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PINANGUNAHAN ni Mayor Lani Mercado Revilla ang pagputol ng ribbon bilang hudyat sa pagbubukas ng 'Bike Lane' sa kahabaan ng Bacoor Boulevard kasama ang kanyang panganay na anak na si Bryan Revilla. ***RS***

ABALA ang mag-inang Revilla kasama ang iba pang opisyal sa ginawang pamamahagi ng mga bisikleta kaugnay ng programang BIKE WITH A HEART: Lingap Bisikleta para sa mga Manggagawang Bacooreno. ***RS***

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MANGGAGAWANG BACOOREÑO TUMANGGAP NG BISIKLETA MULA SA LOKAL NA PAMAHALAAN

BACOOR CITY---Araw ng Biyernes, Oktubre 30, inilunsad ang pagbubukas ng BIKE LANE sa kahabaan ng Bacoor Boulevard na pinangunahan ni Mayor Lani Mercado Revilla kasama ang kanyang panganay na anak na si Bryan Revilla. Ang pagpapasinaya na ito ay hudyat din ng pag-uumpisa ng UKBAS 2020 na apat na taon nang ginagawa sa lungsod.

Ang UKBAS o ang Ugnayan ng Kapulisan, Barangay at Siklista ay may panawagan na umiwas ang mga Bacooreño sa ilegal na droga. Dahil sa pandemya, simbolikong pinasinayaan na lamang ang proyektong ito sabay sa pagbubukas ng BIKE LANE.

Matapos ang pagbubukas ng BIKE LANE, inilunsad ang ikalawang bahagi ng UKBAS 2020 na may pamagat na BIKE WITH A HEART: Lingap Bisikleta para sa mga Manggagawang Bacooreño. Ang Bike with a Heart ay proyektong handog ni Mayor Lani Mercado Revilla na kung saan ay makakatanggap ng bisikleta ang 165 frontliners and Bacooreño workers.

Ang napiling 165 beneficiaries ng Bike with a Heart ay resulta ng nominasyon mula sa mga kaibigan, kamag-anak, kapitbahay at katrabaho ng mga nominado. Sila ay nagpadala ng sulat para i-endorso ang kilala nilang manggagawa na nangangailangan ng bisikleta sa kanilang trabaho.

Ang mga benepisyaryo ng Bike with a Heart ay mga nurses, health workers, contruction workers, fastfood crew at ibang manggagawa sa lungsod ng Bacoor. Nakatanggap din ng bisikleta ang mga Frontliners na nagtatrabaho sa iba't ibang ospital sa lungsod.

Hindi sagka ang pandemya para hindi maituloy ang magandang layunin ng UKBAS 2020, kontra droga at kontra Covid-19!

Parak ang kinatalo…

2 BINATILYO, GINAWANG 'DOROBO' INUTUSANG MANIKWAT SA LOOB PA NG PRESINTO

GINAWANG 'dorobo, ng isang 31-anyos na lalaki ang dalawang binatilyo matapos utusang magnakaw at pulis pa ang kinatalo sa loob ng presinto sa Cavite City, Cavite.

Ang dalawang menor-de-edad ay itinago sa mga pangalang John, 15; at Mark, 14, kapwa residente ng Cavite City at kasalukuyang nasa kustodiya ng Department of Social Welfare and Development.

Inaresto naman at ipiniit sa Cavite City Custodial Center si Rodolfo Cabutaje, binata, ng Pangiinan St. Brgy 42-B, Cavite City.

Itinuro ng dalawang binatilyo si Cabutaje na nag-utos sa kanila upang isagawa ang pagnanakaw.

Sa ulat ni PMSgt Jonathan Baclas, ng Cavite City Police Station, inutusan ni Cabutaje sina John at Mark na kunin ang OPPO cellphone na nakalagay sa loob ng bag pack sa loob mismo ng police station dakong alas-4:00 ng hapon.

Hindi inakala ng dalawang binatilyo na ang nasabing bag pack ay pag-aari pala ni Corporal Mark Eugene Millano na nagresulta sa kanilang pagkakaaresto.

Sa pagkakaaresto sa dalawa ay inginuso nila si Cabutaje na nag-utos sa kanila dahilan ng pagkakaaaresto sa huli. ***GENE ADSUARA***

DBP bats for increased support to tourism industry

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) --State-owned Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP) is working closely with the Department of Tourism and tourism enterprises in formulating long-term solutions and interventions to help the industry rebound from the ill-effects of the prevailing public health emergency, a top official said.

In a dialogue with stakeholders, DBP President and Chief Executive Officer Emmanuel G. Herbosa said the bank is ready to provide needed resources to enable industry players to institute mechanisms that would rebuild trust in travel, seamlessly adapt to digital platforms, and innovate traditional offerings to spur demand.

"DBP has had a long history of collaboration with the tourism industry," Herbosa said. "We shall remain a steadfast partner in finding meaningful solutions to revive, revitalize and reinvent the tourism sector."

DBP is the seventh largest bank in the country in terms of assets and provides credit support to four strategic sectors of the economy – infrastructure and logistics; micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs); social services and community development; and the environment.

The tourism sector is an integral component of DBP's loan portfolio, with the bank disbursing more than P11.98-billion in credit assistance as of the first semester of 2020, which have benefitted around 178 tourism-related firms nationwide.

Herbosa said DBP's assistance for the tourism sector is lodged under two programs, namely the Retail Lending for Micro and Small Enterprises, which targets firms with an asset size of P15-million, and the Medium Enterprises and Other Business Enterprise Lending which caters to businesses with assets of up to P100-million.

He said distressed businesses may also avail of credit support under DBP's Rehabilitation Support Program on Severe Events, which could extend financing support for the rehabilitation efforts of both public and private institutions adversely affected by calamities.

"Moving forward, we must ensure that resources for the industry are channeled not just for recovery and rebuilding but also for enhancing the readiness and resiliency to combat sudden and debilitating fluxes in the economy," Herbosa said.

It is with great urgency that DBP commits to the development and progress of the tourism sector as the industry's gains have proven to cut across all segments of the social strata, he added. ***(PIA-4A/DBP)***

Kartero ng PHLPost, pinuri sa kanyang katapatan

LUNGSOD PASIG (PIA) -- Ginawaran ng papuri kamakailan ng Philippine Postal Corporation (PHLPost) ang isa sa kanilang mga kartero dahil sa angking katapatan.

Ito'y matapos maibalik ni Roberto Brondo, isang kartero na nakatalaga sa Manila Central Post Office, ang isang pitakang kanyang nakita.

Agad namang ini-report ni Brondo sa kanilang tanggapan ng Human Resource ng PHLPost upang maimbentaryo ang mga laman ng pitaka bilang parte ng documentation process at agad ding nakipag-ugnayan ang mga awtoridad ng PHLPost sa may-ari ng wallet sa pamamagitan ng Facebook.

Ayon sa PHLPost, ang kanilang mga kartero katulad ni G. Brondo ay kilalang matapat at maaasahan sa kanilang sinumpaang serbisyo na maglingkod at maghatid ng sulat umulan man o umaraw.

Si Brondo ay nakatalaga sa Malacañang area sa Maynila upang maghatid ng sulat. Nagsimulang mamasukan si 'Bert' noong 2005 bilang casual employee hanggang sa maging regular at na-appoint bilang Senior Letter Carrier noong February 28, 2017.

Samantala, ayon sa may-ari ng pitaka na kinilalal na si Edward Alimangohan, naniniwala pa rin siya na ang mga kawani ng pamahalaaan lalo na sa PHLPost ay tapat sa kanilang tungkulin.

Bilang pagsaludo sa katapatan ni G. Brondo sa serbisyo, nagbigay ng Special Stamp Frame ang PHLPost Mega Manila Area na naglalaman ng limited edition ng Frontliners Stamps. Ang selyong ito ay nagbibigay pugay sa kabayanihan ng mga Frontline workers sa panahon ng pandemya.

Ayon pa rin sa PHLPost, ang mga kartero ay frontliners din at araw-araw ay exposed sa banta ng virus upang patuloy na tuparin ang kanilang tungkulin sa bayan. Kaya naman ibayong pag-iingat sa kalusugan ang isinasagawa nila sa pamamagitan ng pagpapatupad ng health at safety protocols sa lahat ng post offices nito sa bansa. ***(PIA-NCR)***

DepEd, PSC magsasanib-puwersa sa pagbuo ng National Academy of Sports

LUNGSOD CALOOCAN (PIA) –Makikipagsanib-puwersa ang Kagawaran ng Edukasyon sa Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) sa pagpapatupad at pagbuo ng National Academy of Sports ngayong taon. upang makapagpaunlad ng mga natatanging mag-aaral sa larangan ng palakasan.

"Ang DepEd at ang PSC, sa katunayan, ay magkatuwang sa mga initial preparations para sa pagbubuo nito ng National Academy of Sports," pahayag ni Undersecretary for Field Operations, Palarong Pambansa Secretariat and DEACO Revsee Escobedo sa ginanap na Handang Isip, Handa Bukas Press Briefing noong nakaraang Biyernes.

Ibinahagi rin ni Escobedo na si Secretary Leonor Magtolis Briones ang magsisilbing Chairperson samantalang ang PSC Chair William 'Butch' Ramirez ang magiging Vice-Chairman ng institusyon.

"Ang layunin ng pagtatatag ng National Academy of Sports ay to implement a quality and enhanced secondary education program, integrated with a special curriculum on sports," dagdag ni Escobedo.

Naitatag ang NAS sa bisa nang paglagda ng Batas Republika Bilang 11470 o ang 'National Sports Academy Act' nitong Hunyo 9 upang magbigay ng daan sa mga mag-aaral ng sekondarya na nagnanais na maging propesyunal na manlalaro.

Bilang isang bagong strand sa sektor ng edukasyon, ang sistema ng NAS ay naglalayon ding magbuo ng natatanging curriculum para sa mga athletic scholars, makapagbigay ng dekalidad ng edukasyon para sa mga mag-aaral na may angking galing sa pampalakasan at mapag-isa ang lahat ng institusyong pampalakasan.

Ang sistema ring ito ay may intensyong magpaunald, magpalakas at mapag-isa ang mga bubuoing campus at makapagbigay ng mga world-class sports facility upang makapagpadala ng mga manlalaro sa ibang bansa.

"Hinahangad ng batas na ito ay magkaroon tayo ng world-class facilities kung saan dito magsasanay ang ating mga potential na mga manlalaro para sa Asian Games at Olympics," ayon kay Escobedo.

Para sa mga susunod na hakbang, ang organisasyon ay magbubuo ng NAS Road Map, pagtutuonan ng pansin ang pagsasaayos ng curriculum, pagtatag ng NAS Main Campus at paggawa ng operational manuals para mas maisayos ang sistema.

"Next year, ang pinagtutuonan natin ng pansin ay 'yong main campus muna. Ito ay nasa New Clark City at ito 'yong gagamitin munang main campus at 'yong naitayong track oval doon at saka 'yong swimming pool na ginamit during SEA Games ay ipapagamit muna ng BCDA [Bases Conversion and Development Authority] sa National Academy of Sports para maging training facility," dagdag pa ng opisyal.

Magkakaroon din ang NAS ng P1.85 bilyong inihaing pondo para sa 2021, kung saan ang P264 milyon ay para sa mga kawani at pagpapanatili ng pasilidad at P1.60 bilyon naman para sa capital outlay.

Ikinagalak naman ni Briones ang pagkadagdag ng NAS sa sektor ng edukasyon, kung saan makapagbibigay ito ng panibagong daan upang patuloy na maabot ng mga mag-aaral ang kanilang kagutustuhan.

"Sa ngayon, medyo kumpleto na ang ating [programs], mayroon na tayong mga science high schools, mayroon na ding hight schools for the arts, ngayon mayroon na tayong high school for sports," ayon sa Kalihim ng Edukasyon. ***(DepEd/PIA-NCR)***

IWAS HULI SA TUPADA, TUMALON SA BANGIN

KAMATAYAN ang sinapit ng isang 47-anyos na lalaki nang pinili nito ang tumalon sa bangin upang hindi mahuli ng mga awtoridad dahil sa iligal na tupada sa Indang, Cavite.

Umabot ng mahigit isang araw bago natagpuan ang bangkay ng biktimang si Mary June Agsangre Flores, binata, driver, ng Brgy Tambo Kulit, Indang.

Sa ulat ni PSMSgt Arne Julian, ng Indang Municipal Police Station, huling nakitang buhay ang biktima kasama ang isang kaibigan noong Sabado ng umaga (Okt.24) patungo sa Roms Farm kung saan may isinagawang tupada sa lugar.

Hindi na nakita simula noon kaya ipinagbigay alam sa pulisya ang hindi nito paguwi sa kanilang bahay.

Pero dakong alas-12:50 ng tanghali nang nakatanggap ng balita ang mga kawani ng MDRRMO na nakita ang bangkay ng biktima ng kanyang kaibigan na si Bayani Rabulan sa isang ilog sa Bry Tambo Malaki.

Nabatid na noong Sabado ay nagsagawa ng operasyon ang Indang MPS at sinalakay ang tupada sa Roms Fram kung saan nakita ang biktima na tumalon sa bangin patungo sa ilog upang tumakas sa pagkakahuli ng awtoridad.

Inalam din kung may naganap na foul play sa pagkamatay ng biktima. ***GENE ADSUARA***

Angkas sa motor, tigok

NASAWI ang isang 19-anyos na lalaki na nakaangkas sa motorsiklo na minamaneho ng kapatid nang banggain ang isang isang tricycle sa Tanza, Cavite.

Namatay habang ginagamot sa Emilio Aguinaldo Hospital (EAH) ang biktimang si Allen Algen Mejarito, 19, dahil sa tinamong mga sugat sa katawan habang sa isang ospital sa Laguna isinugod ang kapatid nitong si Michael Mejarito, 29, kapwa residente ng Brgy Nueva, El Venda Village, San Pedro City, Laguna.

Sa EAH din isinugod ang tricycle driver na nakilala lamang sa pangalang Espinosa.

Sa ulat ni PSSgt Israel Villeja, ng Tanza Municipal Police Station, bumabagtas ang motorsiklo at tricycle sa kahabaan ng Governors Drive sakop ng Brgy Tanauan dakong alas-4:00 ng hapon.

Magkaangkas ang magkapatid sa motorsiklong Suzuki Raider habang tricycle naman si Espinosa.

Pagsapit sa nasabing lugar nang banggain ang tricycle ng motorsiklo.

Dahil sa lakas ng pagkakabangga malubhang nasugatan si Allen na nakaangkas sa motorsiklo.

Pawang isinugod sa ospital ang tatlo kung saan namatay habang ginagamot si Allen. ***GENE ADSUARA***

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Gamutin, mga tsuper na may 'cancer'

ANG pagmamaneho ay isang prebelihiyo subalit bawal ito kung walang kaukulang lisensiya mula sa Land Transportation Office.

Nakadepende rin sa number code sa kung anong uri ng behikulo ang minamaneho.

Dalawang uri rin ang driver's license ang maaaring kunin sa LTO, professional o non-pro.

Bago makakuha ng pro o non-pro ay kailangang muna ang student license.

Kapag mayroon ng pro o non-pro ay lisensiya na ito para sa pagmamaneho ng tamang behikulo at uulitin natin ay dapat akma sa taglay na number code.

Nakakalungkot isipin na ang patuloy na pagtaas sa bilang ng vehicular accident ay dahil sa sinasabing nagiging maluwag na pagkuha ng lisensiya.

Ibigay na natin ang lahat ng paghihigpit sa pagkuha ng lisensiya na kumbaga ay mistulang dadaan sa butas ng karayom.

Sabihin na rin halimbawa na wala ng nagaganap na fixing sa aplikasyon ng driver's license.

Magagarantiya na kaya na kung hindi man mapipigilan ay napakalaki ang ibababa sa kaso ng vehicular accident?

Tanggapin natin ang katotohanan na kapag natuto ng magmaneho at nakakuha na ng lisensiya ay napakaraming driver ang nag-iiba ang pagkatao.

Sabi nga, sa sampung makakasabayan mo sa pagmamaneho ay masuwerteng dalawa o tatlo sa kanila ay disiplinadong tsuper.

Ang uri ng pagmamaneho sa mga lansangan ay nakadepende sa mga driver.

Masaklap kung ang driver ay maihahaluntulad sa isang sakit na tila kanser na.

Mahigpit man o maluwag ang pagkuha ng lisensiya ay hindi masasabing solusyon para sa tumataas na vehicular accident cases.

Marahil dapat ay gamutin ang mga tsuper na may 'cancer' sa pagmamaneho.

Kapag nagamot ang cancer na iyan ay tiyak na napakababang kaso ng aksidente ang maitatala.

EDITORYAL

Anak din ng Diyos

DALAWA lamang ang kasarian ng tao, babae at lalaki.

Pero mayroong babae na pinipilit maging lalaki at meron ding lalaki na ginagawang babae ang sarili.

Ang tawag sa kanila ay bilang bakla at tomboy gayunman sila ay isang tao.

Kailangan ba silang sisihin at lalo na ay dapat pagkutya ang kanilang matatamo?

Lalaki o babae ka nga at hindi bakla o tomboy subalit ikaw ba ay nagpapakatao?

Kung kasalanan man ang pagiging bakla o tomboy ay sila ang may kagustuhan niyon.

Sila ang magbabayad ng kasalanang iyon at nakahanda ang kanilang sarili kung mayroon ngang kaparusahang nakalaan ang langit.

Tandaan lamang na sila ay anak din ng Diyos.

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LGU Trece Martires goes digital for New Normal government system

TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite (PIA) -- The City Government here recently signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Multisys Technologies Corporation for a partnership in the development of the Smart City System.

In preparation for the New Normal, the system is a contactless transactions thru digitalized online system that will ensure more efficient, fast and convenient business dealings with the different departments of the city government.

The Smart City System offers services that include processing and payment of Business Permit, Business Tax, Real Property Tax, Birth Certificate, Cedula, Local Civil Registry, Occupational Rents and Health Certificate, and other payments.

Payments can be made thru over-the-counter via Bayad Centers, banks and online banking with affiliated banking establishments of BDO, BPI and Metrobank, via digital payments like Paymaya and GCASH, and debit or credit card payments.

In the near future, the city government subsidies like the Birhday Cash Gift, financial assistance, medical assistance and other services could be directly credited to the residents thru the system and all other possibilities will be explored to maximize the utilization of the system to better serve the people.

Mayor Gemma Lubigan led the virtual signing of the partnership agreement with Mr. Esconili Head Business Development of Multisys, and witnessed by Atty.Kim Moral, Councilor Aldrin Anacan, Acting City Admin Mr. Cabaya, and Vice Mayor Bobby Montehermoso on October 9, 2020.

"Looking forward po tayo sa launching nito at umaasa po tayo sa mabilis at epektibong serbisyo at kasiguraduhan para sa mamamayan ng Trece. Unti-unti ay makakamit na natin ang pagiging Innovative City at ang paggamit ng mabisang teknolohiya sa ating Lungsod," said Mayor Lubigan. ***(Ruel Francisco/Trece Martires City Information Office)***

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SC AFFIRMS JAIL TERM FOR MAN OVER 'PSYCHOLOGICAL ABUSE' OF WIFE

MANILA – The Supreme Court (SC) has upheld the conviction of a man for "psychological abuse" he committed against his wife when he had an affair during their marriage.

In a 20-page decision dated September 8 and released Tuesday, the SC's First Division, through Chief Justice Diosdado Peralta, affirmed the decision of the Las Piñas City Regional Trial Court (RTC) Branch 199 finding Jaime Araza guilty of violating Republic Act 9262 or the Anti-Violence against Women and their Children Act of 2004, sentencing him to six months to eight years imprisonment.

"The prosecution has established Araza's guilt beyond reasonable doubt by proving that he committed psychological violence upon his wife by committing marital infidelity," the court said as it also upheld the Court of Appeals' (CA) ruling on the case.

Araza and his wife, only named "AAA" in court records, married in 1989 at the Malate Catholic Church, and had a happy domestic life initially when the man was an overseas contract worker until 1993 when he joined his wife in his networking business.

Araza, however, had an affair when he went to Zamboanga for work which was discovered after his wife received text messages from persons informing her that he was having an affair.

She then filed a case for concubinage against her husband and the case was initially settled amicably.

However, sometime in 2007, Araza vanished, prompting his wife to seek the help of the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI). It turns out the man had once again returned to his lover.

The wife then sued for a petition for habeas corpus against the lover, thinking the mistress was detaining her husband illegally.

In ruling in favor of the husband's conviction, the court also required Araza to pay PHP125,000 in fines and moral damages and directed him to undergo mandatory psychological counseling or psychiatric treatment and to report his compliance. ***(PNA)***

Lawyer disbarred for failing to honor housing loan deal

MANILA – A lawyer who failed to honor his promise to take over the payment of a house he bought from a government employee has been disbarred by the Supreme Court (SC).

In a 10-page decision dated Oct. 6 and released Tuesday, the court en banc found Glicerio A. Sampana guilty of misconduct and ordered his disbarment.

Sampana had been named in a complaint filed by Wilfredo Caballero, an employee of the National Food Authority (NFA), who transferred to Sampana his rights to a low-cost housing unit he obtained under a real estate loan from the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) in 1997.

Due to financial constraints, Caballero agreed to have Sampana acquire the property for PHP60,000 with the condition that the lawyer would assume the obligation of paying the remaining monthly amortizations.

Despite several demands, Sampana failed to honor his side of the deal and in 2014, the GSIS issued its final demand on Caballero informing him that his unpaid obligations now amounted to PHP2.98 million.

Caballero then initiated an administrative complaint against Sampana.

The Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP), finding respondent's conduct violative of ethical standards, initially ruled to impose on him the penalty of suspension from the practice of law for six months.

In dealing with the harsher penalty of disbarment, the court noted that it was not the first infraction made by the lawyer who had once been suspended for one year for his part in a double sale of a parcel of land.

Less than a year later, he was again penalized for irregularities in an annulment and adoption case he was handling.

"Considering his previous infractions, respondent should have adhered to the tenet of his profession with exceptional vigilance, He did not. On the contrary, his recent transgression is indicative of his propensity to commit unethical and improper acts that diminish the public's trust and confidence in lawyers in general," the court said. ***(PNA)***

Filipinos sweep Southeast Asian 'Youth COVIDeo Contest'

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) --Three Filipinos won the top prizes of the Youth COVIDeo Contest of the Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA). Their videos bested 72 other entries from five countries.

The contest aimed to showcase how the youth played a part in local food production during the COVID-19 pandemic as part of SEARCA's Young Forces for Agricultural Innovation (#Y4AGRI) program.

Themed "Youth and Locally Grown Food," the contest sought video stories from Southeast Asian youth on how and why young people grow their food at home, in school or in the community during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Frontliner-turned-farmer Marcelino Padilla of Northern Samar bagged the top prize with his story of how he transitioned from being a nurse to pursuing his passion for farming. His winning video shows his remarkable journey and skill in practicing and promoting environmentally friendly, circular, and zero waste integrated farming system. At the onset of the community quarantine, he germinated his reserved seeds and distributed seedlings to neighboring communities together with the members of 4-H Club, a youth organization. His video also showcased the benefits of home gardening to his family and how he encouraged the youth in his community to engage in agricultural activities during the pandemic.

The second prize went to Myka Fragata of Nueva Vizcaya, who, along with her sister, told the story of Arapaap Farm, her family's passion project during the quarantine period. To ensure food and nutrition security for their family and community amid the COVID-19 crisis, they developed an idle land into a productive vegetable garden within three months. Her video gives a quick rundown of starting and sustaining a family farm.

Mr. Benson Cariñaga, a son of Albay, won both the third prize and the Popularity Award for the entry that garnered the most Facebook reactions. His video features the communal garden of Tinago Youth Volunteers (TYV) which was established during the community quarantine to promote local food security. His video shows TYV members providing practical tips in growing vegetables, composting, and harvesting.

The entries were evaluated by multimedia experts, agriculturists, and SEARCA experts and officials.

The top three winners and other finalists in the top 10 received cash prizes. A smart tablet was the prize for the Popularity Award.

"We are happy to see through your videos the different practices in growing food with your family and friends, and in promoting youth engagement in your community through productive activities in agriculture amidst the pandemic," said SEARCA Director Glenn B. Gregorio during the virtual awards ceremony.

Mr. Joselito G. Florendo, SEARCA Deputy Director for Administration, encouraged all participants to carry on with their involvement in agriculture, especially with their families and immediate communities.

He stressed that "our youth engagement agenda continues beyond this contest and we look forward to working with young people like you again in our efforts of engaging and empowering the youth in agricultural and rural development." ***(PIA-4A/SEARCA)***

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NATIONAL HOME MORTGAGE FINANCE CORP.,
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For: Extra Judicial Foreclosure of Real Estate Mortgage

ROLANDO REYESLAO married to CRISELDA DEBORAH REYESLAO
Mortgagors,
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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE FORECLOSURE

Upon Extra-judicial for Sale under Act 3135 as Amended by Act 4118 filed by the mortgagee-assignee, **NATIONAL HOME MORTGAGE FINANCE CORP**., of 104 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Village, Makati City against **ROLANDO REYESLAO married to CRISELDA DEBORAH REYESLAO** of #2 Duhat St., Justineville Subd., Bacoor, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of December 31, 2019 amounts to **ONE MILLION NINE HUNDRED FIFTY SEVEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FORTY SIX PESOS & 26/100 (Php 1,957,246.26),** Philippine Currency, exclusive of penalty charges, the undersigned on her duly authorized representative will sell at public auction on **December 11, 2020 at 10:00 o'clock** in the morning or soon thereafter at the main Entrance of the Hall of Justice of Bacoor City, Cavite, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following described property with all improvements therein, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE No. T-354030

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

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City of Bacoor, October 12, 2020

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Southeast Asian center intensifies development support to Laguna province

LOS BAÑOS, Laguna (PIA) --The Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA) has formalized its ties with the Provincial Government of Laguna (PGL) this month to jointly pursue capacity development activities and exchange knowledge resources, including publications.

Laguna Governor Ramil L. Hernandez said SEARCA's focus on scientific inquiry, agricultural extension, and rural development is vital to Laguna's growth and development.

"We believe that SEARCA has the technical knowledge and skills to address the plight of our community. The Provincial Government of Laguna is willing to participate," he said.

This was affirmed by Congresswoman Ruth Mariano Hernandez of the Second District of Laguna, who said "we are looking forward for an open-collaboration to help our farming communities here in Laguna to add yield on their crops especially with your research on rice fortified with iron and zinc."

SEARCA Director Glenn B. Gregorio said the partnership with the Province of Laguna is an essential move to help the farmers and farming communities in the province.

Moreover, SEARCA also began a community gardens project in Los Baños, Laguna to help flower farmers in Brgy. Bayog, a major aster-growing area, to shift to growing good-quality food for their consumption and as an alternative source of income now that there is little demand for aster because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In a launch event attended by Los Baños government officials led by Mayor Cesar Perez, SEARCA turned over seeds, fertilizer, and other farm inputs to Marcelino Aragon, Gerardo Banasihan, and Salvador Tordacilla, the three aster farmers involved in the project.

"As a post-crisis strategy, the project will be piloted on three farm lots sized 3,800 sq.m., 2,800 sq.m., and 2,000 sq.m. with a grant provided through the SEARCA Grants for Research towards Agricultural Innovative Solutions (GRAINS)," said Dr. Rico C. Ancog, SEARCA Emerging Innovation for Growth program lead.

"SEARCA will also provide technical support in terms of land and site preparation, planning the community garden design, and setting up and monitoring of the community garden," Dr. Ancog said. ***(PIA-4A/ SEARCA)***

DAP offers Freedom of Information course

MANILA – The Presidential Communications Operations Office (PCOO), through the Freedom of Information Project Management Office (FOI-PMO), is launching its first online course on Freedom of Information – a first of its kind in the country.

Dubbed as the Freedom of Information: An Introduction, or simply the "FOI 101," the online course offers fundamental topics and discussions on the history of Access to Information (ATI) or Right to Information (RTI) both from a local and global perspective.

The course will also map the legal framework on the right to access information. More importantly, the online course will expound on the FOI Program and its implementation in the country, with a walkthrough of the Electronic FOI (eFOI) Portal as its digital platform.

"I hope Freedom of Information 101 would serve Filipinos with a stepping stone to exercise their right to ask for information, to start a dialogue in civic participation in governance, and to engage in the discourse of transparency and accountability in government", said PCOO Assistant Secretary and FOI program director Kristian Ablan during the online ceremonial signing of the memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP) on Oct. 27, 2020.

DAP president and CEO Engelbert Caronan Jr. and Department of Science and Technology -Philippine Council for Industry, Energy, and Emerging Technology Research and Development (PCIEETRD) executive director Enrico Paringit, who were also present at the MOU signing, supported the FOI online course and hoped that it will be a fruitful learning experience to its enrollees.

The online course is powered by Project Smarter Philippines through Data Analytics Research and Development, Training, and Adoption (Project SPARTA) -- a joint initiative of the DOST, DAP, Analytics Association of the Philippines, and CourseBank.

The FOI 101 will be delivered by FOI specialists led by Ablan, with lawyer Mae Anne Sandoval and Ms. Pearl Iris Clemente.

The public can access this free online course at CourseBank (https://coursebank.ph/course). ***(PR)***

Public, local execs warned of syndicate pretending to be DILG officials

CALOOCAN CITY (PIA) -- The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) is warning both the public and local government executives anew of a syndicate of extortionists and con artists posing as DILG senior officials and supposedly arranging for COVID-19 or emergency relief aid.

DILG Undersecretary and Spokesperson Jonathan Malaya said that they have received numerous reports from DILG regional and field offices and some LGUs that they have received calls or texts from con-artists and impostors pretending to be senior DILG officials, himself or his staff, offering to provide COVID-19 assistance and asking for money in return.

"Pinapayuhan po natin ang ating mga LGUs at ang publiko na mag-ingat sa mga walang hiyang mandurugas na sindikato na nagpapakilalang taga DILG at nangingikil ng pera kapalit ng umano'y ayuda," Malaya said.

"Kahit po ang inyong lingkod ay ilang beses ng ginamit ang pangalan para makapanloko. Kailanman ay hindi tayo nanghihingi ng pera sa kahit sinong Mayor, Vice Mayor, o kapitan kapalit ng serbisyo publiko na binibigay ng DILG," he added.

In a report to the DILG, Mayor Danilo M. Diamante of Tuburan, Cebu said he received repeated calls from someone who introduced himself as a DILG Undersecretary. The caller asked money from the mayor supposedly to cover for the shipping of 1,500 cavans of rice to be given as assistance to his town. The caller also supposedly instructed Mayor Diamante to pin a certain SB member for alleged involvement in illegal drugs which the latter vehemently denied.

The DILG Spokesperson also received similar reports from DILG CALABARZON Regional Director Ariel O. Iglesia, Mayor Rachel Ubana of Lopez, Quezon, Mayor Nacional V. Mercado of Maasin City, Southern Leyte; and Mayor Melina Requinto of Estancia, Iloilo

"Halos pare-pareho ang istilo ng sindikatong ito. Tatawag at magpakilalang taga DILG, magbibigay kunwari ng tulong na bigas o iba pang suporta ngayong COVID-19, at sa huli ay manghihingi ng pera para sa transportasyon at iba pang gastusin," Malaya explained.

He said that he has already alerted the Philippine National Police – Crime Investigation and Detection Group (PNP-CIDG) about this modus operandi and they are already working double time to put these scammers behind bars.

The DILG had earlier warned the LGUs and public of similar extortion incidents just last month.

"Kung sinuman sa inyo ang makatanggap ng tawag o texts sa mga taong nagpakilalang ako o sinuman sa mga DILG top officials, magsumbong o makipagugnayan po kayo kaagad sa pinakamalapit na police station para mahuli at maparusahan ang mga impostor na ito," he said.

Malaya clarified that the DILG routes official communications to the DILG regional and field offices and all LGUs via official channels and not through mere texts or calls.

He advised the LGUs to always be cautious and verify first from DILG field when dealing with any person claiming to be connected with the Department.

"Sa mga nasa malalayong munisipyo at kabarangayan, magtungo po kayo kaagad sa pinakamalapit na police station o DILG field office para makasiguro at hindi kayo malinlang ng mga scammer na ito," he said. ***(PIA NCR)***

Dahil sa walang plakang motorsiklo 'damo' nabisto

BUKING ang itinatagong "damo" ng dalawang lalaki na naunang sinita dahil sa walang plaka ang sinasakyang motorsiklo sa Gen. Trias City, Cavite.

Kasong paglabag sa RA 10054, RA 4136 Art. 151 ng RPC at Sec 11 ng RA 9165 ang kinaharap ng mga suspek na sina Jose Santiago Jr., at Rafael Tuipaz, kapwa nasa wastong edad, ng San Francisco, Gen. Trias City.

Sa ulat ni PSSgt Jayson Olivar, ng Gen. Trias City Police Station, dakong alas-11:30 ng gabi ay naglatag ng OPLAN Sita ang mga operatiba ng Gen. Trias CPS sa Brgy San Francisco, kung saan sinita ang mga suspek na magkaangkas sa motorsiklo na walang plaka.

Pero imbes na tumigil ay pinasibad ang kanilang motorsiklo kaya nagkaroon ng habulan at nang naabutan ay narekober sa kanila ang naturang damo.

Ang dalawa ay nakakulong sa Gen. Trias City Custodial Center. ***GENE ADSUARA***

DHSUD to run after real estate scammers, bogus brokers

MANILA – The Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development (DHSUD) said it will run after illegal developers and bogus brokers engaged in illegal selling of real estate properties.

Sec. Eduardo del Rosario, the government's housing czar, said the DSHUD will be launching an intensified campaign against illegal activities related to the government's housing and human settlement projects.

"We need to put a stop to these illegal activities through pro-active efforts in collaboration with our stakeholders, including legitimate developers, who are also falling victims to these scammers, and other government agencies," he said in a statement on Wednesday.

Del Rosario ordered DHSUD's regional offices to craft their respective campaigns against real estate scammers, including unscrupulous developers, brokers, and agents engaged in the illegal selling of real estate properties.

DHSUD's top officials were tasked to strengthen collaboration with other government agencies including the Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) and partner-developers in pursuing efforts to eliminate illegal activities in the housing community.

According to the housing department, the initiative came in the wake of reports that some unregistered developers and real estate brokers are illegally engaging in property selling.

Some are illegally selling lots and housing units as well as preying on unsuspecting buyers through social media.

Based on the Housing and Land use Regulatory Board (HLURB) under Presidential Decree 957—no real estate broker or salesman shall engage in the business of selling subdivision lots or condominium units without being registered.

DHSUD has regulatory power over real estate developers and brokers and salespersons are obliged to register with the DHSUD before engaging in property selling.

"We should protect our home buyers, especially overseas Filipino workers, from these scammers," said del Rosario.

Del Rosario reminded the public to avoid falling prey to unlicensed developers and other bogus brokers or salespeople.

He noted that buyers can demand copies of the "certificate of registration" specifically issued for the property being eyed and the "license to sell.' Both documents are applied with the DHSUD before a project can be advertised or sold.

These documents must ensure that a project is compliant with government requirements and standards, he added.

When in doubt, del Rosario urged home buyers to seek assistance from DHSUD central office or any of its 16 regional offices located nationwide. ***(PNA)***

MAKIKIPAGTULUNGAN ANG DEPED SA PSC PARA SA NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SPORTS

Upang mapaunlad ang mas maraming promising mag-aaral sa palakasan, makikipagtulungan ang Department of Education (DepEd) sa Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) sa pagpapatupad at pagtatatag ng National Academy of Sports (NAS) ngayong taon.

"Ang DepEd at ang PSC, ayon sa katotohanan, ay nagsasama sa mga paunang paghahanda para sa pagbubuo nitong National Academy of Sports (The DepEd and PSC, in fact, are partner in the initial paghahanda para sa pagtatatag ng National Academy of Sports)," Sinabi ng DepEd Undersecretary for Field Operations at Palarong Pambansa Secretariat na si Revsee Escobedo sa isang pahayag na inilabas

Ibinahagi ni Escobedo na ang Kalihim ng DepEd na si Leonor Magtolis Briones ang magiging tagapangulo habang si PSC Chairman William 'Butch' Ramirez ay magiging bise-chairman ng NAS.

Ang layunin ng pagtatatag ng (Ang layunin ng pagtatatag ng) National Academy of Sports ay upang ipatupad ang isang kalidad at pinahusay na pangalawang edukasyon na programa, na isinama sa isang espesyal na kurikulum sa palakasan, "Escobedo said.

Ang NAS ay nilikha noong Hunyo 9, 2020 matapos pirmahan ni Pangulong Rodrigo Duterte ang Republic Act 11470 o National Sports Academy Act upang magbigay ng isang avenue para sa mga pangalawang mag-aaral na nais na ituloy ang propesyonal na palakasan.

Bumubuo ng isang bagong strand sa sektor ng edukasyon, nilalayon ng NAS System na magdisenyo ng isang espesyal na kurikulum para sa mga iskolar na pang-atletiko, magbigay ng holistikong kalidad na edukasyon sa mga nag-aaral na mahusay sa palakasan, at isama ang lahat ng akademya ng palakasan sa isang sistema ng pamamahala

Nilalayon din ng NAS System na paunlarin, palakasin, at isama ang mga campus sa hinaharap sa sistema at magbigay ng mga pasilidad sa palakasan na pandaigdigan upang makabuo ng mga manlalaro na mapagkumpitensya sa buong mundo.

"Hinahangad ng batas na ito ay makukuha natin ang mga pasilidad sa buong mundo kung saan nagsasanay ang ating mga potensyal na mga kakayahan para sa Mga Laro sa Asya at Olimpiko (The law bertujuan to build world-class amenities where our potensyal na atleta ay sanayin para sa Asian Games and Olympics), "Escobedo said.

Para sa mga susunod na hakbang, lilikha ang samahan ng NAS Road Map,

higit na ituon ang pansin sa pagpapaunlad ng kurikulum, itatayo ang NAS Main Campus, at isulat ang mga manwal sa pagpapatakbo nito upang mapagbuti ang system.

Sa susunod na taon, sinabi niya na ang pokus ay nasa pangunahing campus na kung saan ay ang New Clark City na kung saan matatagpuan ang world-class track oval at swimming pool na ginamit noong 2019 nang mag-host ang bansa ng Southeast Asian Games.

Sinabi niya na papayagan ng Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA) ang NAS na gamitin ang mga pasilidad para sa pagsasanay ng mga atletang mag-aaral.

Ang NAS ay magkakaroon ng inilaan na PHP1.86 bilyon sa ipinanukalang 2021 na badyet, kung saan ang PHP264 milyon ay para sa mga serbisyo ng tauhan at pagpapanatili at iba pang mga gastos sa pagpapatakbo, at ang PHP1.60 bilyon ay para sa pagpapalabas ng kapital.

Si Briones ay natuwa sa pagdaragdag ng NAS sa sektor ng edukasyon, na maaaring magbigay sa

mga nag-aaral ng higit na avenue upang ituloy ang kanilang pagdadalubhasa.

"Sa ngayon, medyo kumpleto na sa ating [mga programa], mayroon nang mga science high school, mayroon nang mga high school para sa sining, mayroon na ngayong high school para sa sports (Sa ngayon, mayroon kaming kumpletong mga programa, mayroon kaming agham mga high school, mayroon din kaming mga high school para sa sining, at ngayon mayroon kaming high school para sa sports), "she said.

TINALAKAY sa lingguhang TOPS Usapang Via zoom online week 18 ni James De Los Santos ang mga update kaugnay ng sa kanyang pagiging world number 1 Kata Player ng Karate. ***(RGN)***

Zamboanga City wagi sa Chooks 3x3 Leg 4

Bumalik ang Zamboanga City mula sa isang mabilis na exit sa nakaraang leg upang kunin ang kampeonato sa ika-apat na yugto ng Chooks-to-Go Pilipinas 3x3 President's Cup sa Inspire Sports Academy sa Calamba, Laguna noong Martes ng gabi.

Dalawang gabi matapos na maka-shock ang boot sa quarterfinals ng Leg 3, muling nakuha ng Zamboanga City ang lahat ng mga marmol, tinalo ang pamunuan ng Leg 3 na si Butuan sa Leg 4 finals, 21-20.

"Kapag natalo namin ang larong iyon, naramdaman kong nagwasak ang mundo," sabi ni Troy Rike.

"Ngunit naalala ko lang sa sarili ko na kung mag-aalaga tayo ng negosyo, tama tayo, kailangan nating maging kahit na matapos ang isang paga sa kalsada."

At ang kanyang koponan ay nagawa na lang sa oras.

Ang Zamboanga City ay nasa gilid ng tamaan pa ng isa pang malaking bukol matapos ang back-to-back deuces mula kay Chris Dechavez na hinipan ang 20-16 na lead ng koponan nang gumapang pabalik si Butuan upang pilitin ang 20-all tie.

Gayunman, nabigo si Dechavez upang suriin si Santi Santillan, na nag-iisa para sa nakakasakit na rebound sa isang Joshua Munzon na pinalagpas ng dalawa, na pinilit kay Dechavez na gawing masama si Santillan habang ang huli ay nagpunta sa putback sa nalalabi pang 2:34

Sa kalaunan ay napagpasyahan ng foul ang paligsahan nang maubos ni Santillan ang libreng itapon para sa match point.

Nagtapos si Joshua Munzon ng 11 puntos upang pangunahan ang Zamboanga City, na nanalo ng kabuuan na PHP110,000 dahil hindi pinasiyahan ang leg ngunit nagwagi rin ng pinakamabilis na award sa laro matapos na kailanganin lamang ng isang shade na higit sa limang minuto upang itapon ang Pagadian, 21-7, sa pool na laro

Nagdagdag si Santillan ng anim na puntos, habang si Alvin Pasaol ay nakakuha ng tatlo at si Rike ay nag-isa.

Si Dechavez ay nagtala ng 12 markers, habang sina Karl Dehesa at JR Alabanza ay nakuha bawat isa para sa Butuan City, na sa kabila ng runner-up finish ay nakakuha ng PHP100,000 pati na rin para sa paghamon sa Zamboanga City sa finals.

Ang Zamboanga City at Butuan City, na nangunguna sa dalawang binhi pagkatapos ng Leg 4, ay makakakuha ng first-round bye kasama sina Nueva Ecija at Pasig.

Ang iba pang walong koponan sa larangan ay haharap sa isang knockout playoff phase upang matukoy ang huling apat na koponan sa quarterfinals.

Mag uuwi ang grand champion ng PHP1 milyon sa nasabing liga.

Lumabag sa Anti-Doping Rules," hindi makapaglaro hanggang Mayo 13, 2022

Ang men's world 100-meter champion, Christian Coleman, ay pinagbawalan sa loob ng dalawang taon dahil sa paglabag sa mga patakaran sa anti-doping.

"Pinataguyod ng Disciplinary Tribunal ang singil ng AIU at pinagbawalan ang sprinter na si Christian Coleman ng USA sa loob ng 2 taon sa loob ng 3 Kung saan Nabigo ang mga Pagkabigo sa loob ng 12 buwan, isang paglabag sa World Athletics Anti-Doping Rules," the Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU) sinabi sa Twitter.

Ang panuntunan na kinalalagyan ay nag-uutos sa mga atleta na magbigay ng impormasyon tungkol sa kanilang lokasyon at maging handa para sa mga pagsubok na tinawag na minsan.

Sinabi ng AIU na si Coleman ay hindi maaaring lumitaw sa anumang kompetisyon hanggang Mayo 13, 2022.

Ang 24-taong-gulang na Amerikano ay makaligtaan ang Palarong Olimpiko sa Tokyo sa susunod na tag-init ngunit maaaring mag-apela sa pagpapasya sa Court of Arbitration for Sport.

Si Coleman ay nagwagi ng ginto sa 100-meter at 4x100-meter relay sa Doha noong nakaraang taon

HANEP SHOWBIZ

RESPETO, DAPAT TAGLAYIN NG BAWAT TAO- IVANA ALAWI

NABANGGIT ni Ivana Alawi na mahalagang taglayin dapat ng tao ang respeto.

Sabi ng aktres, nararapat na igalang lalung-lalo na ang kababaihan.

Hindi kailangang pansinin o tingnan pa ang kasuotan ng babae sa pagbibigay ng respeto rito.

Dapat aniyang ipagkaloob ang respeto sa babae o kahit sa lalaki man.

Ano mang kasuotan ng isang tao ay kailangang ang respeto ay kanilang matamo.

Sa madaling salita ay hindi dapat tumingin sa itsura o kahit anong kasarian ng isang tao.

Ang mensaheng ito ng aktres ay pagpapakita ng kanyang suporta sa karapatan ng isang babae.

Partikular ang isyu na kinakaharap nina Liza Soberano at Catriona Gray.

Naging model din si Ivana at sa trabahong ito ay ilang beses niyang dinanas ang pambabastos.

Isa sa mga klase ng pambabastos na ginagawa ng lalaki ay ang pagpito o pagsipol.

Sa uri ng sipol ay matutukoy naman talaga kung ito ay pambabastos at hindi paghanga.

Sa pagiging isang model ay may pagkakataong nahahawakan pa si Ivana sa katawan, iyon bang tipong tsansing.

Hay naku, bakit nga ba kasi merong mga bastos?

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PAMBATO NG 'PINAS SA MU

Ang Ilonga beauty na si Rabiya Mateo ang ating pambato para sa korona ng Miss Universe.

Batiin natin si Rabiya sa pagkakatanghal sa kanya kamakailan bilang bagong Miss Universe Philippines.

Ikalimang Miss Universe crown para sa Pilipinas sakaling papalaring si Rabiya na maiuwi ang titulo.

Last year ay hindi pinalad ang ating pambatong si Gazini Ganados dahil siya ay Top 20 finish lamang sa Miss Universe.

Mula sa Paranaque ang 1st runner-up, 2nd ang Quezon City, 3rd ang Bohol, at 4th ang Cavite.

Sa lahat ng kandidata, binabati namin kayong lahat.

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"MAHAL mo, meron kang nararamdamang pagmamahal pero 'di mo matiyak sa sarili mo kung sino ang gusto at mahal mo na 'yun."

"Sa mga nakakaharap mong babae, kapag kausap mo sila eh sino sa kanila ang sa tingin mo ay gusto mo?"

Sa mga sinasabi manghuhula kahit paano ay bahagyang nalilinawan si Mikel.

"Si Lirio o si Lea?"

Dalawang babae ang biglang pumasok sa isipan ni Mikel, sina Lea at Lirio.

"Bakit bigla kang natigilan, may naisip ka na bang mga babae na nakakausap mo?

Nahalata si Mikel ng kanyang kausap pero siya man ay nagtaka kung bakit sina Lirio at Lea ang biglang pumasok sa kanyang isip.

Aminin man sa hindi ay gusto ni Mikel si Lirio, katunayan ay binalak na nga niyang ligawan ito.

Alam iyon ng kanyang kaibigang si Dave subalit naudlot nga lamang.

Kaya nga si Dave nga ang muling umuudyok sa kanya para ligawan si Lirio.

Tila nagbago lamang ang ihip ng hangin noong nakita niyang may kausap dati na lalaki si Lea.

Pagkatapos ng eksenang iyon ay mistulang umiba ang pag-ikot ng mundo.

Sa palaging paghaharap nila ni Lea ay animo'y palaisipan sa kanya ang kanilang pag-uusap.

Doon sa sinabi ng manghuhula na hirap siyang alamin ang tunay na karakter at nasa saloobin ng kanyang kausap, para kay Mikel ay malinaw na si Lea iyon.

Si Lirio kasi ay nababasa niya ang mga gustong pahiwatig nito kumpara kay Lea na malalim.

Kapag nagkakausap nga sila ni Lea na dahil nalilito ay marami siyang katanungan subalit malabo naman sa kanya ang bawat kasagutan nito.

Tanong naman ni Mikel sa sarili ay bakit kailangang tuklasin niya ang karakter at saloobin ni Lea.

Nakaalis na si Mikel na hindi niya naisangguni o naitanong iyon sa manghuhula.

Ang kailangan kasi ngayon ay dapat malaman niya kung sino ba talaga siya.

Kung ano ang kanyang true identity na maaaring magiging susi sa pagtuklas sa mahiwagang babaing walang mukha.

"Makikilala rin kitang babae ka."

(Itutuloy)

Ika-13 Labas

BALEWALA naman kay Hazel kung ano man ang mga naririnig mula kay Rica.

"Basta gagawin ko ang lahat ng best ko, lahat ng kontak ko ay pagaganahin ko."

Tuloy lamang si Hazel sa pagsasalita na hindi naman mawari ni Rica kung ito ay kahambugan ba.

Likas kay Hazel ang pagbibitiw ng kung anong salita na hindi iniisip kung siya ba ay pupunahin.

Hindi man siya direktang binabara o pinupuna ay talagang may laman ang salita ni Rica.

Kung susuriin ay nais lamang ipabatid ni Rica kay Hazel na huwag unahin ang pagyayabang.

Dapat ay kumilos lamang at magtrabaho nang walang kahalong yabang.

"Hay sarap, nabusog ako ah. O paano na, kanyakanya na muna at sa uulitin na lamang."

Si Marsha palibhasa ay sobrang tagal na ang pagkakaibigan nila ni Rica kaya siya na ang namagitan.

Nahahalata ni Marsha na medyo napipika si Rica sa mga pinagyayabang ni Hazel.

Kaya naman nang makatapos makakain ay nagyaya na si Marsha na uwian na sila.

"Talagang sa uulitin Sis Marsha, sabi ko sa inyo at bebenta pa tayo more pa more."

Nagkakayayaan na para sa uwian subalit may pahabol pa rin ng yabang si Hazel.

"Ikaw naman ate, sakyan mo na lang mga yabang niya. Malalaman naman natin kung hanggang 'san ang kanyang yabang."

Hindi nagkamali si Marsha, pikon talaga si Rica sa mga pagyayabang ni Hazel.

Kaya naman kinakalma ni Marsha si Rica habang nasa loob sila ng kotse.

"Bakit? Mayabang ba? Basta ang usapan naman ninyo 'di ba ay siya ang hahanap ng kontak."

"Bale kayong dalawa ay maglalabas lang naman ng pera na panggastos."

"Tama ba?"

(Sundan)

Cavite's Happy Garden at the SM Malls

Organic green salad with edible flowers from Sonya's Garden in Tagaytay . . . crispy mushrooms and mushroom sauces from Joyce Mushroom Kitchen . . . pure bee honey from Marshal's Farm that can also be used as a face cream . . . hand crafted Lumos soy candles . . . fresh herbs to spice up your meals– Italian oregano, java mint, and tarragon. Cavite's Happy Garden, held recently at SM City Dasmariñas, SM City Bacoor and SM City Molino, was a delightful treasure trove of local produce, plants, and wellness products.

This one-stop shop presented healthier and more natural options from local farmers and small entrepreneurs in Cavite and nearby towns in support of the microbusiness unit. The exhibit showcased a variety of crops, herbal and medicinal plants, and different organic byproducts. It also featured plants in light of the growing plantito and plantita community in the region.

This is not surprising as Cavite, which is situated at the entrance of Manila Bay, is a largely agricultural province, characterized by rolling hinterlands, coastal and alluvial plains, and forest lands. It also has a scenic upland mountainous area where one can find the breathtakingly beautiful city of Tagaytay, and southern parts of Silang and Amadeo with its pineapple and coffee plantations as well as with cutflower production.

Cavite's Happy Garden featured healthy food and wellness options inspired by the beauty and magical experience of Sonya's Garden in Tagaytay, including fruit jams, Spanish specialties like Tendon Callos in Olive Oil, and its Botanicals range of organic skin and haircare products.

Joyce Mushroom Kitchen's booth had its famous white oyster mushrooms as well as its Mushroom Bagoong and Chilli Sauce; while Hive's and Marshal's Farm had some of the best raw organic honey.

If you're turning to a Plantito or a Plantita who wants to start a mini garden in your own home, Cavite's Happy Garden bloomed with wide variety of plants and herbs available in the exhibit. Adorable and minimalist pots, hangers, and plants racks delighted the garden enthusiasts.

Cavite's Happy Garden was one of the many exciting community projects of SM's Cavite malls.

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Online application for the SM Scholarship program starts on January 1, 2021

SM Foundation (SMFI) announced the start of the online application period for the SM College Scholarship program for School Year 2021-2022 which will open on January 1 and end on February 28, 2021.

The SM College Scholarship Program started from the vision of the late SM patriarch, Henry "Tatang" Sy, Sr. He believed that if you send one child from an economically challenged family to college, that child would have more opportunities to have gainful employment and later on uplift the economic status of his/her family.

The SM scholarship program is open to the following:

- Grade 12 public high school graduates from schools in the areas covered; or
- Grade 12 graduates from private schools in the areas covered (given that they have Department of Education (DepEd) voucher and finished Junior High from a public school)

- General Weighted Average grade of at least 88% or its equivalent for Grade 12 – 1st semester
- Total household income of at most P150,000 per year.

The program covers the following field of studies: Computer Science, Information Technology, Engineering (Civil, Electrical, Mechanical, Computer, and Electronics), Education (Elementary and Secondary); Accountancy, and Financial Management, among others.

For more information about the SM College Scholarship program, visit www.sm-foundation.org and follow its social media accounts @SMFoundationInc (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and YouTube).

SM Foundation, through its Scholarship program, provides deserving and qualified students with access to college education and technical-vocational studies since 1993. To date, SMFI has supported almost 5,500 scholars nationwide.

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SM PRIME POSTS P14.4-B NET INCOME IN 9 MONTHS

MANILA – SM Prime Holdings Inc. (SM Prime), one of the leading integrated property developers in Southeast Asia, reported PHP14.4 billion consolidated net income in the first nine months of 2020, down by 48 percent from PHP27.6 billion in the same period last year.

Consolidated revenue also declined by 29 percent to PHP60.7 billion from PHP85 billion.

"SM Prime's core businesses, primarily its malls, showed slight recovery as the government started to reopen more industries to help the economy going into the second half of the year. We have also implemented tighter controls on our expenses achieving a major reduction in operating expenses quarter on quarter. Nevertheless, we continue to provide further assistance to our various stakeholders as well as to the programs led by the government in containing the spread of the virus and strengthening back our economy," SM Prime president Jeffery Lim said in a statement Monday.

In the January to September period, SM Prime's Philippine mall business registered PHP18.3 billion revenue, 57 percent lower from last year's PHP42 billion.

Local malls' rental income recorded PHP16.8 billion, 52 percent lower from PHP35.1 billion in the same period last year.

SM Prime's residential business, led by SM Development Corp. (SMDC), recorded a 7-percent increase in revenue in the first nine months of 2020 to PHP34.2 billion from PHP31.9 billion in the same period last year.

SMDC's reservation sales have reached PHP66.7 billion in the first three quarters of 2020, slightly higher from last year's PHP66.4 billion.

With the resumption of construction in new and expanding SMDC projects, the company is expecting to add more units in its inventory while continuously offering its ready-for-occupancy (RFO) units of 1,650 units, down from 2,292 units in the same period last year.

SM Prime's commercial properties business reported PHP3.7 billion revenue in the first three quarters of the year, while the group's operating income reached PHP3.3 billion.

Meanwhile, the company's hotels and convention centers business segment registered PHP1.3-billion revenue for the first nine months of 2020 as it started to cater to a wider market with the easing of quarantine measures in key areas in the Philippines. ***(PR)***

PH 'biggest mover', out of top 5 worst countries for journalists

MANILA – The Philippines is finally out of the top five worst countries for journalists and was declared the "biggest mover" in the Committee to Protect Journalists' (CPJ) Global Impunity Index (GII) released on Thursday, the Presidential Task Force on Media Security (PTFoMS) has reported.

In a statement, the Palace task force welcomed the report as an incontrovertible demonstration and validation of the government's unfeigned dedication to safeguarding press freedom and protecting the life, liberty, and security of media workers in the country amid huge challenges.

"The Philippines is the biggest mover in this year's rankings, improving from the fifth-worst country worldwide to the seventh-worst. The Philippines has 11 unsolved murders in the current 10-year index period, compared with 41 for last year's index," the global media watchdog said.

PTFoMs Chairman, Justice Secretary Menardo Guevarra, said the achievement marks the beginning of bigger goals and greater success.

"We shall remain steadfast in our commitment to protect and promote media security by all means legally possible, relentless in the face of adversity," Guevarra said, describing the latest GII ranking as a clear manifestation of the country's working justice system.

PTFoMS Co-Chair, Presidential Communications Operations Office Secretary Martin Andanar, noted that despite the task force's recent accomplishments, which have drawn international attention, the body would continue to safeguard press freedom in the Philippines.

"This is a testament to the relentless efforts of the government in protecting our media workers from threats and violence. Rest assured that the Duterte administration will always uphold freedom of speech and expression. There is no other way to interpret this great improvement but to think that we are on the right track and, at the same time, that we should do more," Andanar said.

"Congratulations are in order for all stakeholders in this effective campaign in ending impunity against our fellow media workers. But the PTFoMS must not rest on its laurels. There is more to be done," he added.

The CPJ's report for 2020 explained that the country's remarkable jump from fifth to seventh place "reflects the fact that the November 2009 Ampatuan, Maguindanao massacre of 58 people, including 30 journalists and two media workers, no longer falls into the 10-year time frame for calculating the index."

"Landmark convictions late last year led CPJ to adjust the status of the Ampatuan cases to 'partial impunity' from 'full impunity' previously – meaning that they would no longer have figured into the index calculation regardless of the time frame," it added.

On Dec. 19, 2019, the Quezon City Regional Trial Court that heard the massacre case for a full decade handed down the guilty verdict against the masterminds and their accomplices in the gruesome crime and sentenced them to long years in prison.

Meanwhile, PTFoMS Executive Director, Undersecretary Joel Sy Egco, said he was immensely elated by the big improvement in the country's ranking even as he vowed to work harder to finally remove the Philippines from the top 10 list.

"In spite of the many challenges our media workers are facing right now due to the pandemic, the country has a reason to be happy for this very welcome development. However, we will not rest until we are completely out of this list and until the day that no more media worker had to be killed in the name of his sacred duty and regardless of motive," Egco said.

He further said PTFoMS would have to clarify the 11 unsolved cases since most of them are undergoing trial in various courts all over the country.

Egco vowed that the government would not let any killer of media workers go unpunished.

Aside from addressing the unsolved media killings, he said the task force has helped hundreds of journalists, including victims of online harassment, since its creation in 2016.

The Presidential Task Force relentlessly pursues and keeps track of all cases of media violence in the country and provides the public with up-to-date information on the progress of these cases. ***(PR)***

More gov't agencies urged to use e-payment system

MANILA – Digital payment transactions in government agencies are expected to increase as the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) encourages more offices to use EGov Pay.

In a virtual event titled Advancing E-Payments via Public-Private Partnership hosted by the Makati Business Club (MBC) Wednesday, BSP Governor Benjamin Diokno said there are over 280 government agencies and local government units (LGUs) using the electronic payment system.

"That number is increasing…That's true that we are ahead of other government agencies (in terms of electronic payments strategies) but we encourage the whole bureaucracy to join us in that EGov Pay," he said.

EGov Pay was launched in November 2019 as a payment solution for streamlining and digitization of government collections and disbursements.

It is aimed at addressing leaks in government revenue collections and ensuring transparency.

Since its introduction, the electronic payment system has registered a 688-percent rise in transaction volume from 162 to 1,277 as of end-June this year.

In terms of value, it posted a 799-percent increase from PHP1.429 million to PHP12.848 million during the same period.

Among the payment transactions that use the system include payment for taxes, licenses, and permits.

Agencies that are currently part of the EGov Pay include the Bureau of Internal Revenue, Philippine National Police, Environmental Management Bureau, and the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration. ***(PNA)***

New CCC to Facilitate Trade and Improve Health and Safety Protocols

Sub-port of Dadiangas, Makar Wharf, Brgy. Labangal, General Santos City – The recent roll-out of the Sub-Port of Dadiangas' Customer Care Center (CCC) is the first CCC that opened among the Bureau of Customs' (BOC) thirty-nine (39) subports nationwide that will facilitate faceless transactions through technology.

According to Port of Davao District Collector, Atty. Erastus Sandino B. Austria, the CCC features online submission of documents "allowing them to transact with us from the comfort of their homes or offices by using any web connected electronic device."

Meanwhile, Sub-port Collector, Ms. Elenita Abaño emphasized the benefits of CCC as it also establishes better health and safety protocols for the benefit of stakeholders and personnel. "We prioritize the welfare of our employees and our stakeholders by discouraging office visitations and encouraging online transactions." Abaño said.

"This plan of the government to automate procedures is pursuant to the Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act of 2019" and Administrative Order No. 23 or "Eliminating Overregulation to Promote Efficiency of Government Processes"—Customs Commissioner Rey Leonardo Guerrero, steering BOC to world-class standards in trade facilitation. ***PR***

Statement of Senator Risa Hontiveros on the suspension of BI officials

THE six-month preventive suspension without pay imposed on 44 Bureau of Immigration (BI) personnel and officials involved in the pastillas scam is a welcome and necessary development in our Senate investigation.

Having led the pastillas scam inquiry for almost 10 months now, I am gratified to see that the sacrifices of our whistleblowers, the fruits of our labor, and the diligence of our law enforcers can bring erring officials to justice.

However, whistleblower Jeffrey Dale Ignacio, who turned state witness by testifying how BI officials institutionalized corruption in the agency, has been included in this suspension. I hope the Ombudsman can consider reversing this order against Dale as his testimony, which completed the picture of the corrupt system in the BI, has been invaluable in our Senate probe as well as the NBI's own investigation.

Nonetheless, I would like to thank Ombudsman Samuel Martires for acting on the results of our investigation, and I trust that his office will also go after the big fish — including those who are no longer in the BI and cannot be the subject of preventive suspension.

I would also like to applaud the NBI for remaining steadfast in their resolve to charge anyone — even one of their own, such as Atty. Joshua Capiral — found to have been part of this money-making racket, one that only endangered our borders and brought harm to our women and children. I am positive that with the bureau's dedication, more corrupt BI officials will be held to account.

I trust that both the NBI and the Ombudsman are as devoted to these cases as we are in my Senate Committee on Women, Children, Family Relations, and Gender Equality. Together, let us show that justice in this country can indeed be served. ***PR***

KAHALAGAHAN NG PAGBABAKUNA, MULING IBINIDA NG MEDICAL, HEALTH EXPERTS

LUNGSOD CALOOCAN (PIA) -- Muling pinayuhan ng mga medical at health experts ang mga kabataan at senior citizens na agad sumailalim sa pagpapabakuna matapos silang payagang makalabas ng bahay, ayon sa ulat ngayong araw ng Radyo Pilipinas, 738 kHz sa AM band.

Sa isang "Sine Gamutan" na ginawa ng Mu Sigma Phi Sorority, MSD Philippines at College of Medicine University of the Philippines, ipinaliwanag ng mga medical experts ang kahalagahan ng pagpapabakuna sa panahon ng pandemya.

Sinabi ni Dr. Regina Barba, isang infectious disease expert, chairman ng Hospital Infectious Control Unit ng Philippine General Hospital (PGH) at professor ng College of Medicine ng UP Manila, mas higit kailangan ng mga matatanda ang dagdag na lakas para labanan ang anumang sakit at impeksyon na maaaring makapagpahina sa immune system.

Ipinapayo ni Barba ang pagpapabakuna para labanan ang pulmunya, tetanus, measles o tigdas, diphtheria, mga sipon at pag-ubo na kadalasang nauuwi sa infections.

Pagpapalakas naman sa buto at kasu-kasuan ang tinalakay ni Dr. Evelyn Salido na isang rheumatologist, isang professor din ng UP College of Medicine at chief ng Rheumatology Division ng PGH, kung saan sinabi niyang dapat siguruhin ng mga matatanda ang matatag na joint system para hindi mauwi sa mga rayuma at osteoporosis.

Ayon sa mga eksperto, ang pagkain ng mga prutas at gulay na mayaman sa bitamina, calcium, regular na ehersisyo at pagpapabakuna ang may malaking maitutulong para mapanatili ang malakas, malusog at maingat na kalusugan.

Matatandaan na naunang inaprubahan ng coronavirus task force ng pamahalaan ang pagpayag sa sa mga taong edad 15 hanggang 65 na makalabas ng kanilang bahay. ***(PIA NCR)***

Natumbang biker, nagulungan ng van

ISANG 50-anyos na nagbibisikleta ang namatay nang nagulungan ng van matapos itong nawalan ng balanse at natumba sa gitna ng kalsada sa Tanza, Cavite.

Isinugod pa sa Gen. Trias City Hospital ang biktimang si Geroge Mercader, ng Naic, Cavite subalit idineklarang dead on arrival habang hawak ng pulisya ang driver ng isang aluminum wing van truck na si Regie Morao, 31.

Sa ulat ni Corporal Nikko Paul Barranco, ng Tanza Municipal Police Station, dakong alas-4:45 ng hapon ay naganp ang insidente sa tulay ng Umboy sa kahabaan ng Antero Soriano Highway sakop ng Brgy. Poblacion 4.

Nagbibisekleta ang biktima patungo sa direksiyon ng Naic nang nawalan ng panimbang at natumba sa kalsada.

Paparating naman ang kasunod na van na hindi nakontrol ang manibela at nagulungan ang biktima.

Isinugod sa ospital ang biktima na ilang metro lamang ang layo mula sa pinangyarihan ng insidente subalit hindi na ito umabot ng buhay. ***GENE ADSUARA***

Fiberglass patrol boat ipinagkaloob sa Taal Lake Bantay Lawa

LUNGSOD NG BATANGAS (PIA) --Isang patrol boat ang ipinagkaloob ng Pamahalaang Panlalawigan ng Batangas sa samahan ng mga mangingisda sa Lawa ng Taal, na kabalikat ng pamahalaan sa pagpapanatili ng kaayusan at kalinisan dito, noong ika -22 ng Oktubre 2020.

Isinagawa sa Brgy. Banyaga, Bayan ng Agoncillo ang turn-over ng fiberglass-made motor banca sa pangunguna ng Office of the Provincial Agriculturist (OPA) sa mga kinatawan ng Taal Lake Bantay Lawa, ang organisasyong binubuo ng mga volunteers at deputado ng Protected Area Management Board ng Taal Lake Protected Landscape upang pangalagaan ang nasabing lawa.

Sa pahayag ni Ibarra Panganiban, chairperson ng Bantay Lawa, nagpasalamat ito kay Gov. DoDo Mandanas at sa pamahalaang panlalawigan dahil, aniya, malaking tulong ang banka na magagamit ng kanilang grupo sa mga pagpapatrolya, pag-aalis ng mga iligal na istraktura at iba pang mga aktibidad sa Taal Lake.

Binigyang-diin naman ni Provincial Agriculturist, Engr. Pablito Balantac, na ang ginanap na paggagawad ng patrol boat ay bahagi ng kanilang distribution ng mga bankang de motor na isa sa mga prayoridad ng Mandanas administration, katuwang ang Sangguniang Panlalawigan ng Batangas.

Noong buwan ng Enero, dalawang patrol boat ang natanggap ng samahan ng Bantay Dagat sa Bayan ng Calaca, samantalang kasalukuyang tinatapos na rin ang isa pang patrol boat na nakatakda namang ipagkaloob sa Kilusan ng mga Maliliit na Mangingisda sa Lawa ng Taal o KMMLT.

Kasama rin ng OPA sa aktibidad ang mga kawani mula sa Provincial General Services Office at Tanggapan ng Agrikultura ng Pamahalaang Bayan ng Agoncillo. ***(PIA Batangas/ Jun Magnaye – Batangas Capitol PIO)***

Mandatory cashless toll payments moved to Dec. 1

MANILA – Motorists have been given more time to have radio-frequency identification (RFID) stickers installed on their vehicles after the Department of Transportation (DOTr) pushed the start of the mandatory cashless transaction in all toll expressways from November 2 to December 1.

"Sa ngayon, pwede pang magbayad ng cash but after that, patatabihin sila paglagpas ng toll at i-install-an sila ng RFID (For now, they can still pay the toll using cash but after that, they will be asked to park on the side of the road and have an RFID installed on their vehicle)," DOTr Assistant Secretary Goddes Hope Libiran said in a message on Wednesday.

The extension is to prevent the long queues currently experienced at toll roads "in the rush to get RFID stickers," Toll Regulatory Board (TRB) Executive Director Abraham Sales said in a media bulletin.

Sales, however, noted that the deadline would no longer be extended beyond December 1.

"Secretary (Arthur) Tugade allowed the extension in order to give motorists, especially infrequent toll road users, more time to comply with the department order," he said.

Motorists who enter toll expressways with no RFID by December 1 and beyond "will be apprehended and issued a citation ticket," the TRB said.

DOTr Assistant Secretary Mark Steven Pastor asked motorists to make use of the extended deadline and have RFIDs installed on their vehicles as early as they can.

"Iwasan natin 'yung kung kailan isang linggo na lang, saka tayo magmamadaling magpunta sa installation sites para magpakabit ng RFID. Now, we are extending the deadline to give further consideration. Let us use the extension wisely," Pastor said.

Earlier, the TRB assured that the Metro Pacific Tollways Corp. and the San Miguel Corp. – the two operators and maintenance providers of the country's toll expressways – are equipped and ready to implement mandatory cashless transactions and have extended the installation of RFID stickers beyond November 2.

The DOTr earlier issued Department Order 2020-012, directing the implementation of cashless toll collections at all expressways and major toll roads to mitigate the spread of the coronavirus disease 2019 in road transportation. ***(PNA)***

CSC warnspublic of admin case scam

PASIG CITY (PIA) -- The Civil Service Commission (CSC) warns the public against unscrupulous individuals pretending to be CSC employees/officials who circulates false admin case.

In a release sent to PIA-NCR, the CSC said that they have received reports about individuals pretending to be employees/officials of the CSC or from a certain "Public Complaints Center," who contact government employees to inform them that an administrative case has been filed against them. The employee is then instructed to pay a certain amount of money to clear himself/herself of the charges.

"The administrative cases filed before the CSC are decided through a clearly defined adjudication procedure as provided under the 2017 Rules on Administrative Cases in the Civil Service," CSC Chairperson Alicia dela Rosa-Bala emphasized.

The Philippine Civil Service Commission advises the public to immediately report such activities to the CSC's Office for Legal Affairs at telephone numbers (02) 8931-8016 and (02) 8931-7935 local 401 to 411 or email ola@csc.gov.ph. Scams can also be reported to the Contact Center ng Bayan by sending an SMS to 0908-8816565 or email to email@contactcenterngbayan. gov.ph. **(PIA-NCR)**

Duterte declares Sept. 8 as Nat'l Green Building Day

MANILA – President Rodrigo Duterte has declared September 8 of every year as National Green Building Day as part of efforts to promote a greener construction sector.

Proclamation 1030, signed on October 21 and released on Wednesday, recognizes the need to provide opportunities to encourage cooperation between the public and private sectors in advancing the government's commitment to protecting the environment.

"The Department of Public Works and Highways, in coordination with relevant nongovernment organizations and civil society groups, shall promote the observance of the National Green Building Day, and identify the programs, projects, and activities for the yearly celebration thereof," the proclamation read.

All other agencies and instrumentalities of the national government, including government-owned or controlled corporations and state universities and colleges, were also directed, and all local government units, as well as the private sector, were encouraged to support the DPWH in celebrating National Green Building Day and effectively implementing the proclamation.

"It is imperative to intensify existing initiatives to promote and raise awareness on the efficient and equitable use of resources, proper water and waste management, and integration of eco-friendly processes and systems, among others," it read.

Section 16, Article II of the Constitution provides that the State shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature.

In 2016, the DPWH adopted the Philippine Green Building (GB) Code through the issuance of National Building Code Development Office Memorandum Circular 1, which provides for a framework of standards that are intended to reduce the country's carbon emissions from buildings, and promote the health and well-being of the building occupants.

The GB Code is a set of regulations setting minimum standards for compliance and not intended to rate buildings.

It is subject to the performance standards of energy efficiency, water efficiency, material sustainability, solid waste, management, site sustainability, and indoor environmental quality.

Green building is the practice of adopting measures that promote resource management efficiency and site sustainability while minimizing the negative impact of buildings on human health and the environment.

This practice complements the conventional building design concerns of economy, durability, serviceability, and comfort. ***(PNA)***

NOVELETA MANGROVE AREA ASSESSED FOR SCIENCE-BASED CONSERVATION SITE

TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite (PIA) --The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) conducted an assessment of the mangrove forest in Barangay San Rafael IV in the municipality of Noveleta for the establishment of the science-based mangrove conservation and management site, a partnership project between the DENR Calabarzon, the Forest Foundation Philippines, and the Zoological Society of London.

DENR CALABARZON's Conservation and Development Division (CCD) together with the DENR-Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office (PENRO) Cavite led the assessment of the 30 hectare mangrove forest including an approximately 649.6 hectare adjoining area.

The assessment aims to identify areas of conservation and management including areas of expansion, evaluate the established nursery site and species diversity, and determine possible threats to mangroves and site-potential livelihood for the community.

DENR Calabarzon CDD Chief, Ramil J. Gutierrez said, "The mangrove assessment in (Noveleta) has the objective of determining its biodiversity components within its ecosystem in order to facilitate the science-based approach in management protection and conservation of said area. This will be participated in by different stakeholders vis-a-vis POs, NGOs, NGAs,/OGAs, academe, private sector, etc. Subject mangrove system can be devoted for rehabilitation, research and even for ecotourism agenda to benefit the present and future generations."

Records of the Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office and the Municipal Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Management Council, showed the mangrove forest is home to various coastal flora and fauna including 18 types of identified mangrove species.

Sightings of migratory birds namely Black-winged stilt, Little egret, Black-naped tern, Moorhen, Grey heron, Great egret, Black-crowned night heron, Philippine Duck, Greenshank, and Lesser Sand plover were also recorded in the area. ***(DENR-CALABARZON)***

Regular na paglilinis ng mga imburnal, inutos ni Mayor Isko

INIUTOS ni Mayor Isko Moreno Domagoso ang patuloy o regular na paglilinis ng mga imburnal sa Maynila.

Kaugnay nito ay inatasan ng alkalde hinggil dito ang Department of Engineering and Public Works (DEPW) at ang Department of Public Services (DPS).

Mahalaga umano ang pagsasagawa ng regular declogging sa mga imburnal sa lungsod at tiyaking natatanggal ang mga basura nito partikular na ang mga lugar na madaling bahain.

"Mag-declog lang tayo ng mag-declog ng mga imburnal, as many as possible. Ilabas natin ang lahat ng resources ng mga district engineers. Let's just focus, para walang baha o maiwasan man lang natin," ani Domagoso.

Matatandaang inilagay sa "high alert" status ang city engineering, social welfare at disaster risk reduction and management offices ng lokal na pamahalaang lungsod bilang tugon sa dumaang bagyong Quinta.

Patuloy ang paalala ng alkalde kay Manila Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (MDRRMO) Director Arnel Angeles na tiyaking palaging handa ang mga tauhan at kagamitan nito.

"We move on with the possible flooding and possible affected individuals, repeat performance na lang 'to. I want what Dir. Angeles did last week, (ang paghanda sa posibleng paglikas)," ayon kay Domagoso. ***(Leonard basilio)***

Dalagang natagpuang walang saplot, ginahasa bago pinatay?

HINIHINALANG ginahasa saka pinatay ang isang 29-anyos na dalaga na natagpuang walang saplot pangibaba sa isang madamong lugar sa Cavite City, Cavite.

Hawak ng pulisya sina Bernardino Suazo, 24, binata, pedicab driver, ng Inocenscio St., Brgy 58-M San Roque, Cavite City; at Loreto Quillo Jr., 23, binata, barker, ng Brgy 57 San Roque, kapwa suspek umano sa pagpatay kay Gina (di tunay na pangalan) ng Brgy San Antonio, Cavite City.

Sa ulat ni PSSgt Armangel Genuino, ng Cavite City Police Station, dakong alas-6:30 ng umaga ay natagpuan ang bangkay ng biktima ng mangingisdang si Romeo Fanguilin sa isang madamong lugar sa Draga Barangay 57 San Roque, habang naglalakad ito dahilan upang ipagbigay alam sa pulisya.

Huling nakitang buhay ang biktima na kausap ang isa sa suspek na tila nagtatalo dahil pinagbintangan ang huli na umano'y kumuha ng nawawalang P250 na nakalagay sa pedicab nang sumakay ang una.

Muli nitong isinakay ang biktima at kasama na ang isa pang suspek at dinala sa madamong lugar saka isinagawa ang krimen.

Napag-alaman na dati na ring nakulong ang dalawa sa alarm and scandal at pagnanakaw. ***GENE ADSUARA***

BOC Chief Orders Investigation, Filing of Cases, Reshuffle vs Errant Customs Personnel

THE Bureau of Customs (BOC) remains strongly committed in implementing policy reforms to rid the Bureau of corruption by taking stringent actions against errant Customs personnel allegedly involved in illegal practices.

To fight graft and corruption, investigations were conducted, and cases were filed against errant customs employees. From January 2019 to October 26, 2020, 228 customs personnel were served with Show-Cause Orders, of which 135 were investigated by the BOC – Customs Intelligence and Investigation Service (CIIS).

As a result, 45 customs personnel were charged with administrative cases before the BOC – Legal Service. This further resulted in the filing of seven (7) criminal cases before the Department of Justice (DOJ), 157 cases before the Office of the Ombudsman, and 28 cases before the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI).

Meanwhile, a total of 26 cases are still pending hearing before BOC's Legal Service, 142 are pending investigation before the Office of the Ombudsman, and 7 before the DOJ. There are also 28 cases and 95 cases pending investigation before the NBI and BOC, respectively.

The Bureau's relentless investigation and case filing resulted in the dismissal of 20 personnel. In addition, 4 personnel were suspended while 4 were reprimanded.

The Bureau's intensified anti-graft and corruption campaign, under the leadership of Commissioner Rey Leonardo B. Guerrero, has resulted in the relief and reshuffling of customs personnel as part of the Bureau's major revamp. In the 109 Customs Personnel Order(s) issued by the BOC and approved by Finance Secretary Carlos G. Dominguez III from January 1 to October 26 of this year, 708 personnel have been reshuffled to various offices, of which 62 were relieved from duty or on floating status.

The BOC aims to send a clear and firm message to all Customs personnel doing unlawful activities that the Bureau will be relentless, unwavering, and serious with its efforts to weed out misfits in the agency.

The Bureau further enjoins the public to provide information regarding illegal and irregular activities committed by BOC personnel in their daily performance of duties.

The BOC is committed in complying with President Rodrigo Duterte's thrust to stop corruption. It will sustain its drive in getting rid of corrupt personnel in its ranks and maintain focus in its primary function in revenue collection, trade facilitation, and border control. ***PR***

PRINCESS EOWYN, BACK TO BACK WINNER SA SAMPAGUITA STAKES RACE!

Nasungkit sa ikalawang sunod na taon ng kabayong si Princess Eowyn ang titulo sa PHILRACOM Sampaguita Stakes Race na ginanap noong nakaraan sa karerahan ng Metro Manila Turf Club sa Malvar Tanauan City, Batangas. Sa simula ng karera ay agad na humarurot sa pagkuha ng bandera sina Princess Eowyn sakay ng hineteng si Unoh Hernandez, Obra Maestra sakay ng hineteng si Jessie Guce at Shanghai Grey na sakay naman ng hineteng si Kelvin Abobo. Makaraan ang 100 metro ng takbuhan ay sina Princess Eowyn at Obra Maestra na lamang ang nasa unahan at naging dikdikan ang lutsahan ng dalawa hanggang sa far turn, habang nasa ikatlong puwesto si Shanghai Grey, nasa ika- apat na posisyon naman ang kabayong si Serafina sakay ng hineteng si CP Henson , nasa ikalima ang kabayong si Huckleberry sakay ng hineteng si RM Garcia, nasa ika- anim ang kabayong si Two Timer sakay ng hineteng si JP A Guce habang ang kabayong si Trust Me na sakay ni JG Serrano ang nasa hulihan ng labanan. Pagdating sa huling kurbada ay hindi na pinaporma pa ng liyamadong si Princess Eowyn ang kanyang mga kalaban at tila pinakain ng alikabok ang mga ito matapos lumayo at manalo ng halos apat na kabayong agwat laban sa nasegunda na si Shanghai Grey. Naorasan si Princess Eowyn ng tiyempong 1:55.6 (14- 22'- 23- 25'- 30') para sa distansiyang 1,800 metro ng takbuhan. Nakapag-uwi ng halagang 1,200,000 si Princess Eowyn bilang 1st prize, nakamit naman ni Shanghai Grey ang halagang 450,000 bilang 2nd prize, 250,000 naman ang natanggap ni Obra Maestra bilang 3rd prize at pinagkalooban naman ng 100,000 si Two Timer bilang 4th prize mula sa PHILRACOM.

Focus crimes down 46% in 7 months of quarantine: PNP

MANILA – Intensified police operations and prevailing community quarantine measures caused the number of focus crime incidents to drop by almost half for the past seven months, a police official said Tuesday.

Citing the latest data from the Joint Task Force Covid Shield (JTFCV), Philippine National Police (PNP) spokesperson, Col. Ysmael Yu said a total of 21,497 focus crimes were recorded during the 224 days of community quarantine from March 17 to October 26, a 46-percent decline from 39,546 incidents recorded from Aug. 6, 2019 to March 16 this year.

These eight focus crimes include murder, homicide, physical injury, rape, robbery, theft, motorcycle theft, and car theft.

The Visayas posted a 51-percent decline in focus crimes, from 10,239 to 5,012.

Luzon and Mindanao, meanwhile, both posted a 44-percent decline in focus crimes. From 20,880 incidents in Luzon, this number decreased to 11,763 while in Mindanao, the number of focus crimes dropped from 8,427 to 4,722.

Motorcycle theft cases saw the biggest decrease with 62 percent, followed by robbery with 60 percent, theft with 59 percent, car theft with 54 percent, physical injury with 38 percent, homicide with 23 percent, rape with 22 percent and murder with 20 percent.

As of October 25, the JTF Covid Shield also recorded a total of 493,075 quarantine violators have been apprehended.

These have either been warned, fined, detained, or undergone inquest proceedings and released for regular filing for various infractions of community quarantine guidelines.

The task force also arrested 974 individuals for profiteering or hoarding and manipulating prices of essential goods. ***(PNA)***

PARKING LOT NG MALL SA CAVITE, GAMIT NA NAMANG TRANSAKSIYON NG DROGA

MULI na namang nagsilbing transaksiyon ng droga ang parking lot ng isang mall sa Cavite.

Ito ay matapos nalambat ng pinagsamang puwersa ng Cavite police at Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) ang dalawang big time drug pusher at pagkakasabat ng mahigit P6 milyon halaga ng shabu sa isang buy bust operation sa Imus City.

Kinilala ang dalawa na sina Rhoby Riz at Dave Patrick Manlosa, kapwa nasa wastong edad, ng Tanzaang Luma 1, Imus City.

Sa ulat sa tanggapan ni Cavite Police Provincial Director Police Col. Marlon Santos, dakong alas-2:35 ng hapon ay ikinasa ang buy bust operation ng pinagsanib na puwersa ng PDEA Laguna, PDEA CAR (Baguio City Office and LTIU), PDEA Cavite at Imus City Police Station sa Lotus Mall Parking Lot, sa Brgy Tanzang Luma 1, laban sa mga suspek.

Nag-abang ang mga operatiba at nang nagpositibo ang transaksiyon ay inaresto ang dalawa kung saan nakumpiska sa kanila ang isang kulay brown na Watson paper bag na naglalaman ng sachet ng shabu na nakabalot sa packaging tape na nagkakahalaga ng P6,800,000.

Kasong paglabag sa Sec 5 at Sec. 26B, Art. II ng RA 9165 ang kinaharap ng dalawang suspek. ***GENE ADSUARA***

New facilities to help PNPA produce competent cops

MANILA – Philippine National Police (PNP) chief, Gen. Camilo Cascolan on Wednesday hoped that the construction of new facilities in the PNP Academy would help in fulfilling its mandate to produce competent police officers.

"This is only one of our ongoing programs and plans for the development of the PNPA. We envision this academy as the country's premier police training institution for PNP commissioned officers, that's why we have to step up our actions for reforms and innovations in the police training programs," Cascolan said during the inauguration of 10 new facilities of the PNP Academy in Camp Gen. Mariano Castañeda in Silang, Cavite.

He added that the PNPA is introducing new forms of training for cadets to become more efficient and well-disciplined public servants clad with utmost competency, high moral fiber, and respect for human rights.

PNPA cadets also paid their fitting tribute to PNPA director, Maj. Gen. Gilberto DC Cruz and deputy director, Brig. Gen. Prexy Tanggawohn as they showcased the traditional testimonial parade for noble public servants who demonstrated exemplary commitment in public service.

Meanwhile, Cruz said these new projects and facilities were sourced from PNP funds and generous donations of PNPA alumni and other affiliated associations.

Among these new facilities were Heroes Hall, Virtual Classrooms, Lakan Tower Clock, The Ashfall Cadet Monument, Maroon and Gold Fence, PNPA Museum, PNPA Officer's Quarters, Firearms Simulation Building, and Fitness Gym.

Cruz said the renovation of academic and training facilities, and the procurement of training or academic equipment are part of the PNPA's response to the PNP Chief's nine strategic thrusts.

"In a short span of time, the Academy has created various means and projects that make this institution a better place for our cadets. These things will not be done without the contribution and support of the PNP leadership and members of the Academy," Cruz said.

He added that these projects are "testament of what a community of people and the PNP organization sharing the same goal will be able to achieve even in the shortest span of time."

Last year, the PNP formally assumed its full jurisdiction to manage and control the PNPA under the Republic Act No. 11279 that aims to achieve the goals of a highly efficient and competent police force.

Also, the transfer is in full swing within the next four years as the PNP leadership will come up with the revision of the table of organization and equipment, even staffing pattern to be submitted to the Department of the Interior and Local Government and the Department of Budget and Management. ***(PNA)***

Junkshop helper, nagbigti

WALA ng buhay nang nadiskubre ang katawan ng isang 24-anyos na helper sa isang junkshop matapos nagbigti sa loob ng kanilang barracks sa Bacoor City, Cavite.

Kinilala ang biktima na si Antony Bolina, binata, stay-in helper sa CDB Junkshop na matatagpuan sa Brgy Talaba 6, Bacoor City.

Sa salaysay ni Danny Arobleda, 20, helper, kay Pat Fidel Querijero, ng Bacoor City Police Station, dakong alas-6:50 ng gabi at tinawag ang biktima upang sumabay na kumain ng kanilang hapunan pero hindi umano sumasagot dahilan upang punatahan ito.

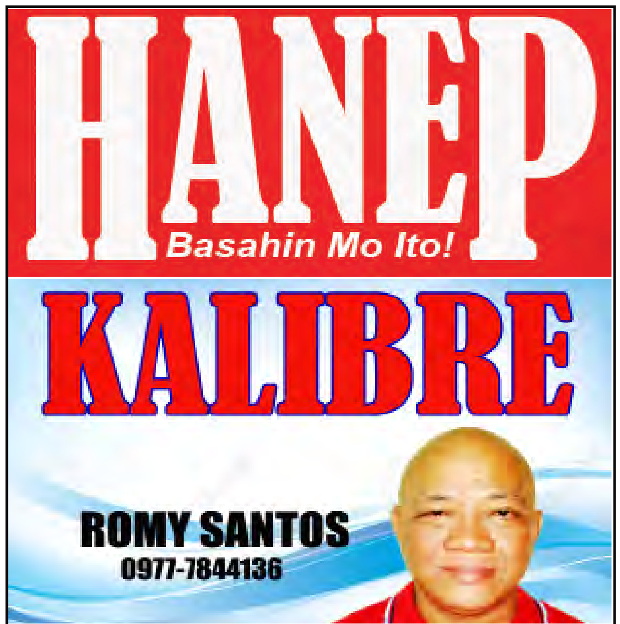
Tumabad kay Arboleda ang biktima na nakabitin ang leeg gamit ang cable wire na itinali sa kisame ng kanilang barracks.

Ayon sa kasamahan sa barracks, wala silang alam na dahilan kung bakit nagpakamatay ang biktima dahil wala umanong nalalaman o naikukuwento itong problema maliban sa napakatahimik umano at hindi nagsasalita kung hindi kinakausap.

Inaalam din kung may naganap na foul play sa pagkamatay nito. ***GENE ADSUARA***

SA paglulunsad ng Department of Labor and Employment ng kanilang programang 'FreeBis' o Free Bisikleta ay maraming obrero ang nabiyayaan kamakailan. Ang proyektong ito ay nasa ilalim ng Integrated Livelihood Program ng kagawaran. Layunin ng DOLE na matulungan ang mga nawalan ng kabuhayan dulot ng pandemiya. ***CHRISTIAN HERAMIS***

DEBOSYON at matibay na pananampalataya ang sandata ng mga namamanata sa Poong Nazareno laban sa nararanasang pandemiya. Kuha ito sa Quiapo Church nitong huling Linggo ng Oktubre. ***CHRISTIAN HERAMIS***



Milyong deboto ng Itim na Nazareno

SA darating na Enero 9 ng susunod na taon ay walang magaganap na Traslacion grand procession.

Sadyang napakalungkot na balita ito para sa milyong deboto ng Itim na Nazareno sa Quiapo church.

Napagpasyahan ito ng pamahalaang lokal na Maynila at pamunuan ng simbahan ng Quiapo dahil na rin sa kinakaharap nating pandemiya.

Tuwing pista ng Black Nazarene ay mistulang hindi mahulugan ng karayom ang Quiapo.

Ang mga deboto ay nakapaang sumasama sa parada at lahat ay naghahangad na makawak sa 'andas.'

Nagpupumilit na mahaplos at maipunas ang dalang tuwalya sa mukha o imahe ng Itim na Nazareno.

Ginagawa nila ito bilang kanilang panata at pasasalamat o kaya naman ay para sa kahilingan at panalangin.

Napakarami ang nagpapatotoo sa milagrong ipinagkakaloob ng Itim na Nazareno.

Kaya naman hindi masisisi ang kanilang labis na kalungkutan dahil kanselado ang traslasyon.

Nauunawaan naman nila ito gayunman ay mayroon din na nagpapahayag ng negatibong reaksiyon.

Tanggapin at igalang natin ang kanilang pananaw sa pagsasabing tila maaga pa para sa naturang desisyon.

Kumbaga ay wala pang katiyakan kung sa susunod o papasok na taon ay nariyan pa ang pandemiya.

Tanging Diyos lamang ang nakakaalam at posibleng ibigay ang himala.

Malay natin, sa isang iglap ay dinggin ng Diyos ang ating pagsusumamo at dasal sa Kanya.

Tradisyunal na ginagawa taun-taon ang pahalik sa Black Nazarene.

Pero sa darating na kapistahan ay magiging 'Patanaw' na lamang at ito ay sisimulan next month.

Ang imahe ay ilalabas at matatanaw ito ng mga deboto sa labas lamang ng simbahan.

Sa tunay o nasa pusong pagdarasal ay hindi malayong ang natatanaw na pag-asa ay magkakaroon ng katuparan.