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Prayoridad sa mga guro para sa COVID vaccine, isinulong

LUNGSOD CALOOCAN (PIA) -- Hinimok ni Senador Win Gatchalian ang National Task Force Against COVID-19 na isali ang mga guro, kabilang ang mga punong-guro at kawani ng mga paaralan, sa mga grupong unang mabibigyan ng bakuna kontra COVID-19.

Ayon sa Chairperson ng Senate Committee on Basic Education, Arts and Culture, ang pagpapabakuna sa mga guro ay mahalagang hakbang sa ligtas na pagbabalik sa mga paaralan. Aniya, makatutulong ito upang makampante ang publiko bago muling magkaroon ng face-to-face classes sa buong bansa. Ani Gatchalian, ang halos isang milyong (900,000) mga guro at mga non-teaching staff ay nagsisilbing mga frontliners upang patuloy na makapag-aral ang mahigit dalawampu't dalawang (22) milyong mga mag-aaral sa pamublikong mga paaralan. Paalala ni Gatchalian, ibinubuwis ng mga guro at kawani ng mga paaralan ang kanilang buhay at kalusugan upang ihanda at ipamahagi ang mga learning materials para sa distance learning, kabilang ang mga self-learning modules na ginagamit ng halos siyamnapung (87) porsyento ng mga mag-aaral. Dagdag ni Gatchalian dapat bigyang prayoridad ang muling pagbubukas ng mga paaralan ngayong nalalapat na ang pagkakaroon ng bakuna. Ayon sa mambabatas, mahalaga ang muling pagbubukas ng mga paaralan upang hindi lumala ang krisis sa edukasyon na kinakaharap ng bansa. Pero dapat pa rin aniya na ipatupad nang mahigipit ang mga health protocols tulad ng pagsusuot ng face masks, physical distancing, at palagiang paghuhugas ng mga kamay. "Dahil ang ating mga guro, mga punong-guro, at

kawani ng mga paaralan ay nagsisilbing mga frontliners sa pagpapatuloy ng edukasyon, nararapat lang na mabilang sila sa mga unang makakatanggap ng bakuna laban sa COVID-19. Mahalagang hakbang ito upang matiyak nating ang pagbabalik ng ating mga mag-aaral sa mga paaralan ay magiging ligtas," pahayag ni Gatchalian.

Ipinaliwanag ng senador na bago pa tumama ang pandemya, ipinakita ng mga global assessments na Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) 2018, Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) 2019, at ng Southeast Asia Primary Learning Metrics (SEA-PLM) 2019 na nahuhuli ang mga mag-aaral sa bansa at hirap silang matutunan ang mga tinaguriang "basic competencies."

Noong nakaraang Oktubre, tinukoy ng United Nations na ang pagpigil sa pagkalat ng COVID-19 ang pinakamahalagang hakbang upang muling makapagbukas ang mga paaralan. Kamakailan naman ay nanawagan din ang United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) na bigyang prayoridad ang mga guro sa pagpapamahagi ng bakuna kontra COVID-19.

Bagama't wala pang tiyak na petsa kung kailan unang ipapamahagi ang mga bakuna, naghahanda na ang Department of Education (DepEd) para sa limitadong face-to-face classes sa mga piling paaralan na matatagpuan sa mga lugar na walang banta ng COVID-19. Aniya dapat tiyakin ng mga paaralan at ng mga lokal na pamahalaan na ang mga guro at mga kawani ay makatanggap ng suportang pagdating sa testing at pagpapagmamot.

Tigbak sa doble bangga

NASAWI ang isang retiradong professor nang bumangga ang minamaneho nitong sasakyan sa isang concrete barrier at bumangga pa sa isang owner type jeep sa Bacoor City, Cavite.

Unang isinugod sa Las Pinas District Hospital saka inilipat sa dalawa pang ospital bago idineklarang dead on arrival sa Metro South Hospital ang biktimgang si Roberto Digo Paganoron, 66, may-asawa, ng 75 Esmeralda St., Citihome, Brgy Molino 4, Bacoor City.

Ang nabanggang owner type jeep ay minamaneho ni Rommel Lozada, 46, kasama ang pasahero nitong si Lucila Ballester, 56, kapwa residente ng Block Lot 38, Brgy Salawag, Dasmariñas City. Sa ulat ni Patrolman Je-

rome Asid, ng Bacoor City Police Station, kapwa bumangga ng sasakyan ang opposite direction ang kahabaan ng Molino-Paliparan Road na sakop ng Brgy. Molino 3, Bacoor City kung saan si Lozada ay patungo sa direksiyon ng Dasmariñas City habang ang biktima ay patungo sa Molino direction dakong ala-1:40 ng madaling araw.

Pero pagsapit sa Brgy Molino 3 ay nawalan ng kontrol sa pagmamaneho ang biktima at tumama ang sasakyan nito sa isang concrete barrier bago bumangga sa kasalubong nitong owner type jeep na minamaneho ni Lozada. Inilipat-lipat sa tatlong ospital ang biktima kung saan sa pang-apat na ospital ay idineklara itong dead on arrival. **GENE ADSUARA**

DBP readies financial aid package to support LGUs

CALOOCAN CITY (PIA) -- State-owned Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP) is collaborating with local chief executives and the Department of Finance in coming up with a package of financial assistance to help local government units (LGUs) bounce back from the crippling effects of the pandemic, according to DBP President and Chief Executive Officer Emmanuel G. Herbosa. Herbosa said the financial assistance package includes subsidies on interest payments on new loans to the LGUs as well as funding support to affected industries in their constituencies.

"DBP recognizes that LGUs are the fulcrum of inclusive development," Herbosa said. "We are one with them in formulating responsive actions that would hasten response and recovery efforts despite prevailing challenges."

DBP is the seventh largest bank in the country in terms of assets and provides credit support to four strategic sectors of the economy – infrastructure and logistics, micro, small

and medium enterprises, social services and community development, and the environment.

The bank caters to LGUs as a niche market, providing credit and advisory service to projects that spur the local economy. As of end-June, DBP has disbursed P35.95-Billion in loans to 349 LGUs nationwide.

Herbosa said the bank is working towards unifying its initiatives under one umbrella loan program that would serve as the platform for the National Government's stimulus package for LGUs.

He said that with the anticipated release of stimulus funds under the recently-enacted Republic Act No. 11494, or the Bayanihan to Recover As One Act, DBP can offer LGUs loan packages at lower interest and longer payment terms of up to 15 years.

"These types of interventions would greatly benefit lower-tier LGUs, as they scale up social and economic interventions for their constituents and boost their resiliency against future downturns," Herbosa said. **(PIA NCR)**

Public warned vs. passport assistance from FB groups, strangers

MANILA – The Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) has warned the public against seeking passport assistance from strangers offering services on Facebook and other social media chat groups.

The DFA Office of Consular Affairs said it received reports on Filipinos who booked their passport appointment with help from strangers online and ended up paying more.

"The department received reports today from passport applicants who booked their passport appointment with assistance from unknown individuals online and ended up paying more than what the DFA collects for passport issuance, and receiving tampered application forms and/or incorrect instructions, such as advice to pursue their appointment at a schedule or Consular Office different from the actual appointment schedule and site," it said in an advisory sent to reporters late Tuesday. The DFA urged applicants

who made an appointment with a third party and are doubtful of the authenticity of their application, to contact its hotline at 8234-3488 to verify their applications.

"Applications that were made through a third party will be accepted for processing only after the appointment and the identity of the applicant has been verified, and processing will only be done at the Consular Office where the appointment was made," it said.

Passport appointments can be booked directly through <https://passport.gov.ph>.

While passport appointment slots are limited due to the coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) protocols, it said applicants with urgent travel requirements, such as overseas Filipino workers, may email oca.cl@dfa.gov.ph for accommodation in DFA Aseana or at the nearest Consular Office by sending an appointment request by email to the concerned office directly. **(PNA)**

Solon wants textbooks converted into digital formats

MANILA – A lawmaker at the House of Representatives on Tuesday pushed for the swift passage of a measure mandating the conversion into electronic copies and other digital formats of all textbooks amid the shift to blended learning during this pandemic. Camarines Sur Rep. Luis Raymund Villafuerte proposed House Bill No. 8020 requiring the digitization of all contents used by publishers participating in the Public School Textbook Program (PSTP) to address the recurring shortage of printed modules in public schools.

"It is no secret that textbooks in public elementary and high schools are limited in number and, as a result, our students are forced to share or borrow from one another," Villafuerte said. "This difficulty is even more evident in the time of Covid-19 when

there is a shift to blended or distance learning."

He said requiring the digital reproduction of textbooks will allow students to have a copy or access to the contents of these learning materials in electronic format without the need for them to borrow from, or share resource materials with, their classmates.

To protect the intellectual property rights of both the authors and publishers of the textbook, Villafuerte said the implementation of the scanning or conversion must comply with the provisions of the Intellectual Property Code of the Philippines.

He said the e-books and digital format copies of the textbooks shall also be made available and accessible to all public school students in a manner deemed appropriate and reasonable by the Department of Education (DepEd). **(PNA)**

GenTri opens COVID-19 Molecular Laboratory

GENERAL TRIAS CITY, Cavite (PIA) --The city government here recently inaugurated the city's first COVID-19 Molecular Laboratory located in Barangay Manggahan.

Mayor Antonio 'Ony' Ferrer along with Deputy Chief Implementer and 'Testing Czar' Secretary Vince Dizon led the inauguration and opening of the facility. GenTri Medical Center and Hospital President & CEO Dr. Jerrimo Genuino, MD., Vice-Mayor Morit Sison, and members of the Sangguniang Panglungsod were present to witness the significant event. Managed by the General Trias Medical Center and Hospital (GTMCH), the city's COVID-19 Molecular Laboratory is part of the LGU's counter measures against COVID-19 to mitigate the threat on the health and safety of Gentriseños and contain further spread of the disease.

The facility is equipped with the best technology in terms of equipment, the BD Max Machine and BIO-RAD CFX 96 RT-PCR, which are expected to contribute much to the continuous facilitation of the Aggressive Community Testing in the city for a faster and efficient release of test results.

Since the ground breaking of the facility on September 14, 2020, the preparation of documents for the accreditation by the Department of Health (DOH) was fast tracked.

With the GTMCH medical team confident that the Molecular Laboratory was 100% ready and compliant with the standards set by the DOH and the RITM, the first visit and inspection was done November 6.

Further improvements had to be made for its final approval and accreditation paving the way to the formal launching and inauguration on December 12, 2020.

Meanwhile, according to the latest COVID-19 update reported by the City

Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit (CESU), there were 6 recovered patients and 1 new confirmed case recorded as of December 17, 2020.

Total Confirmed cases were 2,198 out of which 22 are Active cases while the total number of Recoveries from the additional recovered patients are now at 2,137 and 39 fatalities from the disease brought by the COVID-19.

While these figures manifest a significant decline in the rate of infection and a high percentage of recoveries from the disease, the officers of the city government thru the city health office continuously remind the public to remain safe thru the observance of the minimum health standards set by the Inter-Agency Task Force. **(Ruel Francisco/General Trias PIO/Stetoscoop-GenTri Med Center Newsletter)**

DTI-4A lauds Rizal Province & other winners in the 8th Regional Competitiveness Summit

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) --The Department of Trade and Industry Region 4-A lauded the winners in the 8th Regional Competitiveness (RC) Summit organized by the DTI-Competitiveness Bureau through the Cities and Municipalities Competitiveness Index (CMCI) on December 16, 2020 via Facebook Live.

CALABARZON Region bagged 21 out of the 111 awards in the Summit with Rizal Province named as the Most Competitive Province in the country for the 5th time. Other winners in the different categories include: Cainta, Rizal, 1st Place for the 1st and 2nd Class Municipalities while Calamba, Laguna and Dasmariñas, Cavite placed 2nd and 3rd respectively for the Component Cities.

Surprisingly, CALABARZON copped all the awards for Efficiency in the 1st and 2nd Class Municipalities: Cainta, Rizal - 1st Place; Taytay, Rizal - 2nd Place; and Silang, Cavite - 3rd Place. Moreover, Taal, Batangas and Alaminos, Laguna were awarded 2nd and 3rd Place, respectively, for the 3rd and 4th Class Municipalities. Pakil, Laguna - 2nd Place for the 5th and 6th Class Municipalities and for Component Cities, Antipolo, Rizal placed 2nd while Dasmariñas, Cavite placed 3rd. Under the Infrastructure,

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Pangako, napapako

PALIT na ng taon, paalam na sa 2020 at welcome sa 2021 na sana ay dito na ganap na magwakas ang COVID-19.

Kapag nagpapalit ng taon ay hindi maikakaila na marami sa atin ay mayroong tinatawag na New Year's resolution.

Ibig sabihin ay may mga bagay o gawi sila na iibahin o babaguhin sa pagbabago ng taon.

Bagong Taon, sa madaling salita ay magbabago na sila para sa ikabubuti. Ang New Year's resolution ay walang iniwan sa isang pangako para sa pagbabago.

Maaaring sa simula ay magagawa ito subalit sa paglakad ng mga araw

ang pangako ay napapako na.

Hindi naman lahat dahil may ilan din na ang kanilang New Year's resolution ay natutupad hanggang sa muling pagpapalit ng bagong taon.

Pero mas mainam kung ang ipinangako ay hindi mapapako at talagang tutuparin at gagawin.

Sakali naman na nasira sa pangako ay pwedeng subukin uli sa susunod pang taon.

Dapat nga lamang ay pagsikapang maisagawa na at hindi na mapapako pa.

Maaaring hindi man nagawa sa una ay may ikalawa pa subalit huwag na ang ikatlo.

EDITORIAL

Maganda sa paningin ng bata?

NASAKSIHAN ng paslit ang isang krimen na mismong ama nito ang gumawa.

Kitang-kita ng bata ang pamamariil ng kanyang tatay na humantong sa kamatayan ng mag-ina.

Kasabihan nga, ang nakikitang ginagawa ng matanda ay maganda sa paningin ng bata lalo pa magulang ang gumawa o gumagawa.

Sa paningin, sa isip at sa puso ng bata para sa kanya bukod sa maganda ay tama ang ginawa ng kanyang ama.

Ito ba ay dahil sa murang edad niya dagdag pa ang pamamaraan ng pagpapalaki sa kanya?

Napakalaking pagkakasala ang nagawa ng ama subalit hindi naman tama na ang bata o anak ay idamay pa sa kontrobersiya.

Harinawa na sa paglaki ng paslit ay ganap na mabubura sa kanya ang rumehistro sa isip niya at mangyayari lamang ito batay sa kapaligiran at mga kapwa tao.

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34K CALABARZON farmers benefit from DA's seeds, fertilizers support

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) --About 34,000 farmers in the provinces of Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal and Quezon (CALABARZON) had been the beneficiaries of the quality seeds and fertilizers distributed by the Department of Agriculture (DA) Region IV-CALABARZON in line with the implementation of the Rice Resiliency Project (RRP) under the Plant, Plant, Plant Program.

Empowered by the goal of achieving higher rice productivity this wet-cropping season, the DA Region IV-CALABARZON has successfully delivered and distributed the quality seeds and fertilizers to rice farmers across the region.

According to a terminal report on November 13, 2020, DA's RRP has catered for 10,222 hectares benefiting 8,736 rice farmers in the region. Through RRP, the regional office has distributed 80,995 bags of fertilizers to 24,109 farmer-recipients in CALABARZON.

For the Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund (RCEF)-Seed Program, 27,426 hectares of rice areas by 25,518 farmer-recipients was planted with RCEF seeds. Aside from seeds, 15,478 rice farmers received 45,420 bags of fertilizers under the RCEF Seed Program.

Meanwhile, 3,000 hectares of inbred seed allocation were distributed for non-RCEF areas under the Expanded Inbred Rice Production, followed by 13,408 fertilizer bags. About 2,964 farmers and 3,183 farmers, respectively, have already made the most of the support by DA through their respective city and municipal agriculture offices.

On the other hand, through its Expanded Hybrid Rice Production, DA's RRP has allotted a total of 1,187 hectares of hybrid seed allocation for 1,116 rice farmers who have farmlands suitable for hybrid rice seeds. Also, the regional office has distributed hybrid rice

seeds to additional 6,186 hectares of rice lands. A total of 4,656 farmers made the most of this supplementary intervention under DA's RRP. About 22,167 bags of fertilizer accompanied this hybrid distribution to a total of 5,448 farmers under RRP's Expanded Hybrid and regular hybrid rice production.

Mr. Armando Ramos, president of the Anak Bukid Samahan ng Magsasaka ng Brgy. Sipa Inc. in Padre Burgos, Quezon, is one of the recipients of the expanded inbred seeds component of DA's RRP. He expressed his utmost gratitude to the regional office for choosing their farmers' association as one of the project's beneficiaries.

"Napakalaking tulong po ng mga natatanggap namang libreng inputs mula sa DA. Malaki po ang aming natitipid dahil hindi na po namin kailangan pang bumili ng mga butong pananim at pataba. Bago pa man po dumating ang handog na pananim at abono na buhay ng RRP, ako po ay umaani lamang ng nasa 250 balde (isang balde ay katumbas ng 10 kilo) ng palay. Ngayon pong dumating na sa amin ang RRP, ang aking 0.75 hectare na lupa ay umaani na po ng nasa 320 balde," Mr. Ramos proudly said.

Mrs. Prima R. Misiera, secretary and bookkeeper of the Anak Bukid Samahan ng Magsasaka ng Brgy. Sipa Inc., is a recipient of RRP's expanded hybrid and inbred seed components. She expressed her appreciation to DA for its continued support towards rice farmers in their municipality.

"Ngayon pong nakakatanggap na kami ng libreng abono mula sa DA at sa proyekto nitong RRP, nababawasan po ang aking gastos. Hindi ko na po kailangan pang bumili ng mataas na halaga ng abono sa labas. Bilang isang babaeng magsasaka, ako rin po ay isang ina. Kung kaya naman lubos ang aking pasasalamat sa DA sa mga handog ninyong

libreng butong pananim at abono. Sana po ay magtuluy-tuloy pa po ang inyong pagtulong sa amin. Sa pamamagitan po ninyo at ng mga proyektong gaya ng RRP ay natitiyak na namin ang masaganang ani at mataas na kita," Ms. Misiera said.

Mrs. Emerlita Magno, member of Samahan ng Maliliit na Magsasaka ng Ibabang Kinagunan in Agdangan, Quezon and a recipient of DA RRP's expanded hybrid seed component, shared her experience as one of the many recipients of hybrid seeds and fertilizers in their municipality.

"Noon po ay nasa 60 balde lamang ang aking ani sa aking maliit na sakahan. Ang kita po mula rito ay hindi sapat kumpara sa aking nagastos sa butong pananim at abono. Ngayon pong isa na ang aming samahan sa recipients ng RRP na regular na nakaka-

tanggap ng libreng binhi at abono, ang akin pong munting sakahan ay umaani na ng halos 150 balde. Ramdam na ramdam po ang itinaas ng aming ani at kita kung kaya't lubos po ang aking pasasalamat sa Kagawaran sa handog ninyong libreng inputs para sa aming mga magsasaka sa Agdangan. Sana po ay ipagpatuloy pa po ninyo ang mga proyektong kagaya ng RRP," Ms. Magno said.

In response to this remarkable success, the regional office has started introducing the implementing guidelines on the revamped Rice Resiliency Project, also known as RRP 2, for the dry-cropping season. In line with this, rice seeds and fertilizers were already distributed across the region in a bid to support rice farmers this 2020-2021 dry season. **(MAP/ DA-RFO IVA, RAFIS)**

Health coupons, ipinamahagi sa mga barangay kapitan sa Candelaria at Sariaya

LUNGSOD NG LUCENA, Quezon (PIA)- Namahagi ng mga health coupons kamakailan ang pamahalaang panlalawigan ng Quezon sa may 25 barangay kapitan sa bayan ng Candelaria, gayundin sa 43 barangay kapitan sa bayan ng Sariaya.

Ayon sa Quezon Public Information Office, ang pamamagiti ng mga health coupons sa mga barangay kapitan ay patuloy na isinusulong ng pamahalaang panlalawigan ng Quezon sa pangunguna ni Quezon Governor Danilo Suarez na naglalayong matulungang makabili ng gamot ang mga mahihirap na pasyente mula sa mga barangay sa pamamagitan ng health coupons.

Maaari ding gamitin ng mga pasyente ang health coupon sa pambayad sa ospital. Sa idinaos na pamamahagi ng health coupon, nagpahayag ng pasasalamat ang mga alkalde ng bayan ng Sariaya at Candelaria sa pamahalaang panlalawigan ng Quezon sa ginawang pamamahagi

ng tulong sa kani-kanilang mga bayan.

Samantala, inihayag naman ni Gob. Suarez ang iba pang mga programang ipinagkakaloob ng pamahalaang panlalawigan sa iba't-ibang sektor sa lalawigan kasama na ang sektor ng mga magsasaka at mangingisda, mga guro at iba pang sektor na patuloy na tinutulungan sa kabila ng nararansang krisis dulot ng mga nakaraang bagyo at maging ng COVID-19 pandemic.

"Nanawagan po ang inyong lingkod na patuloy tayong magkaisa at manalangin upang malampasan natin ang mga pagsubok na ating nararansan sa ngayon", sabi pa ng gobernador

Nauna rito, namahagi rin ng mga health coupon ang pamahalaang panlalawigan ng Quezon sa mga bayan ng Alabat, at Quezon. Maliban sa health coupons, namahagi din sa bayan ng Perez ang pamahalaang panlalawigan ng mga tulong sa mga Barangay Nutrition Scholar, Child Development Workers at sa mga

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PETITION FOR CANCELLATION OF THE CERTIFICATE OF LIVE REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF ZCHARMAINE MANIEGO NAZARENO, WITH LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR NO. 88-287, ISSUED BY THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF TERNATE CAVITE,

ZCHARMAINE B. MANIEGO,
Petitioner.

SP.PROC. NO. NC-2020-04

-versus-

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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public school teachers. Bukod dito, naipagkaloob ang 40 motorized fiber glass boat sa mga benepisyaryo ng Sustainable Livelihood Program (SLP) ng Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) at ng pamahalaang panlalawigan sa bayan ng Perez. **(Ruel Orinday-PIA Quezon/with reports from Quezon PIO)**

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE ESTATE OF THE LATE AURORA M. SERVITO

NOTICE is given that the estate of the late **AURORA M. SERVITO** was extrajudicially settled by heirs on December 23, 2020 per DOC. No. 321, PAGE No. 69, BOOK No. 5 SERIES of 2020 of NOTARY PUBLIC VIVIEN-NOBLE OF BACOR CITY, CAVITE

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MALUNGKOT NA PASKO NG 7 MISIS DAHIL SA 'BATO'

NAGING malungkot ang dapat sanang masaya nitong nagdaang Pasko para sa pitong ginang mula sa magkakahawalay na lugar sa Cavite.

Dahil walang maisip na pagkukunan ng mabilisang pera na pangastos dapat noong Pasko ay sa pagtutulak ng droga sila luminya at napabilang sa mga naaresto sa isinagawang buy bust operations ng kapulisan.

Kinilala ang mga misis na sina Vivian Dela Torre, 51; Marietta Letran, 42; Melody Aurea, 31; pawang residente ng Cavite City; Angeline Lacson, 35, ng Imus City; Archie Cunanan, 36, Ma Rhea Petiño, 37, at Jennilyn Caones, 30, pawang ng Dasmariñas City.

Dakong alas-5:50 ng hapon at alas-11:45 ng gabi nag-sagawa ng magkasunod na buy bust operation ang Cavite City Police Station sa Brgy 40 at Brgy 36 na nagresulta sa pagkakaaresto kina Dela Torre, Letran at Aurea.

Isang buy bust operation din ang isinagawa ng Naic Municipal Police Station sa

Brgy Ibayo, Silangan, dakong alas -9:30 ng gabi na nagresulta sa pagkakaaresto kay Caones at pagkakaaresto ng 22 pirasong hinihinalang shabu.

Dakong alas-11:00 ng gabi nang sinuyod ng mga operatiba ng Station Drug Enforcement Unit (DEU) ng Imus CPS ang Brgy Malagasang 2-A, na nagresulta sa pagkakaaresto kay Lacson at pagkakaaresto ng 3 sachet ng shabu.

Nakipag-transaksyon din sina Cunanan at Petino sa isang posuer buyer dakong alas-11:55 ng gabi sa Brgy San Andres 1 Dasmariñas City na nagresulta sa kanilang pagkakaaresto. Bukod sa dalawa, kasama rin nila si Angelo Baldogo, 51, car painter at narekober ang 5 hinihinalang shabu.

Pawang idinadahilan ng mga naarestong ginang na wala silang budget sa Pasko kaya luminya sa pagbebenta ng droga.

Bukod sa nabanggit na mga ginang, binitbit din sa nasabing operasyon sina Jaypee Mondejar, 33; Jerson Mojica, 47; Joel Montoya, 44; at Reo Flor Angelo, 36. **GENE ADSUARA**

Court of Appeals has 3 new magistrates

MANILA – The Supreme Court (SC) on Tuesday announced three new appointments made by Malacañang to the Court of Appeals (CA).

President Rodrigo Duterte picked Anisah B. Amanod-Umpa, Bautista Gler Corpin Jr., and Roberto Patdu Quiroz as new magistrates of the appellate court.

The three new magistrates would fill the vacancy left by Associate Justice Henri Jean Paul B. Inting who

was appointed to the Supreme Court in May of last year,

Associate Justice Carmelita S. Manahan who retired in March last year, and the late retired Associate Justice Normandie B. Pizarro. At the start of 2020, the Judicial and Bar Council (JBC) submitted to President Duterte 32 nominees to fill vacant positions in the Court of Appeals (CA) after interviewing 67 applicants. **(PNA)**

Kelot na natutulog, sinalakay ng kapitbahay

TINAGA habang natutulog ang 42-anyos na lalaki ng kapitbahay nito sa Dasmariñas City, Cavite.

Ginamot sa Pagamutan ng Dasmariñas City ang biktimgang si Christopher Rodil, 42, ng Blessed Vile Sitio Malinta, Brgy Sampaloc 2, Dasmariñas City dahil sa taga sa kaliwang bahagi ng ulo at kaliwang balikat habang naaresto ang susppek na si Resty Malakue, 27.

Sa ulat ni Corporal Aaron

John Golo, ng Dasmariñas City Police Station, mahimbing na natutulog ang biktimgang sa kanilang bahay nang pasukin ng susppek at walang sabi-sabing tinaga sa ulo at balikat.

Agad namang isinugod ang biktimgang sa pagamutan habang naaresto naman ang susppek ng mga rumespondeng barangay tanod.

Sinusulat ito ay inaalam pa ng pulisya ang motibo sa pananaga. **GENE ADSUARA**

Peralta condemns slay of ex-CA justice

MANILA – Chief Justice Diosdado Peralta on Tuesday condemned the killing of retired Court of Appeals (CA) associate justice Normandie B. Pizarro whose remains were positively identified by state forensics investigators on Monday.

"The killing and murder of any person is never tolerated by our laws. In fact, our courts will always condemn it. I ask our law enforcement agencies to press on with their investigation so that the perpetrators of this barbaric act can be caught and brought to justice," Peralta said in a statement sent to newsmen.

Peralta also extended his sincerest condolences and sympathies to the family of the former magistrate.

Meanwhile, Justice Secretary Menardo P. Guevarra said investigators are still conducting their probe on

the killing.

"The NBI is looking at all possible angles, and Justice Pizarro's previous work in the Court of Appeals (CA) is surely one of them," Guevarra said.

The National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) confirmed Monday that it was Pizarro's remains that were found in Capas, Tarlac last Oct. 30.

Guevarra said the bureau is focusing on four persons of interest in the case, with one of the four willing to divulge what he knows.

The NBI forensic chemistry division report showed a 99.9999 percent DNA match based on the examination of Pizarro's remains.

Pizarro's black Honda Accord sedan was recovered in San Simon, Pampanga. He was last seen alive at a casino in Clark on Oct. 23. **(PNA)**

12 dating rebelde, kabilang sa mga nakatanggap ng livelihood assistance mula sa DSWD

GENERAL NATIVIDAD, Nueva Ecija (PIA) -- Kabilang ang 12 dating rebelde na nagbalik-loob sa gobyerno sa nakatanggap ng livelihood assistance mula sa Department of Social and Welfare Development o DSWD.

Ang aktibidad ay pinangasiwaan mismo ni DSWD Secretary Rolando Bautista na personal na nag-abot ng tsekeng nagkakahalaga ng tig-20 libong piso sa bawat benepisyaryo mula sa Nueva Ecija.

Ayon sa naging mensahe ng kalihim, ngayon na ang panahon para magtulung-tulong upang mapaayos at mapaganda ang pamumuhay ng mga kababayang nagbabalik-loob sa gobyerno.

Ang mga ganitong hakbang aniya ng pamahalaan at ang mga isinasagawang pakikipagdayalogo ng kapulisan at kasundaluhan ay may layuning matapos na ang suliraning terorismo at insurhensiya sa bansa.

Maliban sa 12 rebel-ternees na nakatanggap na ayuda mula sa Sustainable Livelihood Program ng DSWD ay ipinamahagi din ng ahensya ang tiglimang libong pisong Live-

lihood Assistance Grant sa 114 benepisyaryo sa isinagawang programa sa bayan ng General Mamer-to Natividad.

Pahayag ni Bautista, ang ahensya ay instrumento lamang upang maibaba at maihatid ang mga benepisyaryo at programa galing sa pamahalaang nasyonal na patuloy ang pabibigay ng malasakit partikular sa mga higit na nangangailangang mamamayan na kabilang sa vulnerable sector ng lipunan.

Kanyang ibinalita na sa Nueva Ecija ay nasa higit 15 milyong piso ang naimahagi ng kagawaran sa 6,635 benepisyaryo ng programang Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situa-tion.

Bukod pa rito ang 12, 323 na mga senior citizen na nakatanggap ng social pension gayundin ang 85,360 benepisyaryo ng Pantawid Pamilya Pilipino Program na pinaglaanan ng humigit 1.8 bilyong piso.

Dito din aniya sa Nueva Ecija unang isinagawa ang mga programa sa ilalim ng KALAHI-CIDSS o Kapit-Bisig Laban sa Kahirapan-Comprehensive and Integrated Delivery of Social

BOC records high 94% performance in customer service

THE Bureau of Customs was cited by the Citizens' Complaint Center for acting upon and resolving 94.41% of complaints coursed from January to October 2020 through the Malacañang's 8888 Hotline.

The Bureau of Customs, through its Customer Assistance and Response Service (CARES) and concerned offices, resolved a total of 270 of the 286 tickets based from the 8888 Agency Statistics January-October 2020. Moreover, 10 pending tickets were already resolved back in November while the remaining 6 tickets or 2.1% are just awaiting feedback. According to Director Bernadette Casinabe of the Citizens' Complaint Center, the 8888 was established to serve as a mechanism where citizens may report their complaints and grievances on acts of red tape as defined under Republic Act No. 9485, as amended

by RA No. 11032. This also include reports on corruption activities of any national government agency and other government corporation, financial institution, or instrumentalities.

During the same period, the BOC also processed and resolved 100% or 520,507 tickets corresponding to various issues and concerns coursed through the Customer Care Portal System (BOC Portal) such as inquiries on online filing, accreditation, balikbayan box, among others. On the same platform, the BOC maintained the average response time of 0.84 day per ticket and average resolution rate of 4.31 days.

Although affected by the community quarantine and its restrictions, the Bureau of Customs remains committed to deliver outstanding customs service and concurrently improve systems, processes, and information dissemination. **PR**

1 munisipyo, 9 barangay sa Palawan, 'drug clear' na

PUERTO PRINCESA, Palawan (PIA) -- Siyam na mga barangay at isang munisipyo sa Palawan ang idineklarang 'drug cleared' ng Regional Oversight Committee sa isinagawang 'Deliberation and Declaration of Drug Cleared Barangays' kamakailan.

Ang siyam na barangay ay kinabibilangan ng Bgy. Barong-Barong sa bayan ng Brookes Point; mga barangay ng Barutoan, Pasadena, San Fernando at Bagong Bayan sa El Nido; Bgy. Cocoro sa Magsaysay at mga barangay ng Sandoval, Pamantolan at Pularaquen sa bayan naman ng Taytay.

Samantala, matapos na maideklarang 'drug cleared' ang Bgy. Cocoro ay muli namang naide-

klarang 'drug cleared' ang buong munisipyo ng Magsaysay.

Ang Bayan ng Magsaysay ay naideklarang 'drug cleared' municipality noong 2019 kasama ng mga munisipyo ng Agutaya, San Vicente, Araceli, Busuanga, Cagayancillo, Cuyo, Dumaran, Sofronio Española, Kalayaan, Linapacan, Roxas, at Quezon, ngunit binawi ito ng Regional Oversight Committee nang muli itong magkaroon ng kaso kaugnay ng iligal na droga kung kaya't muli itong isinailalim sa validation.

Ang Deliberation and Declaration of Drug Cleared Barangays kamakailan ay sa pangunguna ng ROC na binubuo nina Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG)-Mimaropa Regional Director Wilhelm M. Suyko; PNP-Police Regional Office (PRO)-Mimaropa Regional Director PBGEN Pascual G. Munoz; Department of Health (DOH)-Mimaropa Regional Director Dr. Mario S. Baquilod at Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA)-Mimaropa Regional Director Laurefel P. Gabales.

Sa kasalukuyan ay 13 munisipyo na sa Palawan ang nai-deklarang 'drug cleared municipality' ng ROC. **(OCJ/PIA-MIMAROPA)**

Services na nagsimula taon pang 2014 partikular sa mga bayan ng General Natividad, Quezon at Talugtug.

Isa ang kabubukas lamang na Municipal Isolation Unit and Treatment Facility sa bayan ng General Mamer-to Natividad na proyekto sa ilalim ng KALAHI-CIDSS mismo ni Bautista nito lamang Biyernes. **(CLJD/CCN-PIA 3)**

SM CITY BACOOR CRS AND SECURITY FORCE BROUGHT JOY THIS SEASON

SM CITY BACOOR, CAVITE

– This season, giving is quite hard in the midst of pandemic since most are victims of layoffs and lack of job opportunities. More and more families are in need of help and assistance. This include the families of our brave front liners who, though fearing the viral contagion, are still doing efforts to assist those in need.

That is why SM City Bacoor's CRS Department chose the brave frontliners of Barangay Habay 1, Bacoor, Cavite as the prime beneficiaries of their Gift Giving last December 23, 2020. The CRS and Security Force turned over their gifts to Brgy. Capt. Roberto Castillo and his council. These simple gifts brought joy to the barangay security personnel and their families this season.



CRS Manager Elidan Figarola turning over their gifts to Barangay Habay 1, Bacoor, City.

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These penguin plush toys are wonderfully wintry

Kasagsagan na ng pagtanggap para sa mga PBA draft

Ang Philippine Basketball Association (PBA) ay nagsimulang tumanggap ng mga aplikasyon ng mga nais na pumasok sa rookie draft nito sa Marso 14.

Hanggang noong Martes, anim na mga aplikante ang nagpahayag sa publiko ng kanilang hangarin.

Tatlo sa kanila - sina Jason Brickman, Jeremiah Grey, at Brandon Rosser - ay nagmula sa isang club lamang noong nakaraang pro basketball season, ang Asean Basketball League (ABL) na sangkap na Alab Pilipinas.

Ang mga nasabing manlalaro ay pangunahing tagapag-ambag para sa Alab sa panahon ng 2019-20 bago pinilit ng pagkansela ng coronavirus disease na 2019.

Masasabing si Brickman ang may pinakamahusay na resume sa mga bituin ng Alab dahil siya ay pangapat sa listahan ng mga palaging tumutulong sa US National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA).

Ang dating bituin sa Long Island University-Brooklyn, na nagwagi ng titulong ABL kasama ang Kuala Lumpur kasama ang kasalukuyang bituin sa Phoenix na si Matt Wright, ay kabilang sa mga pinuno ng assist sa ABL bago ang buong pagkansela nito na may 9.1 dimes isang laro.

Sa kabilang banda, sa kanilang pagtaas, maaaring magpose sina Gray at Rosser bilang mga kagiliw-giliw na prospect para sa mga koponan na nagha-

hanap sa baybayin ang kanilang mga paikot na pasulong.

Ang isa pang manlalaro na mataas ang profile na itinaon ang kanyang pangalan sa draft ay si Andre Paras.

Ang nakatatandang anak ng alamat ng PBA na si Benjie ay talagang isang nakakaintriga na prospect dahil mayroon siyang isang napakaikli na karera sa post-high school.

Matapos ang paglalagay ng bida para sa La Salle Greenhills sa NCAA juniors division, si Paras ay nagkaroon na paglalagay sa University of the Philippines sa University Athletic Association of the Philippines.

Nakakagulat na lumipat siya sa San Beda pagkatapos ng kanyang paglalagay sa UP ngunit hindi siya kailanman gumawa ng ingay upang sumali sa Red Lions para sa 2014 NCAA season.

Ang aktor at host ng telebisyon sa wakas ay nakapaglaro ng club basketball pagkatapos ng mahabang pagtigil para sa AMA sa PBA D-League noong 2017 at kasama si Imus sa Maharlika Pilipinas Basketball League para sa 2018-19 season.

Dalawang bantay pa, na sina Matthew Sanchez at Shem Magallanes, ang nag-apply din para sa draft.

Ang mga aspirante ngookook ay mayroong hanggang Enero 27 upang magsumite ng kanilang mga draft na aplikasyon



Ang Liga Mindanao Youth 16-U, 12-U caging itinakda sa MisOr

Isang grupo ng mga batang coach ng basketball at isang abugado ang nagpahayag nitong Miyerkules na binubuo nito ang local government unit (LGU) na nakabase sa Liga Mindanao Youth 16-U at 12-U basketball tournament.

Nakatakdang magsimula sa tag-araw ng 2021, ang Liga Mindanao Youth Basketball League ay naisip na ang pinakamalaking paligsahan sa basketball ng kabataan sa isla, sinabi ng prime mover na si Van Halen Parmis, ang sports coordinator ng bayan ng Tagoloan sa Misamis Oriental.

Handa na ang Clark para sa FIBA Asia Cup Qualifiers bubble

Ang Clark Freeport Zone ay nakahanda na para sa pagho-host ng FIBA Asia Cup Qualifiers (ACQ) Pebrero Window, Ayon sa pinuno ng Bases Conversion and Development Authority, Vince Dizon, "Kahit na international 'yung susunod na hamon, handa tayo (Kahit na ang susunod na hamon ay isang pang-internasyonal na kaganapan, handa na kami)," sinabi ni Dizon sa online Philippine Sports-writers Association Forum. Ang pag-set up ng bubble ay magiging magkapareho sa bago nitong natapos na Philippine Basketball Association (PBA) na panahon.

Ang lahat ng mga delegasyon ay mai-billet sa Quest Hotel sa Mabalacat, Pampanga, at susundan ang isang hotel-arena - format ng transportasyon ng hotel sa Angeles University Foundation (AUF) Sports and Cultural Center.

Sinabi ni Dizon na inasahan niya ang pitong mga international team na darating sa bubble na makarating sa pamamagitan ng Clark International

Susuportahan ang Parmis ng mga coach na si Raymond Mercader ng Bukidnon, El Salvador Misamis Oriental town sports coordinator Rey Dangcal, dating manlalaro ng PBA at ngayon ay Bitoy Omolon na nakabase sa General Santos City, at ang abogado ng Taguluan Community College na si Angel Lim Jr. Sinabi ni Parmis na ang mga nagwaging kumpetisyon ay kumakatawan sa isla sa isang pang-internasyonal na kompetisyon kung saan maglalaman sila laban sa mga nangungunang koponan mula sa Europa at USA.



ISAAC GO - Taon 2019 ng maging first pick si Isaac Go ng team Columbian sa ginanap na PBA Draft. dahil sa pandemic na 2019 ang taon ng 2020 ay di naganap ang drafting kung saan ito ay itutuloy sa taong 2021. sino Kaya mahihirang na first pick sakaling maganap ang 2021 PBA Drafting. **(RGN)**

Danny Kingad eyes another title shot

MANILA – Filipino mixed martial arts sensation Danny Kingad has expressed his desire to fight again for the ONE flyweight title.

Kingad said on Wednesday he is ready to challenge the winner of the Adriano Moraes - Demetrious Johnson clash on February 24 for Moraes' championship belt.

"I would love to fight the winner of that fight sometime in the near future," he said.

Johnson, a former flyweight champ at the Ultimate Fighting Championship, set up a title showdown against Moraes for the ONE Championship gold after beating Kingad in the final of the ONE Flyweight Grand Prix, which took place at ONE: Century in Tokyo on Oct. 12, 2019.

Kingad's first loss in his career actually came against Moraes when the latter submitted the former through a rear-naked choke in their title showdown at ONE: Legends of the World in Pasay City on Nov. 10, 2017.

He, however, said he has learned from those defeats and is ready for a rematch against either Moraes or Johnson.

"I believe I've changed a lot since facing either of them, and they will be surprised," Kingad said.

On what kind of fight would show up if he gets a title shot outright will depend on how the prolonged hiatus has affected him much, fitness-wise.

In what would have been his first match since January, Kingad was scheduled to face former champ Kairat Akhmetov at ONE: Big Bang 1 on December 4, but on November 30, ONE announced that the match was called off after one of Kingad's cornermen tested positive for the coronavirus disease 2019.

Taking Kingad's place on short notice was former ONE bantamweight title challenger Kim Dae-hwan.

Akhmetov currently ranks third among flyweights and Kim already fought in a catchweight clash earlier this month, but the match will only be shown on Christmas night when ONE broadcasts ONE: Collision Course 2.

Meanwhile, Kingad said he would spend the holidays with his family in Baguio but he will quickly return to training after New Year's Day. **(PNA)**



PBA COMMISSIONER Willie Marcial

(RGN)

SSS on contribution hike: We need to implement the law

MANILA – Social Security System (SSS) officials said on Wednesday they have listened to the clamor of employers and some business groups to defer the contribution hike in the state-run pension fund, but the scheduled increase in contribution rate is mandated by law.

“As much that the SSS would like to support the clamor of the public that the intended increase to be deferred, actually we are not going to do that because the basis for such increase is a legislative act,” SSS senior vice president and chief legal counsel Voltaire Agas said in a virtual press conference Wednesday. Under the Social Service Act of 2018, the SSS shall implement contribution rate hike in 2019, 2021, and 2025.

SSS president and chief executive officer Aurora Ignacio announced in the same virtual event that the state-run pension fund will push through with the contribution rate increase from 12 percent to 13 percent starting January 2021.

Ignacio said the minimum monthly salary credit (MSC) will also increase from the current PHP2,000 to PHP3,000 starting next year, while also hiking maximum MSC from the current PHP20,000 to PHP25,000. SSS chief actuary Edgar Cruz explained how the rate increase will impact on the members’ contribution to the SSS.

For members with MSC of PHP3,000, the monthly contribution will increase from PHP370 to PHP400 starting January 2021. For those with MSC of PHP10,000, it will increase from PHP1,210 to PHP1,310. For those with MSC of PHP20,000, contribution will hike from PHP2,430 to PHP2,630.

“The purpose of this mandated contribution rate increase was made by the legislature. Because as we all know in 2017, we had a PHP1,000 across the board pension benefit increase for our pensioners, and that benefit adjustment or increase was not funded. So it will put at risk the sustainability of the fund, such that this legislated increase. We’re just supposed to allow the SSS fund to be restored to where it was prior to grant of the 2017 increase,” Agas said.

He added that the coronavirus disease 2019

(Covid-19) pandemic has “taken heavy toll” on SSS cash flows due to decline in contribution collection and higher claims on unemployment insurance coupled with the expanded paternity benefits.

“Because of these, any delay of implementation -- which is mandated by the law -- will seriously endanger not only the fund, but equally important, in peril the SSS’ ability to provide prompt and much needed financial assistance for members during this pandemic,” the SSS executive said.

Cruz said per last valuation, the SSS fund life is projected to be 2054.

“The fund is expected to be depleted and we have to think ways to extend to perpetuity,” he said. “The SSS is there to provide for retirement security of all members, not just the current pensioners, but the current workers who are contributing and who will become future pensioners as well as even the generation yet unborn.”

The SSS also launched the Workers’ Investments and Savings Program (WISP), which will be rolled out by January 2021.

Those members with MSC exceeding PHP20,000 are automatically enrolled in WISP.

For instance, those with MSC of PHP25,000 are mandated to be included in the WISP. Their monthly contribution will also increase from the current PHP2,430 to PHP3,280 come next month.

Cruz said those with MSC exceeding PHP20,000 make up 20 percent of total SSS members.

Under the WISP, members are entitled to retirement, total disability, and death benefits in addition to the Regular SSS Program.

SSS will invest a significant contribution under WISP in risk-free government securities and a modest portion will be invested in equities in blue-chip corporate investments.

Earnings realized from investments will also be distributed proportionately based on members’ contributions. This means that the bigger the contribution, the higher the earnings that the member stands to receive.

To date, SSS projects that base return of investments of 4.5 percent and investment income under WISP is tax-free. (PNA)

Skipping passion for safety: An old lantern maker’s tale

MANILA – While the coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) pandemic may have caused a negative impact on everyone’s lives, it sure taught an old man to make an unselfish gesture of skipping tradition, giving way, hold his passion, and take a back seat.

This year, Efen Tiodin resisted and finally decided to restrain himself from joining Pampanga’s Giant Lantern Festival for this year, thinking of the health and welfare, not of himself, but of the people whom he works with.

“Ayaw kong magsimula sa akin, baka sa akin magsimula yung pandemic dito sa Pampanga o kaya merong magkaroon ng pandemic sa mga tauhan ko, yun ang iniwasan ko (I don’t want it to start from me, I fear that an outbreak in Pampanga may start from me or somebody that works with me gets infected, that is what I am trying to avoid),” said Tiodin during an interview with the Philippine News Agency.

Tiodin is a known giant lantern maker in San Fernando who never missed a year in joining the Giant Lantern Festival. For 37 years, he continuously shared his passion and talent in designing and participating in building the giant lantern.

He said he started with commercial lantern-making back when he was in high school when he was 13 years old out of pure passion. It later became his bread and butter. From then on, he tried to learn more of the craft and develop his skill, learning from the senior craftsmen of their town.

However, things turned out differently for Tiodin this year as strict health protocols and the concern he has for his co-workers pushed him to skip the tradition.

Tiodin admits that while observing the younger generation as they build their lanterns, he still feels a bit of envy in his heart.

However, Tiodin said he has no regrets and feels happy that these young people in their area have learned the craft well and can continue the tradition despite the Covid-19 pandemic.

Tiodin, who entered the world of making giant lanterns in 1983, is now a senior citizen. Based on the Inter-Agency Task Force for Emerging Infectious Diseases guideline, he is not allowed to go out as he is more vulnerable to contract the disease and could even pass it on to others.

Recalling the earlier times, he said that only rich people then can have lanterns made for them.

“Nung panahon na yun, pag nagkaroon ng parol sa isang bahay sigurado mayaman eh ngayon kahit simpleng pamumuhay lang pwede kang magparol sa bahay pero noon pag me nakasabit na parol siguradong mayaman yan. Mga mayaman lang ang nakakapagpagawa ng parol (During those times, if someone has a lantern in his house, one is pretty sure that an owner is a

rich man, but now, even ordinary persons may have lanterns at home. Before only the rich ones can afford a lantern made for him),” Tiodin said.

He said joining the giant lantern festival gave him much satisfaction as it was his dream.

“My passion is designing giant lanterns for exhibits. I was not after the prize money but for the honor, the recognition, and the chance to be able to leave a legacy,” said Tiodin in Filipino.

During his younger years, Tiodin said his inspiration in making the lanterns are the older lantern craftsmen he was working with.

But now that he is in his senior years, Tiodin said the younger ones have become his inspiration, on how they will follow in his footsteps.

He said that he only hopes that the younger generation of Pampanga lantern craftsmen will be able to accomplish those that he was not able to do.

This is the reason why, even if he did not join this year’s lantern festival, he does not hesitate to give his opinion and share whatever knowledge he has with the young lantern makers.

“Wag kang magdamot sa iyong nalalaman I-share mo sa iba wag mong itago yun ang inspirasyon ko para sa mga bata (Do not be selfish with your knowledge, share it with others, that is my inspiration for the younger generations),” he said.

This way, Tiodin said that the giant lantern festival that started in Pampanga 112 years ago will continue in the generations to come.

Right after he made the decision not to join this year’s festival, he immediately advised their barangay chairman about it.

Funding for making a giant lantern entry comes from the barangay.

He said that upon hearing his decision, their barangay chairperson decided not to join the festival and use the funds instead to assist their constituents.

Having grown old in this craft, Tiodin said that the most essential ingredient in winning the festival is that a lantern must be able to transcend a message.

Brighter message For this year, had Tiodin was given the chance, more than giving hope, his lanterns message would be “love one another”.

Love, Tiodin said, would be able to help everyone surpass whatever difficulties we encounter in life.

He proudly shared his masterpieces, his collection of all the designs he made for the past years.

Beaming with pride that for 37 years, he made those, giving honor to their barangay.

He plans to donate these to the city government when he finally retires from the craft.

“Merry Christmas na lang sig-

Palace assures Filipinos of improved lives in 2021

MANILA – Malacañang expressed confidence on Wednesday that Filipinos’ lives will improve in 2021, despite the coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) crisis that ravaged the Philippine economy.

In a press statement, Presidential Spokesperson Harry Roque said the government’s “Ingat Buhay para sa Hanapbuhay (Protect Life for Livelihood)” campaign would help reboot the country’s economy and allow Filipinos to recover from the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic.

“Ingat buhay para sa hanapbuhay (Protect life for livelihood) will continue to be our direction in 2021 with the opening of more industries to revitalize our economy and stimulate growth for the betterment of the lives of our people next year and beyond,” Roque said.

Roque’s statement came after the Nov. 21 to 25 survey of the Social Weather Stations (SWS) found that many Filipinos believe their quality of life got worse in the past 12 months.

The SWS poll revealed that 62 percent of Filipinos felt their life worsened, while only 14 percent were convinced that their life got better this year.

However, the latest number of Filipinos who said their life got worse was lower than the 82 percent recorded in September 2020.

Roque said the poll results no longer came as a surprise since the country is still grappling with the Covid-19 pandemic.

“Year 2020 has been a chal-

Comelec allots P116-M for May 2022 canvassing system

MANILA – The Commission on Elections (Comelec) has allotted more than PHP116 million for the purchase of some 2,200 Consolidation and Canvassing System (CCS) laptops to be used in the May 2022 national and local polls. Based on its Invitation to Bid, the poll body has set PHP116,160,000 as Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) for the purchase of laptops, each priced at PHP52,800, for consolidating and canvassing of votes.

“The Comelec now invites bids for this Procurement Project. Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at Bid Opening,” it said. Under the contract, the CCS laptops must be delivered to its Laguna warehouse in five tranches over five months from May to September 2021. The first tranche, composed of 220 units, must be delivered by May 30 next year; 440 units by June 30; and 440 by July 30.

Another 440 units should also be delivered by August 30 and the final 660 units by Septem-

ber 30. The CCS conducts the automated tallying and monitoring of data received from polling precincts and lower levels of the Board of Canvassers. The Comelec reminded that only Filipino citizens/sole proprietorships, partnerships, or organizations with at least 60-percent interest or outstanding capital stock belonging to citizens of the Philippines, are allowed to participate in the bidding. It added that the bidding would be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures using a non-discretionary “pass/fail” criterion. At the same time, the poll body said a complete set of bidding documents may already be acquired by interested bidders at the Special Bids and Awards Committee Secretariat Office for PHP50,000; or downloaded from the website of the Philippine Government Electronic Procurement System (PhilGEPS) and the Comelec website with the applicable fee to be paid later on. The Pre-Bid Conference will be held online via Microsoft Teams at 10 a.m. on January 4. The deadline for the submission of bids is at 9 a.m. on January 18 at the Bureau of the Treasury (BTR) Convention Hall of the Palacio del Gobernador Building in Intramuros, Manila, while the opening of bids is set on the same day at 10 a.m. with the venue yet to be announced. (PNA)

lenging year for the Philippines with lockdowns adversely affecting the socio-economic condition of our people. It is therefore not surprising that the Fourth Quarter Survey of the Social Weather Stations, conducted last November 21 to 25, 2020, showed 62 percent of Filipinos believe that their quality of life got worse in the last twelve months,” he said.

Despite this, Roque was optimistic that Filipinos would feel a comfortable life following the gradual reopening of the economy in the country.

Citing the Philippine Statistics Authority’s October 2020 Labor Force Survey, Roque said the unemployment rate in the country eased to 8.7 percent in October this year from a high of 17.7 percent in April.

“Things are looking up. The economy has reopened which means more livelihood opportunities have become available. This has been felt by our people as it is noteworthy to mention that the latest figure, 62 percent in November 2020, is a marked improvement from the 82 percent of Filipinos who had the same belief last September 2020,” Roque said.

The government has relaxed the quarantine restrictions in the country to allow more businesses to resume their operations amid the Covid-19 pandemic.

Filipinos, however, are advised to continue observing proper health protocols to keep them safe from Covid-19. (PNA)

Celebrating Christmas differently at home

MANILA – With the pandemic making family gatherings more difficult, a Marikeno shared how Filipinos can turn to creative ways to celebrate Christmas amid the pandemic.

Jheng Margarejo, 29, of Marikina City, told the Philippine News Agency (PNA) how the pandemic affected her family's reunion on Christmas day.

"Usually, kasi meron lagi kaming reunion ng buong family namin every Christmas 'yan, every year tala-ga 'yan tradition namin (we hold family reunion every Christmas [day] and it's been our tradition to get together), but this year, it will be very different kasi hindi namin makakasama lahat and alam mo yun yung mga exchange gifts wala na yan (since we will not be with our relatives and exchanging gifts will not happen)," Jheng shared.

Since the pandemic, Jheng has been working from home.

"Since the pandemic, bumagsak talaga ang economy and 'dun sa company namin (the economy collapsed and with our company) almost 20 percent of my salary rate was deducted and there were employees who were laid off," she said. Despite the difficulties holding family gatherings this year, she said safety is still the utmost priority.

"A little sacrifice can make a big difference kasi hindi mo alam kung asymptomatic yung makakasama mo (because you'll never know who among the people are asymptomatic) while celebrating or having a family gathering this Christmas. It's better to stay at home and celebrate sa kung sino man ang usual na kasama mo sa bahay (It's better to celebrate with whoever you are with at home)" she said.

Jheng believed being at home with the family is the best way to enjoy the holidays, as it brings family members closer.

"It is much happier when you are with your family. You give time to your family," she said.

Apart from the pandemic, Jheng was also among thousands of residents af-

ected by the recent flooding in Marikina.

While the local government and the people work together, Jheng said the city has yet to recover from the aftermath of the typhoon. She encouraged the public to adhere to the government's health protocols and safety measures to prevent risks of getting Covid-19 infection.

She urged the public to just celebrate Christmas at home given the significant chances to get Covid-19 in public places.

She added that people also have the opportunity to virtually bond with friends and other relatives during this using social media sites.

"Be extra careful when going outside your home, always have alcohol with you, and wearing face masks and face shields at all times," she said, urging the public to follow the health protocols. **(PNA)**

Bataan Mega Quarantine and Isolation Facility bukas na

LUNGSOD NG BALANGA (PIA) -- Opisyal nang binuksan ang 1Bataan Mega Quarantine and Isolation Facility na matatagpuan sa bayan ng Orani.

Ang 300 bed capacity, apat na palapag na pasilidad ay para sa mamamayan ng lalawigan na kinakailangang i-isolate o i-quarantine dahil sa Covid-19.

Ayon kay Governor Albert Garcia, ang unang palapag ay magsisilbing receiving area habang ang ikalawa at ikatlo ay para sa mga naghihintay ng resulta ng kanilang swab test at ang ika-apat ay ilalaan sa mga magpopositibo sa naturang sakit.

Inilahad naman ni Bataan 2nd District Representative Jose Enrique Garcia III na inihahanda na rin ang customized shuttle bus na maghahatid sa mga pasyente sa loob at labas ng pasilidad.

Umabot na sa 3,621 ang kabuuang bilang ng kum-

Flood victims still facing survival struggle

MANILA – From health crisis to calamities, the country has grappled with several adversities this year.

While other people were fortunate to maneuver from these situations, others experienced their perils.

Gina Tinedero, a resident of Barangay Tumana in Marikina, was a victim of the recent flooding caused by heavy rains brought by Typhoon Ulysses.

Her two-story house was covered with floodwaters up to the second floor, leaving only the roof of their house visible during the onslaught of the typhoon.

Most of their belongings were damaged and could no longer be salvaged, she said in an interview with the Philippine News Agency.

"Ang lungkot ng nangyari sa amin, naghirap na kami buhat ng pandemya tapos nadagdagan pa ng pagbaha (What happened to us was saddening. We were already suffering due to the pandemic, then our house was flooded in November)," she said.

Tinedero said she and her four children have only relied on her husband's meager income for their day-to-day needs.

She said her husband was a mason who also suffered the adverse effects of the pandemic.

"Mahirap yung trabaho nitong buong taon para sa kanya (Jobs were hard to come by for him this year)," she continued.

On December 4, her husband died due to heart and lung complications.

"Ang hirap kasi wala na akong katulong sa pagpapalaki ng mga bata. Wala nang nag-aabot ng pera (It's hard because I have lost a partner in childrearing. No one gives us money anymore)," she added.

According to her, she received financial assistance from several government agencies such as the National Housing Authority (NHA) which gave her PHP5,000, and the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) which provided some

pirmadong kaso ng COVID-19 sa lalawigan batay sa ulat ng Provincial Health Office as of December 20. Sa numerong iyan, 3,392 na ang gumaling habang 78 ang nasawi. **(CLJD/CASB-PIA 3)**

PHP3,000.

Series of challenges

Meanwhile, 19-year-old Bebe Almodiente was also left jobless, leaving the fate of her two children in the hands of generous people distributing food and financial aid in their area as well as the local government.

She is renting a space in Barangay Tumana in Marikina along with her husband and their two little kids.

Her husband also found it hard to look for a construction job during the pandemic, she added.

"Nakakuha po ako ng tatlong stamp sa Tzu Chi, saka sa DSWD, sa NHA. Doon ko po nakuha ang pang gastos namin (I got stamps from Tzu Chi, DSWD, and NHA. That's where I got our money to sustain ourselves these times)," she said.

Tzu Chi Foundation Philippines is one of Tzu Chi Foundation's chapters in more than 57 countries around the globe.

Cash for work

The districts of Tumana, Malanday, and Nangka of Marikina were among those covered with mud in the aftermath of the flood.

The victims said it was like a flashback of what happened during Typhoon Ondoy in 2009.

The foundation encouraged residents to help their community through a 'cash for work' program.

'Cash for Work' incentivizes every community to clean up homes and neighborhoods by paying each participant PHP1,000 per day even if they are cleaning their own homes.

Both Tinedero and Almodiente said they are asking for help from the government so they could start a new livelihood.

"Sa ngayon po, konting salu-salo na lang muna sa hapag para sa Pasko. Masaya na po ako doon (Right now, we'll just get by if there is food on the table for Christmas. I will be happy for that already)," she said.

Typhoon Ulysses hit landfall on Nov. 11, devastating parts of Luzon including the Bicol region and Metro Manila.

The National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council recorded over 25,000 displaced persons throughout 273 barangays.

To date, it is the deadliest and most destructive tropical cyclone to hit the Philippines this year. **(PNA)**

Soldiers redefine courage, hope amid trying time

MANILA – While most of us find ways to connect and celebrate this Christmas season, soldiers, who are among those on the frontline in the fight against the coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) pandemic, continue to provide services for Filipinos.

Apart from securing the country and protecting the people, soldiers have been visible in the country's fight against Covid-19. They are also involved in the response and rescue efforts during calamities.

Some of them shared to the Philippine News Agency (PNA) the fulfillment they get from spreading and boosting the Christmas spirit through lending a helping hand.

Airman 2nd class Charles Albert Caayaman, 25, a native of Bohol and assigned to the Civil-Military Operations Group of the Philippine Air Force, said he could not come home to celebrate Christmas with his family in the province due to the pandemic.

But he said this will not be a huge sacrifice on his part.

"For me, isa itong inspirasyon na kahit may pandemya, wag tayong mawalan ng pag-asa (This is an inspiration for me, that we should not lose hope even with the pandemic)," he said.

Caayaman said this is also part of the Filipino soldier's continuing service particularly to our countrymen in need.

"Malaking bagay na yun sa amin na masasabi namin na ang hindi namin pag-uwi mas nakatulong pa kami sa ating mga kababayan at andyan kami na handang tumugon sa ano mang pangangailangan (It's a big thing for us to say that staying at work would allow us to help more countrymen and we're always there to provide whatever they need)," he said.

Caayaman said the challenges posed by the health crisis and the recent typhoons could be a reminder of the true reason as to why we celebrate Christmas.

He added that the true meaning of the yuletide season for soldiers is "filling the empty containers" through their service for the country and the people.

"Sa ngayon na may pandemya, iniisip ko na mas kinakailangan ako ng aking bansa (I think that the country needed me more since there is a pandemic)," he said.

Caayaman, meanwhile, urged Filipinos to keep themselves safe from the risks of Covid-19.

"Sa kabila po ng mga kinakaharap po natin na mga krisis ay manatili po

tayong matatag dahil pina-pakita natin yung character ng isang Pilipino yung positive, resiliency na kahit anong mangyari babangon tayo at kaya natin to, kailangan lang nating magtulongan at suportahan ang ating pamahalaan sa kanyang mga efforts para sa bayan (Despite the crisis that we are facing, we should stay strong as we show the Filipino character of being positive and resilient. Whatever happens, we will rise again and we can do it. We just need to work together and support the government's efforts for our country)," said Caayaman.

Meanwhile, Lt. Jeremy Remegia, 35, a native of Zamboanga City, said being on the frontline during the pandemic is part of the soldier's commitment to serving the nation.

"It's part of our job to be ready when the need arises and that will be our foremost priority, for us to be able to help the communities and the people," he said.

Remegia said soldiers will make the most out of the Christmas despite the prevailing health crisis.

"We are with our fellow soldiers. This is one big family for us, we share the camaraderie and spirit and of Christmas, and at the same time, we are also exercising safety in consideration naman po sa (to our) Covid-19 [cases] natin," he said, adding that they are blessed with the opportunities to serve the country.

Remegia reminded the public to continue adhering to the minimum health standards to prevent being infected by Covid-19.

On Monday, President Rodrigo Duterte expressed admiration to soldiers for their "crucial role" in the government's fight against pandemic.

During the founding anniversary of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), Duterte praised the military for its 85 years of "selfless service to the nation".

"This year, we were faced with the most daunting health crisis in recent history. This invisible enemy – Covid-19 – caused a global pandemic that swept across the world and radically changed our way of life," Duterte said.

Duterte also acknowledged the response efforts of the soldiers for those affected by the typhoons and other calamities this year.

"On behalf of a grateful nation, I express my most profound gratitude to you for your willingness to serve at the frontlines as our nation faced these natural disasters, calamities, and a global pandemic. **(PNA)**

Walang 3rd tranche ang SAP - paglililaw ng DSWD

LUNGSOD CALOOCAN (PIA) -- Nilinaw ng Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) na wala ng ikatlong bugso ang ayuda sa ilalim ng Social Amelioration Program (SAP) dahil iyon laman ang naayon sa Bayanihan 1 to Heal as One Act.

Ang paglililaw ay ipinahayag ng Kagawaran matapos lumutang ang maraming katanungan sa social media kung mayroong third tranche ang SAP.

Ayon sa DSWD, ang ipinamamahagi na ngayon ay Emergency Subsidy Program (ESP) na nakasaad sa ilalim ng Bayanihan to Recover as One Act o Bayanihan 2.

Pagdidin nila, hindi ito karugtong ng SAP dahil iba ang benipisyado nito

Ang Bayanihan 2 ESP ay one-time-cash grant na nagkakahalaga ng P5,000 hanggang P8,000. Ito ay ipinamimigay sa mga mahihirap na pamilya na nasa ilalim ng granular lockdown sa mga petsang simula ng paggiging epektibo ng Bayanihan 2 ong Setyem-

bre 14, 2020 na sertipikado ng Regional Inter-Agency Task Force.

Kasama rin sa mga benipisyado ng nasabing ayuda ang mga sumusunod: mahihirap na pamilya na hindi nakatanggap ng SAP; pamilya ng mga displaced at repatriated Overseas Filipino Workers na dumating sa bansa mula Setyembre 14 hanggang Disyembre 19, 2020 at mga pamilyang mababa ang kita na maaaring wala sa lugar na nasa ilalim ng granular lockdown subalit kasama sa listahan na isinumite sa DSWD noong implementasyon ng SAP sa ilalim ng Bayanihan 1.

Itong Disyembre 19, mayroon ng 145,025 benipisyado ang nakatanggap ng ESP sa ilalim ng Bayanihan 2. Sa bilang na ito, 3,607 benipisyado ang galing sa mga lugar na nasa ilalim ng granular lockdown samantalang abot naman sa 131,418 ang mga karagdang benipisyadong pamilya. Ang kabuuang halagang naipamahagi sa ilalim ng ESP ay umabot sa P946 milyon. **(DSWD/PIA-NCR)**

Hontiveros sa taong 2020: Pagharap sa hamon sa kalusugan, ekonomiya, at katiwalian; pagbibigay ng boses sa mga bulnerable, kababaihan at kabataan

PINURI ni Senator Risa Hontiveros, chairperson ng Senate Committee on Women, Children, Family Relations and Gender Equality, ang patuloy na pagsulong ng mga batas at programa upang iangat ang pamilyang Pilipino sa kabila ng pagtama ng pandemya.

"Naging agresibo ang Senado sa mga panukalang-batas at polisiya, hindi lang para maging pagpapalagan ang mga kababaihan at kabataan, kundi pati na ang kapakanan ng mga bulnerableng sektor at ordinaryong mamamayan upang maitawid sila sa krisis na dulot ng pandemya sa kalusugan at kabuhayan," aniya.

Isa lang sa mga hakbang na ito ang akda ni Hontiveros na 'Girls, not Brides Act of 2019', na naipasa na sa pangatlo at huling pagbasa sa Senado. Layon ng panukalang batas na ito na protektahan ang mga menor de edad - lalo na ang mga batang babae - mula sa sexual abuse at pagsasamantala sa pamamagitan ng pagpaparusa sa child marriages.

Interbensyon sa kalusugan
Sa tulong ni Hontiveros at kanyang pamamagitan sa 2021 General Appropriations Act (GAA), matagumpay na naiakyat ang Kalusugan sa ikatlong may pinakamataas na budget para sa susunod na taon. Kabilang sa kanyang

mga panukala ang P500M para sa cancer council, P133M sa tuberculosis control at P89M para sa mga programang laban sa non-communicable diseases.

Nanguna rin si Hontiveros na isulong at ipanwagan sa Philippine Health Insurance Corp (PhilHealth) ang pagpapatulo ng kanilang libreng dialysis program at matagumpay na napalawig ang pwedeng makuha ng libreng dialysis session mula 90 hanggang 144.

Suportado rin ng Senadora ang mga health care workers mula sa agarang paglalabas ng kanilang hazard pay at iba pang benipisyo hanggang sa paghimok na imbestigahan ang mga dahilan ng pagka-kaantala nito. Ipinanukala rin niya ang Mandatory Protection of Health Workers, Frontliners at Patients Act na layong wakasan ang anumang diskriminasyon laban sa mga nars, doktor, iba pang hospital worker, maging ng mga pasyenteng may COVID-19.

Pagsugpo sa katiwalian

Sa pamamagitan ng pagdinig sa Komite ni Hontiveros sa Senado ay nabulgar ang 'Pastillas scheme' sa loob ng Bureau of Immigration (BI) kung saan ang mga opisyal ng ahensya ay tumatanggap ng suhol kapalit ng mabilis na pagpasok ng libu-libong Chi-

CCC welcomes WFP's PH climate, food security analysis initiative

CALOOCAN CITY (PIA)

-- The Climate Change Commission (CCC) today joined various government agencies, experts from different industries, advocates for climate resilience, and members of the academe to launch, "Climate Change and Food Security Analysis," a research initiative created by the World Food Programme (WFP) to determine the impacts of climate change to food security, nutrition and livelihood in the Philippines and to identify the appropriate solutions.

The virtual event featured Mr. Mats Persson, officer-in-charge and Deputy Country Director, World Food Programme; Mr. Stephen Weise, Managing Director, Alliance of Biodiversity and International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT); the Office of Cabinet Secretary Karlo Nograles, head of the Zero Hunger Task Force in the Office of the President; Director Alicia Ilagan, Department of Agriculture; Director Restituto Macuto, Sustainable Livelihood Program and National Program Manager of EPAHP NPMO, Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD); Dr. Azucena Dayanghirang, Executive Director, National Nutrition Council; and Mr. Jerome Ilagan, Chief of Policy Research and Development

Division, CCC.

The virtual event was held to formally launch the Climate Change and Food Security Analysis, including the introduction of its objectives, time, and expected outputs. Likewise, the event aimed to generate interest in the study by making the argument for climate change and its impact on food security in vulnerable communities.

The report revealed that aside from conflict, climate change is one of the main drivers of global hunger. Climate change impacts are also undermining agricultural production. Particularly vulnerable are smallholder farmers living in the earth's more fragile environments.

More than 80% of the world's most food-insecure people are being hit by extreme weather such as drought and flooding, as well as by other stresses such as pest infestation and land degradation. Changes in climate are affecting the production of staple crops—wheat, rice and maize—in both tropical and temperate regions. This situation is set to worsen as temperature increases and becomes more extreme, and rainfall becomes more unpredictable.

In his opening statement, Mr. Persson said, "Climate variability and extreme

weather events are among the key drivers behind the recent increase in global hunger and one of the leading causes of severe food crisis. To fill in the undeniable gap between climate change and food insecurity, WFP forged a partnership with the International Center for Tropical Agriculture and initiated a research study of the Philippines Climate and Food Security Analysis."

Dr. Weise said, "It is evident that the climate is impacting food security in ways and in intensity we have not experienced before. Just this year, for example, the Philippines had to bear the brunt of multiple typhoons that took lives, and caused damage and losses worth billions of pesos in the agriculture sector. If anything, this is a signal for organizations like ours to work closely together along with national authorities and institutions to build greater resilience in the food systems of the Philippines."

In 2020, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte signed Executive Order No. 101 which created the Inter-Agency Task Force on Zero Hunger (IATFZH). This aims to put an end to the hunger problem in the country by 2030. The WFP has extended its support of this Task Force and its initiatives to help the country achieve its goals. Mr. Ilagan commended the Climate and Food Security Analysis as it is consistent with the country's Nationally Determined Contri-

butions under the Paris Agreement. On the promise of food security, he expects that the results of the analysis will lead to a complementary and anticipatory adaptation mechanism that is founded on scientific drivers presented in partnership with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and local experts.

He added that, "The National Panel of Technical Experts from the Climate Change Commission can also share their views on how to do multi-scenario, multi-hazard impact projections; inasmuch as the productivity of the sector lies not only on the natural hazards but the complementary implications of other growth drivers such as land use, land industry optimization and incentives, green jobs creation, and the building of people's movements so that they could start investing consistently with the Agriculture and Fisheries Modernization Act."

Although the launch of the Philippines Climate and Food Security Analysis was delayed due to the COVID-19 crisis, attendees of the virtual event have stated that this should not impact the goal of the study.

Likewise, they hope that the pandemic will provide additional aspects for critical analysis on food security and climate change.

This virtual event was organized by WFP in partnership with the CIAT, with the participation of the Zero Hunger Task Force. **(PIA)**

Port of Aparri inaugurates Customer Care Center

IN support to the Bureau's commitment compliance to RA 11032 or the Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act and as continuous effort to provide better service to its stakeholders, the Port of Aparri inaugurated its Customer Care Center (CCC) on December 03, 2020.

Fr. Arsenio V. Dela Cruz officiated the blessing of the CCC while District Collector Arlenito M. Claveria led the ribbon cutting ceremony together with the Port's officers and employees. Ralph Patrick M. Iloy, the Port Manager of the Cagayan Economic One Authority, also graced the occasion.

"This is just our first step to provide quality frontline service to our transacting public. Our next objective is to have our CCC be ISO-certified," Collector Claveria promised. The CCC is a modern one-stop shop facility and a customs service center that will be manned by trained customs service officers of the Bureau who will provide centralized document receiving and releasing, information kiosks, gate pass issuance, payment booth and other customs-related inquiries and transactions. Moreover, it is designed to streamline the processes of the Bureau and to promote zero contact policy in support of BOC's directive to lessen face-to-face transaction with stakeholders and minimize opportunities for graft and corruption while increasing efficiency of trade facilitation. **PR**

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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

- S. 42 deg. 11'W., 33.03 m. to point 2;
- 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

Beginning containing an area of **SIX THOUSAND NINETY FIVE (6,095) SQUARE METERS**, more or less. All points referred to are indicated on the plan and are marked on the ground, bearings true, date of the original Survey, January 12, 1964 – January 24, 1968.

Owner: Spouses Elmer Alagar and Elma M. Alagar, both Filipino Citizens
Address: Brgy. Talon, Amadeo, Cavite

In the event of public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **January 28, 2021** without further notice.

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.**

ATTY. VARBRA ANN A. VARIAS-DIMAYUGA
Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff

OLIVER T. BOCACAO JR.
Sheriff-in-Charge

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FLATTERING YOU, BUMIDA SA PHILTOBO JUVENILE CHAMPIONSHIP

Itinanghal na kampeon ang kabayong si Flattering You na sinakyan ng hineteng si Kelvin Abobo sa katatapos na Philtobo Juvenile Championship na ginanap sa pista ng Metro Manila Turf Club Inc. (MMTCI) sa Malvar, Batangas. Sa simula ng karera ay kinuha ng kacouple runner ni Flattering You na si King Tiger ang unahan na sakay ng hineteng si OP Cortez at pagdating sa unang kurbada ay nakabuntot na sa kanya ang kanyang kakampi na si Flattering You, nasa ikatlong puwesto ang kabayong si Enzo na dinala ni JA Guce, ika- apat si Kaparkan Falls na nirendahan ng hineteng si MA Alvarez, nasa ikalimang posisyon naman ang kabayong si Stayinthemoment na ginabayan ni Patty Dilema, pang anim si Luke Skywalker ni CP Henson, habang nakasunod sa kanya ang kabayong si Aliwagwag Falls na sakay ni RG Fernandez. Pagsapit sa medya milya ay nangunguna pa rin si King Tiger at nasa ikalawa pa rin si Flattering You, pangatlo si Enzo, pang apat si Luke Skywalker, panglima si Stayinthemoment, pang anim naman si Aliwagwag Falls. Pagdating sa 400 meters ay unti- unti ng dumidikit si Flattering You kay King Tiger at nasa ikatlo si Stayinthemoment. Pagsapit sa huling 200 meters ay kinuha na ni Flattering You ang unahan at tuluyan ng lumayo sa kanyang kakampi na si King Tiger at tumapos ng halos anim na kabayong agwat laban kay King Tiger, pangatlo si Money Changer, pang apat si Work From Home, pang lima si Stayinthemoment at pang anim si Enzo. Narito po ang official order of arrival 1-3-8-4-6. Naorasan si Flattering You ng tiyempong 1:40 (24'-23'-23'-28') para sa distansiyang 1,600 meter race. Binabati ko nga pala ang bagong Philracom Chairman na si Chairman Reli De Leon. Congratulations!

DBP inks pact with DA for cash subsidies for marginal farmers and fisherfolks

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) --State-owned Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP) has signed an agreement with the Department of Agriculture (DA) for the distribution of cash subsidies to around 900,000 marginal farmers under the DA's Cash and Food Subsidy to Marginal Farmers and Fishers (CF-SMFF) program, a top official said. DBP President and Chief Executive Officer Emmanuel G. Herbosa said that this newly-developed DA program utilizes financial

technology through the use of an e-voucher system to ensure more efficient and transparent program implementation. "Through the e-voucher system, beneficiaries can claim their cash assistance of P3000 each at any DBP-accredited payout center by presenting their government-issued ID and the unique reference code sent via text message by the implementing agencies," Herbosa said. DBP is the seventh largest bank in the country in terms of assets and has a branch

network of 129 branches including 11 branch units, which are mostly situated in underserved areas of the country. Under the CF-SMFF, eligible marginal farmers and fisherfolk who are enrolled in the Registry System for Basic Sectors in Agriculture will receive a subsidy of P5,000 each – P3,000 in cash and P2,000 worth of food items. A total of 890,794 farmers and fisherfolk are expected to benefit from the program. Out of these number, 346,534 are coconut farm-

ers, 287,128 fisherfolk, 198,023 are corn farmers, 29,702 are sugarcane farmers, while the remaining 29,407 are members of the indigenous communities. Herbosa said DBP has been working closely with DA on a number of financial inclusion initiatives during the past year such as cash aid disbursements under the Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund and enrolment with DBP of over 5,000 farmer-members. He said DBP and DA likewise partnered in the im-

plementation of the Farmer Financial Assistance Program to facilitate the release of more than P1.4-billion in cash aid to nearly 300,000 farmers. "I am confident that the CF-SMFF program would be able to achieve its noble goals which includes providing market support to local producers of rice, chicken, and eggs; and opening up sources of livelihood for farmers, farmer cooperatives and associations, and micro enterprises as distribution partners in the program," Herbosa said. DBP Executive Vice President for Branch Banking Susan Z. Prado said this latest partnership with the DA serves as a viable mechanism to provide

much-needed government intervention to the marginal members of the agricultural sector who have borne the brunt of the economic slowdown. She said over the past year, DBP's initiatives have focused mainly on facilitating assistance to the most affected sectors of society as they gradually recover and rebuild from the devastating effects of the global health crisis. "DBP is emboldened by these programs and we hope that the beneficiaries would be able to put to good use the assistance given to them so that they can recover and rebuild their lives despite the current pandemic," Prado said. **(PIA-4A/DBP)**

'PASKO PALARO' HANDOG NG HANEP PUBLICATION

(Text by Leonard Basilio/Photos by RGN)

NAGSAGAWA kamakailan ang HANEP Publication ng 'Pasko Palaro' sa isang bahagi sa Intramuros, Maynila.

Nilahukan ito ng mga kababayan natin na ang ikinabubuhay ay sa lansangan tulad ng mga sidecar boy, vendor, construction worker, nangangalakal at iba pa.

Dahil nananatili pa rin sa pandemiya ay limitado lamang ang pinahintulutan sa pagsali upang masunod ang health protocol partikular ang social distancing. Ang unang palaro ay ang paligsahan sa 'hula hoop' para sa kababaihan na ang bawat kalahok ay may kaukulan gantimpala na kaagad.

Ang mga pumasok sa semi-finals ng hula hoop competition ay may additional prize na nakuha.

Tinanghal bilang kampeon si Rhea 'Ne' Glenda na siyang pinakamatagal na nakatapos sa pag-indak ng hula hoop habang ikalawang puwesto naman si Marilyn 'La' More.

Tumanggap si 'Ne' ng dagdag pang premyo bilang 1st place at ganoon din si 'La' sa pagiging 2nd place sa hula hoop contest.

Pagkatapos ng hula hoop ay isinunod naman ang paglalaro ng dama para sa kalalakihan.

Tulad sa hula hoop ay mayroon na kaagad na pabuya ang lahat ng kalahok sa dama game.

Katulad pa rin sa hula hoop ay nakatanggap din ng

karagdagang premyo ang mga nakapasok sa semi-finals ng dama game.

Nasungkit ni Fernando 'Andoy' Fernandez ang kampeonato sa larong dama habang ikalawang puwesto naman si Delfin 'Jhon' Brusola.

Tinanggap nina 'Andoy' at 'Jhon' ang kaukulang premyo bilang 1st and place sa dama competition.

Eating hotdog naman ang nagsilbing palaro para sa mga bata.

Ang mga batang kalahok tulad sa hula hoop at dama competition ay may natanggap na agad na premyo.

Ang unang bata at ang ikalawa na unang nakatapos sa pagkain ng hotdog ay may dagdag na premyo na natamo.

Pagkatapos ng mga naturang palaro ay namahagi ang nasabing publication ng munting regalo at nagkaroon din ng maliit na salu-salo.

"Nagpapasalamat kami sa dyaryong HANEP at napili ang lugar namin para sa ganitong pagkakataon.

Isang malaking kasiyahan ang naidulot nito sa aming lahat," pahayag ni Fernando 'Dennis' Ortega, isa sa mga kalahok sa larong dama na siya ring presidente ng isa sa mga asosasyon ng mga pedicab driver sa Intramuros.

Matatandaan na nitong nagdaang 'Araw ng mga Patay' (Nob. 1) ay nagsagawa na rin ang HANEP Publication ng palaro ng dama.



Eating hotdog



Stop dance



ANG ilan sa mga lumahok sa paligsahan sa hula hoop.



TINANGGAP ni Delfin 'Jhon' Brusola ang kanyang premyo bilang 2nd place sa dama competition.

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Salamat sa 3 MPD officials

NAGSAGAWA tayo ng simpleng palaro bilang handog para sa ilang maliit na kapwa natin ngayong panahon ng kapaskuhan.

Palaro na may kalakip na munting pabuya sa bawat kalahok at karagdagang premyo pa sa mga nata-silang manlalaro.

Sila iyong ang sistema ng ikinabubuhay ay dahil sa lansangan o bangketa.

Tulad ko na hindi itinatangi na ako ay katas o lumaki, nagkaisip at nakapag-aral dahil sa bangketa ang pamumuhay sa pamamagitan ng pagtitinda.

Kaya naman sila ay ramdam ko at sa simpleng pagpapalaro ay nakiisa ako sa kanila para sa diwa ng Pasko.

Palaro sa ilang kababaihan, lalaki at maging sa mga bata upang kahit paano ay makapagdulot ng konting saya sa kanila.

Bukod sa mga premyo na natamo sa mga palaro ay nagkaloob din tayo ng maliit na regalo.

Ang Pasko ay isang beses lamang sumasapit kada taon tulad ng bawat kaarawan natin.

Pero sana sa isip at puso ng bawat isa palagi o

araw-araw ay Pasko. Dahil ang Pasko ay sumimbolo ng pagbibigayan at pagmamahalan.

Ilang araw bago ang mis-mong araw ng Pasko ay nalagay sa kontrobersiya ang hanay ng pulisya dahil sa nangyaring pagpatay ng isang pulis sa pamamagitan ng pamamaril sa mag-inang biktima.

Hindi naman dapat buong puwersa ng kapulisan ang dapat salingin sa naturang pangyayari. Tayo ay saludo sa mga pulis na buong tapat na gumagampan sa tungkulin at gumagawa ng tama o maganda.

Katulad ng tatlong opisyal ng Manila Police District na kinabibilangan nina **P/Lt. Col. John K. Guiagui**, Station-3 commander; **P/Major Jhun Ibay**, hepe ng Special Mayors Reaction Team, at **P/Lt. Col. Ariel Caramoan**, Station-5 commander.

Naging bahagi ang tatlong nasabing MPD officials sa tagumpay ng ating isinagawang proyekto nitong Pasko.

Salamat po sa inyo Col. Guiagui, Major Ibay at Col. Caramoan!

Happy New Year po sa lahat at nawa'y pagpalain tayo sa buong 2021.



SALAMAT PO! Nasambit ni Fernando 'Dennis' Ortega nang tanggapin ang munting pabuya.