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## MARAMING 'ULO' GUGULONG NGAYONG 2021, DAHIL SA KATIWALIAN

**INAASAHAN ngayong taon ang maraming paggulong ng mga 'ulo' sa hanay ng Philippine Health Insurance Corporation.**

Batay sa pahayag ni Pangulong Rodrigo Duterte ay tuloy ang gagawing paglilinis sa mga kaso ng katiwalian sa gobyerno.

Aniya, marami pang kawani mula sa PhilHealth ang nadiiskubren nasasangkot sa katiwalian.

Bunsod nito ay nabanggit ni Duterte na maraming 'ulo' ang gugulong o masisibak sa first quarter ng

taong ito.

Nabatid na hinihintay na lamang ang mga kailangang dokumento at ang resulta ng imbestigasyon ng lupon na nangasiwa rito.

Matatandaan na binanggit ng Chief Executive ang ginawa niyang pagsibak sa puwesto ng 72 Bureau of Customs personnel na sangkot sa korapsyon.

Maging sa Bureau of Immigration ay mayroong 62 tauhan ang sinipa bunga naman ng pagkakasangkot sa magkakahiwalay na kontrobersiya. **RS**

## CEREMONIAL TURN OVER AND BLESSING OF EIGHT TOYOTA HI-LUX (PATROL JEEPS)

Camp BGen Pantaleon Garcia, Imus City, Cavite – PCOL Marlon R Santos, Provincial Director together with the Provincial Staffs, led the blessings and turnover of (8) eight Toyota Hilux (Patrol Jeeps) which was duly received by the Chiefs of Police of Dasmariñas CPS, Bacoor CPS, Kawit MPS, Naic MPS, Kawit MPS, Tanza MPS, Amadeo MPS, PARMU-Logistics and Force Commander of Cavite Provincial Mobile Force Company held at Camp BGen Pantaleon Garcia, Imus City at around 7 o'clock in the morning of December 28.

PCOL MARLON R SANTOS expressed his heartfelt gratitude to Governor Juanito Victor "Jonvic" Remulla of Cavite for his

untiring support to Cavite PNP that shows proof of a continuing harmonious partnership of the LGU and the PNP and he added that the logistical support like patrol cars and gasoline allocation plays a vital role in fulfilling our task most especially during times where we experienced different challenges. Everyone is encouraged not to rely on patrol cars and having foot patrol is still essential in order for us to be felt and heard by the community. PD SANTOS encourages the Men and Women of the Cavite PNP to continue serving the public with utmost dedication and excellence. With the continuous support of Provincial Government there is no excuse to do less but we have to do more (**Cavite PIO**)

## 'Nilad for Maynila' project launched in Baseco

**CALOOCAN CITY (PIA)** -- The City Government of Manila, thru the Department of Public Services and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources-Ecosystems Research and Development Bureau (DENR-ERDB), launched the "Nilad for Maynila" project at the Baseco Esplanade on Tuesday, December 29.

In a news release, the City Government said the project aims to re-green a part of Manila Bay by propagating the Nilad, a plant with bright white and yellow

flowers.

According to a survey conducted by DPS and DENR-ERDB, at least four sites are potential Nilad initial planting areas: Baseco Beach, a vacant lot near H2O Hotel, back of STP building adjacent to Manila Yacht Club and plant boxes or islands along the Manila Baywalk.

Vice Mayor Maria Sheilah "Honey" Lacuna-Pangan emphasized the significance of propagating Nilad mangroves in the capital's coastal areas.

"Siguro naman po alam

## Delivery of primary weapons for Navy frigates set for 2021, 2022

**MANILA** – The Philippine Navy (PN) said Wednesday the surface-to-air and surface-to-surface missiles of BRP Jose Rizal (FF-150) and BRP Antonio Luna (FF-151) are scheduled for delivery in October next year and the first quarter of 2022, respectively.

"(Deliveries for) the surface-to-air missile is (on) October 2021 and March 2022 for the surface-to-surface missile," Navy public affairs office chief, Lt. Commander Maria Christina Roxas, said in a message to the Philippine News Agency (PNA) when sought for updates on the acquisition of primary weapons of the two guided-missile frigates.

Roxas said the surface-to-surface missile project is under "Frigate Acquisition Lot 2A" and that South Korean defense manufacturer LIG Nex 1 would deliver C-Star missiles.

The C-Star is described as a "sea-skimming surface-to-surface anti-ship cruise

missile". Meanwhile, the surface-to-air missile project is under "Frigate Acquisition Lot 2B" and was awarded to MBDA, France, which would deliver a quantity of Mistral 3 anti-aircraft missiles.

The BRP Jose Rizal and BRP Antonio Luna are modern warships capable of surface, sub-surface, air, and electronic warfare using state-of-the-art electronic sensors, long-range missiles, acoustic guided torpedoes, and an embarked anti-submarine helicopter.

The BRP Jose Rizal was delivered to the Philippines in May and commissioned last July, while the BRP Antonio Luna is expected to be delivered to the PN by February next year.

The contract for the two ships was placed at PHP16 billion with another PHP2 billion for weapon systems and munitions. (**PNA**)

## Mitigating effects of climate change to PH fisheries

**MANILA** – The impact of climate change to fisheries is a key contributor to the country's economy particularly in the Philippines being an archipelago.

According to a study, climate change impacts on fisheries capture in the Philippines is projected to cause a decrease by about 9 percent of its gross domestic product (GDP) with the mitigation scenario and about 18 percent of GDP with the extreme scenario up to 2060, as compared to the baseline scenario.

This impact results in income reduction by as much as 0.36 percent for urban households and 0.38 percent for rural households in the country's economy.

Limuel Aragon, director of the University of the Philippines (UP) Institute of Environmental Science and Meteorology, in an earlier Tugon Kabuhayan virtual presser, said there is a need to take into account scientific considerations to mitigate the effects of climate change in the country's fisheries and aquatic resources.

Intensified management of the seas surrounding the Philippines, including the West Philippine Sea, Visayas Sea, Celebes Sea, and Sulu Sea, will require a lot of resources and focus, he noted.

"We are an archipelago, surrounded by seas. This is our great asset," he added.

Aragones said there is a need to give more attention to the biodiversity in our ocean, especially on the management of marine mammals, identification of native species, and difference of habitats.

"We have a lot of resources in the ocean that we can't take care of because we are too focused on agriculture. It's a different context because, in agriculture, we grow food. In fisheries, there's still a concept of captive fisheries, which is inherent as opposed to the context of culture," he said.

To prepare for climate change, the Philippines needs to conduct an assessment of vulnerability to climate change for fisheries at the national level in order to respond to changing economic conditions expected

## Navotas LGU, maglalaan ng P20 milyon pondo para sa pagbili ng COVID-19 vaccine

**LUNGSOD CALOOCAN (PIA)** -- Ibinalita ngayong araw ni Navotas City Mayor Toby Tiangco na maglalaan ang lokal na pamahalaan ng P20 milyon para sa pagbili ng bakuna kontra COVID-19.

Sa ulat ng Radyo Pilipinas, 738 kHz, sinabi ni Mayor Toby na ito'y sa kabila ng plano ng national government na maglaan din ng bakuna para sa mga residente ng lungsod.

Ayon pa sa alkalde, plano nilang magsagawa ng survey upang malaman ang opinyon at ang preferred brand ng bakuna ng mga residente.

Paliwanag ni Tiangco, ito ay dahil pera ng bayan ang gagastusin sa pagbili ng bakuna at hindi maaring ipilit na iturok ang bakuna sa tao. Plano rin nito na ibigay ang magiging resulta ng survey sa national government.

Tiniyak naman ng lokal na pamahalaan na tanging mga bakuna na aprubado ng FDA ang ikukunsiderang bibilhin.

Samantala, habang wala pang bakuna ay tiniyak naman ng lokal na pamahalaan na libre pa rin ang COVID-19 testing para sa mga residente nito. (**PIA NCR**)

## ARTA, COA greenlight digital signatures for govt transactions

**CALOOCAN CITY (PIA)** -- The Anti-Red Tape Authority (ARTA) and Commission on Audit (CoA) gave the greenlight to government agencies and local government units (LGUs) to use the Department of Information and Communication Technology (DICT)'s digital signatures through the #Philippine National Public Key Infrastructure, (PNPKI).

In a statement, ARTA confirmed that PNPKI digital signatures and electronic signatures may be validly used for government permits and licenses, provided that there is compliance with the requirements as set forth in the Electronic Commerce Act or R.A. No. 8792. The COA reminded users that improper use of

digital and electronic signatures may subject them to applicable penalties.

"The future of government services will all be online. Digital signature technology should be embraced and adopted to enable the complete online performance of government services in our agencies. COA's affirmation on the validity and acceptability of these digital solutions for government services would allow agencies to confidently and decisively proceed with their automation programs," ARTA Director General Jeremiah Belgica said.

ARTA also reminded the public that there are substantial differences between a digital signature and an electronic signature, with the former providing better assurance of the authenticity of the document signed, the identity of the signatory, and the signature itself. An electronic signature, meanwhile, derives its validity from the intent of the signatory to adopt such as a mark as an authentic sign of his approval of a document.

Both types of signatures will be honored by the government to expedite the delivery of government services.

"We encourage government agencies and local government offices to avail of PNPKI digital signatures to enable our fellow public servants to complete their work transactions in a faster and more secure manner. This also improves the transparency and ensures the integrity of the documents we handle," DICT Secretary Gregorio B. Honasan II said. (**DICT/PIA-NCR**)

to worsen over time and that the assessment is continuously and periodically carried out. It also needs to carry out a gap analysis on the capability to cope with the impact of climate change on fisheries for the national economy which would enable organizations to take selective and premeditated actions providing the information about whether a sector or area can potentially be associated with the issue or which community is more vulnerable to climate change.

There is also a need to incorporate climate change impacts into national economic development plans and fisheries development plans, and also incorporate climate adaptation into the fisheries management plan.

Climate change will affect the fisheries over a long period of time so the country must be ready for the impact and endeavor to mitigate its effect. (**PNA**)

## PIA CALABARZON earns PRAISE 2020 digital, finance awards

**CALAMBA CITY (PIA)**—In a virtual ceremony of this year's Program on Awards and Incentives for Service Excellence (PRAISE) Awards, the Philippine Information Agency – Calabarzon (PIA 4-A) has proven that times of uncertainties and difficulties is not a hindrance in providing timely, accurate and relevant information to the community.

The PRAISE Awards, which recognizes employees who showed hard work and dedication to the agency, also commended PIA 4-A for exemplifying accountability and responsibility, in a bid to fulfill its mandate.

CALABARZON swept various accolades, ranging from digitization and financial management during the recently held PRAISE Awards.

This year, the agency owed its Digital Innovation Award to its strengthened social media platforms, which provides easy to understand community updates, straight from the local government.

Meanwhile, outstanding

employees such as Administrative Assistant Cecilia Maloles - who was this year's MASINOP Awardee for effectively managing the agency's finances- and photojournalist and Public Information Assistant Shimie Taclino- who nominated for the Best Online Photo- were also recognized for their work and dedication to the agency.

"The awards received by PIA Calabarzon, whether individually or as a group, are testaments of dedication by its personnel in its mandate to provide timely, accurate and relevant information to the communities we serve." Regional Director Ma. Cristina Arzadon wrote in her yearend message.

She continues, "It is comforting that after nine long months of restricted movements, we remain standing and in the company of our colleagues, friends, families, loved ones, pets included."

Next year, PIA Calabarzon is looking to further strengthening its digital presence next year. **(PB)**

## 14 dating NPA, tumanggap ng tulong pinansyal sa ilalim ng E-CLIP

**PUERTO PRINCESA, Palawan (PIA)** -- Pinagkalooban ng tulong pinansyal ng pamahalaang nasyunal ang 14 na dating miyembro ng New People's Army (NPA) sa Palawan na nagbalik-loob sa gobyerno kamakailan.

Ang seremonya ay isinagawa kamakailan sa Western Command (WesCom) na pinangunahan ng Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), kasama ang pamunuan ng WesCom at Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office (PSWDO).

Ang mga ito ay residente ng iba't ibang munisipyo sa lalawigan na sumuko noong Agosto 4, Setyembre 30, at Oktubre 28, ngayong taon.

Sa ilalim ng Enhanced Comprehensive Local Integration Program (E-CLIP), bawat isa sa mga ito ay tumanggap ng kaloob na pinansiyal na kanilang magagamit para sa kanilang kabuhayan habang tinatamasa ang payapa at malayang pamumuhay.

Ayon kay Virgilio Tagle, provincial director ng DILG-Palawan, nagpalabas ng

pondo ang pamahalaang nasyunal ng pondo na nagkakahalaga ng P722,800 para sa nasabing mga dating rebelde.

Samantala, kasabay nito, ginawaran din ng halagang P100,000 ang pamilya ng namatay na sundalo na si SSgt. Cesar Barlas.

Ang nasabing halaga ay mula naman sa pondo ng pamahalaang panlalawigan ng Palawan na ipinagkaloob sa mga naiwan ng bayan ng sundalo sa pamamagitan ng PSWDO. Si Barlas ay napaslang sa naganap na engkuwentro kamakailan sa pagitan ng tropa ng mga sundalo at grupong NPA sa bayan ng Brooke's Point.

Bilang pagtalima sa Executive Order No. 70 ni Pangulong Rodrigo R. Duterte na naglalayong wakasan ang armadong pakikibaka, hinikayat ni Tagle ang mga miyembro ng NPA sa lalawigan na nagpapatuloy sa kanilang gawain na bumaba na at sumuko na lamang sa gobyerno kapalit ang payapang pamumuhay kasama ang kanilang pamilya. **(LBD/PIAMIMAROPA)**

# USAP LANG

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## Bakit 'pag sira ay wala sila?

**KAPAG** may depekto o hindi gumagana ang traffic light, ano ang napanansin ninyo?

Bukod sa pinagmumulan ng pagkakabuhul-buhol ng mga sasakyan, ano pa?

May pangyayari rin na minsan ay nagdudulot ng aksidente o bangaan.

Diyan lumalabas ang ugali ng nakararaming tsuper na pagkaswapang.

Ayaw magbigayan dahil ang nais ay pawang makaunang makausad ang minamanehong sasakyan.

Kaya ang resulta ay mas lalong bumibigat ang daloy ng trapiko dahil sa bangaan.

Ang masaklap ay kapag nagkatapat o nagkatagpo ang dalawang drayber na

parehong mayabang na pwedeng humantong sa gulo.

Heto pa ang kapansin-pansin kapag sira ang traffic light.

Lumignon ka at igala ang paningin subalit wala kang makikitang traffic enforcer.

Kadalasan ay ganyan ang mapapansin natin.

Bakit nga ba kung kelan sira ang traffic light ay saka naman walang enforcer?

Pansin ninyo, maayos at gumagana ang traffic light pero dami ka makikitang enforcer.

Bakit doon sa sira ay wala sila?

Ang dahilan o kasagutan... naku eh kailangan pa bang memorized 'yan!

## DTI urges more businesses to go online

**CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, Pampanga (PIA)** -- Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) will continue on capacitating micro and small entrepreneurs to sell online, as part of its priority programs for 2021.

DTI Regional Director Judith Angeles said that this year, they capacitated about 900 entrepreneurs as part of adapting to the new normal.

"We are glad that their response is positive. Maybe because they see that if they will not learn or go into online selling, they will not earn. While COVID-19 is still around, we will have some difficulties when it comes to face to face selling or shopping," Angeles said.

For 2021, DTI targets more small-scale businesses in order to saturate the 5,000 micro, small, and medium enterprises target in the region.

"We will assist them so that they will have their own platforms. What we want is for them to have strong presence over the internet so that they can promote their products and sell more," she shared.

Meanwhile, Angeles reminded all entrepreneurs to have their businesses registered.

"Whatever type of business you put up, you should secure the necessary permits so that your business will have legal identity. This will make it easier for us to monitor your business and at the same time make it more credible for the consumers," she said.

Aside from this, DTI will target more beneficiaries for the Negosyo Serbisyo sa Barangay and Pangkabuhayan sa Pagbangon at Ginhawa programs.

"We will distribute more livelihood kits because we want to rebuild the livelihood of our people, especially those who were hardly hit by the ongoing pandemic. For the rebel returnees, we want to help them start a new life by giving them new livelihood. We hope all this will be successful because we want more people to be entrepreneurs, to be self-employed so that they no longer depend on others," Angeles furthered. **(CLJD/MJSC-PIA 3)**

# EDITORIAL

## Matibay na sandata

**BINULAGA** ang ating bansa sa pagpasok ng 2020 ng pagputok ng bulkan.

**Iba't iba pang trahedyas kasama ang pandemiya dulot ng COVID-19.**

**Nakakaranas tayo ng mga paglindol at ang magnitude 6.8 na tumama sa Chile ay nagdulot ng alarma sa lahat.**

**Pinangangambahan ang banta ng tsunami rito sa atin bagay na tiniyak ng Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology na ito ay hindi mangyayari.**

**Wala ring nakikita ang Phivolcs na posibilidad na makakaranas ng tsunami ang mga kalapit na bansa. Pinag-iingat ng ahensiya ang lahat sa mga lindol at sundin ang bawat anunsuyo ng lokal na pamahalaang nakakasakop sa atin.**

**Isa sa mabisa at matibay na sandata ay ang nasa isip at pusong dalangin sa Maykapal para sa bagong taon na ating kinakaharap.**

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## Pinsalang dulot ng alak sa pagmamaneho ng parak?

**DALAWANG motorsiklo at isang kotse na pawang nakaparada lamang ang napinsala nang banggain ng tricycle matapos matumbok ng Toyota Corolla Sedan na minamaneho ng umano'y pulis na nakainom ng alak sa Tagaytay City.**

Kabilang sa mga napinsala ang isang motorsiklong Honda Wave na may plate number na UQ 6434 ni Philip Jay Anacay; motorsiklong Suzuki Raider ni Mark Louie Rogero; at isang Toyota Vios Sedan na may plakang ZDN 412 ni Dan Reinard Peg.

Isinugod naman sa Ospital ng Tagaytay City ang bumunggang driver ng tricycle na si Emeliano Zapata habang nasa kustodiya na ng pulisya ang driver ng Toyota Corolla Sedan na si Patrolman Jerome Vicente na nakatalaga sa Cavite PMFC.

Sa ulat ni Patrolman Cirpiano Contreras, ng Tagaytay City Police Station, binabagtas nina Zapata at Vicente ang kahabaan ng Tagaytay-Amadeo Road patungo sa direksiyon ng Amadeo proper.

Pagsapit sa Kaybagal Central ay nabangga ng minamanehong kotse ni Vicente ang likurang bahagi ng tricycle ni Zapata.

Dahil sa lakas ng pagkabangga ay bumangga naman ang minamanehong tricycle ni Zapata sa mga nabanggit na nakaparadang motorsiklo at kotse sa nasabing lugar na nagresulta sa pagkakapinsala ng mga sasakyan habang sugatan ang driver ng tricycle kaya isinugod sa ospital.

Sinasabing nakainom umano ang police officer nang naganap ang insidente dakong alas-6:00 ng gabi. **GENE ADSUARA**

## DBP bags international award for first ASEAN bond issuance

**CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA)** --State-owned Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP) was cited by a renowned international multi-media firm for its bond issuance last year, which was aimed at raising funds to bankroll projects on the environment and financial inclusion, a top official said.

DBP President and Chief Executive Officer Emmanuel G. Herbosa said the bank's maiden issuance of ASEAN Sustainability Bonds, amounting to P18.125-billion, won as Best Sustainability Bond – Financial Institution in The Asset Country Awards 2020 presented by Hong Kong-based financial publication The Asset.

"We take pride and honor for this achievement as it recognizes DBP's role as a catalyst for inclusive development," Herbosa said. "As a development financing institution, DBP has always been at the forefront of sustainable development and environment protection."

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; environment; social services and community development.

The proceeds from last year's bond issuance, which was the first bond program exclusively focused on sustainability, were used to fund projects that contribute towards economic inclusion, climate change mitigation and adaptation, natural resource conservation, pollution control and prevention, and other social issues, Herbosa said the P18.125-billion raised, which was upsized from the initial amount of P5-billion, represents the initial tranche of DBP's P50-billion Bond Program, geared at financing environmental and social projects eligible under the Bank's Sustainability Finance Framework.

He said 83% of the proceeds were allocated to 15 projects in sustainable and renewable energy, while the rest was allocated evenly between initiatives for water supply and sanitation and health care.

## Butcher, naperder sa chicken nuggets

**BISTADO** ang butcher sa isinilid sa sako ng tinatayang P790 halaga na mga chicken breast nuggets na nagresulta sa pagkakaaresto nito sa Dasmariñas City, Cavite.

Kasong Qualified Theft ang kinaharap ng suspek na si Lestor Dorol, 28, ng Dasmariñas City, dahil sa reklamo ni Robert Munoz, security guard ng Walmart sa Bgry Zone 4, Dasmariñas City.

Sa ulat ni PMSgt Elmo Cabobioy, ng Dasmariñas City Police Station, dakong ala-

6:50 ng gabi ay napansin ng guwardiyang si Munoz habang nagtatapon ang suspek ng mga basura sa nasabing supermarket.

Pero naghinala ang sekyu na may kakaibang laman ang mga itinatapon ng suspek.

Nang inspeksiyunin ang mga sakong itinatapon ay narekober ang isa sa sako na naglalaman ng dalawang pakete ng chicken nuggets na nagkakahalaga ng P395 o kabuuan na P790. **GENE ADSUARA**

## PIA CALABARZON info caravan brings Christmas joy to Tanay tour guides

**TANAY, Rizal (PIA)** --Just in time for the Yuletide season, the Philippine Information Agency - CALABARZON (PIA 4-A) has rolled out their information caravan to the Indigenous Peoples (IPs) in a bid to curb misinformation amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

With the support of the Office of Civil Defense - CALABARZON (OCD 4-A) and the Department of Health - CALABARZON (DOH 4-A), PIA 4-A

delivered their services to IPs who mainly earn their livelihood as tour guides in Barangay Cuyambay of this town.

"Naniniwala kami sa PIA na sa pagbabayanihan, sa pagtutulongan ay malalampasan natin ito," said PIA 4-A Regional Director Ma. Cristina Arzadon, emphasizing the dangerous, and sometimes fatal, effects of misinformation.

[We at PIA believe that through bayanihan, through units, we can overcome this.]

In his briefing on the Minimum Health Standards that must be observed in tourist destinations, Dr. Joel Melchor Francisco of DOH 4-A said that because gatherings are part of celebrating Christmas in the Philippines, attendees must always observe health protocols such as wearing face masks while hosts should only allow their guests to gather for up to 15 minutes to avoid crowding. "Dahil nakagawian na ng Pilipino ang pagsasalusalalo, bilang respeto ay dapat nakasuot ng face mask [ang lahat]. Dapat ay isaalang-alang natin ang kaligtasan ng ating pamilya," Dr. Melchor said.

[Because Filipinos are used to holding parties, everyone must wear a mask as a sign of respect. We must always prioritize the safety of our families.]

However, Filipinos can still minimize infection by becoming responsible guests and hosts who observe basic health measures such as proper hygiene, sterilization of utensils, and physical distancing.

"Pag isa sa atin ang may sakit, maaari natin iyon maikalat sa ating pamilya sa ating pag-uwi [kaya] ibayong pag-iingat ang kinakailangan," he reminds. [If we become sick, we can spread it to our families when we come home so we need to be very careful.]

Aside from the pandemic, CALABARZON Regional Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council Spokesperson Alex Masiglat warned that as tour guides, they must also be prepared for other natural disasters such as earthquakes and typhoons.

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
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BRANCH 15  
NAIC, CAVITE

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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"Bilang Pilipino, tayo ay landad sa sakuna, natural man o gawa ng tao." Masiglat reminded during the distribution of Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials on common natural calamities. To recall, Rodriguez - one of the hardest hit areas by Typhoon Ulyses - was placed under the State of Calamity in November. PIA 4-A also distributed grocery packs to the attendees, this time to help them prepare for the joys of the Christmas season. **(PB)**

## 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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## TESDA establishes training centers, gives relief amid pandemic

**MANILA – The Covid-19 pandemic has brought challenges to many people in 2020, but the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) was steadfast with its purpose of training individuals and pursued its goal of establishing training centers. It also provided aid by distributing reliefs made by the trainees.**

In an interview with the Philippine News Agency on Sunday, Secretary Isidro Lapeña shared the various things TESDA has accomplished in 2020. This year, TESDA established 59 new Provincial Training Centers (PTCs), and two Regional Training Centers (RTCs) in the National Capital Region (NCR) and Region 12.

"Among our long-term plans is the establishment of a PTC in every province. I am glad that the local government units are very supportive of TESDA, as most of the lands where these PTCs were constructed were either donated or under usufruct agreement," he said.

Lapeña said the creation of an RTC in NCR has long been overdue.

"Aside from being one of most populous regions in the country, the NCR is also home to various types of industries and businesses, so we have to be able to meet the demands of the industries for skilled workers, and cater to the training needs of our kababayans (countrymen) who would like to upskill themselves," he said.

The TESDA chief also pointed out that despite the disruption of its training classes and assessment due to the pandemic, the agency has recorded the following this year: 568,694 enrollees; 557,850 graduates; 440,122 assessed; and 413,312 certified graduates.

Of the total graduates, 2,193 are overseas Filipino workers (OFWs). Since March, Lapeña has

been promoting the TESDA Online Program (TOP), wherein instead of full qualifications, most of the courses are short courses that learners could complete. TESDA recorded a total of 1,196,522 TOP registrants from March 16 to December 15.

From the start of 2020 until Dec. 15, there were 661,375 learners who completed their TOP. At least 97,883 of them are OFWs and their dependents.

"We are thankful that TESDA was able to help so many Filipinos during the quarantine period. We were able to provide online training to Filipinos across the country, and the learners come from different sectors -- university and high school students, out-of-school youth, displaced workers, OFWs, and ordinary individuals who wanted to make their quarantine period more productive," Lapeña noted.

He also bared that a mission critical information system, specifically to automate the processing of scholarship programs, has been developed and will be rolled out in the first quarter of 2021.

Through the help of TESDA trainees, the agency was able to provide relief while the country battles the pandemic. TESDA has so far produced and distributed more than 443,000 face masks, 40,000 face shields, 10,000 protective body suits, 1,200 pairs of goggles, and 17,800 liters of sanitizers and disinfectants, according to Lapeña.

Even before the Covid-19 pandemic, TESDA had stepped forward to provide aid to the victims of calamities.

"After the Taal Volcano eruption, 946 affected individuals were given short-term skills training; 4,254 families from various evacuation centers were given relief packs. The agency also extended assistance to the typhoon-

hit areas. (At least) 4,142 individuals received 5,010 assorted food packs and 9,154 baked products from TESDA. In addition, TESDA's on-site feeding programs benefited 7,003 individuals. Likewise, TESDA provided temporary shelters for 40 individuals," the TESDA chief said.

Meanwhile, since TESDA chairs the Poverty Reduction, Livelihood and Employment Cluster (PRLEC) of the National Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (NTF-ELCAC), Lapeña mentioned that 143 Barangay Development Programs were implemented nationwide, this year.

"With our active convergence with other government agencies and the private sector, our efforts were recently recognized by the NTF-ELCAC, naming PRLEC as the Best Cluster. The barangay development projects will continue to be pursued in 2021, to cover as many barangays as possible from the NTF-identified priority barangays," he said.

These development programs include a livelihood community-based food production project, training scholarships in communities, and other livelihood supports that aim to improve the living conditions of the beneficiaries. Lapeña said he eyes to implement these development programs in other disadvantaged areas next year.

Also in 2021, the TESDA chief plans to establish additional Innovation Centers in areas such as NCR and Davao City. An Innovation Center was earlier inaugurated in Cebu.

"We also plan to strengthen partnerships with industries to review training regulations and enhance enterprise-based training," he said, and added that TESDA eyes the use of artificial intelligence to monitor the attendance of the scholars. (PNA)

## Economist sees further jumps in PH's BOP surplus

**MANILA – An economist forecasts further jumps in the Philippines' balance of payments (BOP) surplus partly due to recovery in foreign direct investments (FDIs), foreign portfolio investments, and remittance inflows.**

This, after the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) on Monday reported the November 2020 BOP surplus of USD1.47 billion, which brought the year-to-date level to USD11.79 billion.

In a report, Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation (RCBC) chief economist Michael Ricafort said that while the November BOP surplus is lower than month-ago's USD3.44 billion, it is almost among the eight-year highs and is an increase compared to year-ago's USD541 million surplus.

Aside from the improvement of foreign investments into the country, Ricafort said narrower trade deficit also boosted the country's BOP position, citing that exports are back to pre-Covid levels while imports growth remains low.

Proceeds of the government's foreign borrowings, partly due to increased requirements to finance pandemic-related spending, also boosted the BOP position.

Other factors that support the BOP position, along with the gross international reserve (GIR), are revenues from the business process outsourcing (BPO) sector, income of BSP's investments overseas and gains from foreign exchange operations, and other income from abroad.

"BOP surpluses could be sustained at relatively high levels as the inflows is US dollars from aforementioned inflows could still be sustained in the coming months, consistent with and helping GIR reach new record highs," Ricafort said.

BOP refers to the balance of money coming in and out of a country within a given period.

Relatively, the country's foreign reserves to date hit a record-high USD104.82 billion, which is equivalent to about 11.2-months'

worth of imports of goods and payments of services and primary income.

"Sustained BOP surpluses to fundamentally lead to record high gross international reserves (GIR) into uncharted highs well above latest new record high of USD104.508 billion that have structurally supported the appreciating trend of the peso exchange rate vs. the US dollar in recent weeks/months," Ricafort added. (PNA)

## DepEd lauds PRRD, Congress for increasing teaching allowances

**MANILA – The Department of Education (DepEd) on Wednesday lauded President Rodrigo Roa Duterte and lawmakers for increasing the budget for teaching and connectivity allowances to assist public school teachers and learners amidst the pandemic.**

In the General Appropriations Act (GAA) for 2021 signed by President Duterte last Monday, DepEd received budget allocation to increase the teaching supplies and communication allowances of teachers from PHP3,500 to PHP5,000.

The provision of additional allowances for teachers starting next year was in line with Secretary Leonor Magtolis Briones' request to the lawmakers and Department of Budget and Management (DBM) to finance the stakeholders' needs for the continuity of distance learning.

"We would like to thank the President, our senators, and representatives for backing our request to increase teachers' allowance. This is timely support for the education sector and to our teachers in these difficult times," Briones said. "With this positive development, we believe that our lawmakers will continue to support our initiatives for the welfare of our teachers and learners

## Toll Packaging facility sa RSU, binuksan na

**ODIONGAN, Romblon (PIA) -- Binuksan na kama-kailan ang Toll Packaging facility sa loob ng Romblon State University sa bayan ng Odiongan sa lalawigan ng Romblon.**

Ang P2.6 milyon na proyektong ito ay sa ilalim ng Shared Service Facility (SSF) program ng Department of Trade and Industry (DTI).

Ayon kay Provincial Director Noel Flores, ang nasabing pasilidad ay bukas sa publiko lalo na sa mga nagnenegosyo.

Ilan sa mga maaring gawin sa loob na pasilidad ay ang pag-print ng mga labels, pag-selyo ng mga produkto gamit ang vacuum sealed, bottle capping at iba pa.

Ang SSF ay isang stratehiya na pinagtibay upang makamit ang layunin ng National Industry Cluster Capacity Enhancement Project na kung saan ay magtatayo ng mga sentro ng produksyon para sa mga Micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs). (PJF/PIA-Mimaropa)

and the improvement of education in the country."

In his message, Duterte commended DepEd's continuous efforts to implement the blended distance learning modality during this challenging time.

"I commend the invaluable efforts of the DepEd in fulfilling its mandate amidst the current public health emergency by continually providing quality education to our learners through alternative learning modules and modalities. I admire our teachers, coordinators, and facilitators in their relentless efforts and sacrifices to adjust to the new learning set-up," Duterte said.

Meanwhile, the grant of the transportation and teaching aid allowances under DepEd OSEC, Special Provision No. 21, "Alternative Learning System," Volume I A, page 195, shall be subject to guidelines to be issued by the DepEd, in coordination with the DBM, in conformity with existing compensation laws, rules and regulations. (DepEd PR)

**CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, Pampanga – The year 2020 is no doubt the most challenging in modern times due to the coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) pandemic which brought the daily grind to a halt and caused many changes to the lives of most people.**

Central Luzon was not spared from the devastating impact of the pandemic.

The implementation of the quarantine measures to curb the spread of Covid-19 caused adverse effects to regional economic activities.

Many businesses have been forced to reduce operations or shut down that resulted in the loss of jobs of many residents.

Companies in the services industry, a major source of growth to many economies, were among the hardest hit in the pandemic.

Leonila Baluyut, assistant regional director of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), said that 2,346 businesses in the region closed shop during the quarantine period.

Baluyut said those affected by the pandemic include restaurants, catering businesses and other food establishments as well as manufacturers, producers, and processors, recreational and amusement places, among others.

Agustin Mendoza, regional director of the National Economic Development Authority (NEDA), however, said that despite the health crisis, the regional average inflation rate of 2.9 percent as of September 2020 remained within government range.

Likewise, Mendoza said the prices of essential goods in the region as of October 2020 remained stable and settled within the acceptable range.

In terms of employment, he said the rate went down from 94 percent in July 2019 to 74.2 percent in April 2020 primarily due to disruptions caused by Covid-19.

However, he said the employment rate increased to 89.7 percent in July 2020, an indication that the economy in the region is slowly recovering after being disrupted by the pandemic.

**Agriculture**

The agriculture sector in

## Reeling from Covid impact, C. Luzon sees economic rebound in 2021

Central Luzon also experienced a slowdown this year following the effect of typhoons the past months. Based on the report of the Department of Agriculture (DA), Typhoon Ulysses destroyed some PHP1.3 billion worth of rice, corn and other high-value crops in the region.

Typhoons Quinta and Rolly likewise caused millions worth of damage to agriculture in the region.

Due to the huge impact of the typhoons, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte has declared the island of Luzon under a state of calamity.

Government assistance Given the scale and impact of the pandemic and typhoons, coordinated actions are being implemented by concerned government agencies to help the MSMEs, farmers, fisherfolk and workers and other marginalized residents in the region.

The DTI has provided livelihood packages to some 1,648 potential and existing MSMEs from the region's seven provinces.

The initiative is under the agency's Pangkabuhayan sa Pagbangon at Ginhawa (PPG) and the Livelihood Seeding Program-Negosyo sa Barangay (LSP-NSB) and funded under the Bayanihan to Heal Act As One Act.

DTI-3 Regional Director Judith P. Angeles said the agency pressed on to distribute the livelihood kits to beneficiaries in the region to help them start or restart their business in their respective areas.

The DA likewise distributed various interventions to enable farmers and fishermen to recover from the pandemic and from the ravages left by series of typhoons.

The region has received some PHP281.5 million worth of assistance through the DA's banner programs on rice, corn, and high-value crops, food and cash aid, quick response fund, Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources emergency and livelihood loans from the Agricultural Credit Policy Council, and insurance payments from the

Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation (PCIC).

Meanwhile, the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE)-Central Luzon also provided emergency employment assistance under its program Tulong Pangkabuhayan sa Ating Disadvantaged/Displaced Workers (TUPAD) that provides 10 to 30 days of employment to displaced, underemployed, and seasonal workers.

Aside from TUPAD, the DOLE also provided aid to formal sector workers through Covid Adjustment Measures Program (CAMP) under the Bayanihan to Recover as One Act (Bayanihan 2).

As of Dec. 18, DOLE Regional Office 3 has already released some PHP598 million to 119,602 formal sector workers in the region under CAMP and PHP488.61 million to 87,002 workers under TUPAD Bayanihan 2.

Economic outlook for 2021 The NEDA is confident that 2021 would be a good year for the region's economy due to the continuous implementation of massive infrastructure projects.

The big ticket projects in the region under the Duterte administration's "Build Build Build" program are seen to help reverse the effect of the pandemic.

Mendoza said these projects include the new passenger terminal building at the Clark International Airport, Metro Rail Transit (MRT) 7, Central Luzon Link Expressway Phase I and II, and the Philippine National Rail North 1 and 2 project from Tutuban to Malolos City, Bulacan and then to Clark in Pampanga.

He said that once the Clark International Airport new passenger terminal is operational, the airport's passenger volume will be tripled from the current 4.2 million to 12.2 million.

"Once the Build, Build, Build projects are completed, we expect additional jobs and investors. These infrastructure projects will give multiplier effect that could help stimulate the economy of Central Luzon," he added. **(PNA)**

## Rehab recovers 'lost' Boracay, Manila Bay

**MANILA –** The government further pursued this year rehabilitation of world-famous tourist destination Boracay Island and historic Manila Bay, recovering the areas lost to encroachment and trash.

The anti-encroachment crackdown amid the rehabilitation in Boracay has resulted in the recovery of illegally occupied forestland, easements, and wetlands there, Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Secretary Roy Cimatu said.

"The rule of law is paramount and law enforcement is crucial and non-negotiable," he said in an earlier virtual presser on Boracay's DENR-led rehabilitation.

He said operations against nine establishments illegally occupying protected forestland in Boracay resulted in the filing of cases against the encroachers for violating Presidential Decree 705 (Revised Forestry Code of the Philippines) and Presidential Decree 1067 (The Water Code of the Philippines).

About 73 percent of 339 structures in Boracay complied with easement regulations, he noted.

"Of the nine wetlands there, we have recovered five -- these are wetland numbers 2,3,4,6, and 8," he said.

Recovering and restoring the wetlands are part of activities in addressing Boracay's environmental degradation, he noted.

"Wetlands are important to the island because these help reduce soil erosion and store water to minimize impacts of flooding," he said.

In April 2018, the government began Boracay Island's six-month closure so rehabilitation work can start without much interference. The government re-opened Boracay in October that year, drawing the public's praise for rehabilitation work done there so far.

According to DENR, the government targets to finish Boracay Island's rehabilitation by May 2021.

Rehabilitation remains on track despite Boracay's temporary closure again as a precaution against coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19), DENR noted. Meanwhile, the DENR-led

rehabilitation for Manila Bay includes getting rid of the bay's accumulation of trash, recover the 500 meter-long stretch of the coast bordering the bay-walk area to create a white sand beach.

That will give people the opportunity of experiencing an accessible white sand beach particularly if they cannot go to Boracay Island and other destinations having such natural features, DENR Undersecretary Benny Antiporda said. "This is a positive action, a positive image for the country especially when many people are already experiencing anxiety attacks because of Covid-19," he said.

He said the government targets to finish the project this year.

Antiporda also allayed fears the white sand beach project will harm Manila Bay's marine environment. The project poses no environmental harm since the white sand the government is using to create the beach is not synthetic material as critics alleged but crushed

dolomite boulders, he noted.

"Dolomite's content is calcium carbonate which is also found in coral reefs so the sand we're using isn't foreign to Manila Bay's marine ecosystem," he said.

He also said the environment-friendly engineering intervention in the white sand beach area will prevent erosion of crushed boulders being laid.

Resorts have been using crushed dolomite for years to create white beaches, he said.

Antiporda believes nature is positively responding to the government's on-going rehabilitation work for Manila Bay.

The rehabilitation is making Manila Bay cleaner so the area is starting to become a haven for fish again, he said.

He said increasing the availability of fish is drawing to Manila Bay egrets searching for food.

"It's unlike before when fish hardly survived in Manila Bay because of too much pollution there," he added. **(PNA)**

## PH to restart study in joining Trans-Pacific trade pact

**MANILA –** The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) will re-explore the opportunities for the Philippines to join the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP), a senior trade official told reporters.

In a virtual briefing with trade reporters last week, DTI Undersecretary Ceferino Rodolfo said Trade Secretary Ramon Lopez gave an instruction to "explore" and "restudy" the CPTPP. Lopez's policy direction has been supporting free, open, and fair trade that is expected to create more investment opportunities and jobs for Filipinos.

"This is one of the big regional trade agreements," Rodolfo said.

CPTPP is a trade agreement among 11 countries – Brunei, Malaysia, Singapore, Vietnam, Japan, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Chile, Mexico, and Peru – that took effect in December 2018.

These countries are also member economies of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC), which the Philippines is also part

of. Rodolfo added that since the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) has been concluded last month, the DTI will now look into exploring the opportunities of joining trade pacts and reviewing existing free trade agreements (FTAs) to boost the country's trade and investment relation with other nations.

"When we concluded the RCEP, now it gives us more resources to devote to other FTAs including the review of existing FTA," he said.

He added that the Philippine government has been interested in joining the CPTPP, also known as Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP).

Aside from the Philippines, other countries that are looking into joining the CPTPP include China, South Korea, Indonesia, Thailand, Taiwan, Colombia, and United Kingdom.

United States had been a signatory to CPTPP, until Trump withdrew the US from the trade pact days after he took office in 2017. **(PNA)**

## Duterte extends GCQ in Metro Manila, 9 more areas until Jan. 31, 2021

**CALOOCAN CITY (PIA)** -- President Rodrigo Roa Duterte on Monday announced the retention of general community quarantine (GCQ) in Metro Manila until January 31, 2021 to prevent a spike in new COVID-19 cases in the metropolis following the holidays, and in the face of the emerging new coronavirus strain from the United Kingdom.

In his televised address, Duterte also placed the provinces of Batangas, Davao del Norte, Isabela, Lanao del Sur, and cities of Davao, Iligan, Iloilo, Santiago, and Tacloban under GCQ until the end of January.

While the rest of the country will also remain under the least restrictive modified general community quarantine (MGCQ), he added.

The community quarantine classifications, however, is subject to appeal from respective local government units (LGUs) concerned, the President said.

The announcement of quarantine classifications for January comes amid the threat of the new coro-

navirus strain.

The Philippines joined other countries earlier in imposing a travel ban on the United Kingdom to prevent possible transmission of the new strain, which is said to be more infectious.

For his part, Department of the Interior and Local Government Secretary Eduardo Año said he supported maintaining the less strict GCQ status in Metro Manila in January despite the threat of a new, potentially more transmissible variant of COVID-19.

The Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) is presently discussing efforts to prevent the entry of a new strain of coronavirus that emerged in the United Kingdom.

The President also reminded the public not to leave their homes unless absolutely necessary and to "stay home if it's really possible, it's for your own good."

He earlier urged the public to skip large gatherings to avoid catching or spreading the disease. **(PIA NCR)**

## 4 Central Luzon LGUs among most competitive in PH

**CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, PAMPANGA (PIA)** -- Four local governments in Central Luzon made it to the top three spots in separate categories for the most competitive cities and municipalities nationwide. Malolos City earned the top spot for the Most Improved Component Cities, while Baliwag town in Bulacan bested other 1st to 2nd class municipalities in the country in terms of infrastructure.

Baliwag also ranked third in overall competitiveness; 4th in terms of government efficiency; and 6th in resilience, and economic dynamism.

Meanwhile, two other towns were adjudged as third most competitive in different pillars.

Baler in Aurora was ranked as the third among all 3rd to 4th class municipalities in the country in terms of

overall competitiveness. It also ranked third in terms of infrastructure while it ranked 6th in terms of economic dynamism.

Sta. Maria town in Bulacan garnered the 3rd rank among 1st to 2nd class municipalities in the country in terms of economic dynamism. It also ranked 5th among in terms of overall competitiveness.

Department of Trade and Industry Regional Director Judith Angeles said the ranking is based on the results of the 2020 Cities and Municipalities Competitiveness Index (CMCI), which shows economic development and competitiveness indicators among local government units (LGUs).

"All participating LGUs were assessed based on four pillars namely economic dynamism, government efficiency, infrastructure, and resiliency. CMCI

## NCRPO acquires new vehicles to boost police visibility

**CALOOCAN CITY (PIA)**

-- The National Capital Region Police Office (NCRPO) has acquired 10 new patrol vehicles to boost police services and visibility in the metropolis.

"These patrol vehicles are essential in the realization of Team NCRPO's mission to increase police presence through checkpoints and patrol duties. Rest assured that the safety of the general public is our priority," said NCRPO chief Police Brigadier General Vicente Danao.

Likewise, the additional vehicles for NCRPO will further boost the mobility and operational capabilities of Team NCRPO.

The ten units of patrol jeeps single cab Ax2 Toyota Hilux were procured through the Capability Enhancement Programs of the Philippine National Police.

According to NCRPO, the patrol jeeps will be distributed to the Northern Police District, Southern Police District, Manila Police District, Quezon City Police District and Presidential PNP Security Force Unit (PPSFU) to further enable NCRPO personnel in providing more efficient and effective police service to the communities and the general public as well.

The NCRPO serves the 17 local government units in Metro Manila. **(PIA-NCR)**

## Pagkumpleto sa Bustos north-southbound flyover, pinondohan na

**LUNGSOD NG MALOLOS (PIA)**

-- Nagdagdag ng 30 milyong piso ang Department of Public Works and Highways o DPWH para sa pagkumpleto ng konstruksyon ng Bustos Northbound Flyover.

Ayon kay DPWH First Bulacan District Engineer Henry Alcantara, naitayo na ang mismong istraktura ng nasabing flyover kung saan nakapagkalso na ng steel girder na tumawid sa panulukan ng Plaridel Bypass Road at ng General Alejo Santos Highway. Ginugulan ito ng naunang inilaan na 70 milyong piso.

is developed by the National Competitiveness Council through the Regional Competitiveness Committees with the assistance of the United States Agency for International Development," she added.

Aside from these LGUs, 18 other towns and cities were included in the top 10 in different CMCI categories namely Bacolor, City of San Fernando, and Sta. Rita in Pampanga; Baler in Aurora; and Marilao, Baliwag, Sta. Maria, Angat, Bustos, Bocaue, Paombong, Malolos, and San Jose Del Monte City in Bulacan.

Also included are Talavera and Cabanatuan City in Nueva Ecija; Tarlac City; Subic in Zambales; and Olongapo City. **(CLJD/MJSC-PIA 3)**

Magsisilbing roadway sa ibabaw ng ginagawang flyover ang steel girder na ikinalso habang gagamitin ang karagdagang 30 milyong pisong pondo sa paglalagat ng mga approaches o ang akyatan at babaan nitong dalawang linyang flyover.

Itinayo ito bilang pagtugon sa mabagal hanggang sa pagsikip ng daloy ng trapiko sa bahaging ito ng Plaridel Bypass Road.

Ipinaliwanag ni Alcantara na inuna ang pagtatayo ng northbound flyover dahil marami nang dumadaan dito patungo sa hilagang bahagi ng Bulacan gaya ng San Rafael, San Ildefonso, San Miguel at sa mga lalawigan sa hilaga at silangan ng Luzon.

Para naman sa pagsisimula ng konstruksyon ng southbound flyover, o ang direksiyon patungo sa Balagtas entry ng North Luzon Expressway, halos nasa 200 milyong piso ang inilaan na kasama sa pambansang badyet ng 2021.

Sinabi pa ng district engineer na bahagyang mas malaki ang inilaan dito ng DPWH dahil kasama ang pagsasaayos ng panulukan ng Plaridel Bypass Road at ng General Alejo Santos Highway.

Kapag nakumpleto ang konstruksyon nitong dalawang magkatabing flyovers, mapapaluwag na nito ang trapiko sa kaha-

## Sinas leads distribution of new rifles to CL Police

**CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, PAMPANGA (PIA)**

-- Philippine National Police (PNP) Chief PGen. Debold Sinas led Monday the distribution of 500 Galil Ace 5.56mm basic assault rifles to the Central Luzon police force.

Police Regional Director PGen. Valeriano De Leon said the additional rifles would boost and capacitate the firepower of mobile force personnel to assure the safety of the public against criminal elements and terrorist groups.

Moreover, Sinas inaugurated the Police Regional Office 3 (PRO 3) quarantine facilities.

"We converted container vans for this purpose. This is the immediate response of PRO 3 to the call of the Chief PNP to build quarantine and treatment facilities

for police personnel with COVID-19. It is an area for isolation, recuperation and rest," De Leon furthered.

Each container van is divided into two air-conditioned rooms which has a partition according to the standards set by Department of Health with one hospital bed, a table, chair and own toilet. Free Wi-fi access is also provided.

A total of 44 quarantine facilities was established inside the PRO 3 Headquarters in Camp Olivias.

"I am happy that PGen. De Leon has already complied with these quarantine facilities that would cater to the needs of our uniformed and non-uniformed personnel," Sinas said.

The official likewise opened the new Public Information Office. **(CLJD-PIA 3)**

## NIA vows to finish watershed program by April 2021

**CABANATUAN CITY, Nueva Ecija**

-- The National Irrigation Administration (NIA) has vowed to complete its PHP16.46-million watershed management program that includes a massive reforestation project for Pantabangan Dam in this province by April 2021.

Engineer Rosalinda Bote, department manager of the NIA-Upper Pampanga River Integrated Irrigation System (NIA-UPRIIS), said the agency's climate change project consists of the establishment and maintenance of a 220-hectare reforestation and agro-forest plantation of hardwood and fruit-bearing trees such as molave, narra, mimosa, duhat, langka, guyabano, cashew, bignay, and sampalok in Pantabangan watershed.

"As our country is highly vulnerable to the effects of the global climate change, including sea-level rise, increased frequency of extreme weather phenomena, rising temperatures

baan ng General Alejo Santos Highway at sa Plaridel Bypass Road sa bahagi ng Bustos.

Dito dumadaan ang mga kalakal na palay, gulay at iba pang produktong agrikultural na iniluluwas patungo sa Metro Manila. **(CLJD/SFV-PIA 3)**

and heavy rainfall, NIA established efforts to ensure that watershed areas managed by our agency continue to be protected and sustain the required quantity and quality of water in our reservoirs," Bote said in a statement on Sunday. She said the project which started in March this year will help mitigate the "potential negative impact" of climate change in the facility that irrigates farm fields in Nueva Ecija and portions of Bulacan, Pampanga and Tarlac.

As of October, the climate change project has an overall physical accomplishment of 74.04 percent and financial accomplishment of 51.60 percent, the NIA said.

Furthermore, the PHP1.3-million maintenance and protection of 10,356 hectares NIA-watershed area as a capital outlay project started in July and will be completed within the end of this year.

NIA Administrator Ricardo Visaya maintained that the agency is committed to preserving the environment through efficient, effective and sustainable management of irrigation systems, especially where watersheds and reservoirs lie.

Aside from irrigation, Pantabangan Dam also provides electricity to the Luzon grid. **(PNA)**

## Southern Tagalog, Bicol top NPAs arrested in Atimonan, Quezon

**CAMP CAPINPIN, Tanay, Rizal (PIA) – As the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) supposedly celebrating their anniversary, two of their top NPA members were apprehended after a joint AFP-PNP operations served warrants of arrest in Atimonan, Quezon on December 26.**

The government troops identified the NPA terrorists as Ruel Custodio alias Baste, head of Finance Staff of the Southern Tagalog Regional Party Committee who had a warrant for kidnapping and illegal possession of explosives and Ruben Estocado alias Oyo, a political instructor of Bicol Regional Party Committee. The duo were arrested in the house of Rhodora "Dhoray" Blas Tan, a Board Member from the 4th District of Quezon Province.

## Close to 1 million informal workers benefit from DOLE's cash-for-work program

**CALOOCAN CITY (PIA) –** Close to one million workers benefitted the government's flagship cash-for-work program, the labor department reported on Monday.

In a news release, the DOLE said, it has provided emergency employment to close to one million workers and paid more than P4.5 billion in wages in just close to two months.

"As of December 28, some 939,209 informal sector workers hard hit by the Covid 19 pandemic and those affected by the successive typhoons last month were served under the Tulong Panghanapbuhay sa Ating Disadvantaged/Displaced Workers (TUPAD) program," DOLE said.

According to Labor Secretary Silvestre Bello, the implementation of TUPAD is pursuant to the directive of President Duterte to speed up assistance to the most vulnerable members of society.

"And this was precisely the instruction we issued to our

The soldiers and police seized from the terrorists' possession two Cal. 45 pistols with magazines and ammunition, two hand grenades, several electronic devices, and subversive documents that could lead the authorities in uncovering their extortion activities.

MGen Greg T Almerol, Commander of 2ID, said that "this incident shows the drive of our soldiers and police in uniting to end insurgency in our country." "Instead of celebrating their anniversary, the few remaining NPA terrorists remain in hiding. Especially in the last few months where most of their cadres were either killed in combat, apprehended or have surrendered to avail of the government's livelihood programs." **(PIA-4A/PA 2ID DPAO)**

regional offices: expedite the release of assistance to our workers," Bello said. In a report to the labor chief, the Bureau of Workers with Special Concern (BWSC) said of the number of beneficiaries, some 797,222 had been paid while 141,989 have ongoing works. BWSC manages the TUPAD program. BWSC Director Karen Trayvilla said with the expeditious program implementation, TUPAD beneficiaries may reach more than one million with more funds still available from the P6-billion appropriation under the Bayanihan Act 2.

"We expect more informal sector workers to benefit from TUPAD under Bayanihan 2. That may exceed one million," Trayvilla said, noting that her office had originally targeted less than a million beneficiaries. Trayvilla said DOLE had relaxed the program depending on the needs of the region. She said beneficiaries are paid for work done for a minimum of 10 days to a maximum of 16 days

## GSIS urges pensioners to report online in 2021

**MANILA –** State pension fund Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) President and General Manager Rolando Ledesma Macasaet encouraged pensioners to report to GSIS online as it resumes the Annual Pensioners Information Revalidation (APIR) in 2021.

"Pensioners must report to GSIS on their birth month in 2021 and it may be done online through Viber, FB Messenger, Skype, or Zoom after texting (through SMS messaging) or emailing the GSIS to request the online interview schedule. This contactless method will protect them from possible COVID-19 transmission as well as ensure the continuous receipt of their pension," Macasaet said in a news release.

Online APIR, according to Macasaet, is in addition to the other options given to pensioners to comply with the annual reporting to GSIS.

The other methods are APIR via the GSIS Wire-

less Automated Processing System (GWAPS) kiosk, personal appearance, and home or hospital visit.

The pension fund chief stressed that the APIR must be done on the pensioner's birth month. Undertaking the APIR before their birth month is not allowed.

"Complying with online APIR is simple and easy. On their birth month, pensioners may just text their name, birthday and preferred channel to be used in conducting the interview. They may choose from Viber, FB Messenger, Skype, or Zoom. The information must be sent via SMS to the mobile number of the concerned GSIS handling branch or unit which will be published on the GSIS website ([www.gsis.gov.ph](http://www.gsis.gov.ph)). After receiving the pensioner's text, GSIS will set the schedule and confirm it with him or her," Macasaet said.

If they prefer to set the APIR interview through email, pensioners must email only a copy of their Unified

Multi-Purpose ID (UMID) or temporary eCard Plus (with photo), or two valid IDs, in the absence of the UMID or eCard.

Surviving spouses, however, have to email a self-declaration that they have not remarried or cohabited with another person. The form is downloadable on the GSIS website, [www.gsis.gov.ph](http://www.gsis.gov.ph).

In the same manner, permanent disability pensioners must submit the original copy of their annual medical progress report.

Pensioners must email the documents to the designated email address of the handling GSIS office. The list of email addresses of the main and branch offices are listed on the GSIS website <https://www.gsis.gov.ph/advisory-on-the-new-email-addresses-of-gsis-offices>

Pensioners abroad must request a schedule of the online APIR through email. Those who were previously being home-visited yearly due to advanced age (80

years old and above), sickness, disability, or other health issues affecting their mobility must also request their online APIR schedule through email or text.

"We are constantly finding ways to harness technology to make transacting with GSIS convenient and safe for our members and pensioners," Macasaet said.

Macasaet added that for pensioners who would prefer to undertake APIR through the GWAPS kiosk, they may do so by going to the nearest kiosk on their birth month. They will need their UMID card to use the GWAPS kiosk. GWAPS kiosks are located in all GSIS offices, Robinson's malls and SM supermalls, and other major government offices.

For pensioners who would opt to personally appear in GSIS to comply with the APIR requirement, they may go to any GSIS branch office or service desk on their birth month. They must present their UMID card or two valid government-issued ID.

"We however remind our pensioners, especially those who are old and weak, to take all the necessary precautions if they would decide to use non-online methods in complying with APIR. Please wear your masks, face shields and observe physical distancing," Macasaet said.

He added that pensioners who are bedridden or confined in a hospital or penal institution will be visited by GSIS personnel for the APIR requirement. GSIS must be informed of the situation at least a month before the birth month of the pensioner by sending the request containing the details, and exact location and contact number of the pensioner or his authorized representative.

For details on online APIR and other information on GSIS benefits and services, interested parties may visit the GSIS website, [www.gsis.gov.ph](http://www.gsis.gov.ph); GSIS Facebook Page, @gsis.ph; or call the GSIS Contact Center at 8847-4747 (if in Metro Manila) or 1-800-8-847-4747 (for Globe and TM subscribers) and 1-800-10-847-4747 (for Smart, Sun, and Talk 'N Text subscribers). **(PR)**

## DFA warns public against getting passport appointments from third parties

**PARAÑAQUE CITY (PIA)--**

The Office of Consular Affairs of the Department of Foreign Affairs warns the public against seeking passport appointments assistance in Facebook groups and other social media chat groups, and from unknown individuals offering passport appointments services online.

The Department recently received reports from passport applicants who booked their passport appointment with assistance from un-

known 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.

Applicants who made an appointment with a third party, and are doubtful of the authenticity of their application, may call our appointment hotline at 8234 – 3488 to verify their appointments. 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.

The public is reminded that passport appointments can be booked directly through <https://passport.gov.ph>, and applicants are strongly advised to use their own email address and mobile number to ensure that they

receive the correct information on their appointment schedule and receive the application packet to be presented during the appointment. While passport appointment slots may be limited due to the reduced number of persons allowed in consular premises following social distancing protocols, applicants with urgent travel requirements, such as OFWs, may email [oca.cl@dfa.gov.ph](mailto: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. The full list of our Consular Offices and their contact details may be found on our website <https://consular.dfa.gov.ph/directory#COS>.

The Department prioritizes the safety of the public and of its personnel, and appeals for the public's continued vigilance, patience and understanding as adjustments are made to operate under the "new normal" in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. **(DFA/PIA-NCR)**



## Tough year for tourism: Exploring ways to restart, recover

**MANILA** – The year 2020 is unlike any other for the country's travel industry, which by yearend, often produce record-breaking figures on revenues and arrivals.

In January, the year started with Taal's eruption, forcing thousands of people to evacuate. At that time, it was the industry's biggest challenge as it affected hundreds of flights and compelled numerous tourism establishments in Calabarzon to suspend operations.

But the worst came the following weeks as the novel coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) reached the Philippines and locally-transmitted cases surfaced.

On March 16, air travel was brought to a screeching halt where people had no choice but to stay home as the government placed Luzon under lockdown.

Michelle Taylan, president of the Philippine Travel Agencies Association (PTAA), said the crisis forced all of its members to temporarily close or scale down operations.

"Our member travel agencies have been forced to pivot to other businesses to tide them over. Airlines have suffered heavy losses. Hotels were used as quarantine facilities. Tourism was at a standstill," she said in an email to the Philippine News Agency.

Amid the uncertainties this year, Taylan said the PTAA looks forward to 2021 with "a lot of optimism".

"We will still stage our annual Travel Tour Expo and International Travel Trade Expo. They will be springboards as we assist in the revival of Philippine tourism," she shared.

"We will also hold talks with other stakeholders in the tourism industry and will come out with a united front in our pursuit to further open tourism in the country," she added.

From January to November 2020, the country's tourism receipts fell by 81 percent to PHP81.05 billion, a significant drop from PHP437.9 billion in the same period in 2019.

International arrivals also dropped by 82.4 percent to 1.3 million compared to the 7.4 million recorded from January to November in 2019.

But while the coronavirus pandemic has grounded most tourism activities, the sector continues to explore ways to restart and offset the crisis's impact on tourism.

The Department of Tourism (DOT) continued to engage with relevant agencies to craft health and safety protocols that could be used when travel gradually starts.

Since April, it has successfully organized a handful of online learning courses that aim to help local tourism players become more competitive, with new knowledge,

technological advances, and ways to innovate and be able to cater to a new breed of travelers.

To adapt to the travel trends due to the pandemic, the Tourism Promotions Board also developed a strategic marketing program for the medium and long-term.

"The toughest challenge was the fact that we could not promote tourism destinations the way we used to simply because they were closed to tourists. Or that we could not even promote at all. This compelled us to creatively explore ways to keep the connection with our tourists, while at the same time, gradually assist our local government units (LGUs) and our stakeholders prepare for the new normal in travel," TPB chief Antonette Velasco said.

'Domestic tourism' Uncertain when the foreign market will come back, the DOT banked on domestic tourism to slowly revive the sector and capitalized on the low-hanging fruit within its borders -- the local travelers.

The DOT believed that by tapping into these short-haul markets through targeted marketing, the country can "bypass some of the considerable challenges" it faced following the pandemic.

It looked at introducing travel corridors or the so-called "travel bubble" to allow the reopening of Philippine destinations with zero coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) cases to foreign tourists from infection-free nations. By the second half of 2020, the DOT initiated talks with Australia, which at that time has touted a low to zero case count.

While this vision did not push through, a similar concept was applied domestically and piloted in El Nido, Palawan connecting resorts in the island to tourists from Metro Manila.

In June, the Philippines gradually reopened the world-class Boracay Island, initially to visitors within Aklan province, and eventually to other regions provided the traveler has been tested negative for Covid-19.

By the latter part of the year, several domestic destinations followed suit and started accepting visitors but with strict health and border control protocols, some with a test-before-travel requirement. Among these are Bohol, Batangas, Ilocos Region, Baguio, Siargao, and Palawan.

Last October, Bohol also hosted the hybrid Philippine Travel Exchange 2020, the first physical MICE event since the pandemic started. MICE stands for meetings, incentives, conferences, and exhibitions, an emerging niche market in the tourism industry before the health crisis.

Joel Pascual, president of the Philippine Association

of Conventions, Exhibition Organizers & Suppliers Inc. (PACEOS), said 2020 was a "really terrible year" for all MICE stakeholders as all its planned events had to be postponed or canceled.

For most of the year, PA-CEOS lobbied for MICE to be separated from "mass gatherings" as the industry works in a controlled environment where there is clear accountability and where safety protocols are more effectively implemented.

"Towards the end of the year, some events have been approved on a national level but are still subject to the approval of the LGUs but there are still some confusions on implementation of such guidelines," he said.

Pascual said no events equates to zero revenue, which meant that MICE companies were merely trying to survive, trying to keep staff employed through the pandemic.

As the new year nears, Pascual hopes for more consultation between the government and the private sector while the pandemic is still a pervading issue.

"Our biggest hope is that we can build the confidence of government that the professional MICE sector is more than capable of adhering to safety protocols," he said.

'Chinese retirees' Aside from the pandemic, the DOT this year also focused on introducing reforms at the Philippine Retirement Authority (PRA) following a public backlash on its current policy that allows foreigners as young as 35 years old to retire in the Philippines.

Senators questioned if the PRA, an attached agency of the DOT, can ensure that young Chinese retirees are not working nor engaged in the operations of Philippine Offshore Gaming Operators (POGO).

Based on PRA data, some 26,969 Chinese nationals have been allowed to retire in the Philippines, topping the list as of December 2019, followed by 13,912 Koreans; 5,951 Indians; 4,801 Taiwanese; and 3,950 Japanese.

There are a total of 14,987 active retirees or those who continue to keep the retirement visa as their status of stay in the Philippines with ages ranging from 34 to 49 years old. Of this number, more than 50 percent, or 8,130 of whom are Chinese nationals from mainland China, followed by the Koreans at 2,257 and Indians at 1,891.

Despite this calamitous year for the tourism industry, the Philippines carried on and has even bagged accolades that recognized the timeless beauty of its destinations.

The Philippines' dive spots and the old walled city of Intramuros were hailed as this year's World's Leading Dive Destination and World's Leading Tourist Attraction,

respectively, by the 2020 World Travel Awards (WTA). This is the Philippines' second time to win the world title for dive, besting eight different popular dive hubs, such as the Azores Islands, Bora Bora, French Polynesia, Cayman Islands, Fiji, Galapagos Islands, Great Barrier Reef in Australia, Maldives, and Mexico.

Meanwhile, it was Intramuros's first time to win the World's Leading Tourist Attraction, beating 15 different attractions, such as the Acropolis of Greece, Burj Khalifa of Dubai, the Grand Canyon National Park of the US, Mount Kilimanjaro of Tanzania, and Taj Mahal of India. Albeit virtually, the Philippines remained on the world's radar.

'Recovery' Earlier, Tourism Secretary Bernadette Romulo-Puyat said international travel might not happen soon amid the existing travel restrictions of other countries, especially now that a new strain of SARS-CoV-2 is spreading fast in the United Kingdom.

"Our (focus) is still domestic tourism. Domestic tourism is 10.8 percent in the 12.7 percent contribution of the tourism industry to the country's GDP that's why we will strengthen this," she told reporters on Dec. 28.

Physical distancing and health protocols had been the most associated words to the "new normal". And in the years beyond, this is likely to stay as safety becomes the traveler's paramount concern.

Puyat is optimistic that DOT's partnerships with public hospitals, such as the Philippine General Hospital and the Philippine Children's Medical Center, would help transcend the prohibitive barrier of testing requirements for travelers.

"Working hand in hand not only with our tourism stakeholders and LGU, but also with government health facilities ensures that success of safety protocols will strengthen our collective efforts to gradually and safely reopen domestic tourism," she said.

Basing on previous major viral epidemics, experts earlier said the average recovery time for visitor numbers to a destination was 19 months.

The worldwide economic impact of H1N1 was estimated at up to USD55 billion, according to the World Travel & Tourism Council (WTTC). A similar economic crisis affected China, Hong Kong, Singapore, and Canada after the 2003 SARS outbreak impacted the global travel and tourism sector by around USD30 billion and USD50 billion.

But for a global health crisis that has lasted for almost a year now, how can the industry today regain its momentum and recover?

For the WTTC, governments

## Holidays: Days of rest for people, but why not for all?

**MANILA** – As Filipinos begin the final week of this year with the most number of holidays, there are types or kinds of people who have to work on holidays. The Webster's New Dictionary describes briefly the noun holiday as "Day or period of rest from work, or of recreation."

The last week of the final month of the outgoing year 2020 has four holidays: Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve), Dec. 25 (Christmas Day), Dec. 30 (Rizal Day), and Dec. 31 (New Year's Eve). In addition, the first day of the coming year (Jan. 1, 2021) is also a holiday, meaning an extra period of rest for most working people.

In observance of such holidays, private employers normally do not require their employees to report for work. Those who are required to work on such days of rest are entitled to extra pay as provided for by labor laws crafted by the government.

The Philippine government itself allows its officials and other personnel to enjoy non-working holidays. This is the reason why the Office of the President in Malacañang issues executive memoranda providing for special non-working holidays nationwide, or in specific areas in addition to the 12 national legal holidays.

However, there are exceptions to this policy. Such memos also provide that government employees in offices performing vital tasks must have skeletal forces to work in emergency cases or situations.

This is the reason why we see people who continue working even on holidays, instead of staying at home. Who are these people? They include print and broadcast media personnel; soldiers; policemen; firemen; weathermen and volcanologists; doctors,

must coordinate to provide certainty for travelers with regards to travel restrictions and policies.

In a December 21 statement, Gloria Guevara, WTTC President, and CEO, said: "If a comprehensive and quick turnaround testing regime were in place at airports across the country to test all travelers before they depart, it would ensure only those infected with Covid-19 are isolated and are prevented from traveling. There would be no need for countries to introduce damaging and counterproductive wholesale bans on UK travelers." (PNA)

nurses, and other hospital crew; mall employees; movie house staff; pilots, stewardesses and other personnel of airports and immigration bureau; bus, jeepney, taxicab, tricycle drivers, and personnel of Metro Rail Transit (MRT) and Light Rail Transit (LRT).

Why do they have to report for work on a holiday?

Print and broadcast media personnel --reporters, photographers, deskmen and editors, radio-television crew, including reporters and cameramen-- need to work on a rotation basis seven days a week to inform the people about what is happening around them. Members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) have to always remain in their posts, even during holidays, as part of their tasks to keep the country safe from terrorists and criminals who do not observe holidays themselves.

This is also true with policemen and firemen and other law enforcers, including those in the barangay levels, who have to respond to emergencies such as accidents and fire incidents, among other catastrophes. Weathermen, geologists, seismologists, geophysicists, and other employees of the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) and Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (Phivolcs) have to stay alert on the possible occurrences of adverse weather and natural conditions such as storms, floods, earthquakes, and volcanic eruptions.

Doctors, nurses, and other hospital staff need to be on duty day and night to attend to people needing health care.

Personnel of shopping malls, hotels, fast food outlets, and movie houses have to attend to shoppers, travelers, diners, and theater enthusiasts.

Aircraft pilots and stewardesses are needed round-the-clock to attend to both incoming and outgoing travelers, along with immigration personnel at airports.

Bus, jeepney, taxicab, and tricycle drivers are necessary to cater to travelers who do not have their own vehicles. The same is true with the operators and other personnel of the MRT and LRT in Metro Manila.

(PNA)



## Kabilang sa bagong bayani ng boksing sa 2020

**Ang mga contact sa sports, lalo na ang mga sports sa pakikipaglaban, ay kabilang sa pina-ka matinding apektado ng coronavirus disease na 2019 (Covid-19) pandemya noong huling bahagi ng 2020.**

Ngunit habang ang mga bagay ay dahan-dahang naging mas mahusay (hindi bababa sa ilang mga bansa), ang palakasan ay dahan-dahan ding bumalik sa tiklop sa anyo o, sa maraming mga kaso ng palakasan sa palakasan, isang closed circuit environment. limitado sa mahigpit na pabalik-balik na paglalakbay mula sa mga hotel patungo sa mga cag-es.

Tulad ng ibang mga mandirigma, ang mga Pilipinong manlalaro ng paligsahan sa palaban ay nagpakita pa rin ng kanilang mga lakas sa loob ng isang taon. Ang ilan, gayunpaman, ay tumayo kasama ng iba pa. Sa pagtingin natin sa nakaraang taon, titingnan din natin kung paano gumawa ng alon ang mga atletang ito sa whirlwind na 366-day ride.

Una: ang nangungunang mga standout ng Filipino



para sa 2020.

Mark Magsayo

Ang pro boxer na primed para sa mas mataas na taas ay si Mark Magsayo. Ipinakita niya ito sa pamamagitan ng walang habas na kay Rigoberto Hermosillo sa isang 10-round na kaganapan sa Los Angeles noong Oktubre 4 (Philippine Time).

Habang si Hermosillo, na pumalit sa orihinal na kalaban na si Jose Haro sa isang tatlong linggong abiso, ay nagdala ng laban kay Magsayo, ang tuktok na boksing ng huli ay binigyan siya ng tango ng dalawang hukom sa nagwaging split decision.

Bagaman ang laban ay napinsala ng ilang mga kontrobersya, pangunahin ang scorecard ni Hukom Rudy Barragan na nanalo kay Magsayo, 100-90, sa kabila ng pagsisikap ni Hermosillo na kumbinsihin si Hukom Lou Moret na bigyan siya ng 96-94 na nanguna (Zachary Young has it 96-94 for Magsayo), hindi ito inaasahang makakahadlang sa pagbid ni Magsayo para sa inaasam na titulo sa mundo sa featherweight rangko.

## Tolentino nananatili bilang pinuno ng PhilCycling

Ang representante ng tagapagsalita ng Kapulungan ng mga Kinatawan na si Abraham Tolentino ay matagumpay na naihalal bilang pangulo ng Integrated Cycling Federation of the Philippines (PhilCycling)

Si Tolentino ay nakatangap ng sariwang apat na taong termino sa halalan ng PhilCycling na ginanap sa East Ocean Palace Restaurant sa Parañaque. Ang pangunahing priyordad ni Tolentino sa ngayon ay ang pagpapatuloy ng mga kaganapan sa pagbibisikleta sa susunod na taon sa gitna ng coronavirus disease na 2019 (Covid-19) pandemya.

Sinabi niya na pabor siya na magpatuloy sa mga kaganapang ito na "mayroon o walang bakuna laban sa Covid-19."

"Tinitingnan ko si Clark o Subic para sa pambansang kampeonato para sa kalsada at Tagaytay City para sa BMX at mountain bike," sabi ni Tolentino.

Ang pagbibisikleta ay kabilang sa mga pisikal na aktibidad na pinapayagan sa gitna ng pandemik anuman ang pag-uuri ng quarantine na kinaroroonan ng isang lugar, na ginagawang mas madali para sa mga tagapag-ayos na hawakan ang isa lalo na sa mga lugar na may mas mahinahong paghihigpit.

Ang Pampanga, Zambales, at Cavite ay muling inilagay sa ilalim ng pina-ka-magaan na binago na pangkalahatang quarantine ng komunidad noong Lunes ng gabi.

Habang hinihintay ng publiko ang bakuna na tuluyang magamit, sinabi ni Tolentino na handa siyang gaganapin ang mga nagbibisikleta sa loob ng isang bubble na katulad ng mga propesyonal na liga sa mas maaga sa taong ito.

"Kung ang PBA [Philippine Basketball Association] ay nagawa ito sa Clark, magagawa rin natin ito sa iisang venue, sa Subic at Tagaytay," dagdag niya.

Sa kabilang banda, inaasahan niyang makita ang nangungunang mga freight carrier na Air21 at LBC, ang pangunahing sponsor ng dalawang nangungunang tier cycling race series, Le

Tour De Filipinas at Ronda Pilipinas, ayon sa pagkakabanggit, pagsamahin ang dalawang karera para sa susunod na taon.

Nais din ni Tolentino na mag-ayos ang mga siklistang Pilipino para sa isang abalang 2021 na kinabibilangan ng Tokyo Olympics, Vietnam Southeast Asian Games, at Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games (AIMAG).

Ang Komite ng Olimpiko ng Pilipinas, na pinamunuan din ni Tolentino, kamakailan ay nag-alok na maging host ng AIMAG.

Samantala, si Alberto Lina ay muling napili bilang chairman ng PhilCycling pati na rin si Bise Presidente Oscar "Boying" Rodrigo.

Jun Lomibao, Juancho Ramores, Paquito Rivas, Moe Chulani, Carlos Gredonia, Atty. Sina Marcus Andaya at Jojo Villa ay naihalal din sa PhilCycling board.

Sa kabilang banda, si Alejandro Vidallo ay tinanghal bilang bagong tresurerero, habang si Engr. Si Greg Monreal ay naging bagong auditor ng PhilCycling.

Kabilang rin sa PhilCycling board bilang mga bagong kasapi sina Erwin Bollozos at Sunshine Joy Mendoza, ang kauna-unahang baeng pambansang komisyonado sa kalsada ng Pilipinas.

Sinabi naman ni Atty. Si Billy Sumagui ay mananatili rin bilang pangkalahatang kalihim.



## Greg Balik laro sa Ginebra

Inaasahan ng ginebra center na si Greg Slaughter na makabalik sa koponan matapos ang kanyang sorpresa na pahinga mula sa paglalaro para sa buong panahon ng Philippine Basketball Association (PBA).

"Sobrang excited ako sa prospect na makapaglaro ulit," Slaughter Humingi ng paumanhin ang pitong talampakang beanpole sa gobernador ng Ginebra na si Alfrancis Chua at ng pangulo ng San Miguel Corp. na si Ramon Ang para sa hindi maayos na pakikipag-usap sa kanila tungkol sa kanyang pahinga.

"Ang pinagsisisihan ko lang ay ang komunikasyon sa pagitan ko at ng (pamamahala), partikular na sina Boss RSA at Coach Alfrancis Chua, ay hindi naging maayos tulad ng gusto ko. Gusto kong humingi ng paumanhin sa kanila at sa natitirang pamamahala ng anumang hindi pagkakaunawaan o masamang damdaming maaaring nangyari dahil sa aking pasya," aniya.

Maraming tagahanga ng PBA ang natigilan nang noong Pebrero 8, ilang sandali lamang matapos makuha ng Barangay ang titulong 2020 Governors' Cup, inihayag ni Slaughter na hindi siya sasali sa kanila para sa darating na panahon.

Nanatili siya sa kanyang sabbatical sa kabila ng pagbubukas ng season ng Ginebra na inilipat noong Oktubre dahil pinilit ng pandemik na ipagpaliban ang mga laro hanggang sa nagpasya ang liga na magdaos ng isang bubble sa Metro Angeles para lamang sa panahon na muling ipagpatuloy.

"Ang balak ko ay puro pagbutihin ang aking sarili, kapwa bilang isang tao at bilang isang manlalaro ng basketball," aniya. "Ang basketball ang naging buhay ko sa loob ng 30 taon, at kailangan kong lumayo ng ilang sandali upang masimulang mag-enjoy muli sa laro."

Ginamit ni Slaughter ang oras na pahinga upang bumalik sa Estados Unidos para sa pagsasanay. Sinabi pa ni Ginebra coach Tim Cone noong Hulyo na si Slaughter ay napabalitang gumawa ng isang pagsubok sa isang koponan ng NBA G-League, na tila hindi naganap.

Samantala, tila tinanggap ni Chua ang paghingi ng tawad kay Slaughter, bagaman sinabi niya na hindi pa niya nababasa ang buong pahayag.

"Talaga? Mabuti iyon," sinabi niya sa CNN Philippines sa isang panayam kinagabihan. "Sa palagay ko ay sapat na siyang matanda upang mapagtanto na mali ang ginawa niya."

Ignit ni Chua na "walang masamang dugo" sa pagitan nila ni Slaughter sa kabila ng nangyari noong Pebrero.

Gayunpaman, sinabi niya na kumuha siya ng kaunting oras sa panahon ng Pasko, kaya't ang isang pag-uusap sa pagitan nila ni Slaughter ay maaaring maganap pagkatapos ng Bagong Taon.

"Napaka-abala ko sa trabaho sa nakaraang ilang linggo at inaasahan kong masisiyahan lamang ako sa bakasyon. Kaya't hindi ko naisip ito," sabi ni Chua. "Siguro pagkatapos ng bakasyon, maaari tayong makapag-usap nang personal."



## CAVITE PNP ARRESTED 154 INDIVIDUALS IN AN OVERNIGHT ANTI-CRIMINALITY AND QUARANTINE OPERATIONS

**Camp BGen Pantaleon Garcia, Imus City, Cavite-Cavite Police Provincial Office arrested 54 personalities in an overnight anti-criminality campaign and recorded 100 Community Quarantine violators.**

In the campaign against illegal drugs, thirty two (32) personalities were arrested in 19 buy-bust operations conducted in Cavite City, Bacoor City, General Trias City, Imus City, Rosario, Tanza, Carmona, GMA and Alfonso and confiscated

## Hontiveros: Gov't must answer unauthorized vaccination of top officials, soldiers

SENATOR Risa Hontiveros on Tuesday said government must answer all questions regarding the unauthorized vaccination of top officials and soldiers, saying a black market for COVID-19 vaccines 'should not be tolerated in any way'.

The statement comes after top Malacanang officials and members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) were reportedly vaccinated by Chinese pharmaceutical company SinoPharmaceuticals (Sinopharm) despite the lack of authority from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

"This was unsafe and illegal. These vaccines were clearly smuggled through a black market, and even worse, seem to be sanctioned by the government. Ang taumbayan ba ang nagbayad para sa ilegal na vaccination na ito? This is another whiff of corruption," Hontiveros said.

"Ano ang kwento sa likod ng 'secret vaccination' na ito? Sino ang pasimuno at sino ang supplier? Kung hindi si Presidente Duterte ang nagutos sa mga miyembro ng AFP na magpaturuk ng unauthorized at hindi sigurado na bakuna mula China, sino sa Malacanang ang promotor ng ilegal at irresponsableng aksyong ito?," Hontiveros said. "This is a major risk to the public's health. Not only is it possible that the vaccine is unsafe, but it also might not even be effective in the first place. They might become confident, freely walking COVID superspreaders. Nilagay din sa panganib ang mga sundalo natin."

Hontiveros asked the National Taskforce against COVID-19 (NTF) to provide a transparency report which she said is 'crucial' for preventing a waste of funds or even corruption. She added that it would

also give peace of mind to the public whose fear of using vaccines remains high. The transparency report should "reflect the decisions of the NTF every step of the way", she said.

"The vaccination plan clearly says that the first step is to locally approve the vaccines, which with Sinopharm we didn't. On top of this, we promised that we would vaccinate our healthcare workers, who put their lives on the line everyday, first, which we also didn't. Ano na ba ang nangyari sa plano natin?," she asked.

Hontiveros reminded government that safety should be first priority in procurement of the vaccine. She added that the report would be a major declaration of accountability to the public. "If the vaccine is unsafe, who will be held accountable? There are major life-threatening consequences in any lapse in this mass vaccination program. Kung may magkulang o gumawa ng kalokohan, dapat managot," she said.

The senator had earlier revealed that The Procurement Service of the Department of Budget and Management (PS-DBM) had procured overpriced personal protective equipment (PPEs) by at least P 1 billion. "Wag natin sanayin na may kumikita o may nagsasayang ng pera sa pandemyang ito kung saan maraming Pilipino ang nagdudurusa. Dahil milyong bakuna ang bibilhin, ang isang dolyar na patong ay katumbas ng bilyong pisong pera ng bayan," she said.

"Ang daming tanong ang taumbayan. Paano magtititwala ang publiko sa pamahalaan kung ang mga high ranking officials mismo ay hindi sumusunod sa mga protocol? At lalo na kung hindi malinaw sa paggamit natin ng bilyon-bilyon nilang pera

a total of 62 small heat-sealed transparent plastic sachets containing white crystalline substance suspected as shabu, 16 pieces small heat-sealed transparent plastic sachets containing dried leaves suspected as Marijuana and other drug paraphernalia.

In the campaign against wanted persons, eight (8) suspects were arrested by virtue of warrant of arrest to include 3 Most Wanted Persons listed as Top Nr 6 in CALABARZON (Regional Level) identified as Joanne Marie Sayos Y Wong of Brgy San Agustin III, Dasmariñas City accused for the crime of Parricide under Criminal Case No. DC-9646-20; Top No. 4 EMPO in General Trias City identified as Darwin Marasigan y Tupas of Brgy. Buenavista 2, Gen. Trias City accused for the crime of Qualified Theft under Criminal Case No. RQZN- 07225-CR and Top No. 7 Manhunt Charlie and Municipal Level in Naic, Cavite identified as Rodolfo Bilugan Jr. y Cailao, of Brgy. Bukana Malaki, Naic, accused for Violation of Republic Act 9165 (Dangerous Drug Act of 2002) under Criminal Case No. NC-405-18. Five other wanted persons were arrested for the crime of Attempted Homicide in Imus City; Robbery in Dasmariñas City; Violation of RA 9262 (Anti-Violence against Women and Chil-

dren) in Dasmariñas City; and Grave Threat in Silang, Cavite.

In the campaign against illegal gambling, thirteen (13) persons were arrested while engaging in illegal cockfighting activity (Tupada) in Bacoor City and Dasmariñas City and confiscation of 9 pieces of gaffs, 4 fighting cocks and cash money amounting to Php5,080.00 in different denominations as bet money.

One suspect involved in Reckless Imprudence Resulting to Physical Injuries in Noveleta was arrested. On the other hand, 100 Community violators were recorded for not wearing Face Mask, Face Shield, Violating Physical Distancing and Curfew Hours within the province of Cavite.

The arrested suspects were brought to the stations and documentations are being undertaken for filing appropriate charges before the Office of the City/Provincial Prosecutor.

PCOL MARLON SANTOS, Provincial Director aims to provide the Province of Cavite a safest place to live with their utmost efforts to implement all the Operational Plans for anti-criminality campaigns and crime prevention programs. This vision becomes a reality if the PNP and the Community will work hand in hand on the fight against criminality. **(Cavite PIO)**

## BOC Hosts ASEAN Customs Declaration Document Virtual Kick-Off Meeting

**THE** Bureau of Customs, together with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) - ASEAN Policy Implementation (API) Project, jointly organized the ACDD Virtual Kick-Off Meeting between Philippine NSW Leads and Partner Agencies on December 22, 2020. This kick-off meeting serves as the first official consultation meeting for the technical assistance granted by USAID-API to BOC for the Electronic Exchange of ASEAN Customs Declaration Document (ACDD) in the ASEAN Single Window (ASW) System.

The ACDD is the next document required to be exchanged using the ASW System. Its data elements are based on the Export Declaration (ED) issued by Customs at the time of exportation. All ASEAN Member States are expected to exchange the ACDD document in the ASW environment by 2021.

During the virtual kick-off, Mr. Dennis Pantastico, ASW Advisor for USAID-API, provided an in-depth discussion on the project including its aims and objectives and key information regarding implementation. He also presented the ACDD Weekly Action Plan which will serve as guide to both BOC and DOF NSW teams.

MISTG Deputy Commissioner Allan C. Geronimo who is also the Chairman of the NSW-TWG Project Team created under Customs Special Order No. 109-2020, expressed his support towards the ACDD project with USAID-API. Moreover, he thanked the USAID-API for granting the technical assistance to BOC as this will not only meet the Philippines' commitments in ASEAN, but will also modernize its risk management and profiling through the exchange of advance information contained in the ACDD. **PR**



## PANGALUSIAN ISLAND, NAGHARI SA 48TH PRESIDENTIAL GOLD CUP!

Nagkampeon ang kabayong si Pangalusian Island sa katatapos na 2020 PHILRACOM 48th Presidential Gold Cup na ginanap sa San Lazaro Leisure Park (SLLP) sa Carmona, Cavite. Swabeng diskarte at tamang pagtiyempo ang ipinakita ng hineteng si Mark Angelo Alvarez upang siguraduhin na hindi na mabitin pang muli at talunin ang nasa unahan na si Super Swerte na sinakyan ni Jessie Guce. Matatandaan na nabitin si Pangalusian Island sa pagremate at dikit na sumegundo lamang sa defending champion na si Super Sonic noong nakaraang taon sa parehong pakarera. Sa umpisa nang karera ay kinuha agad ang unahan ni Princess Eowyn na sakay ni FM Raquel Jr., Kasunod si Super Swerte, pangatlo si Boss Emong ni MM Gonzales, pang apat si Electric Truth ni AP Asuncion, pang lima ang defending champion na si Super Sonic ni JA Guce, pang anim si Heneral Kalentong ni JB Hernandez, pang pito si Patong Patong ni JD Flores, pang walo si Shanghai Grey ni Kelvin Abobo, pang siyam si Victorious Colt ni OP Cortez, pang sampu si Pangalusian Island, kasunod si Toy For The Big Boy ni PM Cabalejo habang si Wonderland ni Patty Dilema ang nasa hulihan sa simula ng takbuhan. Pagpihit ng karera ay nasa unahan pa rin si Princess Eowyn at nakabuntot pa rin si Super Swerte sa kanya. Nasa pangatlong puwesto naman si Boss Emong habang pang apat ang kabayong si Heneral Kalentong at unti unti naman na nagpapainit sila Super Sonic, Pangalusian Island at Wonderland. Mapapansin na si Super Sonic ay wala na sa winning form at tila na si Super Swerte ang kanyang gustong magwagi. Mapapansin din na si Boss Emong ay nasa striking position na at hinihintay lang na gumalaw ang nasa segunda na si Super Swerte. Mapapansin din ang kabayo na si Heneral Kalentong na nagkampeon sa Triple Crown Series ngayong taon na pinipilit ni Unoh Hernandez na pagalawin ang kabayo at sinusubukan na ilagay sa kahit ikatlong puwesto man lang kasabay si Boss Emong subalit kitang kita naman natin na talagang masyado ng pagod at malamang ay nakaramdam na rin ng patig si Heneral Kalentong dahil nga sa tatlong serye ng Triple Crown na kanyang tinakbuhan. Pagsapit sa huling 500 meters ay kinuha na ni Super Swerte ang bandera laban sa paubos na si Princess Eowyn kasunod sila Boss Emong at Wonderland. Pagdating sa huling 300 meters ay umungos na si Super Swerte at malakas naman na dumarating si Pangalusian Island at bago tumawid sa meta ay nilagpasan na ni Pangalusian Island si Super Swerte at nanalo ng may kalahating katawan. Tinapos ni Pangalusian Island ang karera ng may tiyemping 2:08.8 (24'-24'-26'-26'-26) para sa distansiyang 2,000 meters. Nasungkit ni Pangalusian Island ang premyong P1.8M bilang kampeon. Tumanggap naman ng halagang P600,000 si Super Swerte bilang 2nd place, P300,000 naman para kay Wonderland bilang 3rd place, at P150,000 para kay Boss Emong bilang 4th place. Makakatanggap din ng P90,000 si Super Sonic bilang 5th place at P60,000 naman para kay Heneral Kalentong bilang 6th place. Congrats sa owner na si Wilbert Tan, trainer na si Arthur Sagun at jockey Mark Angelo Alvarez. Kaunting kaalaman lang tungkol sa history ng Presidential Gold Cup, Alam niyo ba na ang kauna- unahang Presidential Gold Cup ay sinimulan noong Oktubre 7, 1973 ng namayapang PCSO Chairman at General Manager na si Nereo C. Andolong. Alam niyo rin ba na ang kauna-unahang kabayo na nanalo sa kauna- unahang Presidential Gold Cup na ginanap sa San Lazaro Hippodrome ay ang kabayong si Sun God na pag- aari ni Don Pedro Cojuangco.

# MAG-ASAWANG LIDER NG DRUG GROUP, HULI SA BUY BUST

**DINAMPOT** ng Cavite Police ang mag-asawang lider ng Camerino Drug Group na kasama sa tatlungpu't dalawa na bilang ng mga drug pusher sa isinagawang magkakahiwalay na buy bust operation sa lalawigan.

Kinilala ang mag-asawa na sina Edwin at Gemma Camerino, kapwa itinuturing na High Value Individual (HVI) at lider ng Camerino Drug Group.

Sa ulat ni Corporal Wilfredo Villanueva, ng Imus City Police Station, dakong alas-10:00 Martes ng gabi nagsagawa ng buy bust operation sa Brgy Anabu 2-D, Imus City, kung saan target ang dalawa at nagresulta sa kanilang pagkakaaresto matapos na nakipag-transaksyon

sa posuer buyer at narekober ang tinatayang limang sachet ng shabu.

Ang mag-asawa ay kabilang sa 32 na inaresto sa magkakahiwalay na buy bust operation sa Cavite na nagsimula mula alas-5:20 ng umaga hanggang ala-1:00 ng madaling araw. Nanguna sa bilang ng mga 'tulak' na inaresto ay ang Gen. Trias City at Tanza kung saan tig-5; sumunod ang Bacoor City; Cavite City at General Mariano Alvarez na tig-4 habang tig-2 ang Rosario, Alfonso, Carmona, Imus City at Silang o kabuuan na tatlungpu't dalawa.

Kasong paglabag sa RA 9165 ang isinampang kaso laban sa naarestong mga suspek. **GENE ADSUARA**

## Parak, niratrat ng apat

**PATAY** ang isang pulis-Quezon matapos pagbabarilin ng apat na lalaki kamakailan sa Dasmaringas City, Cavite.

Dead on the spot ang biktimgang si PSSgt Roseman Batao, 36, may-asawa, aktibong miembro ng Philippine National Police (PNP) at nakatalaga sa Tiaong (Quezon) MPS at residente ng Gumamela St., Block 39 Lot 3 Brgy Datu Esmael, Dasmaringas City.

Sinusulat ito ay tinutugis ang apat na suspek na armado ng iba't ibang kalibre ng baril na tumakas matapos ang insidente sakay ng kulay gray na Honda City na hindi naplakahan.

Sa ulat ni PSSgt Richard

Domingo, ng Dasmaringas City Police Station, dakong alas-2:20 ng hapon naganap ang insidente kung saan inaayos ng biktimgang kanyang sasakyan na Toyota Hi-Ace van sa harapan ng kanilang bahay nang lapitan ng apat na armadong suspek na bumaba mula sa isang kulay gray na Honda City.

Walang sabi-sabing pinagbabarilin ang biktimgang nagresulta sa kanyang agarang kamatayan.

Nabatid na ang biktimgang ay dating nakatalaga sa Intelligence Division ng Maragondon (Cavite) Municipal Police Station. **GENE ADSUARA**

## Nahulog sa ginagawang tulay, welder; tigbak

**NASAWI** ang 52-anyos na welder nang nahulog habang gumagawa sa isang tulay na proyekto ng Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) kamakailan sa Dasmaringas City, Cavite.

Dead on the spot ang biktimgang si Leandro Gulmatico, ng 91 Sampaguita St., CAA, Las Pinas City.

Sa ulat ni PSSgt Richard Domingo, ng Dasmaringas City Police Station, ayon sa kapwa trabahador ng

biktimgang na nasa taas sila ng ginagawang tulay dakong alas-10:00 ng umaga sa DPWH sa Talisan, Brgy Sampaloc 4, Dasmaringas City.

Habang nagkakabit ng linya sa kuryente nang nahulog ang biktimgang tumama ang ulo sa semento na nagresulta sa kanyang agarang kamatayan.

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

## Driver ng motorsiklo, dedo; babaing angkas, sugatan

**NAMATAY** habang ginagamot sa ospital ang 26-anyos na motorcycle rider habang sugatan ang angkas nitong babae nang nadulas ang gulong ng minamanehong motorsiklo at nawalan ng kontrol sa manibela at nangulungan ng isang tractor sa Noveleta, Cavite kamakailan.

Kapwa isinugod sa San Pedro Calungsod sina Jaymark Morales at Mary Grace Morales, 37, pero namatay habang ginagamot ang una.

Nasa kustoodiya na ng pulis ang driver ng tractor head na may plate number na 114653 na si Michael Lapad, 23.

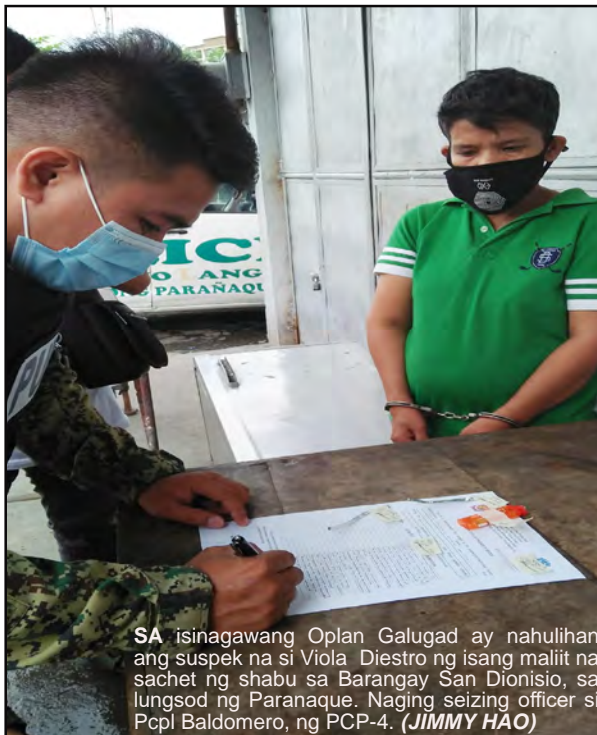
Sa ulat ni PSSgt Armine Matron, ng Noveleta Municipal Police Station, dakong alas-8:00 ng umaga

nang naganap ang aksidente kung saan kapwa binabagtas ng rider at tractor driver ang parehas na direksiyon sa kahabaan ng Centennial Road, Brgy Sta Rosa 2, Noveleta, patungo sa Kawit.

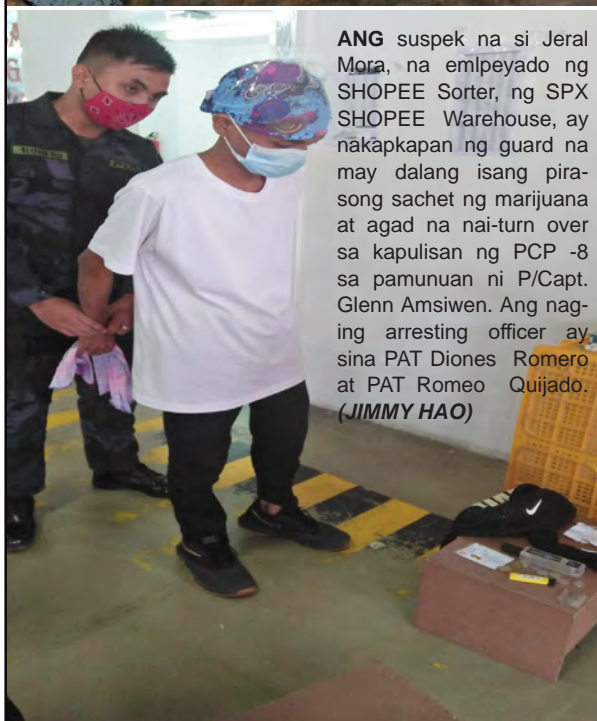
Pero pagsapit sa nagsangang kalsada sa nasabing lugar nang dumulas ang harapang gulong ng motorsiklo ng biktimgang hanggang sa nawalan siya ng kontrol sa manibela at nangulungan ng kasunurang tractor na nagresulta sa matinding pinsala ng rider.

Kapwa isinugod sa ospital ang dalawa subalit namatay habang ginagamot si Jaymark habang sa kanyang hita naman nadale ang kanyang back ride.

**GENE ADSUARA**



**SA** isinagawang Oplan Galugad ay nahulihan ang suspek na si Viola Diestro ng isang maliit na sachet ng shabu sa Barangay San Dionisio, sa lungsod ng Paranaque. Naging seizing officer si Pcpd Baldomero, ng PCP-4. **(JIMMY HAO)**



**ANG** suspek na si Jeral Mora, na empleyado ng SHOPEE Sorter, ng SPX SHOPEE Warehouse, ay nakapkapangan ng guard na may dalang isang pira-song sachet ng marijuana at agad na nai-turn over sa kapulisan ng PCP -8 sa pamunuan ni P/Capt. Glenn Amsiwen. Ang naging arresting officer ay sina PAT Diones Romero at PAT Romeo Quijado. **(JIMMY HAO)**

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### Bisyong dala-dala sa pagtanda?

**HABANG** nakaparada ako sa parking lot ng isa sa mga malaking supermarket sa Cavite habang naghihintay ay nakapukaw sa aking atensiyon ang tatlong bata. Pawang lalaki sila na sa aking tantiya ay nasa siyam hanggang dose ang kanilang edad. May dala ang isa sa kani-kanilang pera. Inakala kong bibilangin lamang nila at magpaparahiman sila kung sino ang mas maraming pera sa kanilang tatlo. Mali pala ako dahil kakibang laro ang ginawa ng

tatlo at ito ay ang pagsusugal sa pamamagitan ng cara y cruz. Sa kasagsagan ng kanilang pagsusugal ay may dalawa pang bata na napadaan sa harapan o kinauupuan nila. Isa sa mga bata ang narinigan ko kung mangan-galakal na ba sila. Maayos at malinis naman ang kasuotan ng mga naturang bata na nagsusugal. Kung nangangalakal man sila ay nakakatuwa dahil gumagawa ng paraan para kumita. Ang malungkot nga lamang ay sa pagsusugal napupunta ang kanilang pera. Sa kanilang murang edad ay nakaguhit na rin sa isipan nila ang pagsusugal. Papaano na kaya sa paglaki o pagtanda, dala-dala na nila ang bisyong ito. 'Wag naman sana.

Happy Birthday



Ma. Ana  
'Annie'  
Macaraig  
(January 6)