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MGA TOTOY SA CARMONA HUMABOL SA PASKO NG 'PAGBIBINATA'

MINABUTI ng ilang binatilyo o batang lalaki sa Carmona, Cavite na maging isang ganap na 'binata' bago pa man ang pagsapit ng kapaskuhan.

Sila ang mga sumalang sa matagumpay na Operation: Manhood Round 2 o ang libreng tuli batay sa inisyatibo ng pamahalaang lokal ng Carmona.

Sa kabila ng umiiral at naranasang pandemiya dulot ng COVID-19 ay tuloy pa rin ang programang pangkalusugan ng Carmona sa ilalim ng Municipal Health Office.

Sinasabing nagsisimula ang 'pagbibinata' ng isang kabataang lalaki kapag

naisakatuparan dito ang pagtuli.

Ang nasabing programa ay unang isinagawa nitong Disyembre 15 at nasa 25 kabataang lalaki ng Barangay Maduya ang nabeneplisyuhan habang 52 mula sa Barangays 1-8.

Isinagawa ang libreng tuli mula alas-7:00 ng umaga hanggang alas-11:00 ng umaga sa Carmona Elementary School at Maduya Elementary School.

Ang naturang proyekto ay isinagawa hanggang Disyembre 19 sa mga barangay ng Cabilang Baybay, Mabuhay, Milagrosa, Lantica, at Bancal. **RS**

DOT CALABARZON eyes launching of safe tourism circuits in 2021

Calamba City, Laguna (PIA)—The Department of Tourism Region IV-A is set to launch tourism circuits in Batangas and Laguna early next year under 'The Green Corridor Initiative' program in light of the re-opening of tourism industry in the Calabarzon region under the new normal.

DOT IV-A Regional Director Michael Palispis said the traveling public may soon experience safe travel in the Buhay Laguna Tourism Circuit which features attractions and destinations in San Pablo City, Liliw, Nagcarlan, and Rizal.

The DOT IV-A will also offer tour packages within the Batangas Bayside Tourism Circuit showcasing safe tourism destinations in San Juan, Taal, Calatagan, and Nasugbu.

The regional tourism chief said the clustered tourism destinations were developed in coordination with the provincial and local tourism officers.

"Ginawa natin itong mga travel bubble o clustering ng mga destinations to ensure that under the new normal tourism, pag-balik ng sigla ng turismo, makakasigurado tayo na safe ang mga turistang pupunta sa mga destinasyong ito," Dir. Palispis said.

He added that the DOT IV-A is the first tourism regional office to roll out the initiative as part of its response and recovery program which mainly seeks

to rebuild the tourism industry in the region—one of the hardest-hit industries due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

RD Palispis led the assessment of the identified tourist attractions and sites in Laguna and Batangas towns from December 14 to 17 to assess its viability and readiness in accepting visitors. The assessment also targets to ensure that the identified sites implement safety health protocols pursuant to the guidelines issued by the Department of Health.

"We will do everything na kapag binuksan natin ang turismo, safe ang turista and most importantly, safe ang community," the regional chief tourism said.

"This is a very challenging time for the tourism industry but with the help of everyone, kayang-kaya po natin ito," Dir. Palispis added.

Local officials, tourist destination owners and operators welcomed the initiative of DOT IV-A emphasizing that this would greatly contribute in the recovery of tourism industry and affected stakeholders in their localities.

The DOT IV-A is also eyeing to explore similar corridors and tourism circuits in other parts of Calabarzon beginning January next year to be promoted under its Green Corridor Initiative.

5 Top most wanted ng Cavite, nadakip

NADAKIP ang limang tinaguriang Top Most Wanted sa Cavite sa isinagawang operation sa mga wanted persons sa magkakahiwalay na lugar sa lalawigan.

Sa ulat ng Cavite Police Provincial Office (PPO), kinilala ang nasa listahan ng Top 1 City Level na si Edgar Gonzaga, 50, may-asawa, ng 133 Leopoldo St., Villa Catalina Gate 1, Brgy. San Agustin 3, Dasmariñas City na naaresto dakong alas-10:17 ng umaga dahil sa kasong Rape in rel to RA 7610, 13 counts.

Kasama rin sa Rank No. 1 sa Manhunt Charlie Municipal Level si Mark Cloyd Oligrio, 31, ng Brgy. Lalaan 2nd Silang, na naaresto dakong alas-6:20 ng gabi sa naturang barangay dahil sa kasong murder at walang inirekomendang piyansa. Nasa Top 4 naman sa

PRO4A Regional Level at Top 1 Municipal Level si Michael Francis Francisco, 29, ng Brgy. Sahud Ulan, Tanza matapos na naaresto dakong ala-1:30 ng hapon dahil sa kasong murder.

Hindi rin nakaporma si Francis Javier y Austria, 22, service crew, ng Austria Compound, Aguinaldo Highway, Brgy. Salitran 2, Dasmariñas City matapos na dakmain dakong alas-3:30 ng hapon dahil sa kasong Rape in relation to RA 7610.

Nasa Top No. 6 City Level naman si Jonh Albert Canete, 30, ng 612 Capt Alberto St., Brgy 41 San Antonio, Cavite City na inaresto dakong alas-6:30 ng umaga sa Brgy Buenavista, Gen Trias City, dahil sa kasong paglabag sa Section 5 Art. II of RA. No. 9165. **GENE ADSUARA**

Philippine rice is safe, of good quality says DA-PhilRice expert

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) --These holidays, a food scientist in the Department of Agriculture-Philippine Rice Research Institute (DA-PhilRice) urged the public to patronize locally-grown rice as it is safe and of good quality. In a webinar aired on the Institute's social media page, Dr. Marissa V. Romero shared a study comparing pesticide use in rice farms in the Philippines, China, Indonesia, Thailand, and Vietnam.

"The study shows that Filipino farmers use less pesticide," she said.

She added that in another PhilRice study, researchers collected imported rice samples from Southeast Asia, which were compared with Philippine rice in terms of heavy metals.

"All 20 samples had below the allowed maximum level (ML) for arsenic, mercury, and cadmium but four samples from Myanmar, Vietnam, and Thailand exceeded the limit for lead," she shared.

According to the chief science research specialist, the Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standard of DA has established the Philippine National Standard (PNS) for milled rice,

which includes the maximum residue limits for pesticides and ML for heavy metals in rice. The country has even a separate PNS when it comes to specific pesticide residue for rice. She further said that DA advocates for good agricultural practices for the safety of agricultural harvests in the country.

"We are also teaching our farmers to use integrated pest management to protect crops from pests," she said.

The National Irrigation Administration, she pointed out, also ensures the safety of irrigation water used by farmers.

She shared that, aside from being safe, locally-produced rice is fresh.

"Consumers can be assured that locally-produced rice is safe because it is not being shipped and stored for a long time. There is no need to fumigate them with chemicals," she stressed. Meanwhile, when it comes to quality, the Philippines has diverse rice varieties catering the different preferences of rice stakeholders.

"We always have quality rice to offer depending on the quality that consumers look for— from milling,

Quezon farmer, fisherfolk, fishery council recognized at 49th 'Gawad Saka'

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna, (PIA) --Three outstanding farmers and fisherfolk from CALABARZON were recognized during the Department of Agriculture's (DA) 49th Gawad Saka "Parangal sa Natatanging Magsasaka at Mangingisda" streamed awarding ceremony on December 14, 2020.

Among the 22 agricultural individuals and groups all over the country, Teodoro V. Pangilinan of Brgy. Concepcion Palasan, Sariaya was cited as Outstanding Large Animal Raiser, Mr. Benjamin D. Bajo of Brgy. Libo, Panukulan as Outstanding Fisherfolk for Aquaculture Fisheries and the Quezon Agricultural and Fishery Council (QAFC) as Outstanding Provincial Agricultural and Fishery Council (PAFC).

The three winners were awarded with trophy, certificate of recognition and cash prizes. Pangilinan and Bajo each received P250,000 cash prize while the QAFC got P50,000 cash prize and P350,000 worth of fund for their project.

In his speech, Agriculture Secretary William D. Dar expressed his appreciation to all the farmers and fishers who continue to remain steadfast at the forefront of the sector to bring affordable, safe, and nutri-

physical, physicochemical, cooking, eating, and nutritional qualities," she said. She added that the Philippines is a country teeming with traditional rice that farmers are still producing because of the varieties' aroma and eating quality that consumers always look for, and many modern rice varieties with important quality traits that consumers can choose from.

"There is a wide array of quality rice readily available and accessible for every Filipino, which are available in local supermarkets and in KADIWA centers" Romero said. **(PIA-4A/DA-PhilRice)**

rious food to every Filipino table amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. Together with President Rodrigo Roa Duterte, the Secretary said they are confident that with the people in the agriculture sector, we will achieve and sustain a food-secure and resilient nation while increasing the productivity and income of farmers and fishers.

"In the face of interminable challenges brought by natural calamities and erratic climate conditions, your work is beyond commendable and something you should take pride in. Patuloy na tutugunan ng Kagawaran ang mga pangangailan ng sektor ng sakahan at pangisdaan," Sec. Dar said.

DA USec. for Operations Mr. Ariel T. Cayanán said the ceremony gives credit to farmers and fishers who have meaningful involvement in the agriculture industry and noted that he is proud to be a part of the farming and fisheries sector.

"Sa kabila ng panganib na dulot ng kasalukuyang pandemya, inyong (mga magsasaka at mangingisda) ipinamalas ang inyong husay at dedikasyon sa inyong mga napiling larangan... Habang may mga dedikado at makabagong magsasaka at mangingisda, ang parangal ng Gawad Saka ay mananatili," USec. Cayanán said.

Gawad Saka is an annual activity of DA which recognizes farmers, fisherfolk, and other agricultural stakeholders who have excelled and made significant contributions in the development of the agriculture and fishery sector in their regions and the country. Due to the current pandemic, this yearly celebration was conducted virtually by uploading a simple yet momentous video tribute for all the winners on DA official Facebook page. **(PIA-4A/DA-4A RAFIS)**

DOH-CALABARZON brings health services to insurgent areas in Atimonan

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) --Department of Health (DOH) – CALABARZON (Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal, Quezon) on Wednesday, December 9, 2020 joined the “Serbisyo Caravan and Ugnayan sa Barangay” to bring health services to residents of Barangay Rizal, one of the insurgent areas in Atimonan, Quezon.

The objective of the caravan is to bring government services from the various government agencies directly at the grass roots level.

According to Health Education and Promotion Officer II Ms. Evangeline F. Caidoy, who led the team from the regional office, around 500 residents of Barangay Rizal benefitted from the activity.

She added that the activity was successful because most representatives from the regional government agencies have experienced and witness the challenges and difficulties of the residents in the area.

DOH-CALABARZON provided health kits and conducted health education activity among the residents promoting the DOH-B.I.D.A. solution in fighting Covid-19 which stands for B-awal ang walang mask, I-sanitize ang kamay, Dumistansya ng isang metro, A-lamin ang tamang impormasyon tingkol sa Covid-19.

The different agencies involved showcased their services and extended benefits to selected residents.

Mr. Ramir Dela Cruz, Data Controller IV from the Media Relations and Communications Unit emphasized that addressing the concerns of the community in insurgent areas like Barangay Rizal, needs the immediate intervention of various government agencies in order to educate and free them from communist's deception and exploitation which is rampant in the area to its geographical location.

He also stressed that coming up with immediate solutions is what the people need apart from advocacy and encouragement.

Aside from the health pack-

ages, groceries and livelihood projects, cash aid was also extended to selected individuals through the DSWD cash assistance program. Housing assistance amounting to P50,000 cash were also given.

DOH-CALABARZON OIC-Regional Director Paula Paz N. Sydiongco stated that people need to feel that the government is there and ready to serve them with their needs. “And through this caravan we can bring these services directly to them.”

Among the participating agencies involved includes regional offices from the DOH, Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), Commission on Higher Education (CHED), Department of Education, National Youth Commission (NYC), and the National Anti-Poverty Commission (NAPC), Philippine Army, National Electrification Administration, Department of Interior and Local Government, Department of Trade and Industry, Philippine National Police, Department of Public Works and Highways, National Intelligence Coordinating Agency and the local government of Atimonan, Quezon.

The “Serbisyo Caravan” is conducted in collaboration with the CALABARZON Regional Task Force ELCAC. **(PIA-4A/DOH-CALABARZON)**

Torotot, huwag muna gamitin sa pagsalubong ng bagong taon

ODIONGAN, Romblon (PIA) -- Hindi muna hinihikayat ng Department of Health (DOH) ang publiko na gumamit ng torotot bilang pampaingay ngayong kapaskuhan at sa pagsalubong ng bagong taon kapalit ng mga paputok.

Sa ginanap na PIA-Mimaropa Virtual Presser noong ika-11 ng Disyembre, sinabi ni Dra. Sahlee Montevergin-Sajo, Medical Officer IV ng Center for Health Development-Mimaropa, na hindi isinali ang torotot sa listahan na inilabas ng kagawaran na kanilang nirerekomendang alternatibong paingay dahil pinapayuhan ang publiko na patuloy paring magsuot ng face masks kahit nag-

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Maramot at matakaw ay nakakamatay

HAYAAN po ninyong bati-in ko muna kayo ng isang Maligayang Pasko.

Ang Pasko ay sumisimbolo para sa pagbibigay, sabi nga 'di ba it's better to give than to receive.

Speaking of pagbibigay, may alam ba kayong hindi marunong magbigay?

Iyon bang maramot at matakaw, ako para sa akin ang alam kong ganito ay ang nakararaming tsuper.

Usap lang po, kapag kayo ay nasa lansangan o bumibiyaha ay pansinin ninyo ang galaw ng mga sasakyan.

Gumagalaw o umaandar ang sasakyan siyempre dahil sa drayber.

Diyang ninyo makikita kung gaano karaming nagmamaneho na matakaw at maramot.

Paanong matakaw?

Sila iyong tipong wala namang katuturan o hindi naman karapat-dapat o kailangan ay lintek kung makabusina.

Sobrang takaw sa busina kahit nasa gilid na ang nagbibisikleta o nakamoto.

O kaya naman ay medyo malayo pa sa intersection ay sige sa pagpaspas ka-

sabay ng sunud-sunod na malalakas na pagbusina.

Ang maaaring idulot nito ay hindi lamang disgrasya kundi baka makamatay pa.

Eh ano naman iyong maramot?

Sa intersection pa rin, may nakasungaw na sasakyan pero dahil taglay ang karamutan ay hindi ito pagbibigyan ng paparating na isa pang sasakyan.

Ang problema, si maramot na tsuper ay pwedeng magkaaberya sa pagmamaneho para lamang makauna sa papalabas na sasakyan na ulitin natin ay hindi lang disgrasya sa halip ay may magbuwis pa ng buhay.

Marami pang eksena sa kalsada na masasakihan ang mga drayber na maramot at matakaw.

Dapat isipin ng mga ganitong tsuper na araw-araw ay Pasko para taglayin nila ang pagbibigyan at iwasang maging matakaw at maramot.

Mamang tsuper, husayan ninyo ang pagmamaneho dahil hindi lang buhay mo ang maiingatan kundi ng lahat.

hangga't maaari, lagi nating iisipin 'yung safety...safe celebration ng yuletide season," pahayag ni Dra. Sajo.

Samantala, hindi pa naman aniya pinagbabawalan ang pagkakaroon ng community fireworks display at ito ay nakadepende sa mga lokal na pamahalaan basta nasusunod ang mga health protocols.

Pinaghahanda na rin aniya ng Center for Health Development Mimaropa ang mga ospital sa iba't ibang probinsya sa rehiyon sa pagsalubong sa bagong taon.

Kung noong Salubong 2020 ay nakapagtala ang ahensya ng 35 na kaso ng fireworks related injuries sa rehiyon, target ulit nila ngayon ang zero-injuries at casualty ngayong Salubong 2021. **(PJF/PIA-Mimaropa)**

EDITORIAL

Maraming dahilan ng paglulong sa droga

NASA mahigit 20,000 barangay ang idineklarang malinis na sa illegal drugs sa panahon ng kasalukuyang administrasyon.

Pahayag ng Dangerous Drugs Board, ang tagumpay na ito ay sa tulong ng Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency, Philippine National Police, at ng mga lokal na pamahalaan.

Sa kasalukuyan ay umaabot sa 14,000 barangay ang pinupursig pa na magiging drug free.

Ito ay mayroong tatlong katagorya at tinatawag bilang severely affected, moderately affected, at lightly affected.

Marami o iba-iba ang dahilan ng pagkakalulong sa droga sa kabila na alam naman nila ang kanilang patutunguhan sa bisyong ito.

Hindi lamang ang mismong nagbibisyo ang may kasalanan kundi maging ang kapaligiran at kapwa tao.

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'PATINTERO' NG MGA SABUNGERO AT PULISYA

SA kabila na ipagbabawal pa rin ng Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) ang sabong dahil nalalabag ang social distancing, mistulang nagpapatintero pa rin ang kapulisan at mga sabungero matapos na dalawampu't pito katao ang dinampot ng Cavite Police sa illegal na tupa-da sa magkakahilalayan na lugar sa lalawigan.

Kabilang sa dinampot sina Nestor Jarin; Gerardo Jarin; Joebert Castill; Marlon Castillo; Julierto Menil; Gilbert Andrade; Ryan Christopher Castillo; pawang residente ng Dasmariñas City; Jeffrey Agbon Tyson; Jovan Aveles Tori, at Garry Velmares, ng Kawit; Marlo Malabad; Oswaldo Tume; Antonio Villarosa; Ronni Masellones; Nolito Balbarin; pawang ng Bacoor City; Godofredo Navidad; Jeffrey Carpio; Fernando Papa; Jon-Jon Soverano; Manuel Yu; pawang ng Gen Trias City; Ralph Emerson Tambong; Nicallo Cham;

Roberto Bunac; Reymer Bomia; Jonathan Hermoheno; William Paculan; at Rafael Arimetica, pawang ng General Mariano Alvarez (GMA).

Sa ulat ng Cavite Police Provincial Office (PPO), sa pagitan ng alas-10:30 ng umaga hanggang alas-3:45 ng hapon nagsagawa ng anti-illegal gambling operations sa Brgy Buro Main, Dasmariñas City; Montreal Subd. Brgy. San Sebastian, Kawit; Brgy. Panapaan IV, Bacoor City; Brgy. Manggahan, Gen. Trias City, at Brgy. Francisco Reyes, GMA, kung saan naaktuhan ang naarestong mga sabungero na nagsasagawa ng tupa-dalan pang mga sabungero ang nagkanya-kanyang takbuhan para makaiwas sa huli.

Narekober sa lugar ang sampung panabong, anim na tari, isang patay na panabong at P11,410 cash na pusta. **GENE ADSUARA**

Hontiveros questions capacity of NTF, DOH to deliver vaccine to marginalized communities

SENATOR Risa Hontiveros questioned the capacity of the National Taskforce on COVID-19 (NTF) and the Department of Health (DOH) to deliver the COVID-19 vaccine to geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas (GIDA) given the unsolved difficulties in existing immunization programs.

"A documented difficulty by the DOH in the Sabayang Patak Laban sa Polio is the low immunization coverage in some areas, owing to the difficulties in terrain. Magkakalayo ang mga bahay at mahirap ang mga dadanan. Hindi pa ito matugunan ng DOH ngayon, so paano natin masisiguro na itong COVID-19 vaccine ay makakarating sa mga nangangailangan, given na napaka-sensitibo ng bakuna sa temperature changes?" she asked.

"I support Senator Pangilinan's call for a hearing by a Senate Committee of the Whole to iron out all the details from preparations, to roll-out, to finish. As I said before, public trust is crucial in a public health crisis. This is a massive project that should be made clear to the whole of government, whole of society. Everyone has to be confident in the game plan."

Hontiveros also called for government to begin creating a post-vaccination COVID-19 response plan after an editorial published in November in the Nature Journal showed that vaccinated individuals can still

spread the coronavirus to others.

"To my layperson's ears, it means you can be protected from COVID-19 but you can pass it on to others. I imagine that there are specific populations that cannot be vaccinated, like the very young. They will continue to be vulnerable to COVID. We cannot let our guard down and the protocols should be maintained," she said.

"Vaccination is not the magic bullet to putting an end to the pandemic. We must create sustainable strategies for safely co-existing with COVID-19 while we roll-out vaccination," she added. "It is of the utmost importance that we think of the end in mind, if not we might see a whole new wave of infections."

Hontiveros added that after the vaccination of the indigent groups, it is important to begin securing and allocating funds for mass vaccination. "We can only achieve herd immunity if 60-70% of the population gets vaccinated. If the DOH and NTF foresee the process to take the next 4 to 5 years, are we financially prepared to make it happen? The threat of a hiccup in our plans might cost lives," she said.

"Ito ang pinakamalaking vaccination program in the history of our country. If we don't do it right, we'll waste billions of pesos and risk millions of lives," she concluded. **PR**

Lolo, pintor; natagpuang patay

ISANG senior citizen at isang painter ang natagpuang patay, sa magkakahilalayan na lugar sa Cavite.

Kinilala ang dalawa na si Rogelio Serenado, 66, ng Dasmariñas City, at Alfonso Clafano, 54, stay in sa Bella Rosa Garden sa Sitio Apiad, Brgy Pulongbunga, Silang.

Sa ulat ni Patrolman Ralph Jason Santos, ng Silang Municipal Police Station, dakong alas-7:45 ng umaga natagpuang patay si Clafano ng kanyang pamangkin na si Alvin Suarez sa loob ng Bella Rosa Garden kung saan parehong nagtrabaho ang dalawa. Ayon naman kay Corporal Aaron John Golo, ng Dasmariñas City Police Station, dakong alas-5:45 ng hapon natagpuang patay si Serenado sa loob ng kanilang tindahan sa Block 164 Lot 5, Phase 4 Brgy Paliparan 3, Dasmariñas City.

Pero bago ang pagkamatay ng biktima, sinabi ni Julius Lagunsad na nag-inuman sila dakong alas-8:00 Lunes ng gabi at dahil dito, nagdesisyon ang una na sa kanilang inuupahang tindahan na lamang ito matutulog.

Kinabukasan, pinuntahan siya ng kanyang anak na si Genalyn Kennedy sa inuupahang tindahan matapos itong hindi umuwi sa kanilang bahay pero pagbukas nito ng pintuang aluminum roll up ay inabutang wala ng buhay ang kanyang tatay.

Ayon sa asawang si Ester Serenado, may hypertension ang kanyang asawa na pinaniniwalaang naging dahilan ng pagkamatay. Inaalam din ng pulisya kung may naganp na foul play sa pagkamatay ng dalawa. **GENE ADSUARA**

BOC-NAIA, DENR-NCR and Office of the City Prosecutor of Pasay City Successfully Caused the Conviction of a Wildlife Smuggler

ON 20 November 2020, Judge Allan B. Ariola, Branch 48, Metropolitan Trial Court of Pasay City, found guilty as charged the apprehended importer of 757 pieces of tarantulas in BOC-NAIA for violation of Section 27 of Republic Act No. 9147 otherwise known as the Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act of 2001, and Section 1401 in relation to Section 117 of Republic Act No.

10863 otherwise known as the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act. He was sentenced to serve a straight penalty of six (6) months imprisonment and ordered to pay fine in the aggregate amount of One Hundred Twenty Thousand Pesos (Php120,000.00).

It can be recalled that the convicted wildlife smuggler was apprehended by BOC-NAIA frontliners, ESS-NAIA, CIIS-NAIA and

XIP-NAIA operatives, in collaboration with DENR-NCR operatives last April 1, 2019 while claiming the illegally imported 757 tarantulas concealed inside boxes of cookies and oatmeal from Poland, at the Central Mail Exchange Center, without the required import permit from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR). The seized tarantulas were immediately turned over to

the Wildlife Traffic Monitoring Unit of the Department of Natural Resources. District Collector Carmelita M. Talusan commended the efforts of BOC-NAIA frontliners, ESS-NAIA, CIIS-NAIA, and full support and active collaboration of DENR-NCR and the Office of the City Prosecutor of Pasay City in the successful conviction of the wildlife smuggler. She emphasized that the said conviction

clearly manifests the seriousness and commitment of the Bureau of Customs under the leadership of Commissioner Rey Leonardo B. Guerrero to penalize smugglers of illegal goods and contrabands; and serve as a deterrent and warning to others engaging in similar illegal activities that the full force of law will eventually place them behind bars. **PR**

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JOSELITO ALMARIO NAZARENO
And CLARICE B. MANIEGO,

LOCAL REGISTRAR OF TERNATE,
CAVITE,

PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY
Respondents,

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AMENDED ORDER

Before this Court is a Petition for Cancellation filed by the petitioner through her counsel, Atty. Jose A. Mendoza, praying that after due notice, publication, and hearing, a decision be issued directing the Local Civil Registrar of Ternate, Cavite and office of the National Statistician and Civil Registrar General of the Philippine Statistics Authority to cancel the Certificate of Live Birth issued in the name of **Zharmaine Maniego Nazareno**.

Finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, hearing is hereby set on **2 February 2021 at 2:00 in the afternoon.**

Any interested person who wishes to comment and/or oppose the petition may come to this Court on the date, time, and place herein above-indicated and show cause why the petition should not be granted.

At petitioner's expense, let a copy of this Order be published once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in newspaper of general circulation in the Province of Cavite.

SO ORDERED.

Naic, Cavite on 17 November 2020.

RALPH S. ARELLANO
Assisting Judge

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SERBISYO NI JANAIRO, PINALAWIG PA NG PALASYO

INAPRUBAHAN ni Pangulong Rodrigo Duterte ang pagpapalawig sa serbisyo sa gobyerno ni Dr. Eduardo C. Janairo bilang Director IV ng Department of Health (DOH) – CALABARZON (Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal, Quezon) ng karagdagang anim pang buwan matapos ang kanyang compulsory retirement age.

“I welcome the privilege to serve the government again. Nagpapasalamat ako sa ating Presidente, kay Presidente Duterte, sa binigay nyang suporta at pagtitiwala sa aking kakayahan upang patuloy na maisulong ang iba’t ibang program na atin ng naumpisahan sa CALABARZON,” ayon kay Janairo.

“Marami pang dapat gawin. Marami pang dapat isaayos at kailangang magtrabaho

agad para maisakatuparan lahat ng ito.”

“Six months will pass quickly and we need to create impact programs that will have a solid effect to our people. Gaya ng sabi ng ating Presidente, kailangan ang serbisyo ng ating gobyerno ay nararamdaman, nararanasan at walong naiwanan. Lahat dapat makinabang, mayaman man o mahirap,” paliwanag nito.

Nagretiro si Dr. Janairo nitong November 20, 2020 kung saan nagsilbi sa DOH ng 38 taon.

Si Janairo ang tanging health executive na nagsilbi sa siyam na regional office bilang director at kauna-unahang nakatanggap ng pagpapalawig sa kanyang serbisyo. **GENE ADSUARA**

DOST commends rice institute for high number of scientists

LOS BAÑOS, Laguna (PIA) --The Department of Science and Technology (DOST) lauds the Department of Agriculture-Philippine Rice Research Institute (DA-PhilRice) for having the highest number of active scientists in the Scientific Career System.

In the recent oath-taking ceremony of newly conferred and upgraded scientists, DOST Secretary Dr. Fortunato T. Dela Peña commends PhilRice after three of its experts landed in this year’s ranking.

“With 12 scientists — nine Scientist I and three Scientist II, PhilRice has the highest number of active career scientists. I appreciate the newly conferred and upgraded scientists for their dedication and significant contributions to research in their respective areas of expertise,” he said.

Dr. Aurora M. Corales and Dr. Elmer G. Bautista were conferred the Scientist I rank, while Dr. Norvie L. Manigbas was upgraded to Scientist II rank by the Scientific Career Council.

Corales, chief science research specialist of PhilRice’s Technology Management and Services Division, is a community development worker, trainer, and a mentor to young professionals.

She is a published author in Studies of Changing Societies (SCS) and non-SCS journals, and a contributor to the book “Science and Art of Palayamanan Plus”, which received the 2020

Outstanding Monograph Award by the National Academy of Science and Technology.

She is a recipient of the 2006 Pagasa award by the Civil Service Commission and 2020 Civil Award for professional achievement by the Central Luzon State University. DA-PhilRice also cited her as an Outstanding Official in 2018.

She leads the Rice Business Innovations System Community Program that aims to spur the agro-entrepreneurial potential of the community as a springboard for social and economic transformation.

Meanwhile, Dr. Bautista, supervising science research specialist of PhilRice’s Rice Engineering and Mechanization Division, is an agricultural engineer for 27 years.

He leads the Mechanization of Rice and Rice-based Farming and DA-Bureau of Agricultural Research projects including WateRice, Multi-purpose Seeder, and RiceStrawPH. In these studies, he promotes practices such as land reformation through laser leveling, mechanical transplanting, seedling preparation, and sustainable rice straw management practices.

Bautista has significant works related to Life Cycle Assessment of Philippine rice production published in several papers and SCS accredited journals, one of which was awarded with Gold Poster Award of 2014 during the 11th International eco-balance conference

3 PH universities partner with SEARCA on agricultural innovation

LOS BAÑOS, Laguna (PIA) --Three state universities have recently partnered with the Philippine government-hosted, Los Baños-based Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA).

Tarlac Agricultural University (TAU) and Laguna State Polytechnic University (LSPU) have formalized ties with SEARCA work together on areas of mutual interest such as education, research, and training, while Batangas State University (BatStateU) also agreed to cooperate with SEARCA in the same areas with special focus on innovative agricultural technologies, agribusiness incubation, and technology transfer.

Signatories to the five-year memoranda of understanding (MOU) signed by SEARCA with the three universities were SEARCA Director Dr. Glenn B. Gregorio and Dr. Max P. Guillermo, TAU President; Dr. Mario R. Briones, LSPU President; and Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo, BatStateU President, respectively.

Dr. Gregorio said SEARCA’s collaboration with agricultural universities is part of its strategy to harness academia

held in Tsukuba, Japan. Manigbas, chief science research specialist of PhilRice’s Plant Breeding and Biotechnology Division, is a senior rice breeder who was conferred the Scientist I rank in 2013.

As project lead, he is involved in developing new rice varieties for a rainfed environment, and varieties that are adapted to drought, salinity, submergence, and high-temperature. His distinguished contribution was the development of the first direct wet-seeded rice variety NSIC Rc 298 in 2012 and the first heat-tolerant rice variety NSIC Rc 600 in 2020.

His projects generated substantial funding for rice production and mechanization that benefitted 15 farmers’ cooperatives in Luzon and Visayas.

Manigbas is a recipient of the Presidential Lingkod Bayan Award in 2018 and a consistent outstanding employee of DA-PhilRice. The Scientific Career System deals with the recruitment, career progression, recognition, and reward of scientists in the public service as a means of developing a pool of highly-qualified and productive scientific personnel.

The system is co-implemented by the Civil Service Commission and DOST. **(PIA-4A/PhilRice)**

deme-industry-government interconnectivity to revitalize the agriculture sector in the country.

He added that through SEARCA’s 11th Five-Year Plan (2020-2025) focused on Accelerating Transformation Through Agricultural Innovation (ATTAIN), the Center serves as gateway to the future of agricultural development by building an open innovation and open science spaces that will serve as the venue for emerging trends and opportunities for agriculture and rural development in the Philippines and the Southeast Asian region.

TAU has a Sustainable Mechanized Agriculture for Research and Technology (SMART) Agriculture Center that implements climate-resilient crops production and educates learners and farmers on innovations in agriculture, food security, and sustainability.

“The Center aims to carry out its mission of fostering the implementation of smart agriculture in many ways. It will be a platform for forging interdisciplinary research collaborations across disciplines, both within and outside TAU,” said TAU President Guillermo.

On the other hand, LSPU’s Technology Business Incubation (TBI) for Agri-Fishery and Natural Products serves as a center for nurturing business start-ups in agricultural, aquatic and natural resources-based techno-enterprise. Within days of the MOU signing between SEARCA and LSPU, 107 LSPU officials, faculty, and researchers convened for a presentation on “Agriculture 4.0 Innovations for Higher Education Institutions” by Dr. Rico C. Ancog, SEARCA program lead for Emerging Innovation for Growth (EIG) and Associate Professor at the University of the Philippines Los Baños-School of Environmental Science and Management (SESAM).

Meanwhile, Dr. Ronquillo said BatStateU has a Center for Technopreneurship and Innovation and the first Knowledge Innovation and Science Technology (KIST) Park registered by the Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA). KIST Park is a prime destination fostering collaboration between universities, industry players, locator companies, and tech startups, including agricultural entrepreneurs.

As such, Dr. Ancog said “BatStateU, with its motto ‘Leading Innovations, Transforming Lives,’ is the ideal partner that SEARCA is looking for in our Academic-Industry-Government Model. We look forward to operationalize the SEARCA innovEIGHTS Model fueled by our partnership.”

“SEARCA’s InnovEIGHTS model will support, facilitate, and implement

co-created and co-piloted agribusiness incubation, information and technology transfer projects, and impact- and action-driven extension and technical assistance engagement for Southeast Asia,” Dr. Ancog said.

He explained that the innovEIGHTS components consist of INDEX for gap analysis and best practices benchmark, SERVICES to provide farmer advisory support for innovation, IDEATES to come up with practical and technical solutions, BLOCKS for rapid prototyping of inclusive

technology, A4LIFE to build an agribusiness incubation network, and SPACE to be the platform for open innovative collaboration.

Dr. Gregorio affirmed that in the coming years, SEARCA intends to facilitate the partnering up of players and actors of the innovation community in the Philippines and other Southeast Asian countries such as incubator houses, venture capital funders, universities and other research institutions as well as startups, small and medium enterprises, and corporations. **(PIA-4A/SEARCA)**

Rider, nagulungan ng trak

NASAWI ang 24-anyos na rider dahil matapos nitong mabangga ang isang motorsiklo ay nagulungan ito ng isang dump truck sa Tanza, Cavite.

Kinilala ang nasawi na si Joey Jake Torres, obrero, binata, ng Phase 3B, Carissa Homes, Brgy Punta 1, Tanza.

Kusa namang sumuko ang driver ng dump truck na si Jefferson Maningas, 33, ng Tayabas Quezon at driver ng Kulay blue na motorsiklong Honda na si John Patrick Gallardo, 23, ng Brgy Hulugan 6, Tanza.

Sa ulat ni PSSgt Israel Vilela, ng Tanza Municipal Police Station, minamaneho ng biktima ang kanyang kulay pula na motorsiklong

Honda Wave patungo sa direksiyon ng Naic at dahil mabilis umano ang kanyang pagmamaneho ay hindi nito nakontrol ang kanyang manibela at nabangga ang minamanehong motorsiklo ni Gallardo na noon ay papatawid sa isang intersection.

Dahil sa insidente, naukupa ng biktima ang opposite lane ng kalsada dahilang magulungan naman siya ng isang paparing na dump truck na minamaneho ni Maningas na nagresulta sa kanyang agarang kamatayan.

Ayon kay Vilela, nakainom ang biktima habang nagmamaneho ng kanyang motorsiklo. **GENE ADSUARA**

Dating kawani ng BOC, tiklo sa ‘pasalubong’ sa bagong Custom Chief

ARESTADO sa isinagawang entrapment operation ang isang dating kawani ng Bureau of Customs (BOC) makaraang mangikil umano ito ng may P1 milyon sa mga broker kung saan gagamitin umano itong “pasalubong” sa bagong uupong Commissioner ng nasabing ahen-siya ng gobyerno.

Nahaharap sa robbery extortion ang suspek na si Louie Miranda, dating empleyado ng BOC at dati ring empleyado ng Department of Justice sa ilalim ng Witness Protection Program (WPP) makaraang maaresto ng mga tauhan ng BOC-Custom Intelligence Investigation Services (CIIS) sa pangunguna ni Chief Alvin Enciso katuwang ang National Bureau of Investigation (NBI)-Special Action Unit sa isinagawang entrapment operation sa isang kilalang coffee shop sa Quezon City.

Nauna rito, inireport umano ni dating Philippine National Police (PNP) Chief Camilo

Cascolan si Miranda sa NBI makaraang ilantad ng isang broker ang ginagawang pangangikil sa kani- nila ng suspek.

Sa sumbong umano ng broker, nagpakilala si Miranda bilang emisaryo ni Cascolan kung saan papali ito bilang bagong Commissioner ng BOC kaya’t hinihingian umano nito ang mga broker ng “pasalubong”.

Ilang ID rin ang ipinakita ni Miranda sa mga broker na siya umano ay may katungkulan sa Department of Justice kaya’t naniwala naman agad ang mga ito sa kanya.

Sa isinagawang operasyon laban sa suspek ay narekober ang P1 milyon na umano’y nakolekta niya sa broker na gagamitin umano na pasalubong sa bagong uupong komisyoner ng BOC.

Isinalang na sa inquest proceedings ang suspek na si Miranda na naharap sa kasong robbery extortion. **(leonard basilio)**

Watsons Card Celebrates 2nd Anniversary

Watsons, the flagship health and beauty brand of the global A.S. Watson Group, one of the leading health, beauty and wellness retailers in the Philippines recently celebrated the 2nd anniversary of their loyalty program now with more than 3 million members nationwide.

We will remember that last 2018, the Watsons Card was launched to give its frequent shoppers exclusive perks, discounts, exciting deals and more value for money. To kick-off the 2nd anniversary celebration and Grand Member Sale, Watsons went live on their Facebook page hosted by Hershey Neri together with Watsons Pharmacist, Luis Maximo de Guzman and Watsons Brand Ambassador Marissa Cabas.

As a gesture of thanks to its millions of members, there were also a lot of exciting deals and up to 50% OFF on more than a thousand great selections of health and beauty products through the Watsons Card Grand Members Sale.

Benefits of having a Watsons Card include lifetime membership, earning and redeeming of points, getting exclusive discounts, 2x bonus points on Watsons Brand products, access to member events, enjoying privileges in select partner establishments, and access to more perks and rewards such as an annual sale to all Watsons Card members. Meanwhile, Watsons Card members who accumulated at least P 35,000 annual spend is entitled for Watsons Elite membership. On top of the Watsons Card benefits, Elite members get to enjoy priority service, free delivery at Watsons online or Call & Delivery service, access to Elite concierge by having a personal shopper and an assigned store officer at the store, exclusive Elite discounts, a birthday treat

(earn 10x points on your first transaction during your birth month, 5x bonus on Watsons Brand products and access to Elite member events. Never miss out on superb perks and discounts with your Watsons Card and Watsons Elite. Head on to your nearest Watsons branch, shop online at www.watsons.com.ph or try Watsons' Call & Delivery to get your orders within 24 hours.

You can download the Watsons App through the following: Google Playstore: <https://bit.ly/2yX2Elj>; App Store: <https://apple.co/2WjJH49>; and the Huawei App Gallery: <https://bit.ly/WatsonsAppHuawei>.

Watsons Pharmacist Luis Maximo de Guzman and Hershey Neri during the Watsons Grand Member Sale Shop Live through Watsons' Facebook page.



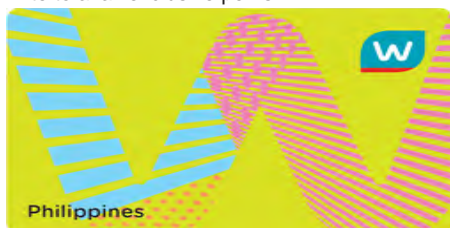
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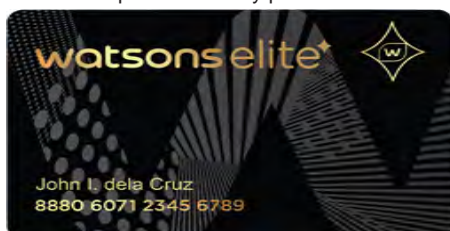
Look good and feel good by shopping at Watsons today and enjoy great discounts on your health and beauty must-haves.



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CELEBRATE TOGETHER WITH THE BODY SHOP THIS CHRISTMAS

New, unexpected gifts give us good reason to **Celebrate Together with The Body Shop!**

Count down to Christmas day with our **Make It Real Advent Calendar.** It's jam-packed with unexpected treats to uplift, pamper and rejuvenate.

Discover this year's line-up of special edition festive fragrances - sweet and tangy **Festive Berry**, fresh and crisp **Winter Jasmine** and sweet and cosy **Warm Vanilla.** All vegan, all seriously Christmassy.

Make someone feel real special with The Body Shop's **Bath and Body** gifts that come in Big Gift Boxes, Little Gift Boxes filled with a mini collection of body care treats, and cute little gift pouches of nourishing treats. These come in irresistible scents: **Moringa, S a t s u m a , Strawberry, British Rose, Shea, and Almond Milk and Honey.**

Treat someone to The Body Shop's collection of crowd-pleasing skin-care gifts. Give the gift of fresher, healthier looking skin this Christmas with The Body Shop's superhero **Drops of Youth™ Fresher Skin Kit** or **Little Gift Box.** There are also stocking stuffers that will delight everyone: **Shake and Swish** and **Pure Bliss** **Banana** haircare duos, and **Strawberry** and **British Rose Lips** and **Hands Kits.** It's the time to re-connect and celebrate together with **The Body Shop's Christmas Sets.** Every purchase at The Body Shop this Christmas will help support the organizations that help give back safety, security, and a home to the women most affected by this

crisis. There are lots of ways to shop at The Body Shop! Visit our online store at www.thebodyshop.com.ph 24/7, add to cart, and check out anytime of the day. Also, get offers and deals that are exclusively online. The Body Shop's cruelty-free and vegan products are also available in The Body Shop stores, Call & Deliver,

Lazada, Shopee and ShopSM. The Body Shop now accepts SM Advantage Card for points earning and redemption, SM and Sodexo premium pass in all The Body Shop stores nationwide.

About The Body Shop
The Body Shop was founded in 1976 by Dame Anita Roddick in Little Hampton, England.

The beauty brand pioneered corporate activism and was built on a philosophy that business can be a force for good. With its brand expression, Beauty with Heart, the company continues to be focused on five core values: **Against Animal Testing, Support Community Fair Trade, Activate Self Esteem, Defend**

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



Count down to Christmas with a daily beauty treat with the Make It Real Together Advent Calendar. Discover 24 handpicked surprises from The Body Shop's new and favorite ranges.



Hydrate your skin and hair with the Nourishing Shea Ultimate Gift Bag featuring six haircare and body care favorites.



The Special Edition Winter Jasmine Range is fresh, crisp, and white as a winter's morning. Line includes Winter Jasmine shower gel, body scrub, body yoghurt, body butter, hand cream, and starry bath bomb.



Dive into The Body Shop's sweetest festive fragrance with this little Winter Jasmine Little Gift Box. With four skin-softening body care picks.



weet-smelling, tangy and as Christmassy as a sprig of holly, The Body Shop's Special Edition Festive Berry Range will surely give you all the festive feels.



Drop the Festive Berry Starry Bath Bomb into your tub for a fragrant and berry-colored water then slather on the Festive Berry Body Butter to keep skin feeling softer and smelling sweet.



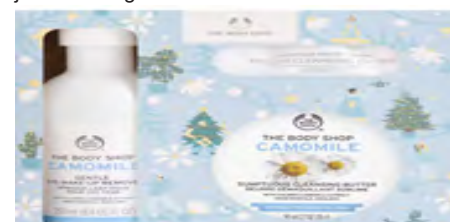
It's Warm Vanilla season as the warm, sweet, and cosy fragrance is back for your Christmas pampering. The Special Edition Warm Vanilla Range includes a shower gel, body scrub, body yoghurt, body butter, hand cream, starry bath bomb, and sugar lip scrub.



Give the gift of healthier, fresher-looking skin with the Drops of Youth Fresher Skincare Kit, including a Youth Concentrate and Day



Festivities taking their toll? The Oils of Life Radiance Skin Kit with its intense nourishing duo is just the thing for skincare aficionados.



Wave goodbye to party make-up this Christmas with The Body Shop's gentle vegan, make-up removal made for sensitive skin.

CHOPS TO GO IS NOW OPEN AT SM CITY DASMARIÑAS



Taiwan's Bite Sized Chops for you and your family is now open at SM City Dasmariñas. Chicken chops, All-natural Potato Chips, Milk Tea and more are waiting for you. What are you waiting for? Visit its newly opened store at SM City Dasmariñas Foodcourt, located at the lower ground floor.

PAPERMOON, NOW OPEN AT SM CITY BACOOOR!



SM CITY BACOOOR, CAVITE – Fill your cravings with the best Crepe you can have this Holiday season! Paper Moon is now ready to serve you their sweet treat that will surely make you want more! Taste their famous chocolate Mille Crepe made with beautifully lacy layers of soft crepes filled with dark and milk chocolate whipped ganache, interspersed with crisp chocolate pearls and topped with chocolate curls. And since Christmas is better with sweet treats, try their Dark Chocolate Peanut Butter, or their Cranberry Oatmeal Cookies which are equally great! Hurry and grab your share at Paper Moon located at the Upper ground Floor of SM City Bacoor just in front of Botejyu. Enjoy!



BACK TO BACK SALE AT SM CITY MOLINO!



SM CITY MOLINO, CAVITE – It's the most wonderful time of the year! The most perfect time to let your loved ones feel cared for and appreciated. As you spend more moments with them this season, gift them the best watch fitting their adorable personalities from Unisilver Time located at the 2nd floor of SM City Molino. Looking for the best Christmas outfit for your kids and gifts for kiddos? Oshkosh B'gosh got your back! They got all these vibrant Christmas colored shirts and dresses from toddlers and up. Enjoy up to 50% off as you shop more and spend less at their store located at the 2nd floor of SM City Molino. Enjoy their offers today!



Conti's is now open at SM City Dasmariñas The long wait is over! Conti's is NOW OPEN for Take-out to fill your hearts and homes this holiday. Sweeter days are finally here at SM Dasmariñas. Visit them at Upper Ground Floor and check out Conti's Bakeshop & Restaurant for their delightful treats. See you there!



Pacio hindi pabor sa panukalang batas sa sports ng labanan

Ang kasalukuyang ONE Championship strawweight champion na si Joshua Pacio ay nagsabi na hindi siya pabor sa House Bill 1526 na naglalayong pagbawalan ang mga menor de edad mula sa pakikilahok sa mga sports event.

"Ang panukalang batas na ito ay pumapatay sa pagkakataong iyon upang magbago at lumaki tayo simula sa ating mga mas bata," sabi ni Pacio. Sinabi niya na sa halip ay hikayatin ang mga bata na "matuto ng martial arts nang maaga hangga't makakaya nila."

"Tiyak na bubuo ito ng mabuting pag-uugali, lalo na ang disiplina sa sarili - na magbabago sa kalaunan sa bansang ito," dagdag niya.

Sinabi ni Pacio na nagsimula siyang martial arts sa edad na 11 at binago nito ang kanyang buhay.

"Sa palagay ko kapag gumawa ka ng martial arts, hindi lamang tungkol sa pagsuntok at pagsipa ngunit tungkol sa pagbuo ng disiplina sa sarili at pag-uugali. Sa katunayan, kapag natututo tayong lahat ng martial arts, ang ibig kong sabihin lahat, mula sa mga bata hanggang sa may sapat na gulang, anumang edad, naniniwala ako na ang Pilipinas ay unlad dahil mayroon na tayong disiplina sa sarili na binuo mula sa paggawa ng martial arts, "the 24-year-sabi nito

Ang kasalukuyang Brave Combat Federation ban-

amweight champion na si Stephen Loman, kasamahan sa koponan ni Pacio sa Team Lakay, ay nagpahayag ng kanyang mga pahayag.

"Malinaw na, ito ay pagbawalan ang mga menor de edad mula sa pag-aaral ng iba't ibang mga uri ng palakasan palakasan simula sa murang edad at nangangahulugan ito na hindi nila mai-evolve ang kanilang mga kasanayan, hindi lamang pisikal ngunit kasanayan sa pag-iisip at emosyonal din kapag lumaki sila at naging matanda," Sabi ni Loman.

Sa kanyang bahagi, sinabi ni Mark Sangiao, pinuno ng coach ng Team Lakay, na hindi dapat palampasin ng mga pinuno ang pagkakat-aon na tulongan ang mga potensyal na atleta "na magingresponsableng mga indibidwal sa hinaharap sa pamamagitan ng paghihigpit sa kanila na matuto at makisali sa mga palakasan na pampalakasan sa isang murang edad".

"Ang mga batang ito ay 100 porsyento ay magdadala ng karangalan sa ating bansa sa hinaharap. Wala kaming karapatang alisin ang dakilang pangitain na ito sa kanila," Sangiao said.

Si Pacio, Loman, at Sangiao ay tatlo lamang sa lumalaking bilang ng mga martial arts practitioner na sumalungat sa panukalang batas na iminungkahi ng mga kinatawan ng Ako Bicol na sina Alfredo Garbin at Elizaldy Co.



Ravena maglaro sa B.League All-Star Game

Ang B.League na nakabase sa Japan ay inihayag na ang pampalakas ng San-En na si Thirty Ravena ay maglalaro sa All-Star Game sa susunod na buwan.

Si Ravena ay maglalaro para sa B.League White Team dahil sa rekomendasyon ng liga. Siya lang ang NeoPhoenix na napili sa All-Star Game, na magaganap sa Mito.

Ang pagsali sa kanya sa White Team ay ang dating import ng San Miguel at ngayon ang pambansang koponan ng Japanese na naturalized center na si Nick Fazekas, na napili bilang isang starter sa pamamagitan ng fan vote.

Apat na mga manlalaro mula sa Kawasaki ang talagang napili sa All-Star Game.

Ang pagsali sa Fazekas sa simula ay si Ryusei Shinoyama, habang sina Keisuke Masuda at Naoto Tsuji ay lalabas sa bench. Ang kanilang head coach na si Kenji Sato, ang magtuturo sa White Team.

Ang pagkumpleto sa White Team ay sina Chiba Yuki Togashi, Sebas Saiz, at Gavin Edwards, Hokkaido's Jordan Taylor, Mikawa's Kosuke Kanamaru, na napili bilang kapitan ng koponan matapos makuha ang pinakamaraming mga boto ng tagahanga para sa kanyang koponan, at sina Avi Schafer, at Naruk Namizato ni Ryukyuu.

Samantala, ang dating manlalaro ng National Basketball Association na si Yuta Tabuse ay magiging pamagat ng B.League Black Team.

Ang Tabuse ay isa sa apat na manlalaro ng Utsonomiya na pinili upang magsimula para sa Itim na Koponan.

Gayunman, tanging si Ryan Rossiter, ang itinalagang skipper, at Jeff Gibbs ang makakalaro sa All-Star Game na may hadlang na pinsala habang ang pambansang koponan ng koponan na si Makoto Hiejima ay na-out of the event dahil sa kanyang pinsala. Ang isang kapalit na manlalaro para sa Hiejima ay ipapahayag sa ibang araw.

Si Toyoma Grouse Julian Mavunga ay ang nagiisang di-Brex player na napili ng mga tagahanga na magsimula sa Itim na Koponan, habang ang kasama sa koponan na si Richard Solomon ay sasali bilang isang reserbang.

Kumukumpleto sa grupo ay sina Yutaro Suda na

Tokyo at Daiki Tanaka, Leo Vendrame ng Shibuya, Takumi Saito ni Nagoya, Isaiah Murphy ni Hiroshima, at Atsunobu Hirao ni Ibaraki. Ang isang ika-13 manlalaro para sa bawat koponan ay pipiliin sa pamamagitan ng social media, at ang mga resulta ay ipahayag sa Miyerkules.

Ang coach ng Tokyo na si Luka Pavicevic ang magtuturo sa Black Team.



FIBA Asia Cup Qualifiers bubble gaganapin sa Peb. 17-22

Magiging punong abala ang Angeles University Foundation Sports and Cultural Center dahil sa nakatakdang pagiging host ng dalawang grupo para sa FIBA Asia Cup Qualifiers mula Peb. 17-22, 2021

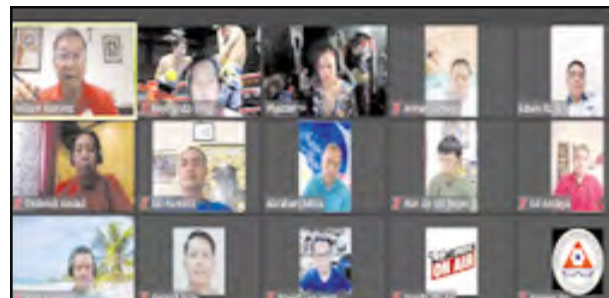
Ang Gilas Pilipinas Men, ang host squad, ay maglalaro ng tatlong beses sa Group A play.

Makakalaban ng Gilas Men ang South Korea sa isang rescheduled ng kanilang ipinagpaliban na Nobyembre window game sa Peb. 18.

Haharapin ng Gilas Men ang Indonesia sa Pebrero 20 bago muling labanan ang South Korea sa Pebrero 22.

Ang South Korea ay nakaligtas sa anumang parusa mula sa FIBA dahil sa pagmamakaawa mula sa pakikipagkumpitensya sa window ng Nobyembre sa Manama, Bahrain, ngunit ang koponan ay kailangang maglaro ng apat na laban sa limang gabi.

Ang sandwiched sa pagitan ng dalawang laro laban sa Gilas Men ay ang mga laro ng South Korea laban sa Indonesia sa Peb. 19 at Thailand sa Peb. 20 na



PINAYAHAG sa lingguhang TOPS Usapang Sports via Zoom ni Philippine Sports Commission William Ramirez ang mga kaganapan sa sports kung saan ay patuloy ang kanilang pagpapalaganap ng sports academy, maging ang pagtukoy sa para sa magiging qualified sa magaganap na Tokyo Olympics. (RGN)

UAAP Season 83 Kanselado na

Ang panahon ng 2020-2021 University Athletic Association of the Philippines (UAAP) ay opisyal nang inilalaan.

Sinabi ng liga noong na kinakansela ang panahon, na sana ay ika-83, dahil sa patuloy na banta ng coronavirus disease na 2019 (Covid-19).

"Matapos ang isang serye ng mga talakayan, ang board ng mga trustee ng UAAP ay dumating sa mahirap na desisyon na ito, na binibigyan ng pangunahing konsiderasyon ang kalusugan at kaligtasan ng mga estudyante-atleta at mga kasangkot sa pagpapatakbo ng aming mga kumpetisyon," binasa ng pahayag ng UAAP.

Mas maaga sa linggong ito, isinasaalang-alang pa rin ng liga ang pagtulak sa panahon na malamang sa Abril sa susunod na taon lalo na na ang mga ba-

kuna para sa Covid-19 ay magagamit sa oras na iyon ngunit may mga kaganapan lamang sa basketball at volleyball na gaganap.

Ngunit kalaunan ay lumipat ang UAAP upang tuluyang iwaksi ang Season 83, na dapat ay host ng La Salle.

"Papayagan ng desisyon ang mga member-school ng UAAP na planuhin ang kanilang mga aktibidad para sa natitirang taon ng akademiko, pati na rin ang kanilang mga programang pang-atletiko para sa susunod na panahon," sinabi pa ng liga.

Sinabi ng UAAP na ang lupon ng mga pinagkakatiwalaan at lupon ng namamahala na director ay muling magtitipon sa ibang araw upang talakayin kung paano makakaapekto ang pagkansela sa mga mag-aaral atleta at sa mga kasapi na paaralan.



land ang Guam at ang Australia ay makikipagtagpo sa Hong Kong sa Peb. 21, habang ang rematch ng pares ng Pebrero 18 ay mangyayari sa Pebrero 22.

Ang mga tip-off na oras para sa lahat ng mga laro ay iaanunsyo sa ibang

PH among major contributors to plastic pollution, study shows

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) --A study published by state think tank Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS) called for proper waste disposal to address the worsening problem of plastic pollution in the country.

This after findings of the study titled "Are Marine-protected Areas Sheltered from Plastic Pollution?" revealed that microplastic occurrence in Tañon Strait is relatively high. This strait is the country's largest marine-protected area located between Cebu and Negros Islands.

Maria Kristina Paler, author of the study and a grantee of the Philippine APEC Study Center Network's Thesis and Dissertation Program, said that microplastic abundance in the water of Tañon Strait ranged from 0 to 1.5 items per liter, while its abundance in the sediments ranged from 0 to 39.72 items per kilogram dry weight. Based on similar studies, these results were higher than bodies of water found in other countries such as China.

"The relatively high microplastic occurrence in Tañon Strait shows that the Philippines has been contributing a substantial volume of plastic debris into the marine ecosystem. This calls for proper waste disposal to mitigate the problem of plastic pollution," Paler explained.

In terms of size, samples suggested that the microplastics, with a size smaller than 1 mm, were "from larger plastic debris that ended up in the marine environment".

In terms of plastic type, the water tests found that the most abundant was polyethylene, while polyamide was abundant in the sediments.

Polyethylene may come from single-use bags, films for food, or sachet packaging, often used in the country. Polyamides, on the other hand, are mostly from automotive and electronic products.

Paler noted that the polyamides found in the sam-

ples are nylon, mostly used in fishing nets.

Moreover, the results suggested that the pollutants were generated from single-use plastic items and plastics largely used in the packaging industry.

"As such, policies to reduce single-use packaging, particularly polyethylene-based plastics, should be pursued," Paler urged.

However, she noted that banning single-use plastics may not be "economically sound" considering Filipinos' preference for sachets over bottled products due to economic constraints.

She then called for the provision of economic incentives to manufacturers that use substitutes for these plastic materials.

Another recommendation is for the "prohibition of discarding nets in seas, which is notoriously a common practice in the Philippines". Paler also suggested recycling and energy recovery as ways to treat "residual waste", such as diapers and sanitary napkins. **(PIA-4A/PIDS)**

STATEMENT OF SENATOR RISA HONTIVEROS ON THE REPORTS OF UNPAID SALARIES OF SOME DEPED TV PERSONNEL

First, our health workers, then, our teachers. Hindi dapat natin pinapayagang maging new normal ang delayed na pasahod o benepisyo.

This is a blatant case of exploitation and violation of our labor laws. Hindi kailanman magiging tama ang kumontrata ng mga empleyado at hindi sila bayaran sa serbisyonang kanilang ipinuhunan. Pinagtrabahuhan nila ang perang iyon, gamit ang kanilang talento at sariling resources, with outputs delivered on time, kaya walang makataong rason para madelay ang kanilang sweldo.

When the Department of Education assured the public that the quality of education is not compromised amid shift to non-traditional modes of learning, perhaps, it should also look after the welfare of its teachers and other teaching professionals and ensure that they do not end up to be the collateral dam-

Downward trend ng COVID-19 cases sa Batangas, patuloy

LUNGSOD NG BATANGAS (PIA) --Lubos na pasasalamat ang ipinaabot ng pamunuan ng Pamahalaang Panlalawigan ng Batangas sa mga kasaping Batangas Inter-Agency Task Force Against COVID-19 sa mga inilatag nitong programa na nagresulta sa patuloy na downward trend ng new corona virus cases nitong huling tatlong buwan ng taong 2020 sa lalawigan. Sa pagpupulong na isinagawa ng Batangas IATF noong ika-7 ng Disyembre 2020, ikinatuwa ni Batangas Governor at IATF Chairperson Hermilando "DoDo" Mandanas ang inilabas na aniya ay "encouraging figures and data" na nagsasaad ng pagbaba ng mga kaso ng COVID-19 sa Batangas.

Sang-ayon sa ulat ng Department of Health (DOH) - CALABARZON Center for Health Development, na pinangungunahan ni Dr. Paula Paz M. Sydiongco, isa ang lalawigan ng Batangas sa nagpapakita ng consistent downward trend ng kaso ng COVID-19 sa Region 4-A.

Tungkol naman sa pananatili ng Batangas sa GCQ, nilinaw ni Dr. Sydionco na ang hakbang na ito ay mai-

age. I urge DepEd to settle this immediately and give the unpaid teaching professionals what is due. Ang bagong sistema ng edukasyon ay pahirap na para sa mga guro, huwag na nating dagdagan pa ang bigat na kanilang dinadala. **PR**

BOC Port of Legazpi Celebrates the 18-day Campaign to End Violence Against Women (VAW)

IN support to the Philippine Commission on Women to protect women and girls from gender-based violence, the Bureau of Customs (BOC) - Port of Legazpi celebrated the 18-day Campaign to End Violence Against Women (VAW) on December 11, 2020.

The port personnel witnessed a 2-hour film entitled "Verdict" which depicts

ugnay sa patuloy na pag-sasagawa ng Batangas ng calamity relief operations simula pa noong Enero, kasabay ng pag-aksyon sa COVID-19 pandemic, kaya ito umano ay isa lamang precautionary measure upang mas mapanatili ang kaayusan sa harap ng patuloy na pagtugon sa mga nasabing mga kaganapan.

Kaugnay nito, ipinaalala nito ang patuloy na pagpapatupad ng BIDA campaign ng National Inter-Agency Task Force at DOH sa buong lalawigan ngayon buwan ng Disyembre, kung kailan inaasahang magkakaroon ng mga selebrasyon dahil sa pagdiriwang ng Kapaskuhan.

Ang pagpapaalala sa publiko na sumunod sa mga itinakdang health protocols ang binigyang-diin din ng mga kasapi ng Batangas IATF, partikular ang pagsunod sa Hugas, Iwas at Mask (HIM) na nagbibili sa publiko sa paghuhugas na kamay, social distancing, at pagsusuot ng face shield at mask kapag nasa matataong lugar.

Binigyang direktiba rin ni Gov. Mandanas ang mga kinauukulang tangaapan sa pagpapabilis ng proseso ng mga isasagawang proyekto para sa taong 2021, na kinabibilangan ng pagpapataas ng kalidad ng serbisyo ng lahat ng mga district at provincial hospitals, pagpapatayo ng Level 2 medical facility na Batangas Provincial Medical Center sa Bayan ng Tuy, patuloy na pagpapatupad ng no home quarantine policy sa ilalim ng OPLAN kalinga, at pagbili ng mga kaukulang kagamitan na tutugon sa mga pangangailangan ng mga frontliners. Edwin V. Zabarte - **Batangas Capitol PIO**

Farmer orgs help small-scale farmers participate in agri value chain - PIDS study

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) --Farmer organizations such as agrarian reform beneficiary organizations (ARBOs) facilitate smallholders' participation in the agriculture value chain.

According to a study released by state think tank Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS), farmers' membership in organizations like ARBOs "lowers their transaction costs, assists them in getting better contract offers from buyers, and enables them to access resources and skills training".

ARBOs become more relevant as farmers move to higher-level value chains, particularly postharvest and marketing activities.

However, PIDS Vice President Marife M. Ballesteros and Research Specialist Jenica A. Ancheta found that many farmer organizations in the country, such as ARBOs, have low level of organizational maturity and are mainly formed to access funding.

Citing the Department of Agrarian Reform's (DAR) information technology-enabled maturity assessment scores, Ballesteros and Ancheta noted that only 10 percent of ARBOs in the country are classified under the high maturity level, about 46 percent have low organizational maturity, while the rest have mid-level maturity.

They observed that many participating ARBOs (PARBOs) are "not organizationally functional". Based on their research, a significant number do not practice capital build-up and savings mobilization. They also identified other

by the Gender and Development Focal Person of the Port served as an eye opener to strongly support the goal of protecting human rights against all forms of abuse, especially that of women and children.

Further, Arsenia also shared her views on the importance of instilling love, guidance and respect within the family and enjoining everyone to courageously uphold a VAW-free environment. **PR**

prevalent issues, such as the inability to attract new members, low and declining membership caused by members' withdrawal, and mismanagement.

They also noted that ARBOs tend to "be loosely organized and may become inactive or reorganized after access has been achieved". The distribution of ARBO capital showed that the equity generated from members is limited, making it difficult to sustain their operations and finance value-adding activities, especially those requiring capital investments.

Given these challenges, it is possible that PARBOs are "mainly organized to receive the intervention". This means farmers only self-organize to satisfy the requirements to put up a project, but the organization's sustainability is not their main concern. It is most likely that group activities fade away at the end of the projects.

To address these issues, Ballesteros and Ancheta offered some recommendations, such as motivating farmer members to commit to the organization through equity participation.

Another recommendation is to urge farmer-organizations to establish enterprises that will generate income for their members. Participation in higher value chain requires entrepreneurial development and an organization to manage the enterprise. Thus, ARBOs should have a high level of organizational maturity and are financially capable to do so.

Lastly, the authors recommended capacitating farmer-organizations on building alliances or networking. For instance, through DAR's "big brother" strategy, lead ARBOs (LARBOs) or mature farmer-organizations are expected to assist PARBOs that have yet to reach sufficient organizational and financial maturity by sharing their expertise in operations and management. According to the study, the "big brother" strategy works when there are strong alliances or linkages among farmer organizations. **(PIA-4A/PIDS)**

VALENCIANA DISH: NOT JUST TRADITION BUT A STAPLE FOOD OF GENTRI CITY

General Trias, Cavite (PIA) – Every city and town in this historic province boasts of its own unique delicacy such as the samala rice cake of Cavite City, kalamay of Indang town, Digman Halo-Halo of Bacoor, binalot of Carmona, bulalo and crispy tawilis in Tagaytay City, and in this city the Valenciana dish.

In every feast and family celebrations, this sumptuous dish is always served on the table with its orange color and garnishings that adds to the festive mood. Valenciana is a hearty Filipino dish which was inherited from our Spanish ancestors. There are many versions of cooking this dish, and the city's elders made this rice dish extra special by using chopped chicken and pork, instead of liver and mixed with saffron, chorizo de bilbao, bell pepper, carrot, sweet potato, raisins, green peas, garbanzos, tomato sauce, spices (laurel leaves), coconut milk (kakang-gata) and paprika. Adding flavor to the dish is covering it with fresh banana leaves. Sixth District Representative Luis 'Jonjon' Ferrer shared that it had been his favorite dish since he was young and conceptualized the annual Valenciana Festival in December 2010.

While the city celebrates its local fiesta for the cityhood anniversary every 13th of December and in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, it also showcases Valenciana dish with the city government holding a cooking contest of the special dish from the best cooks representing each barangays. Pasencia Sevilla, a 52 year old retiree who won in last year's Valenciana Festival cooking competition had successfully built a food business from her love for the dish.

"After ko po mag-retired sa work, ito na po yung naging hanap buhay ko, ang ma-

gluto ng Valenciana na minana ko pa sa aking ina na naging kusinera ng dating alkalde ng Bayan ng Malabon (the city's old name)." Aling Paz said during an interview.

"After I retired from work, this was my livelihood, cooking Valenciana that I inherited from my mother who became the cook of the former mayor of the Town of Malabon (the city's old name)."

According to Aling Paz, the business had been brisk ever since she won the contest, and was very grateful to Chairman Wally Satsatin of Barangay Sta. Clara who encouraged her to join the competition.

Aling Paz sells Valenciana dish for Php1, 200 for a Large Bilao (good for 15-20 persons), and Php 1,700 for the Extra Large Bilao (good for 20-25 persons).

Likewise, it is also a regular dish in the menu at Remotico's Carinderia owned by Mike Remotico and wife Tonia who started their eatery selling Valenciana in 1990 at the old public market where the New City Hall is now located.

From the old public market, the eatery was transferred to the new public market in 2000 and now has put up a branch along National road in Barangay San Juan 1 last October 2020.

Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, the Valenciana dish had become more of a staple food since it is a complete meal of rice, meat and vegetables for an affordable price of P50 to P75 per order particularly to the workers in the industrial estates in EPZA.

Sadly, Cong. Ferrer stated that the annual celebration of the Valenciana Festival will be postponed this year due to the threat of the COVID-19 nonetheless, the people could still enjoy this special dish in many eateries, and restaurants in the city. **(Ruel Francisco/Dennis Abrina)**

Media workers' welfare bill OK'd on 2nd reading

MANILA – A bill providing enhanced protection, security, and benefits for media workers hurdled second reading approval at the House of Representatives.

During Monday's plenary session, the chamber passed via voice vote House Bill 8140 or the proposed Media Workers' Welfare Act.

The bill aims to ensure that media workers shall, at the minimum, be paid the wages, allowances, and benefits provided by law to workers.

Media workers shall be covered by the Social Security System, the Home Development Mutual Fund or the Pag-IBIG Fund, and the Philippine Health Insurance Corp. upon employment.

Employers shall provide additional insurance coverage to media workers,

including the death benefit of PHP200,000, disability benefit of PHP200,000, and medical insurance benefit of PHP100,000.

It guarantees security of tenure to media workers after the probationary work period of six months of continuous work.

The Department of Labor and Employment shall be mandated as the agency in charge of monitoring compliance with the provisions of the proposed law.

A News Media Tripartite Council that shall serve as a link among stakeholders, provide a platform where media workers and employers can agree upon mutually beneficial policies that will promote the interests of the media industry, and serve as an avenue to express their aspirations, discuss their programs, or settle conflicts. **(PNA)**

'Star of Bethlehem': Miracle or Science?

MANILA – The Bible says the three wise men followed a star in order to find where Jesus was born. People refer to that star as the "Christmas Star" or the "Star of Bethlehem". Did that star come out of the blue to guide the "Magi"? Or did Jesus' birth coincide with a celestial phenomenon?

"This is still debatable. Christians believe it was a miracle, a sign. Theologians believe it was a prophecy and that there is no explanation for the event. However, astronomers globally are trying to correlate this to celestial phenomenon, particularly the conjunction of planets," astronomer Mario Raymundo told the Philippine News Agency in an interview Friday.

He said that planet conjunction actually happens yearly. On December 21, 2020, however, planets Jupiter and Saturn would align so closely with each other, with only .1 of a degree difference or distance, he said.

"We call 'alignment' as 'conjunction'. This would not be the first time that Jupiter and Saturn would align. (The things is,) these planets had a really close distance from each other 800 years ago. It is only on Dec. 21, 2020 that they would be too close from each other again," Raymundo explained. Raymundo, who works

at the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA), said astronomers use data that allows them to compute when celestial events, eclipse, would take place. This data also enables them to compute and analyze when past celestial events have occurred, even when it happened in the BC (Before Christ) era. On December 21, he said, people all over the world may notice what seemed to be two stars joined together, making them brighter. "Those would look like the stars, but those are two planets -- Jupiter and Saturn," Raymundo remarked. People may notice the brightness of these "stars" even as early as tonight (Dec. 11). The peak, he said, would be on Dec. 21 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. (Philippine Standard Time).

This celestial event has no effect on weather, for instance, he clarified.

Because astronomers are correlating the "Christmas Star" to planet conjunction, Raymundo said there was a "grand conjunction" that happened in 1 BC, and a conjunction of Saturn and Jupiter, which, according to him, happened on August 28, 6 BC.

"The great conjunction in 1 BC involved planets Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Mercury, and the moon. But this took place before 5 a.m.

DepEd to select pilot schools for F2F classes on Dec. 28

MANILA – The Department of Education (DepEd) will select the schools included in the pilot implementation or dry run of face-to-face classes (F2F) in areas with low risk of coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) by Dec. 28, Malacañang said Tuesday.

During the 49th Cabinet meeting on Monday night, President Rodrigo Duterte approved the dry run of F2F classes in select schools with low Covid-19 risk for the whole month of January 2021.

Presidential Spokesperson Harry Roque said Duterte approved the pilot implementation knowing that the current blended and distance learning scheme is "far from ideal" especially in areas with little or no access to computers and the internet.

"Kasi alam natin na talagang itong ginagawa nating blended learning is far from ideal at ang ideal parin talaga is face-to-face so we're trying to see if we can live with the virus at malalaman po natin kung pupuwede nga lalo na dun sa mga areas na wala namang Covid na (Because we know the current

Thus, it seems impossible that this was the one that the 'magi' followed, since the sun would rise about 20 minutes after," he said.

He continued that the conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn during 6 BC lasted from night until before 6 a.m. "Therefore, this is the conjunction that would probably the closest to what the 'magi' have followed, if in case there is really a scientific explanation for that." Raymundo emphasized that there is no study yet regarding this. "There is no scientific data regarding this, and this is still debatable," he reiterated.

"In my opinion, if ever there is really a scientific explanation behind this, then we could compare it to the conjunction that happened in 6 BC," he pointed out.

He added that the "Christmas Star" is also not related to the winter solstice.

"The winter solstice is a season that happens around Dec. 21-22. It is when the earth is closest to the sun, and we consider this 'the longest night and the shortest day'. This has no relation to the conjunction of planets," Raymundo said. **(PNA)**

blended learning scheme is far from ideal and the most ideal is face-to-face so we're trying to see if we can live with the virus and we will find out if it can be done especially in areas with no Covid-19," Roque said in a Palace press briefing.

Roque said the timeline for the dry run of F2F classes is as follows:

—Dec. 14-18, 2020 - Submission by regional directors to the Secretary, through the Undersecretary for Field Operations, of nominated schools for pilot implementation or dry-run.

—Dec. 28, 2020 - Selection by the Secretary of pilot schools from among the nominated schools.

—Jan. 4-8, 2021 - Orientation, mobilization, and readiness confirmation of selected pilot schools.

—Jan. 11-23, 2021 - Implementation of pilot activities, including joint monitoring by DepEd and the Covid-19 National Task Force.

—Jan. 25-29, 2021 - Submission of regional reports on the pilot implementation; evaluation for the final recommendation to the President.

Roque, meanwhile, reminded the public that F2F classes will not be compulsory.

He said submission of a parent's permit for the student to participate in face-to-face classes will be required.

"Pilot lang po ito, ito'y isang buwan lamang. Wala po'ng puitan, boluntaryo po ito. Kinakailangan mayroong approval ng mga magulang at bukod po dito, dapat papayag din po ang LGU. Kung ayaw ng LGU, hindi po natin ipipilit itong pilot face-to-face (This is only a pilot test and it will only run for one month. Nobody will be forced, this is voluntary. There should be approval from parents and besides this, the local government unit should also approve. If the LGU rejects it, we won't force face-to-face classes)," he said.

Currently, learners nationwide study through the different distance learning modalities that the DepEd has set up -- modular, online, television, and radio-based instruction learning. **(PNA)**

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PRIME CONSORTIUM FINANCE CORPORATION,
Creditor-Mortgagee,

-versus- **EJF NO. TG-20-025**
FOR: Petition for Extrajudicial Foreclosure of Real Estate Mortgage Under Act No. 3135 amended

SPS. ELMER & ELMA ALAGAR,
Mortgagors-Debtors,

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial foreclosure sale under Act 3135, as Amended by Act No. 4118, filed by Creditor-Mortgagee, **PRIME CONSORTIUM FINANCE CORPORATION**, a corporation duly organized and existing under laws of the Philippines, with principal office and place of businesses at 1) Block 9, Lot 18, Soldiers Hills Village, Putatan, Muntinlupa City and 2) No. 264 Roosevelt Ave., SFDM. Quezon City, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Deed of Real Estate Mortgage ("MORTGAGE") dated April 23, 2018 that was executed by Mortgagors-Debtors, **SPS. ELMER ALAGAR and ELMA M. ALAGAR**, with residence and postal addresses at 1) Brgy. Talon, Amadeo Cavite and 2) No. 10 Centerville Village, Brgy. Pasong Tamo, Quezon City, in favour of the Creditor-Mortgagee, over a real estate property including improvements thereon, described in and covered by Original Certificate of Title No. O-911 of the Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City, in order to satisfy the outstanding loan obligation of the Mortgagors-Debtors in the amount of **FOUR MILLION SIX HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY SEVEN PESOS (Php 4,610,187.00)** excluding penalties, liquidated damages, past due interest, attorney's fee representing 10% of the total obligation due, other charges and expenses of foreclosure, as of October 5, 2020, the undersigned Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff of the Regional Trial Court of Cavite thru her deputy, Oliver T. Bocacao Jr., will sell at public auction on **January 21, 2021 at 10:00 o'clock** in the morning or soon thereafter, at the **New Hall of Justice of Tagaytay City**, to the highest bidder, for Cash or Manager's Check and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all its improvements thereon, to wit:

ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. O-911
Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION

A parcel of land (Lot 16985, Cad 355, Tagaytay Cadastre plan AP-04-012380, LR Case No. TG-905, LRA Record No. N-71983, situated in the Brgy. of Iruhin, City of Tagaytay. Island of Luzon. Bounded on the SE., point 1-3 by Barangay Road, on the SW points 3-5 by Lot 16972 and points 5-6 by Lot 16970, both of Cad 355, Tagaytay Cadastre, on the NW.,

points 6-7 by Dry Creek, (1.00-2.00 m. wide); and on the NE., points 7-1 by Lot 16984, Cad 355, Tagaytay Cadastre. Beginning at a point marked "1" on plan, being N 49 deg 18E., 5368.60 m. from BLLM No. 1, Cad 355, Tagaytay Cadastre, t h e n c e

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- S. 48 deg. 29'W., 28.66 m. to point 3;
- N. 10 deg. 26'W., 34.00 m. to point 4;
- N. 11 deg. 44'W., 11.22 m. to point 5;
- N. 11 deg. 44'W., 110.99 m. to point 6;
- N. 26 deg. 51'E., 35.74 m. to point 7;
- S. 22 deg. 29'E., 153.13 m. to the point of

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Owner: Spouses Elmer Alagar and Elma M. Alagar, both Filipino Citizens
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Prospective bidders or buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate and verify for themselves the **ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF TITLE No. O-911**, the encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

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

Tagaytay City, Philippines. **December 7, 2020.**

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SPANDAU BALLET, NAKADEHA-DO SA HOPEFUL!

Magandang labanan ang ating nasaksihan matapos makaraos at magwagi ang dehadong kabayo na si Spandau Ballet na sakay ng hineteng si Patty Dilema sa katapos na 2020 PHILRACOM "Hopeful Stakes Race" na ginanap sa Metro Manila Turf Club Inc. (MMTCI) sa Malvar, Tanauan, Batangas. Sa simula ng labanan ay kinuha ng kabayong si Zenaida ang unahan na sinakyan ni DH Borbe, kasunod si Spandau Ballet, nasa ikatlong puwesto naman si Calbayog na nirendahan ni AR Villegas, Pang apat si Bishop Blue sa gawing balya na pinatungan ni Jeff Zarate, Nasa ikalimang posisyon naman ang liyamadong si Tifosi sa gawing labas na ginabayan ni JA Guce, pang anim si Exponential na sakay ng hineteng si Unoh Hernandez habang ang kabayong si Bourne Leader na dala ni JPA Guce ang nasa hulihan sa unang likuan ng labanan. Pagsapit sa back stretch ay bandera pa rin si Zenaida habang nakabuntot si Spandau Ballet sa ikalawang puwesto, pangatlo si Bishop Blue, pang- apat si Calbayog at nagsimula ng magpait si Bourne Leader sa ikalimang posisyon kasabay si Tifosi. Pagdating sa huling 400 meters ay kinuha na ni Spandau Ballet ang unahan habang malakas naman ang dating ni Bourne Leader sa gawing labas at bumabalik naman si Zenaida sa tabing balya at nasa bandang gitna si Bishop Blue. Pagdating sa huling 50 meters ay naging dikedikan ang labanan nila Spandau Ballet sa gitna, Zenaida sa loob at Bourne Leader sa labas ngunit nakalamang pa rin si Spandau Ballet ng isang kabayong agwat laban sa nasegundo na si Bourne Leader at dikit na pangatlo si Zenaida. Naorasan si Spandau Ballet ng tiyempong 2:07.4 (26-24'-24-24'-28') para sa mahabang distansiyang 2,000 meters. Nasungkit ni Spandau Ballet ang premyong 600,000 bilang 1st place, nakamit naman ni Bourne Leader ang 225,000 bilang 2nd place, 125,000 naman ang nakuha ni Zenaida bilang 3rd place at 50,000 naman para kay Bishop Blue bilang 4th place.

POEA not issuing exit clearance to holders of Canada's open work permit

CALOOCAN CITY (PIA)
-- The Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) recently clarified that it is not issuing exit clearance to Filipinos with an open work permit issued by the Government of Canada under the International Mobility Program. In a news release, the POEA said only they record the employment of overseas of Filipino workers with a valid work visa or work permit, and a signed employment contract verified by the Philippine Overseas Labor Office or Philippine Embassy/Consulate

nearest their work site. "Canada's open work permit is not tied to a specific job --- its holder leaves under sponsorship and does not have a perfected employment contract yet with any Canadian employer," the POEA said. "It is issued to foreign nationals, including Filipinos, without the required Labour Market Impact Assessment (LMIA) document," it added. "Such exemptions include the spouses or common-law partners of skilled workers (C41), and foreign students (C42) who are

engaged in full time studies at a Canadian university and educational institutions," the POEA further explained. Also, eligible nationals can apply for open work permit through the LMIA exemption codes of bridging open work permits (A75), as well as through its pilot program for permanent resident applicants in the spouse or common-law partner in Canada class (A70). A foreign national may apply for an open work permit outside Canada, at a port of entry or after arrival to Canada, as per program

SEC clears NHMFC's securitization plan

MANILA – The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) has favorably considered the securitization plan of National Home Mortgage Finance Corporation (NHMFC), covering PHP319.32 million of its residential loan portfolio. In its Dec. 10 meeting, the Commission en banc approved the secondary mortgage institution's securitization plan, subject to the fulfillment of certain conditions. Under the securitization plan, NHMFC will sell a se-

lect pool of 1,291 long-term secured residential loans to a special purpose trust known as BALAI Bonds 2 Special Purpose Trust (BALAI Bonds 2 SPT). Following the sale, BALAI Bonds 2 SPT will issue PHP319.32 million in asset-backed securities, consisting of PHP150 million in class A senior notes and PHP169.32 million in class B subordinated notes. Proceeds from the issuance will then be used to pay NHMFC the purchase price for the residential loans. Land Bank of the Philippines will serve as the underwriter for the issuance of the notes.

The BALAI Bonds 2 are exempt from registration, as they will be issued to not more than 19 investors in the Philippines. Section 10.1(k) of Republic Act No. 8799, or the Securities Regulation Code, provides for the exemption from registration of securities sold or offered for sale to fewer than 20 persons in the Philippines during any 12-month period. BALAI Bonds 2 follows a similar securitization structure as NHMFC's previous issuance, wherein it transferred PHP270.25 million in long-term secured residential loans to BALAI Bonds 1 Special Purpose Trust in December 2019. (PR)

requirements. (POEA/PIA-NCR)

SMART CHIEF, MAJOR IBAY, KINILALA AT PINARANGALAN NG CSC

(Text and photo by C. Heramis)



KINILALA at binigyan ng parangal ng Civil Service Commission ang isang opisyal ng Manila Police District.

Ang 'Presidential Lingkod Bayan Award Regional Winners for 2020' ay iginawad kay P/Major Rosalino P. Ibay, Jr., hepe ng Special Mayor's Reaction Team (SMaRT).

Ang simpleng seremonya ay isinagawa nitong Disyembre 14 sa tanggapan ni CSC Director 11 Margarita Reyes. Sumaksi sa parangal si MPD District Director P/BGen Leo Francisco. Dumalo rin ang mga piling kaibigan at kawani ng CSC.

Ang plake ay pagkilala kay Major Ibay sa kanyang mga nagawa bilang isang masipag at episyenteng 'law enforcer' sa buong Philippine National Police (PNP).

Ayon kay Director Reyes, ang naturang parangal ay taun-taon isinasagawa sa tanggapan ng Pangulo sa Malacanang. Dahil sa umiiral na pandemya ay kinansela ito at nagdesisyon isagawa na lamang mismo sa tanggapan ng CSC sa Taguig City.

Si Ibay ayon kay Reyes ay napiling awardee at ito ay kauna-unahan pa lamang naigawad sa hanay ng buong PNP.

Pinili ng komitee ng CSC makaraang inirekomenda ng iba't ibang pribadong grupo kasama na rin ang pagsang-ayon ng buong PNP Command.

"Ang karaniwang ginagawaran ng ganitong pagkilala sa hanay ng mga lingkod bayan (public servant) ay nanggagaling sa propesyonal, at kawani ng mga national government

agencies.

"Ito ang kauna-unahan na police officer ang ginawaran ng ganitong award at taun-taon ay isinasagawa sa Palasyo at presidente ng Pilipinas ang nag-aabot ng plaque," ani Reyes.

Sa panig naman ni Gen Francisco, aniya ay isang kahanga-hanga ang mga accomplishment ni Major Ibay at ito ay isang karangalan hindi lang ng MPD kundi na rin sa buong hanay ng PNP.

Sa pamamagitan ni Ibay, ang ugnayan at relasyon ng MPD at LGU Manila ay maayos at lahat ng programa ni Mayor Isko Moreno ay natutugunan. "Natutuwa ako sa inabot ni Major Ibay who rose from the ranks mula PO1 hanggang sa kanyang mga sunod na promotion na nagmula sa mga maakasyong encounter at mga panganib na kanyang nalampasan, mula sa iba't ibang PNP unit sa buong Pilipinas na kanyang pinaglingkuran. Isa siyang ehemplo ng mabuting police officer," ani Francisco.

Si Ibay bilang hepe ng SMaRT ay concurrent chief din ng District Anti-Carnapping Unit (DACU). Maliban sa bago niyang natanggap na parangal, siya rin ay awardee ng mga sumusunod;

1. "Best Provincial Chief of the year" in Davao del Norte, given on November 26, 2010
2. "Best Junior PCO of the Year 2013" during the 113th in 2014.
3. "Best Junior PCO of the Year 2015" during 115th MPD's Anniversary in 2016.
4. One of the Ten Outstanding Association of Police Officers Lateral Entry

(APOLE) in 2015.

5. "Outstanding Filipino Award" in 2017 awarded by Metrobank Foundation.

6. Plaque of Merit as one of the winners in Search for Country's Outstanding Police Officers in Service (COPS), awarded by PNP Chief RONALDO M DELA ROSA on September 11, 2017.

7. Plaque of Recognition awarded by Rotary Club of Manila East as Outstanding Filipino for the Country's Outstanding Police Officers in Service 2017, given on September 12, 2017.

8. 2019 Outstanding Alumni of

Tondo High School during the celebration of the 40th Founding anniversary on February 15, 2019.

9. Civil Service Commission

"Pagasa Regional Winner" in the 2019 in the 2019 Search for Outstanding Government Workers (CSC) held on May 28, 2019.

10. Fellow in Public Service awarded by Metrobank Foundation.

11. "Best Junior PCO for Operation of the Year 2020" during 119th MPD's Founding Anniversary in January 2020. *(dagdag na ulat ni Leonard Basilio)*



MATAPOS ang pormal na panunumpa kay Paranaque City Mayor Edwin L. Olivarez ay nagpakuha ng larawan ang mga opisyal ng Federation of Homeowners Association, North West, Barangay San Isidro. Kasama rin sa larawan sina Cong. Eric L. Olivarez, ng District 1, at Barangay Chairman Noel Japlos, ng San Isidro. *(JIMMY HAO)*



ARESTADO ang limang suspek na sina Marvin Talan, Michael Reyes, Rohanny Amil, Ace Talan at Rocky Morales, matapos magkasa ng isang buy-bust operation sa Paltoc St., Sampaloc Maynila nitong Dec. 15 ang mga kapulisan ng Station Drug Enforcement Unit (SDEU) ng MPD Police Station-4. Narekober mula sa mga suspek ang anim na sachet ng hinihinalang shabu at ang P500 na ginamit na buy-bust money. *(JEROME AMOROSO)*



SAKU-SAKONG bigas mula kay P'que City Mayor Edwin L. Olivarez bilang ayuda sa United Paranaque Tricycle Operators and Association (UPTODA). Nakiisa rin sa pamamahagi sina Cong. Eric L. Olivarez, ng District 1, Councilor Tess De Asis, Coach Binky Favis, at Barangay Chairman Noel Japlos ng San Isidro. Ang mga opisyal ng UPTODA na dumalo ay sina Pres. Rodrigo Soriano, Vice Pres. Alwin Manuel, Sec. Rodolfo Dorato, Auditor Nestor Llamzon, Treas. Eliserio Tanoan, Chairman of the Board Alfredo Cultura, mga Board of Director - Resty Arcillas, Magelan Boaloy, OMAR BENASING at Rodil Bagares. *(JIMMY HAO)*

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Marami pang Pasko matatamo

PASKO na at mapalad gangahulugan na gayo dahil sa kabila ng pandemya ay naririto pa rin tayo. Hindi naman natin sinasabing ang mga sumakabilang buhay dulot ng pandemya ay hindi masuwerte. Isa lamang ang ibig sabihin niyan, kaloob na ng Diyos ang pagbawi sa kanilang hiram na buhay. Ang ating buhay ay nasa kamay ng Diyos, may pandemya man o wala. Nasa pagpapasya ng Diyos kung kailan at paano na ang ipinahiram na buhay ay Kanyang babawiin. Pero hindi naman nan-

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gawin nating batayan ito. Ang ipinahiram na buhay na ibinigay sa atin kumbaga sa sasakyan ay tayo rin ang dapat magmamaneho. Naririnig kasi natin sa ilan ang katagang 'kung mamamatay ay mamamatay.' Tama naman pero sa pagmamaneho ng ating buhay dapat ay hindi tayo kaskasero. Para naman marami pang Pasko ang ating matatamo at asalubunging Bagong Taon. Maligayang Pasko po sa inyo.

