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#### PAHABOL NA REGALO, NATAMO NG MGA MAG-AARAL MULA KAY MAYOR LANI MERCADO

SA unang bugso ng klase sa pagpasok ng panibagong taon ay mistulang nakahabol ng pamasko ang libu-libong mag-aaral mula kay Mayor Lani Mercado-Revilla.

Ito ay matapos mamigay ng mga tablets ang city government ng Bacoor sa mga Grade-10 student mula sa mga pampublikong eskuwelahan nitong Enero 4.

Mismong si Mayora ang nanguna sa pamamahagi ng mga naturang tablet. Ginawa ng alkalde ang

pag-iikot sa iba't ibang public schools sa lungsod. Sa kabuuan ay nasa 6,255 tablets ang naipamahagi ni Mayor Lani sa mga magaaral.

Kabilang sa mga nakatanggap ay ang 1,632 magaaral mula sa Molino Main, sa Tabing Dagat 1,066; Eastern BNHS (736); San Nicolas (663); Georgetown (515); Camella Springville (470); Villa Maria (423); Salinas (401); at Gawaran

Umaasa ang 'Ina ng Bacoor' na ang mga ipinamahaging tablet ay makakatulong sa mga Bacooreñong mag-aaral para sa online classes ng mga ito. RS

#### LGU GenTri to provide free vaccines to transport groups

General Trias, Cavite (PIA) -- The City Government here assured the members of the Jeepney Operators and Drivers Association (JODA) and Tricycle Operators and Drivers Association (TODA) that they will be included in the Free inoculation of the COVID-19 once vaccines are available.

This was the promise of Mayor Antonio 'Ony' Ferrer to the 30 leaders of the transport organizations that attended the meeting held Monday, December 28, 2020.

"The City Government plans to buy the vaccine kung hindi kayo i-consider as frontliners. We the LGU will provide to about 4,000 members of jeepney and tricycle drivers for them to continue transporting passengers safely," the local chief executive said.

"Para makalabas agad, para makapasada agad, hindi po kayo kayang sustentuhan ng pamahalaang lokal. Ang priority po natin ay kumita ang bawat isa para mabuhay at para umusad ang ekonomiya.

(To be able to get out immediately, to get back to work immediately, the local government cannot support you. Our priority is for everyone to earn to live and for the economy to move forward.)

During the meeting, Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG)-Cavite Provincial Director Lionel Dalope elaborated about the COVID-19 situation in the country with news of a new variant of the virus discovered in the United Kingdom.

"Based on the study, there is a new variant of COVID. Huaag po tayo pakampante or relax sa panahon ngayon. Ugaliin po natin sumunod sa guidelines, hindi po solusyon ang puro reklamo," Dalope said.

(We need not let our guards down or relax during this time. We should make it a habit to follow the guidelines, and complaining is not a solution.)

"Let us not abuse the loosening of the quarantine protocols, as President Rodrigo Duterte announced that Cavite will remain under Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ) until January 31, 2021," PD Dalope added.

The DILG recently recognized the LGU as Best LGU in the Conduct of Contact Tracing in the Province for the diligent work and commendable performance in protecting its citizenry with the control of the transmission of the virus, and prevent the spread of the pandemic.

Meanwhile, Congressman Luis 'Jonjon' Ferrer IV of the Lone District of General Trias continues to support the LGU through infrastruc-

#### BOTIKA ON WHEELS **CONTINUES IN** TRECE MARTIRES CITY AND AMADEO

In the season of giving, the Botika on Wheels program of the provincial government continue to serve the people of Cavite through delivering free medicines and other medical needs for the elderlies and children of Trece Martires City and the municipality of Amadeo on December 18 - 29, 2020.

In Trece Martires City, 1,948 senior citizens and 7,680 children benefitted from the program. On the other hand, a total of 1,024 senior citizens and 4,160 children were the recipients of medicine from the municipality of Amadeo.

To date, a total of 71, 670 target beneficiaries from 395 barangays were supported through the Botika on Wheels program. **PICAD** 

#### 295 San Pablo City TUPAD beneficiaries receive pay out

SAN PABLO CITY, Laguna (PIA) -- About 295 beneficiaries of the Tulong Panghanapbuhay sa Ating Displaced/Disadvantage (TUPAD) of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) in this city received their payout on December 29, 2020.

Lorie Gacosta of DOLE IV-A in coordination with the Public Employment Service Office (PESO)-San Pablo and the Barangay Affairs Office led the distribution of the pay-out held at the City Governance Bldg. The TUPAD beneficiaries were residents of barangays San Marcos, Sto. Rosario, Sta. Maria, IV-C, V-A, V-B, VII-A, San Jose, Sta. Catalina, San Pedro, San Lucas II, VI-C, II-A and San Francisco.

Out of the 290 beneficiaries, 260 received P6,500 for the 16.25 working days of service rendered while 35 beneficiaries received P4,000 for the service rendered for 10 working days. The temporary work for 10-16 days was the initiative of Laguna 3rd District Rep. Sol Aragones and San Pablo City Mayor Loreto Amante.

In September 2020, about 224 unemployed individu-

ture projects particularly with the opening of new access roads or streets to help ease traffic flow in the area and the establishment of a decent jeepney and tricycle terminals in the city. (Ruel Francisco with reports from Dennis Abrina)

als in the city had been also provided with temporary employment under TUPAD.

According to DOLE website, TUPAD is a community-based package of assistance that provides emergency employment for displaced workers, underemployed and seasonal workers, for a minimum period of 10 days, but not to exceed a maximum of 30 days, depending on the nature of work to be performed.

This assistance supports social community projects, such as repair, maintenance, and/or improvement of common public facilities and infrastructure such as schools and health centers, debris clearing, de-clogging of canals, debris segregation and materials recovery, stockpiling and clearing.

In addition, economic community projects like repair, maintenance and/or rehabilitation of farm-to-market roads, bridges, post-harvest facilities, public markets and common service facilities such as production and display centers, fishports.

Also, agro-forestry community projects, such as tree planting, seedling preparation, and reforestation.

TUPAD is an emergency employment assistance offerred to workers displaced due to the implementation of the community quarantine last year as the government's precautionary measure against COVID-19. (CPG, PIA-4A with report from CIO San Pablo)

## Isulong ang health intervention sa gitna ng banta ng 'baby boom' - Gatchalian

LUNGSOD CALOOCAN (PIA) -- Binigyang diin ni Senator Win Gatchalian ang kahalagan ng mga programang pang-kulusugan at pang-nutrisyon para sa nangangailangang mga sanggol at mga ina.

Ito'y kasunod ng inaasahan ng Commission on Population and Development (POPCOM) na pagdami ng mga ipapanganak na sanggol sa unang ba-

hagi ng 2021.

Paliwanag ni Gatchalian, ang mga programang ito ay mandato sa "Kalusugan at Nutrisyon ng Mag-Nanay Act" (Republic Act 11148) o ang "First 1,000 Days Law" na layong matugunan ang pangangailanang pang-nutrisyon ng mga mag-ina lalo na sa unang isang libong (1,000) araw ng buhay ng isang sanggol. Binibigyang prayoridad ng naturang batas ang mga nasa malayong komunidad kung saan maraming mahihirap na pamilva.

Sa ilalim ng 2021 General Appropriations Act (GAA), may isang daang (100) milyong pondong nakalaan para sa complementary feeding program para sa mga ina at mga sanggol na may edad na hanggang dalawang taon. Bahagi ng naturang programa ang dietary supplementation, ang pagbili ng therapeutic milk, at ibang pagkaing mayaman sa protina upang maging malusog ang parehong bata at ina. Sa naturang batas, prayoridad ang mga local government units (LGUs) kung saan laganap ang kakulangan sa nutrisyon ng mga nagbubuntis at nagpapapasusong mga ina, kabilang ang kanilang mga anak.

"Ngayong inaasahan natin ang pagdami ng mga ipapanganak na sanggol sa kalagitnaan ng pandemya COVID-19, mahalagang bigyan natin ng prayoridad ang kalusugan ng parehong ina at mga anak mula sa pagbubuntis hanggang sa edad na dalawang taon," ani Gatchalian.

Ayon sa World Health Organization, ang kakulangan sa nutrisyon sa unang isang libong (1,000) araw ng buhay ay naiuugnay sa "stunting" o mabagal na paglaki dahil sa kakulangan sa nutrisyon. Mataas ang pagkakataon na ang mga batang ito ay magpakita ng mas mababang performance sa mga paaralan at productivity pagdating sa trabaho. Ang mga batang "stunted" ay nanganganib namang magkaroon ng mga nutrition-related chronic diseases.

Sa Pilipinas, mahigit tatlumpung (30.3) porsyento pa rin ng mga bata ang maituturing na stunted, ayon sa Global Nutrition Report 2020.

Ayon sa University of the Philippines Population Institute (UPPI) at sa United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), inaasahang dalawa't kalahating (2.5) milyong mga hindi inaasahang pagbubuntis ang maitatala sa huling yugto ng 2020.

Dagdag pa ng mambabatas, kailangan ding paigtingin ang pagkakaroon ng angkop na reproductive health education tulad ng mandato ng Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health Act of 2012 (Republic Act 10354). Aniya, mahalaga ito upang masugpo ang teenage pregnancy sa bansa. (PIA NCR)

#### **INCENTIVES FOR** BHW AND BNS

In appreciation of the valuable contribution of Barangay Health Workers (BHW) and Barangay Nutrition Scholars (BNS) in strengthening the health care program in Cavite, the Provincial Government distributed their incentives for the 3rd and 4th quarters of 2020 amounting to a total

of P17,700,000.00.

The series of distribution was held in the different municipalities and cities of the province from December 7-17, 2020.

The 2,400 BHWs and 858 BNS from Districts 1-8 received P6,000 and P3,000 respectively. PICAD

#### San Pablo City junkshop operators, nakikiisa sa pangangalaga ng mga 'electric power transmitters'

**LUNGSOD NG SAN PAB-**LO CITY, Laguna (PIA) --Nagpahayag ng paki-kiisa at suporta kamakailan ang mga junkshop operators sa lungsod na ito sa mga itinatakda ng Batas Republika Bilang

Ang batas na may titulong 'An Act Penalizing The Pilferage of Electricity and Theft of Electric Power Transmission Lines/ Rationalizing Materials, System Losses by Phasing Out Pilferage Losses as a Component Thereof, and for other Purposes' na naipasa ng Ninth Congress ay nagkabisa noong Disyembre 8, 1994.

Sinabi ni City Councilor Buhay D. Espiritu na isa sa mga lider ng samahan ng junkshops sa lungsod na isinasaad sa batas ang pagbabawal sa pagpuputol, paglalagare, pagdadala, paglilipat, pagtatago, pagkakarga, pagbibili, at pagtutunaw ng ano mang bahagi ng transmission facilities ng kuryente na pag-aari ng National Power Corporation (NPC) na kasalukuyang pinangangasiwaan ng National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP) na naitatag sa bisa ng Republic Act

No. 9511.

Tuwiran at tahasang sinabi ng Konsehal na lahat silang namumuhunan at nangangasiwa ng junkshop sa lungsod ay hindi bumibili ng bakal na mula sa ano mang bahagi ng transmission power lines dahil hindi sa takot na makulong at sa multa kundi, higit sa lahat ay naniniwala sila na ang pagsira nito ay 'economic sabotage.'

Aniya, bawat transmission power line na masisira ay ginugugulan ng malaki bago maibalik sa maayos na kalagayan. Ito rin ang nagiging dahilan upang maging matagal ang pagkakaroon ng brownout at sa bawa't oras na mawawalan ng kuryente sa isang rehiyon ay tigil na lahat ang operasyon ng malalaking industriya na nagbubunga ng malaking kawalan sa kabuhayang pambansa.

Ayon sa batas, ang lalabag sa mga itinatakda nito ay pagmumultahin ng mula sa halagang P50,000 hanggang P100,000 o pagkabilanggo mula 12 taon hanggang 20 taon o ang dalawang nabanggit na kaparusahan. (cpg, PIA-4A at ulat mula kay Ruben Taninco)

### 1,000 college scholars ng LGU Batangas City,

tumanggap ng allowance
LUNGSOD NG BATANGAS
(PIA)-Humigit kumulang sa
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tanggapan ng City Treasur-(PIA)-Humigit kumulang sa 1,000 benepisaryo ng EBD scholarship program ng pamahalaang lungsod ng Batangas ang tumanggap ng kanilang allowance sa Batangas City Convention Center noong ika-21 ng Disyembre.

Ang mga ito ay kabilang sa kabuuang 3,800 college scholars para sa school year 2020-2021.

Sinabi ni Arnold Babasa, Officer-In-Charge sa scholarship program ng lungsod na ang mga scholars ay tinatawagan sa telepono o pinapadalhan ng text message upang masiguro na maiipamahagi ang kanilang allowance bago sumapit ang Kapaskuhan.

Ang mga scholars na hindi makakapunta sa itinakdang araw ng pamamahagi ay

ers Office by appointment upang maipatupad ang physical distancing. Para sa mga scholars sa

junior at senior high school na may ATM ay matatanggap ang kanilang allowance bago magtapos ang taon habang ang walang naman ay sasadyain sa kani-kanilang barangay sa Enero 2021.

Tiniyak ni Mayor Beverley Rose Dimacuha na kahit may kinakaharap ng pandemya, patuloy ang suporta ng lokal na pamahalaan sa pagsusulong ng edukasyon ng mga kabataang Batangueño sa pamamagitan ng EBD scholarship program na sinimulan ng kanyang amang si dating Mayor Eddie Dimacuha. Magugunita na ipinatupad

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#### Matanda o bata ba ang dapat mauna?

NAKAKABILIB ang mga lokal na pamahalaan sa Kalakhang Maynila para sa pamamahagi ng libreng bakuna para sa mga residente na kanilang nasasakupan.

Mabuhay po ang mga alkalde na naglaan ng pondo para sa libreng vaccine supply.

Mayroon na rin mga lider mula sa mga lalawigan na nakahanda para sa pagbibigay ng libreng bakuna sa mga residente.

lisa ang kanilang hangarin at ito ay ang mailigtas sa coronavirus ang constituents nila.

kainaman makakapagpaturok ang mga residente na walang babayaran.

Ang hakbang ng mga pamahalaang lokal sa Metro Manila sa paglalaan ng budget ay malaking tulong para sa national government.

Ibig sabihin ay masesentro ng national government ang kanilang atensiyon ng pagbabakuna para sa mga lalawigan at maging sa mga munisipalidad.

Sa pagbabakuna ay naging mainit na usapin ang tungkol sa prayoridad. Kung sinu-sino nga ba ang mga dapat na unahing pagkalooban ng vaccine.

Kasama ang mga matatanda o senior citizen na sinasabing dapat ay kabilang sa mga mauunang matuturukan.

Mas prone daw kasi sa naturang virus ang mga matatanda kumpara sa mga bata.

ilan namang May matatanda na nagsasabing mas dapat unahin ang kanilang mga anak lalung-lalo na ang mga apo nila.

Tila ang ibig pakahulugan nito sa ilang senior citizen ay ang kanilang pagpapahalaga at pagmamahal sa anak at apo.

Kumbaga ay matanda na sila at ang mga bata ay mas mahaba pa ang ipamamalagi sa mundo.

Kaya ang tanong, matanda ba o bata muna ang kailangang mauna sa bakuna?

Ano po sa palagay ninyo?

#### 2 lulan ng traysikel, sugatan

NAPURUHAN sa leeg ng isang basag na salamin ang isang senior citizen habang bali ang hita ng isang ginang matapos na banggain ng L300 ang sinasakyan nilang tricycle sa Dasmarinas City, Cavite Sabado ng hapon.

Kapwa ginamot sa UMC Hospital ang mga bikti-mang sina Francisco Sa-lubre, 60; at Marivic Mor-alina, 51, kapwa residente ng Dasmarinas City, Cavite dahil sa mga tinamong sugat sa katawan.

Kinilala ang driver ng Mit-

ng MAC ang online application bilang pagsunod sa health and safety pro-tocols kontra COVID 19. (BHABY P. DE CASTRO-PIA Batangas with report from PIO Batangas City)

subishi L300 na may pla-kang UUF 384 na si Jose Galut, 37.

Sa ulat ni PSSgt Donato Almenario, ng Dasmarinas City Poli ce Station, da-kong alas-5:30 ng hapon naganap ang insidente kung saan kapwa nakasakay sa isang tricycle ang mga biktima habang binabagtas ang kahabaan ng Mangubat Road patungo sa direksiyon ng Kadiwa.

Pagsapit sa isang intersection sa Aguinaldo Highway habang papatawid ang traysikel nang makabanggan ang paparating na Mitsubishi L300 na minamaneho ni Galut.

Dahil sa naganap na banggan, tinamaan ng mga basag na salamin sa leeg si Salubre habang nabali naman ang hita ni Moralina. GENE ADSUARA

## **EDITORYAL**

Lubha pang maaga

HANGGANG Setyembre ng kasalukuyang ang pagpaparehistro ng mga kwalipikadong botante.

Ito ay upang makalahok sa national at local elections na nakatakda sa Mayo ng susunod na taon.

tanggapan Ang mga Commission on Elections ay nakabukas mula Lunes hanggang Huwebes sa ganap na alas-8:00 ng umaga hanggang alas-3:00 ng hapon.

Ang mga magpapatala kinakailangang susunod sa mga health protocols laban sa COVID-

Mabilis ang pagtakbo ng oras o araw kaya sa isang iglap ay nariyan na ang eleksiyon.

Panatilihin ninyo ang inyong karapatan sa pamamagitan ng pagboto bagaman lubha pang maaga para pumisil ng bawat kandidato.

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#### SC SUSPENDS LAWYER **OVER NOTARIAL** PRACTICE VIOLATION

MANILA - A lawyer who initiated a complaint against Manila Mayor Francisco "Isko Moreno" Domagoso when he was still the city's vice mayor has been sanctioned by the Supreme Court (SC) for violating rules on notarial practice.

In a seven-page decision dated Dec. 7 and made public Monday, the court's Second Division through Senior Associate Justice Estela M. Perlas-Bernabe found lawyer Socrates G. Maranan guilty of violating the 2004 Rules of Notarial Practice and suspended him from the practice of law for six months.

The SC also ruled that Maranan's notarial commission, if any, be immediately revoked and disqualified him from being commissioned as a notary public for a period of two years.

Associate Justices Alexander G. Gesmundo, Amy C. Lazaro-Javier Mario V. Lopez and Ricardo Rosario concurred in the decision.

Maranan had filed a criminal complaint before the Office of the Ombudsman against then vice mayor Domagoso, charging him with falsification of public documents and violation of Section 3 (e) of Republic Act No. 3019 for having signed, on behalf of the Manila City government, consultancy contracts with persons who were either deceased or out of the country for extended periods of time.

Domagoso claimed that he signed the contracts upon the assurance of his former secretary, Abraham Cabochan, that everything was in order and pointed out that it was Maranan who actually notarized the subject contracts.

After due proceedings, the Ombudsman dismissed the charges against Domagoso and referred the matter to the Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP) for determination of Maranan's administrative liability for having notarized the consultancy contracts.

In sanctioning the lawyer, the SC noted that he should have kept a closer watch on his notarial records.

"Instead of offering any

plausible explanation as to how the consultancy contracts came to be stamped with his notarial seal, Atty. Maranan merely insisted that he never notarized nor authored said contracts,

said contracts were not included in his notarial reports," the court noted. The court added that Maranan had been remiss in

his obligation as a notary

that his signatures therein

were forgeries, and that

public. "Had he been more vigilant in the performance of his notarial duties, his notarial seal would not have been affixed in the subject contracts. Indubitably, this failure on the part of Atty. Maranan constitutes a transgression of the 2004 Notarial Rules for which he must be held administratively liable." the court said. (PNA)

# 67 pulis ng BPPO, sumailalim sa water search & rescue training

LUNGSOD NG BATAN-GAS (PIA) -Sumailalim sa Water Search and Rescue (WASAR) Training ang may 67 kapulisan mula sa Batangas Police Provincial Office (BPPO) kamakai-

Ang naturang aktibidad ay magkatuwang na itinaguyod ng BPPO, Philippine Red Cross-Batangas Chapter at Soroptimist International Batangas Downtown.

Sumailalim sa pagsasanay sa loob ng anim na araw ang mga kapulisan ukol sa tamang paghahanda sa paggamit ng rubber boat, pagpapaandar ng makina, wastong pagmamaneho, pagsagip at paraan upang maisakay sa rubber boat ang mga nailigtas maging ang paraan kung paano mag-navigate at maneu-

Naging tampok at binig-

yang diin sa pagsasanay na itinuro ng PRC-Batangas Chapter ang senaryo ng pagsagip habang isinasaalang-alang ang kaligtasan ng rescuer.

Sinabi ni Batangas Provincial Director PCol. Rex Arvin Malimban na ang naturang pagsasanay ay isang malaking tulong lalo sa kanilang hanay dahilan sa nasubok ng malalakas na bagyo noong mga nakaraang buwan ang lalawigan ng Batangas.

"Ang ating kapulisan ay nakahandang palagiang maglingkod at tumulong, anumang panahon o pagkakataon, kaya't mas maganda na may sapat silang kaalaman para sa ganng buhay," ani Malimban. from PIO Batangas City)

itong mga senaryo upang makatulong sa pagliligtas (BHABY P. DE CASTRO-PIA Batangas with report

## Sec. Nograles hinikayat ang mga Batangueño na gamitin ang StaySafePH para sa

'contact tracing'

LUNGSOD NG BATAN-GAS (PIA) -Hinikayat ka-makailan ni Cabinet Secretary Karlo Nograles ang mga Batangueño na id-ownload ang StaySafe PH application sa cellphone upang makatulong sa gobyerno sa contact tracing efforts nito.

Ing etforts nito.
Ito ang kanyang binigyangdiin sa pagbisita niya sa lungsod bilang panauhing pandangal sa isinagawang EBD Scholarship allowance distribution sa Batangas City Convention Center.

Ayon kay Nograles Jayunin

Ayon kay Nograles, layunin ng nasabing mobile app na masiguro ang kaligtasan ng publiko kontra COVID-

Sa pamamagitan ng Stay-SafePH app, hindi na kayo paulit-ulit na magreregister kapag pupunta kayo sa malls, food chains at iba pang establishments," sabi ni Nograles.

ni Nograles.
Mababatid din sa nasabing app kung may nakasalamuhang COVID-19 positive na makakatulong upang maging madali ang contact tracing.

Aniya pa, ginagawa nila nag lahat ng paraan upang makabalik ng ligtas ang mga negosyo, trabaho at mga paaralan sa susunod

Kaugnay nito, hiniling niya ang kooperasyon at supor-ta ng mga Filipino sa mga programa ng gobyerno at binigyang diin na ang paglaban sa COVID-19 ay

paglaban sa COVID-19 ay dapat maging "shared responsibility". Sa mensahe naman ni 5th Ditrict Representative Marvey Marino sa naturang okasyon, binigyang diin niya na si Nograles ang isa sa mga nagsulong sa Kongreso at nakahanap ng P40 bilyong pondo para sa free higher education sa mga state universities sa bansa. bansa.

Ipinaalam din niya ang lpinaalam din niya ang balak ng national government na magsagawa ng survey para sa mga nagnanais tumanggap ng COVID-19 vaccine. (BHABY P. DE CASTRO-PIA Batangas with report from PIO Batangas City)

#### BOC Completes 2020 Time Release Study

IN its thrust to further improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the Bureau's border procedures, the Bureau of Customs (BOC) has conducted and completed its 2020 Time Release Study (TRS) in five (5) ports, namely Port of Manila, Manila International Container Port, Port of Davao, Mindanao International Container Terminal (MICT) in Cagayan de Orò and the Port of Zamboanga to determine bottlenecks on cargo clearance and release time.

The TRS showed that in all of these ports, the time for processing of imported cargo by the Bureau averaged only from 1 day, 22 hours and 9 minutes (MICP), 2 days, 9 hours and 44 minutes (POM), 2 days, 15 hours and 37 minutes (Port of Davao), and 1 day, 12 hours, and 5 minutes (MICT). There was no containerized cargo, however, that arrived in Zamboanga during the TRS period.

For exports, the findings presented expeditious processing of shipments from submission of Export Declaration through Portal, with the time average of 4 hours, 38 minutes and 3 seconds (MICP) and 1 day, 13 minutes and 30 seconds (POM), while for the Mindanao Ports, from submission of Export

Declaration to Issuance of Authority to Load, 3 days, 15 hours, 28 minutes and 21 seconds (Zamboanga) and 21 hours, 21 minutes, 9 seconds (Port of Davao), and 19 hours, 6 minutes, 13 seconds (MCT).

The study manifested that the improved processing by the BOC can be attributed to the introduction of several factors or new measures such the operationalization of the Customer Care Portal (CCP), which promotes ease of doing business in a secured manner, the Goods Declaration and Verification System (GDVS), which provides a first-in, first-out queuing system and allows for a real-time update on the status of goods declaration. Likewise, the Document Tracking System (DTS), enables the online monitoring and tracking of all documents received and generated by BOC offices. Finally, tentative release of shipments was also allowed with the issuance of Customs Memorandum Order No. 07-2020, which enables the processing of provisional goods declaration (PGD) under the Formal Entry System. Likewise, the computerization and improved risk management system at the Bureau also contributed to the fast processing of shipments. Further, the TRS also

showed that the delay, if any, in the release of shipment was not within the customs jurisdiction but actually occurs before the formal lodgment of the declarations, which is considered as pre-customs, as well as after the BOC's online release to the arrastre, which is considered as post customs.

The TRS Report is currently being worked on and will be published in the Customs website as part of the requirement of the ASEAN and for public information. Customs Commissioner Rey Leonardo B. Guerrero recognizes the TRS as a valuable tool in enhancing trade facilitation and determining the various factors affecting port's operations. "By identifying the problems and so-called bottlenecks in customs processes and procedures, appropriate solutions or policies can be put in place and we can accomplish our goal of being world-class at the soonest possible time", Guerrero said.

The conduct of the Time Release Study was spearheaded by Atty. Noemi Alcala-Garcia, Acting Chief of the Planning and Policy Research Division (PPRD) and head of the TRS Technical Working Group (TWG). PR

#### 3 dayuhan, nakuhanan ng milyong halaga ng droga

TINATAYANG sa P10 milyon halaga ng droga at marijuana ang aroga at marijuana ang nasabat ng pinagsamang puwersa ng Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) ng Cavite, Region 1 at 3 na nagresulta sa pagkakaaresto sa tatlong Nigerian national sa isinagawang magkahiwalay na buy bust operation sa Gen

Nigerian individuals a isinagawang magkahiwalay na
buy bust operation sa Gen
Trias City, Cavite.
Kinilala ang mga naaresto na sina Ifeanyl Ofoma, Benjamin Enemuo at
Chiduben Nwong, pawang
Nigerian national, at ng
Gen Trias City.
Sa ulat, dakong dakong
alas-8:50 ng gabi nagsagawa ng buy bust operations ang pinagsanib na
puwersa ng Philippine
Drug Enforcement Agency
(PDEA) Regional Office III,
PDEA RO 1, PDEA RO IV
at Cavite Police Office sa
Block 01 Lot 89 Kensington

Phase 17 Alden St., Lancaster, Brgy Navarro, Gen Trias City, na nagresulta sa pagkakaaresto kina Enemuo at Nwong at narekober ang tinatayang 1000 gramo ng hinihinalang shabu na may street value na P6,800,000.
Halos sa katabi ring apart-

Halos sa katabi ring apartment, dakong alas-10:30 ng gabi nagsagawa ng buy bust operation ang nasabi puwersa sa Block 26 Lot 17 Kensington Bhasa 22 puwersa sa Block 26 Lot 17 Kensington Phase 22, Bacao 1, General Trias City, na nagesulta sa pag-kakaresto kay Ofama at narekober ang tinatayang 500 gramo ng shabu na may street value na P3,400,00 at 5,000 gramo ng marijuana na may street value na P600,000.

value na P600,000. Kasong paglabag sa Sec. 5 at 11 para. B ng Art. II ng RA 9165 ang kinaharap na kaso ng mga suspek. GENE ADSUARA

#### **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 BACOOR CITY, CAVITE

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**SM CITY BACOOR, CAVITE** - Our Festive Season Treat is still ON so don't miss the chance to enjoy the pleasure of our fantastic combinations! Visit Dreiland Ice Cream at the Lower Ground level of SM City Bacoor!

#### Hen Lin's ultimate Beef Mami at SM Marketmall



Get Hen Lin's ultimate Beef mami from SM Marketmall and feel the warmth perfect for the cold and cozy weather.

#### SM CAVITE BRINGS CHRISTMAS JOY THROUGH KALINGA DONATION DRIVE



Mr. Lorenz Calingasan IV, AVP South 1 heading the distribution of Kalinga Packs to the Pedicab Drivers Assoc Habay 1 and 2 in Bacoor City, Cavite. More than 3000 Kalinga packs were distributed in Cavite in the spirit of giving this Yuletide season.

SM Cavite Malls under the The SM Group is spreading hope and good cheer this Christmas season to thousands of families nationwide as it mobilizes its Christmas Kalinga donation drive. This is a joint project among SM Supermalls, SM Retail, SM Markets, and SM Foundation to provide essential items to residents and families affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and recent natural calamities.

Mr. Lorenz Calingasan IV, Assistant Vice President for Operations headed the distribution in Cavite along with the Mall Managers and employee volunteers from SM City Bacoor, SM City Molino, SM City Dasmariñas, SM City Trece Martires, SM City

Rosario and SM Center Imus.

distributed more than 4000 Kalinga while the whole Group distributed over 70,000 food packs across the country. Some of the beneficiaries were Community Patrol Action Group, Barangay Workers and front liners at the Trece Martires City, fishermen in the municipality of Rosario, Informal settlers affected by recent typhoons, Pedicab drivers and recent fire incident victims in Bacoor and surrounding City, communities in in Molino, Imus, and Dasmariñas Cavite.

For updates and further announcements, www.smsupermalls.com or follow @smsupermalls on all social media platforms.



The happiest smiles this year are seen on the faces of these beneficiaries at SM City Molino. Volunteer employees from The SM Store, SM Hypermarket and SM Supermalls gathered to bring joy to the community nearby.



SM City Rosario distributed their Christmas Kalinga Packs in a safe and orderly manner with beneficiaries seated on a safe distance and with everyone wearing face masks and face shields. The Kalinga Packs were handed out to them one line after the other to ensure not just a merry but a safe Christmas



The happy residents of Sitio Bisaya Amuntay, Brgy Zone 3, Dasmariñas Cavite who received their early Christmas gifts.



Mr.Charles Yap, Assistant Mall Manager of SM City Dasmariñas, cheerfully distributing the Kalinga packs to the beneficiaries.



Mr. Marnelle J. Sumilong, SM Center Imus Mall Manager along with employee volunteers headed the distribution in at the mall, adding more colors to their already adorable Christmas Centerpiece.



Fishermen were the top beneficiaries for the Kalinga Pack Distribution at Rosario, Cavite.



Bayanihan was seen as SM City Trece Martires volunteers joined forces to bring 650 Christmas Kal-inga food packs for Trece Martires Community Patrol Action Group, Baran-gay Workers gay Workers and front liners at the Municipal





SM Cavite Chrsitmas Kalinga Pack distribution was made possible through the generous hearts of our SM Supermalls, SM Retail, SM Markets, and SM Foundation who personally distributed the gifts to the beneficiaries. The distribution in Baccor City was spearheaded by Mr. Lorenz Calingasan IV, AVP South 1 and Ms.Josephine Arvesu, SM City Bacoor Mall Manager.



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## SM ushers in the New Year with Beacon of Hope" spectacle

As the year draws to a close, SM Supermalls lights up the sky with a heart-warming visual spectacle themed as "Beacon of Hope" to welcome 2021 in high spirits.

Released on SM Supermalls Facebook page on New Year's Eve, the Beacon of Hope video shows select SM malls across the country illuminating the night with bright and colorful virtual projection mapping on mall's facade. Each mall highlights a virtue through a dazzling light show and stunning exhibition of glowing shapes and images to create a memorable and moving visual display.

SM Aura Premier embodies 'grace' while SM City Clark radiates 'joy.' SM Megamall brings sparkle as it embodies 'light' while SM City Puerto Princesa displays 'peace' with a gleaming image of dove as a symbol. SM CDO Downtown Premier shows 'care' while SM Southmall emphasizes the need to 'share."

SM City Dasmariñas celebrates 'service' to honor the frontliners as SM Lanang Premier underlines the importance of having a 'safe' space. SM City Fairview spreads 'fun' while SM North Edsa sparks 'love' with a hearty light show. SM Seaside City Cebu stresses the value of 'togetherness' while SM Mall of Asia brings 'hope' that we will all rise and heal as one. The remaining SM malls nationwide also join the festivity as they lit up their respective facades with their own bright holiday decorations.

"SM aims to spur optimism as we bid goodbye to a challenging 2020 and prepare

for a fresh start in 2021 We continue to stand with our community even during tough times and now as we face the New Year together with a renewed hope and joy," said SM Supermalls President Steven Tan.

Visit SM Supermalls Facebook page or www.smsupermalls.com to watch the video of SM's Beacon of Hope and to check out SM Supermalls opening hours on January 1!

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This **Samsung Galaxy A71** smartphone from SM Appliance Center has a 6.7" display size, Full HD Amoled Plus and 128GB +8GB RAM expandable up to 512 GB.





## Park, Pringle sino sa kanila para sa BPC

lawang guard spot sa Elite

Five, habang si Abueva ay

nasa frontcourt list, kung

Kasama rin sa forward /

center list sina Japeth Agu-

ilar ng Ginebra, John Paul

Erram ng TNT, Vic Manuel ng Alaska, Jason Perkins

ng Phoenix, Magnolia Ian Sangalang, Arwind San-tos ng San Miguel at Mo-

ala Tautuaa, at Christian

Standhardinger ng North-

Ang mga piling Leos na

ibabahagi ay ang Pinag-buting Player, kung saan sina Perkins, Justin Chua,

Rain Or Shine's Javee Mocon, Raul Soyud ng

NLEX, at Reynel Hugnatan

ng Meralco ay ang huling nominado, at ang Samboy

Lim Sportsmanship Award,

kung saan ang Abueva, na ipinakita na siya ay ibang

tao pagkatapos maghatid

ng mahabang pagbabawal

sa 2019, ay isang final-ist kasama sina Ginebra's

Scottie Thompson, NLEX's

Kevin Alas, at Rain Or

Shine's Gabe Norwood.

saan tatlo ang pipiliin.

Si Bobby Ray Parks at Stanley Pringle ay binabanggit bilang nangungunang kalaban para sa Best Player of the Conference (BPC) para sa katatapos

na PBA Philippine Cup Si Parks, ang kasalukuyang spark plug ng TNT, ay tinapos ang bubble conference bilang numero uno sa statistical point race ngunit sia Pringle, ang streaky combo guard ng Ginebra, ay maaaring makakuha ng isang malakas na tsansa upang kumita ng mga boto matapos na akayin ang Barangay sa kanilang unang titulo sa PBA Philippine Cup mula pa noong

Ang mga boto mula sa media na sumasaklaw sa mga laro, tanggapan ng komisyonado ng PBA, at ang mga manlalaro ay makokolekta hanggang sa susunod na Lunes habang ang mga finalist para sa BPC plum ay mukhang babaguhin sila sa kanilang pabor.

Ang huling nominado para sa BPC award ay sina Parks, Pringle, Tropang Giga's Roger Pogoy, Phoenix Fuel Masters 'Matthew Wright at Calvin Abueva, at Terrafirma Dyip's Jaymar

Mapapangalanan ang BPC sa isang espesyal na gabi ng parangal sa Enero 17. Ang PBA ay maiiwasan ang tradisyonal na Leo Awards at igagawad la-mang ang BPC sa halip na ang Most Valuable Player kasama ang iba pang mga

espesyal na parangal. Sa halip na karaniwang Rookie of the Year plum, isang Outstanding Rookie award ang ibibigay sa isa sa mga sumusunod: Ginebra's Arvin Tolentino, Meralco's Aaron Black, Terra-firma's Roosevelt Adams, Alaska's Barkley Eboña, and Magnolia's Aris Dioni-

Isang Elite Five award din ang ibibigay sa halip na ang klasikong Mythical Selection.

Si Parks, Pringle, Pogoy, Wright, at Perez ay nasa pagtakbo para sa da-

#### Virtual Orientation ng PSC Para sa mga Tokyo Olympics Aspirant Ang mga aspirant ng Tokyo

Olympics at kanilang mga kasamahan sa koponan mula sa pambansang mga koponan ng boksing, taekwondo, at karate ay binig-yan ng isang virtual orien-tation ng Philippine Sports Commission na may mga safety protokol na itinakda para sa bubble training sa Inspire Sports Academy. "Nanawagan kami para sa pagpupulong na ito upang bigyang-diin ang mga protokol ng kaligtasan na kakailanganin mo para sa bubble ng pagsasanay kwondo, at karate ay binig-

sa bubble ng pagsasanay sa Olimpiko. Tiwala ako na lahat tayo ay maaaring umakma dito, ngunit alam na ang iyong kaligtasan ay pinakamahalaga sa PSC, "sinabi ni PSC Commis-sioner Ramon Fernandez, na kasama ni Chef de Mission Nonong Araneta na namuno sa online na pagtatagpuan.

Sa kanyang maligayang talumpati, muling sinabi ni Araneta na ang kaligtasan ng bawat atleta ay pinakamahalaga sa pagsasanay sa bubble.

"Inaasahan ko kayong lahat na pinakamahusay para sa inyong mga kwalipikado upang makapagdala kami ng higit na kaluwalhatian sa palakasan ng Pilipinas," dagdag niya.

Ang mga mahigpit na protokol na ginawa ng ahen-sya ng Medical Scientific Athletes Services (MSAS) Unit ng ahensya ay susunod din ng 46 na mga atleta at coach sa loob ng bubble facility sa Calamba, Laguna ngayong buwan.

"Ang mga atleta ay sasailalim sa isang serye ng pag-susuri sa RT-PCR (reverse transcription-polymerase chain reaction). Bago ang pagpasok, at maraming mga pagsubok sa panahon ng pagsasanay sa bubble, "sinabi ni MSAS Unit Head na si Dr. Randy Molo.

Hinimok niya ang lahat na higpitan ang kilusan 14 araw bago pumasok, at pinaghigpitan ang pak-ikipag-ugnayan pitong araw bago ang kanilang pagpasok sa pasilidad ng bubble.

"Mula ngayon, dapat isaa-lang-alang muli ng bawat isa ang lahat ng mga lugar at mga taong makakasala-muha nila," dagdag niya. Isasailalim ang mga del-egado sa isa pang pag-ikot argado sa isa pang pag-ikot ng mga pagsubok sa RT-PCR sa loob ng pasilidad at mai-billet sa mga naka-hiwalay na silid. Ang mga resulta ay maipalabas ng Covid Enforcement Team, na pinamumunuan ni MSAS 'Dr. Janis de Vera.

MSAS 'Dr. Janis de Vera.

"Ang mga atleta at coach ay mai-billet sa mga solong at doble na tirahan na silid, na may pick-and-go scheme sa pamamahaging pagkain sa buong bubble," sabi ni de Vera.

Idinagdag ni Philippine Sports Institute National Training Director Marc Velasco na ang MSAS Medical Unit, Rehabilitation Unit, Strength and Conditioning Unit, Sports Massage Unit, Sports Physiology, Sports Nutrisyon at Sports Psychology Unit ay magagamit upang maglingkod sa mga upang maglingkod sa mga umaasa sa Olimpiko sa pamamagitan ng live at virtual na konsulta.

## Depende sa sitwasyon ang desisyon para sa PBA games

Maaring pagsabayin na la-mang umano ng Philippine Basketball Association ang gaganaping Governor's Cup at Commissioner's Cup upang mas maging maingat ang liga sa sakaling hindi pa maglu-lubay ang COVID-19 sa bansa lubay ang COVID-19 sa bansa sa kalagitnaan ng taong 2021. Ito ay ng magpahayag si PBA Commissioner Willie Marcial unang linggo Tabloids Organization in Philippine Sports TOPS Usapang Sports on Air, sakaling may COVID-19 vaccine na sa bandang kalagitnaan ng taon ay ina-prioritize naan ng taon ay ipa-prioritize nila na mabigyan ng bakuna ang reinforcements na lalaro sa liga.

"Kaya nga uunahin namin ang pagdaraos ng Philippine Cup sa Abril dahil sa alanganin pa ang petsa ng pagpasok ng bakuna against COVID-19 at siyempre, ang mga imports kung saan-saan nanggaling ang mga iyan kaya baka sa Hulyo na namin pagsabayin ang torneo ng Commissioner's at Governor's, depende sa sit-

wasyon," paliwanag ni Kume Marcial. Dobleng ingat na rin ang liga sa susunod na Bubble game para hindi na maulit ang hawahan ng virus na nangyari sa

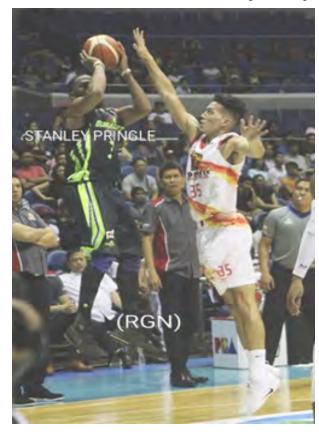
Clark. "Nakapagtataka ngang may na-infect na player at officials doon sa Bubble game namin sa Clark gayung napakahigpit ang aming health protocol. Inisip namin kung sa gym ba nakuha o kung saan. Sa palagay lang namin ay may pakalusot talagang tao na pusakalusot talagang tao na pusa nakalusot talagang tao na pu-masok sa Bubble at siya iyong may dala ng virus kaya nangmay dala ng virus kaya nang-yari iyon. Iyon ang ayaw na naming maulit lalo na at may variant ngayon ng bagong COVID-19 virus." Sa kabilang banda, hindi pa nagbanggit ng mga pangalan ng PBA players si Kume kung sinusing ang manapahilang

sinu-sino ang mapapabilang sa line-up ng Gilas Pilipinas na sasabak sa FIBA Asia Cup sa Pebrero. "Wala pa akong listahan ng mga pangalan dahil hinihintay ko pa ang go signal ng Samahang Basketbol ng Pilipinas dahil pare-parehong nasa kani-kanyang training areas ang players matapos ang Philippine Cup noong Di-

Nabanggit din niya na malabo pa rin ang D-League ngayon dahil sa higpit pa rin ng DOH-IATF na ipagpatuloy ang liga. "Komo collegiate kasi ito kaya hindi pa rin talaga pinapaya-



Pinahayag sa unang linggo ng taon sa lingguhang TOPS USAPANG Sports via Zoom ni PBA Commissioner Willie Marcial na magiging maingat ang liga sakaling hindi pa huhupa ang COVID-19 sa bansa. At ang iba pang mga detalye kaugnayan ng inaantabayanan na Vaccine. (RGN)







#### MBFI invites Filipino artists to join the Metrobank 2021 Art & Design MANILA - For this year, the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Excellence search

PASIG CITY (PIA) -- The Metrobank Foundation, Inc. (MBFI) is launching the 2021 Metrobank Art & Design Excellence (MADE).

In a news release, the MBFI said that amidst the current global pandemic, they have decided to sustain its mission in fostering Filipino artistry and creativity through its annual Painting and Sculpture competi-

"Guided by the theme "SPECTRUM: The Art of Possibilities," MADE resumes in 2021, inviting Filipino artists to tap into the expansive realm of creativity and transpose their spectrum of ideas into works that mirror the human experience and reshape the world anew," the MBFI said.

"MADE continues to be a purveyor of visual arts, amplifying the reach and voice of local talents and visionaries," MBFI added.

ART THAT PROGRESSES AMIDST CHALLENGING TIMES

Given the restrictions of holding on-ground events, MADE shifts to digital media through #Spectrum-MADE2021, a yearlong social media campaign which aims to bring art experience and art education to its stakeholders amidst the current COVID-19 pandemic.

#SpectrumMADE2021 will also serve as the platform for entrants to get to know more about the Painting and Sculpture recognition programs.

To do this, a series of online activities were lined up throughout the year. These include webinars and artist's talks to inspire new generation of artists, provide opportunities for the exposure of their works, and give updates about the 2021 MADE.

A CALL FOR FILIPINO PAINTERS AND SCULP-**TORS** 

The MADE Painting Recognition Program is open to all Filipino painters aged 18-35 years old who have not staged a solo exhibiThe MADE Sculpture Recognition Program, on the other hand, is open to all professional and amateur Filipino sculptors who have not won in any sculpture competitions of MADE in the past.

The deadline for submission of entries is on March 31, 2021. Interested participants may register online through bit.ly/MADE2021\_ paintingform and bit.ly/ MADE2021\_sculpture-

At the height of an enhanced community quarantine in the country last May 2020, MBFI announced the deferment of 2020 MADE Painting and Sculpture Recognition Programs.

As a result, all artworks submitted for the 2020 MADE will still be considered and will be judged alongside the entries submitted for the 2021 MADE. Two (2) grand awardees for the Painting Recognition Program and one (1) grand awardee for the Sculpture Recognition Program will be chosen by a distinguished panel of judges.

They will each receive PhP 500,000.00 worth of financial assistance and fund for artistic development, plus the "Mula" glass trophy designed by visual artist and MADE awardee Noel El Farrol

The grand awardees will be recognized in an awarding ceremony during the celebration of Metrobank's 59th anniversary celebration in September.

The awardees will also become members of the MADE-Network of Winners (MADE-NOW), the alumni organization of past MADE awardees which implements pay-it-forward projects that benefit marginalized sectors.

Established in 1984 by the late Metrobank Group founder and chairman Dr. George Ty Siao Kian, MADE has served as a platform for discovery for the most passionate and persistent creative visionaries in the country.

To date, more than 400 visual artists and design professionals have been

#### DOST to focus R&D on agri, health, energy sectors in 2021

and Technology (DOST) is focusing its research and development (R&D) on agriculture, health, and energy sectors, Secretary Fortunato de la Peña bared on Monday.

"These priorities were chosen because of their potential economic impact, support for inclusive development, and potential contribution of new knowledge which could have universal use," he told the Philippine News Agency in an inter-

For the agriculture sector, he said the DOST eyes the expansion of coconut hybridization program in cooperation with the Philippine Coconut Authority. Additional R&D projects are being eyed in support of the Native Livestock Development Program, aquaculture species which have potentials for food security and export such as giant freshwater shrimp and saline tilapia.

recognized. A majority of them are now carving significant names in the local and even international art and design scenes.

ADVANCING THE PHIL-IPPINE CULTURE AND **HERITAGE** 

Despite being confronted with a national crisis, MBFI remains true to its commitment of educating the public and creating awareness of culture and heritage through its Culture and Heritage Education Program (CHEP).

CHEP aims to showcase the cultural significance of MADE's art collection, address the need for classroom learning materials, and support formal and informal learning initiatives of partner institutions.

Various activities of CHEP in the form of lectures and workshops will be part of the #SpectrumMADE2021 campaign and will be implemented on the official Facebook (@MADECompetition) and Instagram (@ metrobankartanddesign) pages of MADE.

For further details, please contact Badet Macaraig at telephone number: (02) 8898-8094 or email therese.macaraig@ metrobank.com.ph. (MBFI/ PIA-NCR)

R&D in support of fruits such as citrus, queen pineapple, and tamarind, and pilot testing of locally developed agricultural machines will also be given priority this year, according to de la Peña.

The DOST chief said the agency will also focus on the industry, energy, and technologies emerging sector, particularly R&D on smart food value chain, low carbon transition, sustainable mineral resources utilization.

Further, the use of artificial intelligence (AI) and robotics technologies for infrastructure and disaster management applications, as well as space technology applications in public services will be prioritized. Aside from coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) programs, de la Peña said the DOST will give priority to food safety and nutri-tion, biomedical services, and virology research and

"In addition to the solutions to pressing problems related to Covid-19, the DOST will intensify its R&D, and (boost) disaster risk reduction related programs by supporting the niche centers in the regions -providing them with the needed facilities and funding to address the problems brought by disasters and extreme natural conditions," he said.

He noted that among the lessons he learned from 2020 was that it is easier to respond to new problems if there are local experts.

"Our experience with the development of a dengue diagnostic kit and disease modeling is one example that helped us a lot in our Covid-19 research," de la Peña said.

"Even the health supplement made from tawa-tawa is now being tried as an adjunctive therapeutic for Covid-19. That's the contribution of R&D on dengue," he added.

Since 2020, the DOST serves as the lead agency of the IATF's sub-technical working group on vaccine development.

'The DOST worked on vaccine development-related activities, including the preparation for the conduct of Covid-19 vaccine phase 3 clinical trials in the country. The Department is also involved in the identification, evaluation, and recommendation of possible vaccine candidates for the Philippines. As such, the Department mobilized its existing bilateral and multilateral partnerships, and even attracted new ones, to identify foreign vaccine developers that would be willing to work the Philippine government to ensure the country's access to the global supply of vaccines,' he shared.

De la Peña also pointed out that in 2020, the DOST was at the forefront of research and development to assist in the government's response to the pandemic. "The Department spearheaded the Philippine participation in WHO Solidarity Trials on Vaccines and Therapeutics. It supported the development of GenAmplify, the first Filipinomade RT-PCR (Reverse transcription-polymerase chain reaction) detection kit as well as the webbased disease model, FASSSTER or Feasibil-

ity Analysis of Syndromic Surveillance using Spatio-Temporal Epidemiological Modeler, which served as a platform for projecting the future course of Covid-19 infections as well as surveillance. In terms of local clinical trials, the DOST funded and is monitoring the conduct of clinical trials on virgin coconut oil, melatonin, lagundi, tawatawa, and convalescent plasma as supplementary treatments for Covid-19,

Meanwhile, de la Peña said that this year, he also wants to give priority to start-ups, including technology business incubation. More collaborative projects between industry and academe will be supported.

"The utilization or commercialization of completed R&D outputs will be of top priority," he emphasized.

For the human resource and development, on the other hand, de la Peña said the DOST's focus will be on how to facilitate effective learning for its scholars. (PNA)

## BSP extends P540-B cash advance to gov't anew

**MANILA** – The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) extended another PHP540billion cash advance to the national government last December to help boost its

cash flows.
In an online briefing
Wednesday, BSP Governor Benjamin Diokno said
the central bank's policymaking Monetary Board (MB) approved December 28 the fresh cash boost, which he termed as bridge financing, to help fund the government's pandemic-

related expenses.
"The national government needs it," he said, citing its requirement to provide subsidies to affected individuals and sectors, ensure medical facilities are put in place, and there is funding to procure coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) vaccines.

Diókno said there is also a need to boost the govern-ment's fiscal health since revenues are also affected by the pandemic.

"In the meantime that they do not have the access and the cash to pay for Covidrelated programs, then we lent them PHP540 billion. That is allowed under the law," he said, citing the

fund boost is non-interest bearing. This is the second time the

central bank extended a PHP540-billion provisional advance to the national government.

The first one was approved by the MB in October last

year. Under the BSP's Charter, the central bank is authorized to extend cash advances to the national government but this should be equivalent to the latter's average revenues in the last three years, which currently amounts to PHP540 billion.

In terms of liquidity boost, the latest cash advance is the third for 2020 after the PHP300-billion repurchase deal between the BSP and the national government last March.

Under the deal, the BSP will purchase PHP300 billion worth of government securities, which the Bureau of the Treasury (BTr) can redeem within three months.

The repayment period was allowed for extension for another three months. The BTr fully redeemed the debt paper last September. (PNA)

#### Natatanging boluntaryo sa gitna ng pandemya, kinilala ng PNVSCA

LUNGSOD NG CALAM-BA, Laguna (PIA) -- Pinatunayan ng mga natatanging indibiwal na nagserbisyo sa gitna ng pandemya na nananatiling buhay ang diwa ng bayanihan.

Kinilala ng Philippine National Volunteer Service Coordinating Agency (PNVSCA), sa ginanap na Search for Outstanding COVID-19 Volunteers (SOCV) noong ika-16 ng Disyembre, sa Lungsod ng Cabuyao, ang mga natatanging boluntaryo na naging katuwang ng pamahalaan sa paghahatid ng iba't ibang serbisyo sa gitna ng pandemya.

Itinanghal si Maria Guia de Leon bilang natatanging boluntaryo sa CALA-BARZON. Bilang pangulo ng Rotary Club, pinangunahan niya ang iba't ibang proyekto, gaya ng 'Pagkaing Dagdag Tulong', na layuning matungunan ang pangangailangan ng mga frontline worker at mga pamilyang lubos na naapektuhan ng pandemya.

Ayon kay de Leon, hindi naging madali ang kanyang naging karanasan sa pagseserbisyo dahil sa mga hindi magandang kumento kanyang natanggap.

Aniya, "Nakaranas din ako ng bashing mula sa mga taong hindi nakakaintindi," Isa lamang si de Leon sa 17 babae at lalaki mula sa iba't ibang rehiyon na nagpamalas ng dedikasyon sa pagseserbisyo sa gitna ng pandemya.

Kasama dito sina Clementia B. Lapas (CAR), JC Finale T. Siazon (Region 1), Dr. Zsa Zsa Meneses (Region 2), Dr. Joshua Toledo (Region 3), Napoleon Marilag (NCR), Melissa Grace Olit (MIMAROPA), Evita Tuazon (Region 5), Dr. Chris Gonzales Sorongon (Region 6), Atty. Jose Marie Gochangco (Region 7), Nino Labordo (Region 8), Jaime Salva (Region 9), Fr. Conrado Lacaba Casas, Jr. (Region 10), Vladimir Santos (Region 11), Jimboy Aldesco (Region 12), Gil Melo (Caraga), at Ascan Asgar (BARMM).

"Despite the risks of the pandemic, the Bayanihan spirit lives on. May this be a start of the fruitful partnership of promoting volunteerism in the local government," ani National Economic and Development Authority Acting Secretary, Karl Kendrick Chua.

Tampok ang SOCV sa pagdiriwang ng National Volunteer Month (NVM) tuwing buwan ng Disyembre. Layunin nitong himukin ang mga mamamayan na maging katuwang ng pamahalaan sa pagpapatupad ng iba't ibang proyekto bilang mga boluntaryo. *(PB)* 

#### Bomba, bumulaga

ISANG bomba ang natagpuan sa loob ng isang bahay na pinaniniwalaang itinago ng isang dating miembro ng Philippine Army (PA) sa Bacoor City, Cavite

Sa salaysay ni Grace Tacub, 49, balo, ng 382 Tramo St., Brgy Alima, Bacoor City, kay Pat Jerome Asid, ng Bacoor City Police Station, nagsasagawa siya ng general cleaning sa loob kanilang bahay dakong ala-1:30 Lunes ng hapon nang natagpuan niya ang

isang hinihinalang bomba. Sa takot na baka sumabog, ipinagbigay nito sa tanggapan ng kanilang barangay hall kung saan isa rin siyang Barangay Ex-O na siya namang nagreport sa pulisya.

Hinala ni Tacub na naitago ito ng kanyang yumaong asawa na dating meimbro ng Philippine Amy.

Hawak na ng Explosive Ordnance Division (EOD) ng Bacoor CPS ang nasabing bomba. *GENE ADSUARA* 

#### Bureau of Customs surpasses 2020 revenue collection target

CONSISTENT with its mandate to collect lawful revenues for the country, the Bureau of Customs (BOC) surpassed its annual target collection for 2020 by 6.6% or P33.5billion.

For the month of December, the BOC once again exceeded its revenue target for the 7th consecutive month by 9.1%. Based on preliminary report from the BOC Financial Service, a total of P47.316 billion was collected against its December target of P43.368 billion

In total, the BOC collected P539.660 billion for the year 2020, reflecting 106.6% of the target collection of P506.150 billion based from the initial report.

Furthermore, ten out of the seventeen collection districts exceeded their target for 2020, namely the Ports of Cebu, Tacloban, Surigao, Cagayan De Oro, Zamboanga, Davao, Subic, Clark, Aparri, and Limay.

The BOC's positive revenue collection performance is attributed to the improved valuation and intensified collection efforts of all the ports, gradual improvement of importation volume and the government's effort in ensuring unhampered movement of goods domestically and internationally considering the pandemic situation.

Commissioner Rey Leonardo B. Guerrero once again commended the collective efforts of the men and women of BOC who, despite the risks to their health and safety, showed unwavering commitment and dedication to service.

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# Hontiveros: Include China in list of countries banned from entering PH

"NAKUMPIRMA na na may new COVID-19 strain sa Tsina. Bakit di parin ito kasali sa listahan ng travel ban?"

This statement from Senator Risa Hontiveros on Tuesday as she urged the Department of Health (DOH) and the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) to recommend the inclusion of China in the list of countries banned from entering the country to prevent the transmission of the new COVID-19 variant.

"Tigilan na ang kababalaghan. Bakit exempted ang China? Natatakot na naman ba tayong masaktan ang damdamin nito? Unahin naman natin ang Pilipinas," Hontiveros said. Upon the recommendation of the DOH and DFA, the Office of the President had recently included the United States of America to be in the list of countries subject to travel restrictions, after cases of the new variant were confirmed in the US. Hontiveros said that the agencies should strongly suggest the same for China.

"Lubos na nakakahawa

ang new variant na ito. Huwag na nating hintayin na maghingalo pa ang ating mga ospital at mahirapan pa ang ating mga nars at doktor bago umaksyon," Hontiveros said.

China recently confirmed that a 23-year-old woman who arrived from the United Kingdom is positive for the recent COVID-19 strain. The woman arrived in China on December 14, and by December 24, the genetic sequencing results confirmed that the patient's strain was the same as the new variant first discovered in the UK.

At the start of the COVID-19 pandemic in January 2020, Hontiveros called on a temporary travel ban for individuals coming from Wuhan, China, where the very first COVID-19 virus was detected, and subsequently urged government to impose a China-wide temporary travel ban that same month. In November, China also banned the entry of travelers from the Philippines to control the spread of COVID-19.

"Matuto naman tayo. We already know that a tem-

#### Restored Metropolitan Theater, set to open in April

PARAÑAQUE CITY (PIA)

-- The National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) and the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) are aiming to finish the restoration of the Metropolitan Theater (MET) in Manila before the 500th anniversary of the Victory at Mactan on April 27, 2021.

According to the NCCA, they have approved the conduct of the quincentennial evening show at the ME, one of the oldest performance venues in the Philippine capital.

The plan was also adopted by the National Quincentennial Committee (NQC) during its 17th Regular Meeting held at the Philippine Information Agency on 15 October 2020.

"The event will serve as the maiden show of MET after 25 years since its closure in 1996," the NCCA, in a statement said.

Commemorative rites for the 500th anniversary of the Victory at Mactan are planned to be held at the Liberty Shrine, Barangay Mactan, Lapu-Lapu City in the morning. The shrine will also serve as co-host of the evening show with MET. A declared National Histori-

cal Landmark and National Cultural Treasure, MET witnessed the development of the country through time. It is also a landmark of Fili-

It is also a landmark of Filipino excellence and oneness with humanity through arts and culture.

"In 2021, we will commemorate the Philippine part in the achievement of science and humankind in circumnavigating the planet for the first time," a statement from the NHCP said.

"Central in this commemoration is the 500th anniversary of the Victory at Mactan on 27 April 2021. These and more are collectively known as the 2021 Quincentennial Commemorations in the Philippines by virtue of Executive Order No. 103 (2020)," the NHCP added. (*PIA-NCR*)

## GSIS extends GFAL program until December 2021

PASIG CITY (PIA) -- State pension fund Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) today announced that its loan transfer and consolidation program, otherwise known as the GSIS Financial Assistance Loan or GFAL program, is again extended by another year.

According to the GSIS, interested members may apply until December 31, 2021 to enjoy the benefits of GFAL's flexible credit facility.

GFAL has recently been expanded to include active members whose employment status are appointed,

porary travel ban can buy us time to prepare for any potential outbreaks of the new variant. Ang ban ay isa lang sa napakaraming hakbang na dapat ginagawa na natin para mag-ingat at mapanatiling ligtas ang mga Pilipino," Hontiveros concluded. **PR** 

elected, or non-permanent and whose periods with paid premiums (PPP) are at least 15 years.

Likewise, the GSIS has reduced the previous threemonth payslip requirement to only one month from the date of application.

For more details, visit the GSIS website at https://www.gsis.gov.ph/ or official Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/gsis.ph.

Under GFAL, GSIS members may transfer their loan of up to P500,000, to the pension fund from lending institutions, such as government banks and cooperatives, that are duly accredited by their agencies.

The loan, which has a lower interest rate of six percent per annum and longer repayment period of six years, will be directly paid to the lending institutions. (PIA-NCR)

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## Deadline for seafarer's competence assessment set June 30 MANILA - All seafarers for expiring theoretical ex- may apply and retake the lf a seafarer passed the line of the l

MANILA – All seafarers who are completing their competence assessment under the old system of the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) have been given a final extension, with the deadline now set on June 30.

In an advisory on Wednesday, MARINA said the extension was based on its Memorandum Circular SC-2020-03 and would include seafarers who exceeded the two years prescribed

amination records from March 13, 2020 onwards. "Moreover, effective 1 July 2021, the assessment of competence shall be under the new system, in accordance with the applicable provisions of STCW Circular No. 2018-08 and STCW

It said in a situation where a seafarer was not able to pass the theoretical exam on or before June 30, they

Circular No. 2018-09," MA-

RINA said.

may apply and retake the exam under the new system.

If a seafarer passed the Officer in Charge of Navigational Watch (OIC-NW) exam under the old system but was not able to take the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS) Radio Operator exam on or before June 30, they may apply and take the GMDSS Radio Operator exam under the new system.

If a seafarer passed the theoretical exam but was not able to take the practical assessment under the old system on or before June 30, they may take the practical assessment under the new system.

MARINA noted that all requirements stipulated under STCW Circular 2018-08 or 2018-09, as applicable, are still required when a seafarer applies for assessment of competence under the new system. (PNA)

## Duterte signs Doktor Para sa Bayan Act

**MANILA** – Deserving students may now receive medical scholarships and render return service under a new law signed by President Rodrigo Duterte.

Duterte signed Republic Act (RA) 11509, also known as the Doktor Para sa Bayan Act, on Dec. 23, 2020 to establish a Medical Scholarship and Return Service (MSRS) program for deserving students in state universities and colleges (SUCs) or in partner private higher education institutions (PHEIs) in regions where no SUCs offer a medical course.

The Commission on Higher Education (CHED) may designate more than one partner HEI in the region, including those where existing SUCs offer the Doctor of Medicine (MD) program as deemed necessary, upon consultation with the Department of Health (DOH).

Qualified applicants from municipalities without government physicians will be prioritized in the allocation of scholarship slots to ensure the assignment of at least one doctor for every municipality in the country. Under the new law, the MSRS program will be made available to deserving Filipino students who want to pursue an MD degree.

Student financial assistance for the MSRS program will include free tuition and other fees; allowance for prescribed books, supplies, and equipment; clothing or uniform allowance; allowance for dormitory or boarding house accommodation; transportation allowance; internship fees, including financial assistance during the mandatory internship; medical board review fees; fees; licensure annual

medical insurance; and other education-related miscellaneous subsistence or living allowances.

In signing RA 11509, Duterte recognized the policy of the state to protect and promote the people's right to health through the formulation and implementation of policies and strategies for the appropriate generation, recruitment, retraining, regulation, retention, and reassessment of the health workforce, making it more attuned to the needs of the population.

"It is also the declared policy of the state to promote social justice by expanding access to quality education and creating opportunities for underprivileged individuals," the law read.

Qualifications and conditions

To qualify for the MSRS program, an applicant must be a Filipino citizen residing in the Philippines and must be a graduating student or a graduate of an appropriate undergraduate program identified as a prerequisite for an MD degree, from any HEI duly recognized by the CHED, including a direct entrant to the Integrated Liberal Arts and Medicine (Intarmed). Deserving incoming second-year medical students and those in the higher

ond-year medical students and those in the higher year levels of the MD program will also be covered under the act, so long as they have complied with the academic requirements and retention policies of the school in the past terms preceding their scholarship application.

An applicant must also have passed the entrance examinations and complied with other related requirements for admission into an MD degree in the SUC or PHEI where the scholar intends to enroll, as well

as the other requirements of the CHED and the DOH and obtained a National Medical Admission Test (NMAT) score mandated by CHED and required by the SUC or PHEI where the student intends to enroll.

Deserving students must sign an agreement stating the terms and conditions of the scholarship on a form prescribed by the CHED and DOH; carry the full load of subjects prescribed per semester by the SUC or PHEI, and must not under any circumstance drop a course.

They must also finish the entire MD program within the prescribed time frame of the SUC or the PHEI where the scholar is enrolled subject to its retention policies.

Before actual enrollment in the first semester as a scholar, deserving students accepted to the MSRS program may be allowed to defer enrollment or file a leave of absence if they have valid and justifiable reasons.

They must also undertake the mandatory internship in the SUC's or PHEI's base hospital upon graduation from the MD program for scholars under a four-year program or on the last year of the program for scholars under a five-year program. In case no more slots are available in the SUC or PHEI base hospital, the mandatory internship program must be undertaken in a DOH-accredited public health facility or hospital or any accredited government health facility or hospital, subject to compliance with the requirements of the association that credits an internship program.

They must also take the board examination within a maximum period of one year after completion of the

mandatory internship program and render a return service.

The scholar who fails to pass the licensure examination within one year after graduation and completion of the mandatory internship and other academic requirements must shoulder all the necessary expenses for the succeeding professional licensure examinations.

Scholars may also be disqualified for several circumstances.

Meanwhile, physicians who availed of the MSRS program but fail or refuse to comply with the mandatory return service and integration will be required to pay two times the full cost of the scholarship, including other benefits and expenses incurred by the reason of participation in the program.

To address the scarcity of doctors in the country, the CHED, in coordination with the DOH, will ensure that each region will have at least one medical school.

The CHED must streamline the requirements for the applications for authority to offer the MD program.

The CHED and DOH must also issue the appropriate guidelines within 60 days from the effectivity of the act to facilitate the partnership between SUCs and DOH hospitals with a view of increasing the number of medical schools throughout the country with one region having at least one state-operated medical school. Within three years from the effectivity of the act, there

within three years from the effectivity of the act, there must be a state-operated medical school in at least half of the regions with no such school.

Within five years, there must be at least one stateoperated medical school in each region in the country.



nasa unahan na si Gil's Magic. Tinawid ni Gil's Magic ang meta ng may kalahating kabayo lang na agwat laban sa nasegundo na si Ambet Ko To. Terserong

dumating si Bishop Blue habang pang- apat naman si

Born In April, panglima si The Believer at pang- anim si

Money Gain. Naorasan si Gil's Magic ng impresibong tiyempo na 1:26 (13'-22'-23-27) para sa distansiyang

GIL'S MAGIC, DEHADO

The Department of Budget and Management (DBM), DOH, and local government units (LGUs) where applicable must ensure that all scholars required to render return service under this act must be appointed to appropriate plantilla positions commensurate to their merit and fitness.

1,400 meter race.

Every five years from the effectivity of the act, the DOH and CHED must assess the shortage of health workers in the country against the ideal standards and the National Health Human Resource Master Plan created under Republic Act 11223 or the Universal Health Care Act and upon consultation with participating SUCs and PHEIS, the DBM and the PRC.

They must then determine the number and geographical allocation of scholars to be admitted every school year allocating at least one scholarship slot in municipalities without government physicians. In determining the allocation quota of the scholars to be admitted to the program, priority is given to regions with low doctor-to-population ratios.

The DOH must also submit to Congress the National Health Human Resource Master Plan and any updates to ensure an adequate number of competent human resources for health for the entire country.

Within 120 days from the effectivity of this act, the CHED and the DOH and other stakeholders formulate and issue the implementing rules and regulations (IRR) to fully carry out the provisions of the act.

The absence of an IRR must not affect the effectivity of this act and the grant of the benefit.

RA 11509 will take effect 15 days after its publication in the Official Gazette or at least two newspapers of general circulation. *(PNA)* 

# GINANG, PARAK; TIGBAK SA AKSIDENTE

NASAWI ang dalawang katao, kabilang ang isang aktibong miembro ng Philippine National Police (PNP) at isang ginang sa magkahiwalay na aksidente sa motorsiklo sa Cavite.

Kinilala ang mga nasawi na sina PSMsgt Ronnie Lacay, 46, miembro ng PNP na nakatalaga sa Police Security and Protection Group (PSPG) at stay-in sa PSG-SRU Malacanang Park, San Miguel, Manila; at Ailen Garde, 38, ng Trece Martires City.

Hawak ng pulisya ang driver ng Hino Aluminum Van, na may plakang NGM 1055, na si Richardson Loyloy, 51, salesman, ng Blk 02 Lot 64 Nichols St. KS 12 Lancaster Subd, Brgy. Santiago GTCC; at Mel Mojica, 45, driver ng kulay pearl na Toyota Hice Ace van na may plakang NDV 4311.

Sa ulat ni PSMSgt Hermes Casauran, ng Gen. Trias City Police Station, da-kong alas-2:30 ng hapon naganap ang aksidente sa kahabaan ng Arnaldo Highway sa Brgy. Santiago, Gen Trias City, kung saan minamaneho ni Lacay ang kanyang motorsklong Yamaha Mio sa outer lane patungo sa Brgy Pasong Camachile habang si Loyloy ay sa inner lane na minamaneho ang kanyang Hino Aluminum van.

Pero pagsapit sa isang ginagawang kalsada ay nawalan ng kontrol sa manibela ang biktima at tumilapon sa kabilang lane kung saan paparating naman ang van dahilan upang magulungan ito.

Isinugod pa ang biktima sa Gentri Doctors Hospital subalit idineklarang dead on arrival.

Sakay naman sa isang motorsiklong Honda si Ailen na minamaneho ng kanyang asawa habang binabagtas ang kahabaan ng Governors Drive, Brgy San Agustin, Trece Martires City dakong alas-10:30 Martes ng umaga.

Paglagpas ng tulay sa Puting Tubig ay nakasalubong nito ang minamanehong Toyota Hi-Ace ni Mojica na nagesulta sa kanilang banggaan.

Sa pangyayari ay tumilapon ang mag-asawa dahilan ng kanilang mga sugat sa katawan.

Isinugod sa General Emilio Aguinadlo Memorial Hospital si Ailen subalit hindi na umabot ng buhay. GENE **ADSUARĂ** 

Motor, tinumbok ng trak

NASAWI ang angkas na ginang habang sugatan ang asawa nito nang tumbukin ng Isuzu truck ang Iikurang bahagi ng kanilang motorsiklo sa Naic, Cavite. Isinugod sa San Lorenzo Hospital ang mag-asawang Edilberto at Evelyn Mata, kapwa 50-anyos at residente ng Phase 3-A Ciudad Nuevo Subd., Brgy Timalan, Balsahan, Naic pero idineklarang dead on arrival ang ginang.

pero idineklarang dead on arrival ang ginang. Nasa kustodiya ng pulisya ang driver ng Isuzu NHR truck na may plakang WQQ na si Emmanuel Miranda, 46, ng 90 Majada, Calamba, Laguna.
Sa ulat ni PSSgt Richard

Atienza, ng Naic Municipal Police Station, binapal Police Station, binabagtas ng mag-asawa ang kahabaan ng A. Soriano Highway sa Brgy Timalan, Balsahan, sakay ng motorsiklong Suzuki Sky drive kung saan angkas si Evelyn patungo sa direksiyon ng Manila dakong alas-10:00 Martes ng umaga nang banggain ang likurang bahagi ng kanilang motorsiklo ng minamanheong Isuzu truck ni Miranda.

truck ni Miranda.
Dahil sa lakas ng kanilang pagkakabangga, nawalan ng kontrol sa manibela ang minamanehong motorsiklo ni Edilberto at tumilapon sila sa kalsada. GENE ADSUARA

#### Mess personnel ng PNPA, inaresto

INARESTO sa loob ng Philippine National Po-lice Academy (PNPA) ang isang Mess personnel na hinihinalang nagtutulak matapos na nahulian ng

mga drug paraphernalia sa Silang, Cavite. Kinilala ang naaresto na si Disodado Reyes Jr., Mess pesonnel ng PNPA Mess Hall sa Brgy Tartiara, Sil-

Sa ulat ni PMSgt Robert Dimailig, ng Silang Munici-pal Police Station, dakong

alas-2:00 ng hapon ay nagsagawa ng inspection sa loob ng quarter si PLt Col Crisostomo Ubac, chief ng Intelligence and Investigation Department ng PNPA, base sa sumbong ni Cadet 1CL John Dave Macacba kung saan nagtutulak umano ng droga ang suspek. Dahil dito, inispeksiyon ang nasabing quarter kung saan nakuhanan ng mga drug paraphernalia suspek. GENE ADSUARA



ARESTADO ang umano'y tulak na si Mark Joseph Cruz, alyas Mac-mac, matapos kumagat sa isinagawang buy-bust operation ng kapulisan ng Station Drug Enforcement Unit (SDEU) ng Mandaluyong City Police Station sa F. Pantalfon St., Mandaluyong City nitong Enero 6. Narekober mula sa suspek ang dalawang sachet ng hinihinalang shabu at ang buy-bust money na ginamit sa nasabing operasyon. (JEROME AMOROSO)



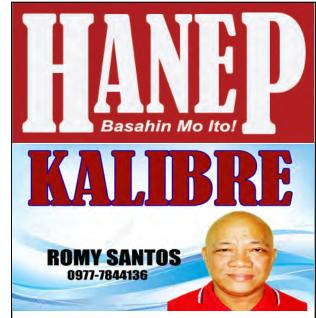
NAGSAGAWA ng paglilinis ng mga kanal sa Top Land Sub-division sa Barangay San Isidro sa lungsod ng P'que dahil sa nagkaroon na baha kahit hindi naman umuulan. Mabilis ang naging aksiyon dito ni Barangay Captain Noel Japlos kaya naman nagpasalamat ang mga residente. (JIMMY HAO)



SA isinagawang OPLAN GALUGAD ng mga tauhan ng PCP-3 sa pamumuno ni P/Major Elizaldy Matulac ay dinakip ang da-lawang suspek na sina Charisse Alcantara at Rizalino Santos, kapwa nahulihan ng tig isang pirasong maliit na sachet ng umano'y shabu sa Quirino Ave., Brgy. Don Galo, lungsod ng P'que. Ang mga naging seizing officer ay sina PMSG Marlon Landicho at PCPL Adrian B. Manatad. (JIMMY HAO)



ANG mga tauhan ng PCP 2 sa pamunuan ni P/Major Jolly C. Soriano sa kanilang enhanced police visibility laban sa ano mang uri ng illegal gambling gayundin ang pagpapatupad ng health protocol sa Puyat Compound, Barangay TAMBO, lungsod ng P'que. (JIMMY HAO)



#### Nasaan at kanino ang problema?

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TUWING unang Lunes sa bawat pagpasok ng panibagong taon, ang aking unang misyon ay ang renewal ng business permit ng HANEP Publication. Nitong Lunes (Enero 4) ng umaga ay aking natapos ang pagpapa-renew. 'Ika nga ay iba na iyong maagap at hindi na kailangang magpatumpik-

tumpik pa. Mainam ng malinis at maayos ang ating permit at iba pang documents na kailangan para sa buong taon na operasyon ng publication.

Pagdating sa munisipyo ay 21 ang aking numero pero nang matapos ang proseso ay number 35

ang nakalagay sa business plate ko.

Paanong nangyari iyon? Since 21 ang numero ko sa pagpoproseso eh hindi ba dapat ay number 21 din ang aking plaka. Nagtataka lang hehe-

Iba ang counter para sa mga senior citizen at PWD subalit may isa pa akong pinagtakahan.

Hindi ba kapag senior at PWD ay mas mabilis ang proseso pero bakit mas naunahan pa rin silang makatapos ng mga nasa karaniwang pila.

Nasaan o kanino ang problema o pagkukulang?

Nagtatanong lang po!



KALABOSO ang inabot ng suspek na si Leticia Gatila, 70, na nahulihan ng 7 pirasong plastic sachet ng hinihinalang shabu sa isinagawang Oplan GALUGAD ng mga tauhan ng PCP -2 sa pamunuan ni P/Major Jolly C. Soriano sa Greenhouse, Macapagal Ave. Ext., Brgy. TAMBO, P'que City. Ang mga naging arresting officer ay sina PCPL Allan F. Baltazar at PCPL Vincent Pol Soliven. (JIMMY HAO)