement the ordinance designating the outer lane of Sucat Road to Ninoy Aquino Avenue as motorcycle and bicycle lanes, starting Monday, October 12.

Under the ordinance, the inner lane of the 12-kilometer Sucat Road would be allocated to private vehicles; the center lane to delivery trucks, vans and other and long vehicles, and the outer lane would be used by bicycles and motorcycles.

The bike and motorcycle lane has blue road markings and signages in accordance with international standards.

The ordinance specifically states that the lane is non-exclusive. Private cars as well as public utility vehicles may also use the lane when loading and unloading passengers at designated areas.

However, motorcycles with displacements under 400cc are required to use the lane. Big bikes will be allowed to use any lane without penalties.

Violators will be covered by the city's 'No Contact Apprehension' system,

and will be slapped with a P1,000 fine, while bicycle riders will be fined with P500 every time that they will be caught violating the policy.

The mayor encouraged the public to report violations on the city's bike lanes from obstructions. On other hand, he appealed to motor vehicle owners to yield to bikers at all times.

He said bicycle riding not only promotes health and leisure but also provide an alternative solution to mitigate the possible shortage of available mass transportation during this time of COVID-19 pandemic. **(PIA-NCR)**

HONTIVEROS ON ERRONEOUS MODULES: "WAG ISISI SA TEACHERS"

Senator Risa Hontiveros calls "highly unfair" the stream of criticisms being hurled towards teachers in the light of alleged errors and confusing questions found in the Department of Education's (DepEd) self-learning modules (SLMs). Hontiveros, whose office received reports from the group Teachers Dignity Coalition, said the glaring mistakes in the modules should instead be attributed to the seemingly 'rushed' opening of classes. Hontiveros said this resulted in DepEd's failure to standardize and strictly evaluate learning materials.

"It is highly unfair na sa mga guro isisi itong mga

the population to be vaccinated.

"The remaining 5 percent will be protected by the fact that measles will not spread among those who are vaccinated," Tedros said.

"It's scientifically and ethically problematic. First, we don't know enough about immunity to Covid-19. Most people who are infected with the virus that causes Covid-19 to develop an immune response within the first few weeks, but we don't know how strong or lasting that immune response is, or how it differs for different people. We have some clues, but we don't have the complete picture."

Tedros said there is no known immunity to the novel coronavirus. **(Anadolu)**

mali sa modules. Nanganahulugan lang ito na hindi pa rin 100% ready ang sistema noong nagbukas ang klase. This is a sign na kinulang sa preparasyon ang mga schools at minaladi ang pagbubukas ng klase," she said. "May mga kaso pa na sariling sikap na gumawa ng modules ang ilang regions dahil hindi na kinayang maglabas ng standardized learning modules ng DepEd Central Office," she added.

In light of these reports and the increasing demands of distance learning, Hontiveros is strongly urging DepEd to form a 'technical working group' (TWG), comprised of master teachers and experts who will efficiently design, craft, vet, and screen SLMs before distributing to schools. Aside from ensuring the standardization of SLMs, Hontiveros believes that this will lessen the tasks of teachers already dealing with heavy teaching loads.

"Ang hinaing ng teachers, bumubuo na sila ng modules, bukod pa sa teaching load nila," she said. "Dahil sa sandamakmak na trabaho ay nasasakripisyo ang kalidad hindi lang ng module kundi pati pagtuturo sa mga bata. Kaya dapat may separate team na nakatuok lang sa paggawa ng modules. Yun lang ang gagawin ng TWG at hindi na bibigyan ng teaching load," she said.

RETRENCHED PRIVATE SCHOOL TEACHERS TO

AUGMENT PUBLIC EDUCATION

Meanwhile, to augment the workforce needed for the public education system and help address the compounding problems that have been arising in distance learning, Hontiveros is also calling on DepEd to hire more teachers, especially private school teachers who have lost jobs during the pandemic. She furthered said the teachers can assist in self-learning, and ensure the quality of educational materials and education service delivery. "We need human resources to fulfill the promise of quality education lalo na ngayong may pandemya. We need proofreaders, we need people who can help improve our learning materials, we need more teachers, and we need learning assistants para sa mga magulang na walang kakayahan gabayan ang kanilang mga anak," she said.

"Even then, sinasabi ko nang hindi dapat masakripisyo ang kalidad ng edukasyon sa gitna ng hamon ng pandemya. Kaya mas dapat nating ibsan ang mga pasanin ng ating mga teachers dahil para na rin yan sa pagkatuto ng mga bata," she concluded.

Hontiveros had earlier battled for medical benefits and internet allowance for public school teachers carrying out the new modes of learning. **PR**

PINAKAMARAMING AKTIBONG KASO NG COVID 19, NAITALA SA CAVITE

SA Region 4-A, ang Cavite umano ang nakapagtala ng may pinakamaraming aktibong kaso ng COVID-19, ayon sa Department of Health (DOH)-CALABARZON (Cavite Laguna Batangas Rizal Quezon).

Ayon kay Regional Director Dr. Eduardo C. Janairo, umabot sa 1,175 kaso kung saan 139.80% na mas mataas kumpara noong October 12, 2020 na mayroon lamang 490 naitalang kaso.

Kabuuang 45,068 inbidwal naman ang nasuri na positibo sa virus.

Ang probinisya ng Cavite ang pinakamaraming aktibong kaso ng COVID 19 habang ang Laguna ang may pinakamataas na kaso.

"Presently, the province of Cavite has the most number of active cases recorded with 5,414 cases and Laguna still has the high-

est covid cases at 13,555," ayon kay Janairo.

Sinabi pa ni Janairo na dahil sa karagdagang laboratory testing centers na naitayo ay mas madaling malalaman kung gaano karami ang apektado ng Covid, kasama na rito ang kasalukuyang ginagawang swab testing activities ng mga LGUs sa rehiyon at mas maagapan ang pagdami ng mga kaso.

Sa October 13, 2020 DOH COVID-19 Situation Report ng CALABARZON, mula 45,068 kaso ay 15,203 ang aktibong mga kaso, 557 ang probable case na may 28,842 recoveries at 1,023 deaths.

Ayon pa kay Janairo, nasa 21 laboratory testing facilities ang nag-apply ng akreditasyon at mayroong 13 laboratory testing centers sa rehiyon na nasa stage 5 na. **GENE ADSUARA**

Kelot 'durog' sa backhoe

NAHULOG matapos nagulangang ng backhoe ang isang 19-anyos na helper na kasama sa pagtratrabaho sa isang road widening sa Dasmaringas City, Cavite

Namatay noon din ang biktimgang si Jomar Nicolas, habang kinilala ang driver ng backhoe na si Helbert Piape, 30, ng Dasmaringas City.

Sa ulat ni PSSgt Dionisio Almenario, ng Dasmaringas City Police Station, minamaneho ni Piape ang backhoe kung saan nagsasagawa ng road widening sa kahabaan ng Governors Drive Brgy Paliparan 1 dakong alas-12:10 ng hatinggabi.

Nakaupo naman ang biktimgang sa bahagi ng dozer ng backhoe at habang umaandar nang nalaglag ito at nagulungan sa harapang gulong na nagresulta sa kanyang agarang kamatayan.

Hawak ng pulisya ang driver ng backhoe. **GENE ADSUARA**

SC to tackle Manila Bay rehab case Nov. 3

MANILA – Chief Justice Diosdado Peralta and other Supreme Court officials inspected the Manila Bay on Wednesday morning to see the progress of its rehabilitation in connection with a case pending before the tribunal.

"The meeting was initiated by Chief Justice Diosdado Peralta as the chairperson of the SC Manila Bay Advisory Committee. He wanted the Manila Bay Task Force to report to him and give an update on the projects and initiatives undertaken to clean up Manila Bay pursuant to the continuing mandamus issued by the Supreme Court." SC spokesperson Brian Keith Hosaka told reporters.

Peralta said a deliberation by the high court is scheduled on Nov. 3 on the progress of the implementation of a 2008 ruling which had ordered concerned agencies under the executive department to rehabilitate the area.

Aside from Peralta, also present in the meeting with Environment and Natural Resources Secretary Roy Cimatu were Associate Justices Rodil Zalameda, Mario Lopez, Edgardo delos Santos and Ricardo Rosario.

In September, the Akbayan party-list asked the high court to cite officials of the Department of Natural Resources (DENR) in contempt of the continuing mandamus of the tribunal over the controversial use of dolomite sand in a portion of the bay.

In 2008, the SC ordered the government including the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA), Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Department of Education (DepEd), Department of Budget and Management (DBM), and Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) to implement measures to clean up Manila Bay.

Under the original order, all local government units (LGUs) in Metro Manila, Rizal, Laguna, Cavite, Bulacan, Pampanga, and Bataan were directed to inspect all factories, commercial establishments, and private homes along the banks of major river systems and waterways that eventually discharge water to Manila Bay.

It also ordered concerned agencies to provide, install, operate and maintain the necessary adequate wastewater treatment facil-

ity in Metro Manila, Rizal, and Cavite, restore marine life; apprehend violators of existing laws designed to prevent marine pollution of Manila Bay; adopt measures to prevent dumping of solid and liquid wastes and other ship-generated wastes into Manila Bay's water from vessels; dismantle and remove all structures and constructions along the Pasig-Marikina-San Juan rivers, National Capital Region rivers, Navotas-Malabon-Tullahan-Tenejeros rivers, and other connecting waterways and esteros in Metro Manila. **(PNA)**

New SEARCA program calls for innovation, collaboration

LOS BAÑOS, Laguna (PIA) --The Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA) unveiled its new program called Emerging Innovation for Growth (EIG) on 14 October 2020 via the SEARCA Online Learning and Virtual Engagement (SOLVE) platform in a public event titled "Launching ATTAIN AGRi 4.0."

SEARCA Director Dr. Glenn Gregorio said the EIG Program is powered by the SEARCA innovEIGHTs Model of open collaboration with academe-industry-government partnerships.

"The Emerging Innovation for Growth is our flagship program in the SEARCA 11th Five-Year Plan that is focused on Accelerating Transformation through Agricultural Innovation or ATTAIN," Dr. Gregorio explained.

He emphasized that "the challenging task of ushering our farmers from obsolete ways of farming that is limited to a production perspective towards an agribusiness mindset in an innovative agriculture ecology called Agriculture 4.0 requires working together with partners and organizations who share this goal."

Keynote speakers during the launch of SEARCA innovEIGHTs were big-name personalities in agribusiness incubation and agri-technology transfer. Ms. Ana Margarita 'Ginggay' Hontiveros-Malvar is Senior Adviser for GoNego-syo AgriPreneurship and Mr. Paco Magsaysay is CEO of Carmen's Best Ice Cream.

"The SEARCA innovEIGHTs



HENERAL KALENTONG, KAMPEON SA 1ST LEG TRIPLE CROWN

Hinirang na kampeon ang kabayong si Heneral Kalentong sa ginanap na 2020 PHILRACOM 1st Leg Triple Crown noong nakaraan sa pista ng San Lazaro Leisure Park sa Carmona, Cavite. Isang mahusay na pagremate ang ipinakita ni Heneral Kalentong sakay ng class A na hinete na si Jessie B Guce upang masungkit ang nasabing titulo na tiyak na ikinatuwa ng proud owner na si Benhur Abalos Jr. Sa simula ng labanan ay nauna sa lundagan ang kabayong si Four Strong Wind sakay ng hineteng si OP Cortez ngunit kaagad naman na inagaw ng kabayong si Runway sakay ni MM Gonzales ang unahan kasunod si Four Strong Wind, habang nasa ikatlong puwesto ang kabayong si Heneral Kalentong at pang apat naman ang kabayong si Tifosi sakay ng hineteng si John Alvin Guce habang ang kabayong si Cartierruo na sakay ni Kelvin Abobo ang pinaka kulelat sa lahat. Pagdating sa far turn ay unti- unti ng umusad sa unahan si Heneral Kalentong habang malakas din na rumeremate si Cartierruo. Pagsapit sa huling 100 metro ng labanan ay malinaw na nasa unahan na si Heneral Kalentong habang nakasunod si Cartierruo sa gawing balya. Nagpalitan ng pagkayog at pagpalo ang dalawang hinete sa dalawang nag iinit na kabayo at tuluyan ng lumagpas si Heneral Kalentong ng halos kalahating kabayo laban kay Cartierruo pagtawid sa meta. Naorasan si Heneral Kalentong ng tiyempong 1:42.6 (24'-24"-26-28) para sa distansiyang 1,600 meter race. Nakapag-uwi si Heneral Kalentong ng 1,800,000 bilang 1st prize. 675,500 naman ang nakubra ni Cartierruo bilang 2nd prize. 375,000 naman ang nakuha ni Tifosi bilang 3rd prize at 150,000 naman ang napunta kay Four Strong Wind bilang 4th prize para sa kabuuang 3,000,000 guaranteed prize mula sa PHILRACOM.

Model calls for institutional partnerships across the Southeast Asia region and beyond to foster an open collaboration culture that harnesses the power of engaged minds to co-create innovative solutions transforming the lives of our farmers and farming families," said SEARCA Emerging Innovation for Growth Program lead Dr. Rico C. Ancog.

Dr. Ancog revealed that the SEARCA innovEIGHTs model consists of six component tools that partners can draw upon for designing initiatives and scaling them up and out to "ATTAIN AGRi 4.0."

"INDEX" is the research and information arm to measure and ensure the impact of innovation initiatives on the wellbeing of farming families.

"SERVES" provides hands-on technical advisory for farming community livelihood projects and practical

innovative solutions to persistent farming challenges. "IDEATES" focuses on agri-innovation competitions engaging the youth, children, students, and brilliant minds to modernize agriculture and build local rural innovation ecosystems.

"BLOCKS" is an open shared service hub promoting locally adaptable agri-technologies, prototypes and practices for small farmers and rural communities.

"A4LIFE" builds local and community-based innovation ecosystem and inclusive agribusiness value chains to produce a generation of green startups and agripreneurs.

"SPACE" is a powerful innovation and open collaboration regional gateway for agri-incubation and technology transfer information, programs, resources, and networks in the world. **(PIA-4A/SEARCA)**

Bebot, dedo; inararo ng trak

INARARO at pumailalim sa truck na nagresulta sa agarang kamatayan ng isang babaeng pedestrian nang abutan ng truck habang tumatawid sa kalsada sa Silang, Cavite.

Isinugod pa sa Estrella Hospital ang biktimgang nakilala lamang sa pangalan na alias Khrystal habang kinilala ang driver ng Isuzu truck na si Rolie Rapiz, 33, ng Baesa, Quezon City.

Sa ulat ni Pat Ralph Santos, ng Silang Municipal Police Station, dakong alas-11:30 ng umaga nang naganap ang insidente kung saan minamaneho ng suspek ang kanyang Isuzu truck patungo sa South direction sa Tagaytay nang pagsapit sa Brgy Pasong Langka sa Tagaytay-Sta Rosa Road, sakop ng Silang, ay tumawid ang biktimgang.

Dahil sa pangyayari, nakaladkad ang biktimgang pumailalaim sa truck ang katawan nito. Isinugod pa sa ospital subalit idineklarang dead on arrival. **GENE ADSUARA**

HELPER, TINARAKAN NG SCREW DRIVER ANG LIVE-IN PARTNER

SINAKSAK ng screw driver ng isang 47-anyos na helper ang kanyang live-in partner matapos ang mainitang pagtatalo sa Tanza, Cavite.

Sinusulat ito ay nasa Tanza Specialist Medical Center ang biktimang si Angela Soriano, 32, ng Pama-yangang Maliksi, Gen Trias City.

Arestado naman kinakasama ni Soriano na si Jose Cabab, ng 146 Camia St., De Roman, Brgy Amaya 1, Tanza.

Sa ulat ni PSSgt Israel Vil-

lela, ng Tanza Municipal Police Station, dakong alas-11:30 ng umaga nang naganap ang insidente sa bahay ng suspek nang komprontahin umano ito ng biktima.

Nairita ang suspek hanggang sa nakakita ng isang screw driver at pinagsaksak si Soriano.

Bago pa man nagtangkang tumakas ang suspek ay naaresto na siya ng mga rumespondeng civilian security habang ang biktima ay isinugod sa ospital.

GENE ADSUARA



HULI ang suspek na si Ricky Vergara Tapalla habang nagsagawa ng OPLAN GALUGAD ang mga tauhan ng PCP-6, sa pamumuno ni P/Major Arnold Sadorra, PCP-6 commander, sa Brgy. Moon Walk, Paranaque City. Nakuha sa suspek ang isang pirasong maliit na sachet ng umano'y shabu. Naging seizing officer si P/cpl Mikhail F. de Vera. **(JIMMY HAO)**

DINAKIP si Walter Jay Suriyaonang nagsagawang anti-criminality campaign ang mga tauhan ng PCP-3, sa pamumuno ni P/Major Elizabeth Matulac, sa San Nicolas St., Brgy. La Huearta, P'que City at nahulihan siya ng 13 pirasong plastic sachet ng umano'y shabu. Ang naging seizing officer ay sina PSSG Mark Gil Fabricante at PCpl Renz Marion D. Concepcion. **(JIMMY HAO)**



ARESTADO si Morby Castaneda sa isinagawang buy bust operation ng mga tauhan ng SDEU, sa pamumuno ni P/Major Anthony Alising, na nahulihan ng hinihinalang pitongpiraso ng shabu sa Brgy. Tambo, P'que City. **(JIMMY HAO)**



SA isinagawang OPLAN GALUGAD ng mga tauhan ng PCP-4 ay arestado ang suspek na si Angelica Milagros na nahulihan ng isang piraso ng maliit na sachet ng umano'y shabu sa Brgy. San Dionisio, P'que City. Naging seizing officer si Cpl Christian Jade. **(JIMMY HAO)**



ARESTADO ang apat na suspek na sina Carl Jomel Lligo, Edwin Dillera, Aries Cadillac at Jennie Rose Dante sa isinagawang buy bust operation ng Station Drug Enforcement Unit (SDEU) na pinangungunahan ni PLT/Capt. Pidencio Saballo ng MPD Police Station-3 na pinamumunuan ni PLT/Col. John Guiagui, sa kahabaan ng Quiricada St., Sta Cruz Maynila nitong Oktubre 15. Narekober mula sa mga suspek ang 5-sachet ng hinihinalang shabu na tumitimbang ng hunigit kumulang 21-grams na tinatayang aabot sa halagang P142,800. **(JEROME AMOROSO)**




INARESTO ang suspek na si Ruie Lopez y Braba nang nagsagawa ng OPLAN GALUGAD ang mga tauhan ng PCP-6 sa pamumuno ni P/Major Arnold Sadorra, PCP-6 commander, at nakuhaan siya ng isang pirasong maliit na sachet ng hinihinalang shabu sa may Keako Compound, Brgy. Moonwalk, Paranaque City. **(JIMMY HAO)**

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Sino ang may sala?

NAGANAP ang madugong riot ng magkalabang gang sa loob ng New Bilibid Prison. Siyam na persons deprived of liberty (PDL) ang namatay sa naturang riot. Patay ang pitong miyembro ng Sputnik at sa hanay naman ng Comando ay dalawa ang namatay. Batay sa ulat ay nasa pitorin ang sugatan sa nangyaring kaguluhan. Madaling-araw nang naganap ang riot na tumagal ng isang oras kalahati. Iba-iba ang gang o grupo sa loob ng piitan at asahan na talaga ang posibleng pagsiklab ng karahasan. Iyan ang dapat sanang pinaghahandaan ng mga kinauukulan. Dahil may nangyaring riot kaya ang next move ay ang isinagawang 'oplan galugad.' Sinasabing ang layunin nito ay upang matiyak na walang ano mang magagamit sa maaaring mangyayaring muling karahasan. Hindi siyempre iniaalis ang posibilidad ng paghihiganti na kung tawagin ay 'resbak.' Ganyan naman ang gang, resbak ang kasunod basta naargabyado sa sagupaan. Umabot sa 400 deadly weapons ang natuklasan

at nakumpiska sa isinagawang paggalugad. 'Wag na po tayong magtaka kung paano nakakalusot ang mga ganito sa loob ng kulungan. Droga nga at iba pang gadget ay naipapasok. Paano? Naku hindi na kailangang itanong iyan. Sana naman ay hindi na masundan ang naganap na riot dahil kung may magaganap muli ay 'oplan galugad' na naman ang kasunod na gagawin. At kapag nagsagawa muli ng 'oplan galugad' ay bubulaga na naman ang sari-saring patalim o gamit na nakamamatay. Ibigay naman sana ng mga kinauukulan ang wastong pagpapatupad ng mga alituntunin sa piitan. Silang mga nasa loob ng rehas ay may kanya-kanyang dahilan ng kanilang pagkakapiit. Ipinasok sa kulungan na dapat ay huhubugin para sa pagharap sa panibagong pamumuhay. Matanong ko lamang po kayo, naniniwala ba kayo na hindi lahat ng nakukulung ay talagang mayroong sala? Kung nahatulan ng pagkakakulong sa kabila na wala naman talagang nagawang kasalanan o paglabag sa batas, eh sino ang may tunay na sala?

Jayson Villanueva **Joseph Hans Simbol**