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HINDI lamang mga Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDL) bagkus ay maging ang daan-daang residente ng Baseco sa Maynila ang napakain ng 'free lugaw' kamakailan. Ito ay inilunsad ni LTCOL. Robert C. Domingo, hepe ng Baseco Police Station, kaugnay ng programang 'Barangayanihan' ng kapulisan. ***(Christian Heramis)***

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70K IMUSEÑO FAMILIES RECEIVE CASH AID, 35K STILL IN PROCESS

IMUS CITY, Cavite (PIA) -- More or less 70,000 families in the city had received the Cash Ayuda from the national government or the Lingap Imuseño cash aid based on the updated master list of beneficiaries verified and encoded by the Lingap Center established by the city government.

City Councilor Emoy Francisco reported the status of the cash aid distribution in the weekly FB Live of Imus Mayor Emmanuel Maliksi on April 24, 2021. He explained the tedious task of validation of the families in the master list from the DSWD based on the CBMS data.

"Napakahalaga po nang ginagawang pagproseso ng checking at rechecking ng mga nakalap na datos mula sa mga nagrehistrong pamilyang benepisyaryo para po makuha natin ang tamang bilang ng miyembro nang bawat pamilya na siya namang i-encode sa Lingap Center para po makapasok sa portal," Francisco elaborated.

Francisco said the processing of data from each barangays of almost 35,000 families in the city will continue which started Monday, April 26, 2021 to expedite the distribution of the financial aid to the remaining beneficiaries.

The updated and correct data will then be used as the basis for the ONE Cash Card system that will be implemented by the city government in partnership with the Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP) for future distribution of financial aid from the government.

Notably, Imus city is the only LGU in the province that opted for the use of multi-channeled disbursement system with three options for pay-out namely: thru Debit/Cash cards; e-wallet either GCash or PayMaya; and cash pick-up with the MLhuillier.

Meanwhile, Councilor Jem V. Yulo explained that the delay in the distribution of the cash aid is due to errors and inconsistencies in the application forms filled-up by the families, and at times, with instances of technical glitch of double disbursement experienced by several families.

Francisco shared a noteworthy case wherein an indigent head of the family came forward to their barangay official to return the extra cash.

Mayor Maliksi granted a medical assistance to the family upon hearing that a family member is a patient suffering from leukemia and is currently confined at the Las Piñas General Hosptital, in reward to such act of honesty.

On the other hand, Maliksi appealed for patience and understanding to the Imuseños who have not yet received their cash aid.

"Hindi pa tapos ang pamimigay ng ayuda o ng lingap. Patuloy pa rin ang pag proseso ng mga datos nang mga nagrehistro para sa nasabing tulong pinansyal. Lahat po ay makakatanggap ng ayuda," Maliksi assured his constituents.

(The distribution of the Ayuda/Lingap is not yet over. The processing of data of those who registered is ongoing. Everyone will receive the help.) ***(Ruel Francisco with report from the Emmanuel Maliksi FB Live)***

22 'tulak' swak sa buy bust

ISANG traffic enforcer at isang 17-anyos na menor de edad ang kabilang sa dalawampu't dalawang hinihinalang tulak na dinampot sa isinagawang buy bust operation sa magkakahiwalay na lugar sa Cavite.

Kinilala ang traffic enforcer na si Ronnel Del Rosario, alias Ronnel, ng Tanza; at isang alias "Totoy", 17-anyos, ng Cavite City.

Sa ulat ng Tanza Police Station, dakong ala-1:30 Miyerkules ng madaling araw nagsagawa ng buy bust operation ang mga operatiba ng Drug Enforcement Group (DEG) ng Tanza MPS sa Brgy Biga, kung saan target si Del Rosario at kasama nitong si Melanie Operana, 38, dalaga, na nagresulta sa kanilang pagkakaaresto.

Nakipagtransaksiyon naman sa mga operatiba ng Cavite City Police si alias Totoy dakong alas-12:10 Miyerkules ng hatinggabi sa Brgy 22A, at nakuhanan ng dalawang sachet ng shabu na nagresulta sa kanyang pagkakaaresto.

Si alias Totoy ay kasalukuyang nasa kustodiya ng City Social Welfare and Development (CSWD) dahil sa pagiging menor de edad nito.

Umabot naman sa dalawampu't dalawa ang bilang ng mga hinihinalang tulak ang binitbit ng Cavite police sa isinagawang buy bust operation sa magkakahiwalay na lugar sa tatlong lungsod at walong bayan sa Cavite.

Nanguna sa pinakamaraming bilang ng tulak na naaresto ang Tanza na (3), sumunod ang Tagaytay City, Indang, Alfonso, General Mariano Alvarez (GMA), Silang, Naic at Dasmarinas City na tig (2); tig-(1) naman ang Maragondon, Cavite City, at Kawit o kabuuang 22. ***GENE ADSUARA***

Senior citizens, PWDs manatili sa inyong bahay -DSWD

LUNGSOD CALOOCAN (PIA) -- Muling umapela ang Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) sa mga nakatatanda (SCs) at mga taong may kapansanan (PWDs) na manatili na lamang sa sa kanilang mga bahay at ipaubaya sa kanilang mga nakababatang kinatawan ang pagkuha ng ayudang pinansyal mula sa kanikanilang mga lokal na pamahalaan (LGU).

Ang apelang ito ay kaugnay ng mahahabang pila sa ilang LGU na nasa loob ng "NCR plus bubble" at namimigay ng ayudang pinansiyal sa kanikanilang kwalipikadong residente.

Ayon sa DSWD, ang mga nakababata at mas malusog na miyembro na lamang ng pamilya ang papilahin para makakuha ng ayudang pinansiyal.

Mangyaring dalhin at ipakita ang ID ng SC at nang kukuha kasama ang awtorisasyon na pirmado ng SC o ng PWD.

Kasabay nito, pinaalalahanan din ng DSWD ang mga organizer ng community pantry at mga relief distribusyon na makipag-usap sa kaukulang LGU upang maseguro ang maayos na pamamahagi ng kanilang mga tulong lalo pa nga at kadalasan ay may sumasali mula sa mga bulnerableng grupo.

Pagdidiin ng DSWD, ang mga SCs at PWDs ang pinakabulnerable sa mga epekto ng pandemyang dulot ng COVID-19.

Ito ay nakapaloob sa resolusyon ng IATF na ang mga seniors at mga may sakit ay manatili na lamang sa kanikanilang bahay. ***(PIA NCR)***

SC approves aid for employees who contracted, died of Covid-19

MANILA – Chief Justice Alexander Gesmundo has approved the grant of financial assistance to judges and court personnel who contracted Covid-19.

In a circular dated April 27, 2021, Court Administrator Jose Midas Marquez said Gesmundo, with the concurrence of the Supreme Court (SC) en banc, gave the greenlight for the financial assistance for court officials and workers who required in-patient care or hospital confinement.

The assistance will cover those who sought treatment as well as those who died from March 2020 until the pandemic ends.

Mild to moderate illness will be equivalent to PHP15,000; critical illness which include but not limited to acute respiratory distress syndrome, septic shock requiring ventilation, oxygenation or renal replacement therapy, and the like, will be granted PHP30,000; and families of court workers who died due to Covid-19, whether hospitalized or not, will get PHP50,000.

Qualified SC beneficiaries must file the necessary documents at the Office of Court Administrator's Financial Management division.

The requirements are reverse transcription-polymerase chain reaction test results, medical certificate indicating findings, and death certificate indicating that the patient died of the virus or complications due to Covid-19. ***(PNA)***

Kumasa sa parak, tigbak

NASAWI ang isang hinihinalang tulak nang nakipagpalitan ng putok sa isinagawang buy bust operation sa Bacoor City, Cavite.

Kinilala ang nasawi na si Arnold Daet Sacil, nasa wastong edad, ng San Nicolas 2, Bacoor City.

Sa ulat ni Pat Marcop Romero Cupo, ng Bacoor City Police Station, dakong ala-1:45 Miyerkules ng madaling araw ay nagsagawa ng buy bust operation ang mga operatiba ng Drug Enforcement Group (DEG) ng Bacoor CPS sa Brgy San Nicolas 2 kung saan target ang suspek.

Limang gramo ng hinihinalang shabu ang unang inalok ng suspek sa poseur buyer at saka naglabas pa ng karagdagang 25 gramo.

Pero sa kalagitnaan ng transaksiyon ay nahalata ng suspek na pulis ang kanyang kausap kaya nagkasa ng kalibre 38 na baril at ipinutok sa huli.

Dahilan naman ito upang gumanti ng putok ang pulis. ***GENE ADSUARA***

Senglot, naghurumentado

TATLO katao ang sugatan dahil sa kagagawan umano ng naghurumentadong lasing sa Naic, Cavite.

Ginamot sa ospital sina Celso Maries, 50; John Llyod Guevara; at Jomar Bangcale, pawang residente ng Brgy Halang, Naic.

Pinaghahanap naman ng pulisya ang mga suspek na nakilalang sina Ariel Catibayan, alias Ahmad; at Gilbert Consumo, nasa wastong edad at residente ng Belmont Homes, Brgy Halang.

Sa ulat ni Corporal Adriel Martin, ng Naic Police Station, dakong ala-1:30 Miyerkules ng madaling araw naganap ang insidente.

Pawang naka-duty ang mga biktima bilang mga volunteer sa Gate ng Belmont Homes nang sumulpot ang mga suspek na hinihinalang kapwa nakainum at walang kaabug-abog na naglabas ng baril si alias Ahmad at walang habas ng nagpaputok kung saan tinamaan ng ligaw na bala ang mga biktima.

Isnugod sa ospital ang mga biktima habang pinaghahanap naman ang mga suspek. ***GENE ADSUARA***

LGU Imus City inoculates senior citizens thru house to house

IMUS CITY, Cavite (PIA) -- The city government here commenced the house-to-house inoculation of senior citizens who are not capable of being physically present in the city's vaccination site.

Mayor Emmanuel L. Maliksi together with Vice Mayor Ony Cantimbuhan, City Health Officer Dr. Randy Calingasan and the CHO staff personally visited the houses of identified senior citizens in Barangays Pasong Buaya 2 and Buhay na Tubig on April 22.

Dr. Calingasan administered the CoViD-19 vaccine jab to Danny Felomino and to his 65 year old wife who had been bedridden for four years now after suffering a stroke.

"Katulad kong may pasyente pang inaalagaan, mahirap na sa akin para lumabas kaya mas mabuti ngang magbahay-bahay na lang," Felomino said during his interview by ABS-CBN reporter Dennis Datu.

(Like me, I still have a patient being cared for, it's hard for me to get out so it's better to just go from house-to-house,)

Vice Mayor Ony Cantimbuhan explained, "As long as they are sick and it is difficult for them to go out and of course, it is safer that they do not go out. So, we will just go to their house and administer the vaccine."

The house-to-house vaccination is part of the four established measures of the city government under the #BidaAngMayBakuna campaign for its vaccination program aside from the onsite vaccination site at the Ospital ng Imus, the vaccine drive-thru site at Robinson's Place Imus, and the mobile vaccine bus that roams the remote places in the city.

Meanwhile, Mayor Maliksi said the shortage in the supply of the CoViD-19 vaccine from the national government is the main challenge for the continuous conduct of the vaccination program.

"We constantly follow-up with the Department of Health (DOH) for the allocation of CoViD-19 vaccines for our resident priority groups," Maliksi said.

Consequently, the vaccination activities are temporarily suspended due to the full usage of the last batch of the supply of the CoViD-19 vaccines to the city. ***(Ruel Francisco, with reports from Emmanuel Maliksi's FB page)***

DPWH completes additional BatMC COVID-19 facilities

CALAMBA CITY (PIA) - Patients from Batangas and its nearby provinces will soon receive better healthcare services amid the pandemic after the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) completed the construction of the additional COVID-19 treatment facilities at the Batangas Medical Center (BatMC) in Batangas City.

DPWH Secretary Mark Villar said the off site buildings completed by the DPWH Task Force to Facilitate Augmentation of Local / National Health Facilities and Batangas District 2 Engineering Office are now being prepared for operation to augment the health services being provided in Batangas and its neighboring provinces.

The completed three (3) cluster facilities includes a 10-room Intensive Care Unit (ICU) which includes a closed-circuit television (cctv) to be used for monitoring for moderate to severe Covid patients and one (1) unit with 21 rooms for isolation and monitoring of mild symptoms cases.

"The facility also included a makeshift dormitory with 22 rooms dedicated to accommodate 44 healthcare professionals who will be attending to patients in the facility." Villar said, adding that the facility will be opened this May after civil works and installation of medical equipment are completed to accommodate the surge in cases including spillover patients from Metro Manila and the Southern Tagalog.

"Napakaimportante na lahat ng sangay ng gobyerno ay nagtutulungan upang magkaroon ng iisang layunin tungo sa pagbabago at pagbibigay ng maginhawa at mabuting serbisyo. A harmonized, interoperable, and interconnected government can increase the quality and efficient delivery of frontline services which will greatly benefit the public," DOH-CALABARZON Regional Director Eduardo Janairo said, expressing his gratitude to Secretary Villar for his continuous support in improving health facilities in the region.

The DOH said the facility located in the 3,678 square meter rotonda in BatMC will be opened this May. ***(PB/DOH 4-A)***

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Para sa katotohanan lamang

MAHIRAP sukatin ang tama o mali, hindi mabatid ang akmang sukat o haba.

Bawat kaganapan ay mayroong kahulugan subalit hindi kaagad matutukoy o natutukoy.

Ang nangyayari sa kapaligiran ay hindi maitatatwa dahil bukas ito sa paningin ng lahat.

Dahil nakikita ng publiko ay may kanya-kanyang interpretasyon batay sa mga mata o paningin.

Kung gaano katalas ang pagtingin ay ganoon din naman kalikot ang utak.

Ibig sabihin ay naglalaro ang imahinasyon batay sa nakikita sa paligid.

Nagkakaroon ng sariling interpretasyon alinsunod sa nasasaksihan.

Gumagana ang isip subalit tila mayroong kakulangan bagkus ay gumagawa kaagad ng haka-haka.

Isip nga ang namamayani pero mukhang padalusdalos batay sa kanilang obserbasyon.

Sabihing ang konsepto ng nasasaksihan ay para sa kabutihan.

Naghahangad para sa kapakanan ng higit na nakararami.

Dahil ganoon ang konsepto kaya mas nakalalamang na kaagad ang tama sa pagsukat.

Nasasabi agad na tama ang sukat kasi nga ay para sa kabutihan at kapakanan ng iba ang nakikita.

Ang tanong ay hindi na ba maaaring tingnan at sukatin ang mali?

Tahasan na bang masasabi at maikokonsidera na ang nakikita ay tama at sadyang walang bahid mali?

Paano nga naman kung ang ipinapakita sa publiko ay may itinatago?

Magulo po ba? Ipinapakita tapos ay may itinatago?

Simple po, kumbaga ay pakitang-tao lamang.

Nangangahulugan ay mayroong nababalot na misteryoso na maaaring sabihing lihim na kabutihan.

Ang lihim na iyon ay kailangang- kailangang matukoy at dapat ay tiyak na tiyak.

Hindi pwedeng hakahaka lamang bagkus ay puno dapat ng mga ebidensiya.

Hawak dapat ang mga katibayan bago ang pagsisiwalat na ang nakikita na batay sa paningin ay tama subalit mali naman pala.

Masarap magsiwalat ng katotohanan kung sadyang naaayon sa tama.

Mayroong nangyayari sa kapaligiran at halos lahat ay tama iyon sa kanilang paningin.

Sa isang daang porsiyento ay nasa five percent lamang ang sa kanilang paningin ay mayroong mali sa nangyayari.

Iyon nga lamang, napakahirap ng labanan dahil 95% versus 5%.

Kapag nagsalita at nagpuna ang nasa panig ng limang porsiyento ay katakut-takot na atake ang kanya o kanilang matatamo mula sa hanay ng nasa 95%.

Usap lang, sabi nga ng ilang kalansangan natin ay hindi muna dapat pumuna at nagbitaw ng pahayag ang mula sa hanay ng limang porsiyento.

Sa halip ay masusing pag-iimbestiga muna ang dapat ginawa kasabay ng paglilikom ng mga kaukulang ebidensiya.

Ginawa o ginagawa ito nang palihim upang hindi masusunog ang pagsisiyasat.

Kapag natapos ang imbestigasyon at napatunayang mali ang tama sa paningin ng mas nakararami ay iyon ang takdang oras o panahon para sa pagsasalita.

Kung napatunayan namang tama ang lahat ay huwag sisihin ang sarili sa ginawang imbestigasyon.

Ginawa mo iyon hindi dahil sa ikaw ay walang tiwala bagkus ay para nga sa katotohanan lamang.

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Kabataan ngayon?

HANGAD ng Department of Agriculture na makuha ang atensiyon ng kabataang Pinoy.

Ito ay may kinalaman sa agriculture business sa ilalim ng "Kabataang Agribiz Grant Assistance Program" ng kagawaran.

Bibigyan ang mga kabataan ng tulong pinansyal bilang suporta sa pagtatayo ng negosyong pang-agrikultura.

Misyon ng naturang programa na ipaunawa sa mga kabataan ang importansiya ng agrikultura sa ekonomiya ng ating bansa.

Maganda ang layunin subalit ano na nga ba ang mga kabataan sa kasalukuyan?

Mas tumatatak sa isipan ng mga kabataan sa ngayon ang pananatili sa mga lungsod.

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Bataan-Cavite bridge detailed design out within 2021: Villar

MANILA – The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) on Monday said it is looking to come up with a detailed design of the Bataan-Cavite Interlink Bridge Project within the year.

Secretary Mark Villar said they are now working on the detailed design of the multi-billion structure which is included in the Inter-Island Linkage/Mega Bridge Program of the government.

"We already procured the feasibility study which is our major accomplishment but what we are working on now is the detailed engineering design," he said during the Sulong Pilipinas 2021: Partners for Progress, a Pre-State of the Nation Address (SONA) Economic Development and Infrastructure Clusters' Forum.

Villar said he expects to see a "significant accomplishment" in the detailed engineering design of the project.

"(This) means we will be ready for procurement," he added.

Included in the government's Build, Build, Build Program, the bridge project involves the construction of a 32.15-kilometer bridge with four lanes (two for each direction) spanning from Barangay Alas-asin in Mariveles, Bataan crossing Manila Bay and ending in Barangay Timalan, Naic, Cavite.

The soon-to-be-largest and longest iconic bridge will be the faster way by land between Cavite and Bataan, which will cut travel time between Central Luzon and Southern Tagalog from the usual five hours to only 20 to 30 minutes at a speed of 60 kilometers per hour.

The proposed bridge project is composed of the following: Package 1 – Bataan Land Viaduct (5.04 km.), Package 2 – Northern Marine Viaduct (8 km.), Package 3 – Southern Marine Viaduct (12.6 km.), Package 4 – Approach Viaducts to Northern and Southern Navigation Channel Bridges (2.6 km.), Package 5 – Navigation Channel Bridges (2.6 km.), Package 6 – Cavite Land Viaduct (1.31 km.), and Package 7 – Ancillary Buildings.

Meanwhile, Villar reported that three new bridges along the Pasig River are scheduled to open within the year.

"The BGC-Ortigas Center Link Road Project is now 80 percent complete. Travel time between BGC and Ortigas Central Business District will be reduced to 12 minutes. This year, we target to complete the construction of the Binondo-Intramuros Bridge in Manila. On the other hand, the Estrella Pantaleon Bridge connecting Makati and Mandaluyong is also expected to be finished by September this year," he added. ***(PNA)***

2 dedo sa motorsiklo

DALAWA katao ang nasawi, kabilang ang isang pulis ng Muntinlupa CPS, sa aksidente ng motorsiklo sa magkahiwalay na lugar sa Cavite.

Kinilala ang dalawa na si Police Corporal Lester Cruz, 37, nakatalaga sa Muntinlupa City Police Station, ng Blk 130 Lot 1 Phase 4, Tierra Nevada, Brgy. San Francisco, Gen. Trias City; at Eric Bagara, 24, binata, factory worker, ng Brgy. Bagbag 1, Rosario, Cavite.

Sa ulat ni PCMSgt Feliciano Garcia II, ng Bacoor City Police Station, dakong alas-6:20 Linggo ng gabi naganap ang insidente sa kahabaan ng Daang hari Road sa harapan ng Springville Meadows 2 Subd., sakop ng Brgy Molino 4, Bacoor City, kung saan minamaneho ng nasabing pulis ang kanyang kulay brown na motorsiklong Honda ACB 150 habang binabagatas ang nasabing lugar pero pagsapit sa pataas na bahagi ng kalsada ay tumigil ang isang multicab upang magsakay ng pasahero.

Dahil dito, dumulas pakanan sa bahagi ng kalsada ang motorsiklo ng biktima kaya tumilapon ito at malubhang nasugatan.

Tinangka pang isugod sa South City Hospital and Medical Center ang biktima pero idineklarang dead on arrival.

Sa ulat naman ni Corporal Nikko Paul Barranco, ng Tanza Police Station, patungo sa direksiyon ng Naic ang biktimang si Bagara sakay ng kanyang motorsiklong Kawasaki Rouser na may plakang NA74455 habang binabagtas ang kahabaan ng Antero Soriano Highway sakop ng Brgy Capipisa, dakong alas-9:30 Linggo ng gabi ay sumalpok sa kongretong harang sa tabi ng kalsada.

Isinugod sa San Lazaro Hospital ang biktima subalit idineklarang dead on arrival. ***GENE ADSUARA***

Manila food boxes reach former residents in Cavite, Bulacan

MANILA – Former residents of Manila who were relocated to cities and provinces outside the capital have also received assistance through its food subsidy program (FSP).

Manila Mayor Francisco "Isko Moreno" Domagoso directed the Department of Public Services (DPS), headed by Kenneth Amurao, to deliver food boxes to former residents who are now in Naic, Cavite, and Bulacan towns Pandi and Norzagaray.

"I hope nakatulong ng kaunti ang inyong pamahalaang lungsod ng Maynila. Basta kaya nating abutin, mapa-Maynila man o sa labas ng Maynila, it doesn't matter. Ang importante ay magtulungan tayo kasi pandemya ito (I hope the city government of Manila was able to help. As long as we can reach you, in Manila or even outside of Manila, it doesn't matter. What is important is that we are able to help each other because this is a pandemic)." Domagoso said in a statement.

As of this writing, 2,850 food packs have been delivered by the DPS to Naic (800 on April 21), Pandi (1,400 on April 23), and Norzagaray (650 on April 25).

Each food box has three kilos of rice, 16 canned goods, and eight sachets of coffee, the same contents of packs distributed in Manila.

During the distribution, recipients brought out chairs where DPS personnel placed the food boxes, thus avoiding direct contact.

Since its launch in February, FSP has delivered food boxes to almost 700,000 families in Manila's 896 villages.

The distribution will continue until July.

Food boxes for May are already being prepared by the DPS. ***(PNA)***

Kalidad ng distance learning dapat tutukan -Gatchalian

LUNGSOD CALOOCAN (PIA) -- Wala pang kalahati sa bilang ng mga magulang o mga guardian ang nagsabing natututo ang kanilang mga anak o inaalagaan na nag-aaral sa basic education, ayon sa pinakahuling Pulse Asia survey ukol sa mga suliraning pang-edukasyon sa gitna ng pandemya. Para kay Senator Win Gatchalian, ipinapakita nito na dapat tutukan ng pamahalaan ang kalidad ng distance learning at pagbibigay ng prayoridad sa edukasyon sa pagbangon ng bansa.

Sa isinagawang survey ng Pulse Asia sa mga magulang mula Pebrero 22 hanggang Marso 3, mahigit animnapung (63) porsyento sa isang libo at dalawang daang (1,200) kalahok ang may anak o inaalagaan sa basic education. Wala pang limampung (46) porsyento sa mga magulang o guardians na ito ang nagsabing natututo ang kanilang mga anak o inaalagaan. Samantala, dalawampu't limang (25) porsyento o isa sa apat ang nagsabing hindi natututo ang kanilang mga anak. Tatlo sa sampu o tatlumpung (30) porsyento naman ang hindi matukoy kung natututo ang kanilang mga anak o hindi.

Hirap sa pagsagot sa modules ang pinaka karaniwang suliranin (53 porsyento) ng mga magulang. Ang pinaka marami sa mga nagsabing hirap sila sa pagsagot sa modules ay mga kalahok mula sa Mindanao (74 porsyento).

Nakita rin sa survey ang mga itinuturing na educational inequalities sa mga socioeconomic groups, lalo na't ang mga nabibilang sa Class E (71 porsyento) ay mas hirap sa pagsagot sa modules kung ihahambing sa mga nasa Class D (52 porsyento) at Class ABC (35 porsyento).

Nakaimpluwensya rin aniya ang edukasyon ng mga magulang at mga guardian sa mga hamong kinakaharap sa distance learning. Ayon kasi sa 2015 Family Income and Expenditure Survey (FIES) na lumabas noong 2017, mahigit limampung (54) porsyento ng mga household heads ng bansa ang hindi nakatapos ng high school.

Bagama't lumalabas sa survey ng Pulse Asia na mahigit tatlumpung (34) porsyento ng mga magulang ang kulang sa panahon pagdating sa pagtuturo sa mga bata, binigyang diin ni Gatchalian na iyong mga may panahong magturo (66 porsyento) ay maaaring nahihirapan pa rin dahil karamihan sa kanila ay hindi nakapagtapos.

"Bagama't pinagsisikapan nating ituloy ang edukasyon sa gitna ng pandemya, makikita nating marami pa rin sa mga mag-aaral ang hindi natututo sa ilalim ng distance learning at pati ang kanilang mga magulang ay nahihirapan din. Kung hindi natin tututukan ang pag-angat sa kalidad ng edukasyon sa kalagitnaan at sa pagtatapos ng pandemya, lalong mapag-iiwanan ang ating mga kabataan," pahayag ng Chairperson ng Senate Committee on Basic Education, Arts and Culture.

Sa kalagitnaan ng pagpapatupad ng COVID-19 vaccination program, binigyang diin ni Gatchalian ang kahalagahan ng paghahanda para sa ligtas na pagbubukas ng mga paaralan upang matugunan ang mga epekto ng matagal nitong pagsasara, kabilang ang pag-urong ng kaalaman ng mga kabataan. ***(PIA NCR)***

Northern Tagalog Hospital breaks ground

CALAMBA CITY (PIA) - Construction of the Northern Tagalog Regional Hospital (NTRH) will finally begin after Department of Health (DOH) - CALABARZON (Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal, Quezon) Assistant Regional Director Paula Paz Sydiongco and Rizal Second District Rep. Juan Fidel Felipe Nograles led the groundbreaking last April 23.

Located in Montalban town, NTRH is a two-storey Level 2 hospital with 200-bed capacity and will be constructed in a 10,000 square meter lot purchased by the municipal government.

"Hindi na pupunta pa ng Metro Manila ang ating mga kababayan upang makapagpagamot at makakuha ng mas magandang serbisyong medikal dahil ang ospital na ito ang siyang tutugon sa lahat ng kanilang pangangailangan," Sydiongco said, emphasizing the importance of the health facility in improving the healthcare service in the province,

[Our fellowmen no longer need to go to Metro Manila to get better medical services because this hospital will provide their needs.]

Meanwhile, Rep. Nograles expressed his confidence that the national hospital to be managed by the DOH-CALABARZON will improve the healthcare system in their province especially during the pandemic.

"Ito ay isang national hospital na pangangasiwaan ng DOH-CALABARZON kaya makakasiguro tayong mas mataas ang kalidad ng serbisyong medikal at teknolohiya na maibibigay nito. Magkakaroon din ito ng "Infectious Disease Laboratory," na mangangasiwa sa lahat ng mga kaso kaugnay ng COVID at iba pang nakakahawang sakit," he added.

[This is a national hospital which will be managed by the DOH-CALABARZON, so we can be sure that it will provide quality medical services and technology. It will also have an Infectious Disease Laboratory which will oversee all cases related to COVID and other infectious diseases.]

With an initial allocation of P85 million for the first phase of the project, which consists of the construction of the Out Patient Department, Emergency Room, and the main lobby will start in August 2021 and is expected to be completed in August 2022.

The signing of the development plan and unveiling of the perspective plan were witnessed by DOH Chief of Staff, Used. Leopoldo J. Vega, DOH Rizal Provincial Team Leader Gerardo G. Mejorada, One Pacman Partylist Rep. Michael Romero, as well as officials from the provincial and municipal government.

In an official statement, the DOH-CALABARZON said the Northern Tagalog Regional Hospital will be the first DOH hospital in the province, as well as the fifth apex hospital in the region established under the tenure of Director Eduardo Janairo. ***(PB/DOH 4-A)***

DA-4A grants P5M worth of poultry multiplier breeder farm to LGU Sta. Maria

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) --The Department of Agriculture IV-CALABARZON granted the local government of Sta. Maria, Laguna a poultry multiplier breeder farm worth P5 million.

The breeding farm, funded under the Bayanihan Act II will be constructed in Barangay Cueva in support to the livelihood of displaced residents who were former overseas Filipino workers and employed in nearby regions and provinces.

According to DA-CALABARZON, the breeder farm can open a lot of opportunities for said barangay residents who will no longer need to look for work in other places.

Sta. Maria Mayor Ma. Rocelle "Cindy" Carolino received the grant during the ceremonial awarding held April 26, 2021 at the office of the municipal mayor.

In a news report from the Department of Labor and Employment dated January 27, 2021, more than 400,000 overseas Filipino workers affected by the Covid 19 pandemic had been brought home by the government.

Moreover, about 60,000 to 80,000 more OFWs are estimated to be repatriated this year based on reports from the various Philippine Overseas Labor Offices of DOLE. ***(CPGonzaga with report from DA-RFO IVA, RAFIS)***

Meralco doesn't owe Muntinlupa franchise tax: SC

MANILA – The Supreme Court (SC) has ordered the payment of claims filed by a government contractor who was tapped for emergency projects arising from the eruption of Mount Pinatubo 30 years ago.

In a decision dated January 26 and released online recently, the tribunal ruled in favor of RG Cabrera Corporation Inc. (RGCCI) in its claims.

"All told, it would be the height of impunity not to award compensation to RGCCI after heeding the call of emergency to address a calamity nearly three decades ago. Certainly, we do not countenance any form of abuse that the state may perpetrate especially to an entity which has come to its aid in a time of misfortune," the court said.

The court ordered the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) to approve the claims amounting to PHP3.5 million in three cases, adding that "the disposition is without prejudice to any criminal and administrative action against erring DPWH officials for violation of the law".

Mount Pinatubo's eruption in June 1991 generated volcanic ash that crippled areas of Pampanga, Zambales, and Tarlac. Lahar flow followed shortly after monsoon rains washed away volcanic deposits from the eruption.

The DPWH Pampanga entered into contracts with RGCCI for the lease of the equipment for the maintenance and restoration of the Porac Gumain Diversion Channel System.

These contracts include the rental of a payloader, the construction of a dike by bulldozing a portion of the Porac River in Ascomo-Pulunmasle, Guagua and the excavation of a channel, pushing and diking of the Gumain River in Floridablanca town.

RGCCI subsequently sought the collection of unpaid amounts from the DPWH but the agency did not heed the firm's demand.

In response to a complaint filed by the firm, the DPWH claimed that the contract was null and void since it is unauthorized and not supported with complete documentation.

In its decision, the Commission on Audit (COA) in 2015 reiterated that the claims against government funds should be supported with complete documentation and that even though there was a contract between RGCCI and DPWH Pampanga, RGCCI must first show, through competent evidence, its indisputable right to collect.

The COA zeroed in on the alleged failure of RGCCI to attach the certificate of availability of funds signed by the proper accounting official and auditor who verified it.

In its ruling, the SC said it is evident that the correspondence presented by RGCCI unquestionably established the completion of the projects and the liability of the DPWH. (PNA)

Gov't offices to rise in New Clark City

MANILA – More government offices are keen to locate in New Clark City in Central Luzon as part of the administration's vision to decongest Metro Manila.

During the Sulong Pilipinas virtual forum Monday, Presidential Adviser for Flagship Programs Vivencio Dizon said at least six government facilities will be rising in New Clark City before the Duterte administration ends.

Within the 9,450-hectare land development project of the Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA), the agency has allotted 220-hectare National Government Administrative Center to house satellite offices of government agencies.

"The New Clark City's Government Center has already attracted major government agencies to relocate in New Clark City," said Dizon, who is also the BCDA president and chief executive officer.

Rising soon

Dizon said the Department of Agriculture (DA) will start to construct this year the Agro-Industrial Hub and National Seed Technology Park.

The DA will be occupying 30-hectare land in the New Clark City.

The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas will also put up a minting and currency production facility in New Clark City.

The BSP will begin construction in a 30-hectare land by fourth quarter of this year or early 2022.

The central bank's minting and currency production facility is currently in East Avenue in Quezon City.

The Supreme Court will also build its first Judiciary Regional Center to be located in 5.8 hectares of land in BCDA's land development in Central Luzon.

Construction will start next year, Dizon said.

The National Bureau of Investigation and other justice agencies will also move into its huge facility in New Clark City, occupying 30 hectares of land.

A three-hectare land is also allotted for the National Academy of Sports to train athletes to help them transition from high school to university, then to the national training pool.

The government will also locate its first Virology Science and Technology Institute of the Philippines in New Clark City.

Dizon said this will be crucial for the country for its future pandemic response.

"The President already signed an executive order (EO) mandating government agencies to begin the process of relocation. But we have to understand that the process of relocation is not easy and it's not possible to do that in one go… That is why the initial recommendation under that EO is to relocate initially with satellite offices," the BCDA chief added.

In November 2021, President Rodrigo Duterte signed EO No.119 directing all departments, bureaus, and offices under the executive branch to put up their field offices at the NGAC.

The Department of Transportation was the first mover among government agencies to relocate in New Clark City. ***(PNA)***

Bayanihan inspired community pantries sprout in Cavite

TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite (PIA) -- The Bayanihan spirit inspired by the community pantry in Maginhawa Street in Quezon City had spread like wildfire across the province with private individuals and organizations donating food to help those who are heavily affected by the quarantine.

Community pantries sprouted like mushroom in the province especially in the upland towns of Magallanes, Amadeo, and Ternate thru the efforts of Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) youth councils and other volunteers.

Fruit stand owners in the city of Tagaytay give out fruits and vegetables while a group called 'Tropang Pugon' continue to receive donations of vegetables, rice, and other food items for the weekly visit of their mobile community pantry in the different barangays in Tagaytay.

In Alfonso town, the The Sharing Table (TST) initiated by the Sahagun-Nuestro family in Barangay Sulsugin during the height of the pandemic last year was reopened. A TST will be set up in each barangay to give easy access to the residents while properly observing the minimum health protocols.

The LGU Alfonso, Liga ng mga Barangay, SK Federation, Alfonso Municipal Police Station, Samahan ng mga Barangay Kagawad, and other non-government organizations, farmers cooperative, and market vendors association in the municipality fully supported the TST.

To give back to the people for their free education as scholars, a group of students and new graduates from the Cavite State University and PUP Maragondon asked for support for contributions and donations for food items to be shared in the community pantry they set up in Barangays Halayhay and Julugan catering to fisherfolks.

"Pinag-aral kami gamit ang buwis ng taong bayan kaya oras na para magbalik ng tulong sa mamamayan," saad nila.

(We have been educated using the tax paid by the people so it's time to return the favor to them.)

Likewise, a community pantry in the City of General Trias was set up by a group of volunteers to help the local farmers of the city.

A FB post by group member Xian Lozares that says "BayANIhan mula sa anihan hanggang sa hapag-kainan," implied the intention of the group to help the local farmers with the purchase of their farm harvests which in turn will be shared in their community pantry.

"This way we are able to help the farmers with their livelihood and help others as well thru sharing of the farm produce," Lozares said.

Meanwhile, the stock box community pantry in the municipality of Silang put up by Marvin Garcia caught the attention of netizens with the comic tag lines that remind people to take as they need.

"We don't mean to offend anyone. So we thought of a fun way to tell them," Garcia explained.

Government agencies also joined the bandwagon of goodhearted citizens such as the BARANGAYanihan Community Pantry of the Trece Martires Component Police Station (CPS) headed by PLtCol. Jose Junar Alamo together with the Sangguniang Barangay Conchu as they gave out noodles, rice, coffee, and sardines to the residents in need.

Aside from food sharing, LTO Carmona employees distributed road safety flyers and leaflets in their Hapag Damayan Community Pantry as part of its continuing efforts to keep the road safe for all.

A notable version is the Community PlanTree of Carlo Gonzales, owner of C&K's Garden in Cavite City. His pantry offered free ornamental plants, Humic Plus Fertilizer, osmocote, hanging baskets, and even succulents to give the residents a productive and healthy hobby and keep their minds off the anxiety and depression brought by the pandemic.

The pantry was a success that he targets to have 'fruit-bearing trees' in his next Pan Tree offering. ***(Ruel Francisco with reports from LGU FB pages)***

Over 30,000 patients get DSWD financial assistance through Malasakit Centers

QUEZON CITY -- The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) served a total of 30,584 patients in 2020 through the Malasakit Centers established in hospitals utilizing a budget of close to P95 million.

The Malasakit Center is a one-stop shop located in various hospitals of the Department of Health, Philippine General Hospital, and other public hospitals natiowide where indigent patients as well as those who are currently financially incapacitated can access medical and financial assistance from various government agencies such as the DSWD, PhilHealth, and the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office, among others.

It is a one-stop shop so that those needing help need not proceed to the respective offices of government agencies but may avail of their services simultaneously in one venue and it applies a zero-balance billing system.

For patients staying in a hospital without a Malasakit Center , they may be referred to the nearest hospital where a Malasakit Center is operating.

The DSWD has assigned one social worker in every Malasakit Center to assess and assist the applicants.

At present, there are 102 hospitals nationwide with Malasakit Centers, 56 are in Luzon 22 are in Visayas and 24 in Mindanao.

With the Malasakit Center, the DSWD, together with other partner-agencies, is able to reach out to more individuals in crisis situation, especially during this pandemic. ***(DSWD)***

AUTHENTIC JEANS AT FOREVER 21

This year, global brand Forever 21 is rebuilding a strong denim assortment with its Authentic Jeans collection, which offers new styles, better fits and updated stretch fabric technology. These jeans are made of 100% cotton, making every pair sturdy yet soft and feeling like a second skin. The wash fades naturally over time and the way it breaks in makes it a pair that is uniquely yours.

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Forever 21's Authentic Jeans collection includes Boyfriend Fit Jeans - loose fitting, slouchy, relaxed and at times heavily distressed; Curvy Fit Jeans for well, curvy women with small waists and voluptuous hips; and Skinny Jeans - simple, flattering, and classic.

The timeless and versatile Authentic Jeans collection starts at PHP1495. Shop your Authentic Jeans and other fashionable pieces at the comforts of your home through Forever 21's call to deliver service. Feel free to inquire and contact our customer service via Viber or SMS at 09178114777 or through Facebook Messenger. Forever 21 is also available at Lazada and Shopee.

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This distressed pair of Boyfriend Fit Jeans sits comfortably on your waist made with rigid denim fabric.

Forever 21's Authentic Jeans collection features new styles, better fits, and updated stretch fabric technology.

Curvy Fit Jeans flatter a woman's body.

High-Rise Skinny Fit Jeans can be worn with everything from a tee to a blazer and heels.

The super stretch fabric of Forever 21's Mid-Rise Skinny Fit Jeans will preserve its original shape wear after wear.

Look effortlessly stylish with Boyfriend Jeans from the Authentic Jeans collection.

This pair of ultra- high-rise Curvy Fit Jeans will hug every curve and shape.

SM City Trece Martires and SM City Rosario Team Up With LGU for COVID-19 Vaccination Drive

SM Supermalls' SM City Trece Martires and SM City Rosario in Cavite, in its pursuit to fight the spread of COVID-19 and with its continuous support for the government, teamed up with their respective local government unit to provide a convenient, safe, and accessible venue for COVID-19 vaccination.

A total of more than 900 medical health workers, front liners, senior citizens and indigents in the municipality of Trece Martires and Rosario were given priority for immunization. This is in line with the vaccination program of the government dubbed as "Resbakuna, Kasangga ng Bida" in response to combat the virus and protect the citizens of both municipalities.

The kick-off happened at the Cinema lobby of SM City Rosario. Led and administered by the city health office of Rosario, the first round was a success with a total of 200 vaccinated front liners.

SM City Trece Martires on the other hand, had its simulation activity conducted prior to the vaccination day to ensure the smooth flow and proper implementation of the safety protocols. The event was attended by Trece Martires City Mayor Gemma Lubigan; City Vice Mayor Bobby Montehermoso; Lorenza Serafica, DOH Provincial Health Team Leader; Dr. Nelson Soriano, Cavite Provincial Health Officer; Dr. Lorelie Escario, Trece Martires City Health Officer-in-Charge; Kenneth Morales, head of City Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office; Minabelle Llanes, SM Supermalls Regional Operations Manager and Wilfredo Fernandez, SM Mall Manager.

Currently, there are more than 600 Treceños who were successfully vaccinated in the city. Succeeding immunization will be announced by the City Health Office in the coming days.

Apart from the vaccination sites, SM has also joined with the Philippine Red Cross for the RT-PCR saliva collection testing sites which is very accessible to the local residents. Testings are being done at the basement parking area of SM City Trece Martires every Sunday from 10AM to 3PM.

SM is committed to the government to provide assistance to help control the spread of COVID 19.

SM City Trece Martires Cinema hallway was repurposed as vaccination drive venue of the Resbakuna Kasangga ng Bida, a local government campaign against COVID-19.

Present during the Vaccine Simulation at SM City Trece Martires were (L-R) Kenneth Morales, Head of City Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office; Trece Martires City Vice Mayor Bobby Montehermoso; Trece Martires City Mayor Gemma Lubigan; Dr. Lorelie Escario, City Health Officer-in-Charge; Minabelle Llanes, SM Regional Operations Manager and Abet Montehermoso, Vice-Mayor's Office Executive Assistant.

Education about Covid-19 Vaccine-Sinovac was taught to the recipients to make sure full awareness of the vaccines before it will inoculate.

Medical Health worker in PPE monitors the blood pressure of the vaccine recipient.

Recipient of Sinovac went through assessment and thorough screening before the vaccine to be shot.

Nurse from the Department of Health prepares the vaccine for the front liner.

A medical front liner in Trece Martires Cavite was very proud being one of the successful recipients of the vaccine.

One of the frontliners in the City of Rosario received a vaccine through the government program "Resbakuna, Kasagga ng Bida."

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Don't forget to follow the safety protocols as we enjoy our food with our family and co-essentials shoppers. For your safety also, our sanitation team works round the clock to clean the Al Fresco dining. We sanitize our tables and chairs before opening, during mall hours, and before closing. #SafeMallingAtSM

Ang mga nangungunang pagsasanay ng PVL na Creamline, Choco Manyo ay nag-clear upang sanayin sa Clark

Ang dalawang koponan sa ilalim ng payong Rebisco sa Premier Volleyball League (PVL) ay binigyan ng berdeng ilaw upang gawin ang kanilang pagsasanay sa Central Business District ng Angeles City.

Inaprubahan ng Games and Amusements Board (GAB) ang kahilingan nina Creamline at Choco Manyo na magsagawa ng isang training bubble sa St. Paul American School sa loob ng Clark Freeport Zone.

Sa ilalim ng magkasanib na kautusang pang-administratibo ng GAB, ng Komisyon sa Palakasan ng Pilipinas, at ng Kagawaran ng Kalusugan, ang mga propesyonal na atleta ay maaaring magsagawa lamang ng kanilang pagsasanay sa mga lugar na wala sa pinakamadilim na binago na pangkalahatang quarantine ng komunidad (MGCQ).

Ang Lungsod ng Angeles, tulad ng natitirang bahagi ng Pampanga, ay nasa ilalim ng MGCQ, na ginagawang angkop na lugar para maganap ang pagsasanay na bubble.

"Kung isasaalang-alang ang nakakaalarma na pagtaas ng bilang ng mga kaso ng Covid-19, masaya akong malaman na ang dalawang koponan ng PVL ay nagpasya na i-entablado ang kanilang pagkondisyon sa loob ng isang bubble Ang hakbang na ito ay talagang isang idinagdag na hakbang sa kaligtasan," sinabi ng chairman ng GAB na si Baham Mitra.

Pinayagan ng GAB ang lahat ng mga koponan ng PVL na gaganapin ang kanilang mga bubble sa pagsasanay sa iba`t ibang mga lokasyon sa Metro Manila kahit na ang probinsya ay nasa ilalim pa ng GCQ sa pag-asang may posibilidad na magsimula ang bubble season sa Inspire Sports Academy sa Calamba, Laguna.

Gayunman, natigil ang pagsasanay nang ang Metro Manila, Laguna, at tatlong kalapit na lalawigan ay isinailalim sa lockdown sa panahon ng Holy Week dahil sa pagtaas ng Covid-19, na kalaunan ay pinalawig pa para sa isa pang linggo.

Ang Inter-Agency Task Force para sa Pamamahala ng Mga umuusbong na Nakakahawang Sakit ay mula nang binawasan ang status ng quarantine ng tinaguriang NCR Plus upang mabago ang pinahusay na quarantine ng komunidad, ngunit hindi pinapayagan ang mga kasanayan sa pampalakasan na nagudyok sa dalawang koponan na itaguyod ang kanilang sariling Clark bubble.

Magsisimula sa Martes at tatakbo hanggang Mayo 23 ang bubble ng pagsasanay nina Creamline at Choco Manyo.

Nakatakdang buksan ngayon ng PVL ang 2021 na panahon nito sa Hunyo.

PVL IN ACTION
NAATASAN ng maaring mag training bubble ang ilang koponan ng PVL Premier Volleyball League ito ay kaugnay sa pag aproba ng Games and Amusements Board (GAB) ***RGN***

Ang Asian elite boxing tourney ay lumipat mula sa New Delhi patungong Dubai

Ang Asian Elite Men and Women Boxing Championships ay inilipat sa United Arab Emirates capital ng Dubai mula Mayo 21 hanggang Hunyo 1, 2021.

Sa isang pahayag, sinabi ng Association of Boxing Alliances in the Philippines (ABAP) na ang desisyon ay inihayag ng Asian Boxing Confederation.

Ang orihinal na host city ay ang New Delhi ngunit kinailangan ilipat dahil sa matinding pagdagsang ng mga impeksyon sa coronavirus sa lungsod ng India, sinabi ng ABAP.

Ayon sa ulat ng Anadolu Agency, ang India ay nagtakda ng isang bagong pandaigdigang talaan para sa pang-araw-araw na mga kaso ng coronavirus, na nagrerehistro ng higit sa 360,000 na mga impeksyon sa nakaraang 24 na oras.

Ayon sa pang-araw-araw na istatistika na inilabas ng Ministry of Health, 360,960 mga bagong kaso ang nairehistro, na kinunan ang kabuuang caseload ng bansa sa 17.99 milyon.

Ang bilang ng mga namatay ay umabot na sa 201,187, kasama ang tala na 3,293 mga bagong nasawi.

Nagrerehistro ang India ng isang exponentially mataas na bilang ng mga kaso - higit sa 300,000 araw-araw na impeksyon sa Covid-19 mula noong Abril 22.

Sinabi ng kalihim-heneral ng ABAP na si Ed Picson na inatasan siya ng pangulo ng ABAP na si Ricky Vargas na pag-aralan ang pagiging posible ng pakikilahok sa paligsahan na isinasaalang-alang ang mga pagsasaayos, kapwa sa logistik at pampinansyal, na kinakailangan ng pagbabago.

"Gagawin namin ang pagpapasiyang iyon sa loob ng ilang araw", sinabi ni Picson.

Karamihan sa mga Filipino elite na pambansang boksingero ay kasalukuyang nasa Muaklek, Thailand sa isang magkasanib na kampo ng pagsasanay kasama ang pangkat pambansang boksing ng Thai. Nasa Thailand sila mula Marso 10 ng taong ito.

TOPS USAPANG SPORTS
MAKIKITA sa larawan ang mga naging panauhin sa lingguhang TOPS Usapang Sports via zoom online na Sina Rocky Chan Coo Vismin Super Cup, KCS Computer Specialist team owner Ricky Verdida, Ken Ancis Dumaguete Warriors team owner, Gail Jao Tubigan Bohol Mariners team owner at Philippine Rugby Football Union President Ada Milby na nagbigay ng Kanikanilang update sa Pilipinas Vismin Cup at Rugby Football. ***(RGN)***

Gilas balik sa pagsasanay

Nakatakdang bumalik sa pagsasanay ang Gilas Pilipinas matapos ang paglabas ng clearance mula sa Inter-Agency Task Force para sa Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID).

Pinuno ng mga tinawag para sa pagsasanay ang mga espesyal na draft ng picks ng Philippine Basketball Association Gilas na sina Matt Nieto, Mike Nieto, Isaac Go, Rey Suerte, Jordan Heading, William Navarro, Tzaddy Rangel, at JD Tungcab.

Ang mga bituin sa basketball sa kolehiyo na sina Kenmark Carino, Javi Gomez de Liano, Dave Ildefonso, SJ Belangel, RJ Abarrientos, Carl Tamayo, Justine Baltazar, Jason Credo, Geo Chiu, Lebron Lopez, at ang kandidato sa naturalization na si Ange Kouame ay pinatawag din.

Si Dwight Ramos, na nasa Estados Unidos pa rin, ay tinawag na rin at mabilis na papasok sa Gilas training bubble sa Inspire Sports Academy sa Calamba sa oras na dumating siya.

Gayundin, ginagawa ng Samahang Basketbol ng Pilipinas (SBP) na dalhin si Kai Sotto dahil nakatakda siyang sumali sa Adelaide 36ers sa Australian NBL ngayong panahon.

"Pinakinggan ng Samahang Basketbol ng Pilipinas ang mga tagubilin ng Philippine Sports Commission nang hilingin sa lahat ng mga pambansang atleta na ihinto ang kanilang pagsasanay sa pinahusay na quarantine ng komunidad (ECQ). Nang ibalita ng IATF na aangat nila ang mga limitasyong iyon, agad naming pinagtrabaho ang pagbabalik ng koponan, "sabi ng pangulo ng SBP na si Al Panlilio.

Ang Calamba, tulad ng natitirang bahagi ng Laguna at mga lugar ng NCR Plus, ay nasa ilalim ng binagong ECQ. Bagaman ang pagsasanay sa palakasan, sa pangkalahatan, ay hindi pa pinapayagan, binigyan ng IATF ang Gilas ng berdeng ilaw upang ipagpatuloy sa dalawang pangunahing mga kaganapan, ang FIBA Asia Cup Qualifiers pangatlong bintana sa Angeles at ang FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tournament sa Belgrade, na darating ngayong Hunyo.

New ASTI chief prioritizes collaboration with stakeholders

MANILA – Collaboration with stakeholders, ramping up scientific publications and technology licensing activities are just among the priorities of newly-appointed Advanced Science and Technology Institute (ASTI) director Franz de Leon.

"My experience taught me the importance of listening and collaborating with stakeholders. This makes the outputs of the projects truly meaningful for the beneficiaries. In the same manner, ASTI will continue to pursue R&D (research and development) programs and projects with Filipinos in our minds," de Leon said in an interview with the Philippine News Agency on Monday.

Before his appointment, de Leon was the project leader of two Department of Science and Technology (DOST)-funded projects. One is called the "Development of a Philippine Indigenous Instrument Sounds database", a collaboration with ASTI, UP Center for Ethnomusicology, and Indigenous People. The second project was the "Development of Prototype Designs of Musical Instruments Using Select Bamboo Species and Processing Technologies", a collaboration with Forest Products Research and Development Institute, and bamboo instrument makers.

Now under his leadership, de Leon said the public could expect ASTI to be responsive, sensitive and quick to address the current and emerging needs.

"In recent years, ASTI pursued projects in ICT (information and communications technology) for governance, space technology, and meteorology. It will explore other sectors for collaborations such as education, agriculture, and creative industry," he said.

De Leon added that ASTI will also ramp up its scientific publications, and technology licensing activities and will continue to provide high-quality service to other government agencies by sharing relevant data to help them formulate science-based policies and decisions.

Further, ASTI will continue to support initiatives, which, according to de Leon, have a major impact in the country's recovery. These include the Electronics Product Development Center (EPDC) to stimulate activities in the electronics sector; Computing and Archiving Research Environment (COARE) to support activities that require high-performance computing; and the Philippine Research, Education and Government Information Network (PREGINET) to provide crucial interconnections and sharing of information among academic, government, and research institutions.

Meanwhile, de Leon said that this year, the public can also look forward to several projects:

* Gul.AI - An artificial intelligence (AI) and internet of things (IoT)-assisted phenotyping platform. This project aims to promote crop farming and information and communications technology (ICT) among the Filipino youth through the design and implementation of laboratory equipment for growing plants under specific environmental conditions. The initial target beneficiaries of this project are state universities doing research on plant growth under varying environmental conditions. It is expected to be completed by December.

* Signal Assessment using Geospatial Analysis Project (SAGAP). "The elevation data from DSMs (digital surface models) can be used for different kinds of modeling and simulations such as radio frequency (RF) propagation. The results, once validated, can then be used to assess the different areas in the country where signal coverage (e.g. TV, cellular, etc.) is needed," he said. Initial results are expected to be available by December.

* Development of Extreme Weather Monitoring and Information Sharing System in the Philippines: Understanding Lightning And Thunderstorm (ULAT). This aims to observe the country's weather behaviors through studying torrential rainfall and thunderstorm occurrences as parameters to eventually enable short-term forecasts. The project has four main outputs: a) establish a lightning sensor network b) establish a satellite antenna for 3D structuring of thunderclouds c) develop algorithms for forecasting; and d) establish data sharing for related agencies in disaster risk reduction. Results will be published within the year.

The new ASTI chief also pointed out that the potential of R&D institutions relies heavily on the competence of its staff.

"At ASTI, the number of postgraduate holders must be increased to be the majority. Postgraduate education instills the proper attitude and tools for scientists to identify and address research gaps. To support this initiative, we'll make suitable arrangements within ASTI to ensure that student-researchers are given enough time and resources to complete their degrees within the prescribed duration." he said.

Since ASTI projects and programs are mostly public-funded, de Leon said the Institute makes sure that its outputs will be ready for adoption or consumption the intended beneficiaries.

On his appointment

De Leon said he would like to thank President Rodrigo Duterte and DOST Secretary Fortunato de la Peña for their trust.

"As a product of the public education system, this position provides the opportunity to give back to the nation. The previous director, Dr. Joel Marciano, Jr., led the activities at ASTI that put the Philippines in the global space arena. This showed us that given the administration's full support and openness to collaborations, Filipino scientists and engineers have the capacity to pursue world-class research," he said.

In a Viber message, de la Peña said the field that has been assigned to ASTI will really transform the Philippines, so he expects many innovations from the Institute.

"I look forward to ASTI taking the lead in the areas of electronics, communications, computer science, IT and AI. I count on ASTI to contribute not only in generating new knowledge, products and technologies, but also in supporting technology commercialization and entrepreneurship," he said.

De la Peña also mentioned that de Leon's academic and research experience as an educator will help a lot.

"DOST-ASTI has a very good quality working team, but the challenge is how to increase their numbers. I am confident that something can be done about that," he said. ***(PNA)***

PH vaccination program to scale up by midyear; inoculation for the general public could start by August

PASIG CITY -- The Philippine government remains committed to its goal of building the country's herd immunity by 2021.

With the government finalizing five out of seven procurement contracts with different vaccine manufacturers, National Task Force against COVID 19 Chief Implementer and Vaccine Czar Secretary Carlito Galvez Jr said he is confident that 70 million Filipinos will be inoculated by year-end.

"Bulk of the vaccines will arrive by mid-year and will scale up the implementation of our vaccination program and enable the country to achieve herd immunity at a faster rate starting June and July," said Galvez.

The Vaccine Czar was among the panelists in Sulong Pilipinas 2021: Partners for Progress on Monday, April 26, which was also participated in by the Duterte administration's chief economic and infrastructure managers.

The virtual forum is a Pre-State of the Nation Address organized by the Economic Development Cluster and Infrastructure Cluster by the Executive Department.

The forum provided a venue for the resource persons to discuss the latest economic and infrastructure developments, as well as provide updates on the national vaccination plan and other COVID-19 response and mitigation efforts of the government.

During his presentation, Galvez reported that the country expects to receive at least 140 million COVID-19 shots this year, which would support the government's 'containment strategy.

According to Galvez, the government is now conducting the simultaneous vaccination of priority groups to simplify the inoculation process, as well as accelerate the nation's vaccination rate.

Currently, the county is vaccinating members of the healthcare sector, senior citizens, and persons with comorbidities.

By June, the simultaneous vaccination will include economic frontliners, essential workers, and indigent people.

"And by August, we will be opening the vaccination program to the general public," Galvez said.

He said that by 2022, the government will start to carry out its plan that will enable the Philippines to achieve vaccine security, specifically by developing the country's capacity to develop and manufacture its own vaccines.

By 2023, Galvez said the government will ramp up its preparations to be self-sufficient in addressing future pandemics.

In particular, Galvez said the government will focus on modernizing the country's healthcare system so that the country will be able to withstand any kind of public health emergency. ***(National Task Force against COVID-19)***

Mahigit 3K iskolar sa BARMM nagtapos ng techvoc courses

LUNGSOD NG COTABATO (PIA)-- Nasa kabuuang 3,453 mga iskolar sa buong Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) ang nagtapos kamakailan sa Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET) courses ng Ministry of Basic, Higher, and Technical Education-Technical Education and Skills Development (MBHTE-TESD).

Ang mga benepisyaryo ng scholarship na nagmula sa mahihirap na sektor ay nakapagtapos ng skills training, entrepreneurship training, values transformation training, at National Competency Assessment.

Sila ay nakatanggap rin ng Training Support Fund mula sa TVET program.

Sinabi ni MBHTE Minister Mohagher Iqbal na ang pagkumpleto ng mga iskolar sa nasabing programa ay nagbukas ng mga bagong oportunidad para sa kanila.

Samantala, patuloy pa rin ang pagpapatupad ng iba pang TESD scholarship programs tulad ng Private Education Student Financial Assistance (PESFA), Skills Training for Employment Program (STEP), Training for Work Scholarship Program (TWSP), at Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act (UAQTEA) upang suportahan ang mga nasasakupan ng BARMM.

Siniguro naman ng MBHTE na ipagpapatuloy nito ang paghahatid ng skills training sa rehiyon sa pamamagitan ng BARMM at nationally-funded scholarship programs sa mga probinsya ng Basilan, Lanao del Sur, Maguindanao, Sulu, Tawi-Tawi, kabilang ang special geographic areas ng North Cotabato.

Dagdag pa dito, ipinangako ng Education Ministry ang pagbibigay ng libreng skills development training sa mga prayoridad na mga indibidwal o sektor tulad ng mga Indigenous People, mangingisda, magsasaka, senior citizen, mga taong may espesyal na pangangailangan, out-of-school youth, at mga decommissioned combatant ng Moro Islamic Liberation Front. ***(LT-Bolongon-PIA Cotabato City/With reports from BIO-BARMM).***

"BAYANIHAN ON WHEELS"

Senator Risa Hontiveros led the launch of a state-of-the-art 'mobile clinic' to give free medical services to Filipinos in poor and far-flung locations in the Philippines.

The senator opened the new "Healthy Pinas Mobile Clinic" in Barangay Turu at Magalang town, Pampanga last Monday. The mobile clinic can serve a maximum of 300 indigent patients a day. All patients, including the healthcare workers at the clinic, underwent rapid antigen tests. Health protocols were strictly enforced.

"Pagsubok ngayon, lalo na sa mahihirap nating mga kababayan ang magpunta sa ospital dahil sa dalawang bagay: una, ang banta ng COVID-19 sa kalusugan, at ikalawa, ang mga bayarin na banta naman sa kanilang bulsa. Makakatulong ang Healthy Pinas Van upang hindi na iyan alalahanin ng ilan sa ating mga kababayan," Hontiveros said.

"Hindi lamang COVID-19 ang kalaban natin sa kalusugan. Nariyan ang cancer, heart disease, diabetes, hypertension, ang mga nagda-dialysis, at iba pa. Kailangan rin silang bigyan ng agarang pansin. Ang mga serbisyo sa Healthy Pinas van ay makakatulong sa pagmo-monitor ng mga common diseases. Ang check up na dati ay hirap silang makuha sa ospital, libre nilang makukuha dito," Hontiveros said.

Hontiveros described that the mobile clinic is able to provide high-quality diagnostic services, such as chest x-ray, Complete Blood Count (CBC) test, ultrasound, Electrocardiogram (ECG) test, and lipid profile test. The clinic will also offer diagnostic and medical consultation services to be conducted by doctors.

Hontiveros emphasized the project hopes to exemplify "bayanihan on wheels." The senator says her office hopes to partner or collaborate with different stakeholders and groups as the van makes the rounds in different localities.

"Sa ngayon po, magsisimula na pong umikot sa ilang mga lugar sa Luzon ang Healthy Pinas van. Abangan po ninyo ang pagbisita sa inyong lugar at makipag-ugnayan sa inyong local government officials para sa pre-registration," Hontiveros said.

"We aim to tap various sectors in this initiative: the churches, labor groups, the business sector, charitable foundations, and civil society groups. Ngayong panahon ng matinding krisis, magtulungan po tayo. Mapa-community pantry o mobile clinic man, kumilos tayo para mahatiran ng tulong ang ating mga mahihirap na kababayan," she said.

"It takes all of us to survive this pandemic. Ipagpatuloy natin ang diwa ng bayanihan. Sama-sama, lahat tayo, kapit-kamay sa pagbangon," she concluded. ***PR***

Vax coverage vs. measles at 90%; polio at 87%: DOH exec

MANILA – A health official on Monday reported that the national government's vaccination program against measles-rubella and polio has reached the majority of the eligible children amid the pandemic.

In an online media forum, Health Undersecretary Maria Rosario Vergeire noted that 90.3 percent or 8.5 million of the 9.4 million target children got a measles-rubella shot while 87 percent or 6 million of 6.9 million children under five years old received oral polio vaccines.

"Due to the Covid-19 (coronavirus) pandemic, the number of children who received the complete basic life-saving routine immunization in 2020 is around 1.3 million which is 61.5 percent of the eligible population for vaccination. This is more than 30 percent below the national target even vaccines being accessible and available during community quarantine periods," Vergeire said.

Due to fear of being exposed to people with Covid-19, Vergeire explained that many parents were reluctant to leave their homes and have their children vaccinated.

Moreover, healthcare workers on the ground were unavailable for the vaccination program because they were re-deployed to attend to vaccination duties.

"The Philippines is one of the few countries that continued with its efforts for supplemental immunization campaigns in the middle of pandemic. The Sabayang Patak Kontra Polio is a continuation of the 2019 polio campaign in response to the polio outbreak in the country," Vergeire said.

She added that in July 2020, the agency has vaccinated more than 2 million children less than five years old in Central Luzon, Cavite, Laguna, and Rizal.

Meanwhile, the first phase of the vaccination against measles-rubella was conducted October to November 2020 covering Luzon regions and the whole of Mindanao and the second phase was conducted during the first quarter of 2021 including the National Capital Region, Central Luzon, Calabarzon, and the Visayas.

Vergeire stressed the vaccines used in routine immunization have been backed up by decades of research and an established system of delivery and monitoring.

"Vaccines saved millions of children from the debilitating effects of VPDs like polio, measles, mumps, and a lot more," she said. ***(PNA)***

DOH targets to eradicate malaria by 2030

MANILA – A malaria-free Philippines by 2030 will be the government target under the National Malaria Control and Elimination Program.

As the country joins in the global celebration of World Malaria Day 2021, celebrated annually every April 25, the Department of Health (DOH) and its partners called for renewed support to the program with the need to make up for the lost time during the pandemic and remain on track for the 2030 target.

Malaria is a parasitic infection transmitted by a bite of an infected female Anopheles mosquito.

Once the parasite gains access inside the human body, it will induce symptoms like fever, headache, and chills.

If left unmanaged, it can progress to severe illness that may lead to death.

Malaria, however, is curable and treatment is free. Preventive and treatment services are being delivered by 3,166 public health facilities nationwide.

Shrinking figures

The World Health Organization (WHO) global malaria report said the Western Pacific Region had an estimated 1.7 million cases in 2019 with, 52 percent reduction in the number of deaths in about two decades.

The Philippines has also significantly reduced the incidence of malaria by 87 percent – from 48,569 in 2003 to 6,120 cases in 2020 – and has also reported a 98 percent reduction in the number of mortality due to malaria (from 162 deaths in 2003 to three deaths in 2020).

Along with this is the shrinking geographic extent of malaria, with 60 provinces officially declared by the DOH as malaria-free, and an additional 19 provinces having reached malaria elimination phase with zero local transmission, waiting to be assessed and declared malaria-free provinces.

At the end of 2020, only 126 villages from two provinces have recorded local malaria transmission.

Digital tools

Celebrating World Malaria Day 2021 with the theme "Reaching the Zero Malaria Target", DOH, with the support of Pilipinas Shell Foundation Inc. and WHO Philippines, is also launching new digital tools that will complement the malaria elimination strategy.

One of these is the Malaria Program website which will serve as a knowledge platform and will be publicly available.

Another tool is the Online Malaria Information System, a web-based, real-time recording and reporting system which shall be the main data generating tool for surveillance, and for monitoring and evaluation.

"The Covid-19 pandemic may have impacted the delivery of services under our malaria elimination program, but this will not deter us from our vision of a malaria-free country. We, at the Department of Health, reaffirm our commitment to eradicate malaria. I also urge everyone and every local government unit to continue your fight against malaria through preventive and case management measures," DOH Secretary Francisco Duque III said. ***(PR)***

Expect recovery of coconut industry in coming years: agri chief

MANILA – The Department of Agriculture (DA) is eyeing to reap the fruits of its efforts toward revitalizing the coconut industry in the coming years.

In the last decade, DA Secretary William Dar said the coconut sector's contribution to agricultural gross value added (GVA) remained at an average of 4 percent.

With the newly reconstituted Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA), bigger things are expected.

"We expect a dramatic rebound of the subsector in the next few years due to the release of the coconut levy fund by the President," Dar said in his speech at the Department of Finance's Sulong Pilipinas virtual conference on Monday.

The DA-PCA formulates a development plant for the industry that aims to increase the subsector's contribution to agricultural GVA significantly.

DA data showed that coconut planted on more than three million hectares contributed at least 10 percent to GVA, surpassing banana that is planted on 200,000 hectares only.

"Coconut is a top Philippine export that brings in considerable foreign exchange. Besides, we now have substantial budgetary resources to develop this sleeping giant, thanks to the passage of the Coconut Farmers and Industry Trust Fund Law or Republic Act (RA) No. 11524," Dar added.

Coconut levy

President Rodrigo Duterte signed RA 11524 in February, a legislation creating a trust fund for the coconut industry and its workers using recovered coco levy assets, which were declared state-owned by the Supreme Court less than 10 years ago.

The new law mandates the PCA to craft the Coconut Farmers and Industry Development Plan that will set the directions and policies for the development and rehabilitation of the industry within 50 years.

Performance Governance System

Meanwhile, DA-PCA Administrator Benjamin Madrigal, Jr. also shared in an online forum Monday that they have already submitted the Initiation Stage of the Performance Governance System (PGS).

"The DA-PCA uses the PGS to effectively take its course in refocusing its strategic direction, especially with respect to the implementation of the provisions of the RA 11524," he said.

The PGS is a strategic planning and management tool which translates the vision of an organization into specific, quantifiable, and time-bound strategies and commitments.

It consists of four stages: initiation, compliance, proficiency, and institutionalization.

The DA-PCA said it will proceed to conduct the cascading of the strategy to all its units and personnel through the Strategic Performance Management System, in preparation for its next revalida for the PGS compliant stage, targeted by December 2021, to coincide with the conduct of its Annual Strategy Review.

"Grounded on our core values – commitment, honesty, and competence, the DA-PCA continues to fully commit to this transformation agenda, to achieve our vision to be a globally-recognized institution, championing a market-driven coconut industry – which is ultimately for our coconut farmers and their families, to enable them to directly benefit from a competitive and sustainable coconut industry," Madrigal said.

On April 23, the DA-PCA was conferred with the Silver Trailblazer Award by the Institute for Solidarity in Asia (ISA).

The DA-PCA started to enroll in ISA's PGS in 2020 in anticipation of the duties and responsibilities entailed by the passage of RA 11524.

"The conferment of this award by the ISA is a significant milestone in our continuing commitment to institutionally transform the Authority, serving as an inspiration and motivation for the DA-PCA to undergo subsequent revalida in our bid for the institutionalization of the PGS," Madrigal said. ***(PNA)***

KELOT, KULONG DAHIL SA POLICE CLEARANCE

HINDI na nagawang makakuha ng police clearance ang 18-anyos na lalaki sa halip ay diretso sa kulungan nang nadiskubreng mayroon itong kinakaharap na kaso sa Rosario, Cavite.

Kinilala ang inarestong suspek na si Kennedy San Jose, may live-in partner, ng San Roque St., Brgy Sapa 3, Rosario.

Sa ulat ng Rosario Police Station, dakong ala-1:45 ng hapon ay nagtungo si San Jose sa himpilan ng pulisya upang kumuha ng police clearance para sa inaaplayang trabaho.

Pero habang biniberika ang pangalan sa e-warrant system ay lumabas na may nakabinbin na standing warrant of arrest sa kasong Theft na inisyu ng Regional Trial Court Branch 61 ng Gumaca, Quezon at may piyansang nagkakahalaga ng P10,000, dahilan ng kanyang pagkakaaresto. ***GENE ADSUARA***

3 katao, nasilo sa 'bato'

TINATAYANG mahigit sa 70 milyon halaga ng shabu ang nasamsam at pagkakaaresto sa tatlong katao kabilang ang isang miembro ng sindikato na nagsusuplay ng droga sa iba't ibang lugar sa isinagawang buy bust operation sa Dasmarinas City, Cavite.

Kinilala ng pulisya ang mga naarestong suspek na sina Michael Lucas, alias Boy Muslim, 35, ng Moab St., Town and Country Homes Subd., Brgy Burol 1, Dasmariñas City; Mila Acebuche, alias Mila, 51, manikurista; at Mercy Sabolao, alias Mercy, 57, balo, ng Camarin, Caloocan City.

Sa ulat ng Dasmarinas City Police Station (CPS), dakong alas-10:00 ng gabi ay nagsagawa ng buy bust operation ang mga elemento ng PNP Drug Enforcement Group (DEG) at Dasmarinas CPS sa Block 25, Lot12, Moab St., Town and Country Homes Subd., Brgy Burol 1, na nagresulta sa pagkakaaresto kay alias Boy Muslim at pagkakarekober ng tinatayang 10 kilo ng hinihinalang shabu na may street value na P70 milyon; 3 digital scale at mga Identification Cards.

Tinatayang mahigit sa kalahating milyon naman ang nasamsam sa dalawang kababaihan nang nagsagawa ng buy bust operation ang mga element ng Bacoor DEG at PDEAS sa CPS sa Molino Boulevard Brgy. Talaba IV, Bacoor City dakong alas-2:00 Lunes ng hapon na nagresulta sa pagkakaaresto kina Acebuchce at Sabolao.

Narekober sa kanila ang tinatayang 100 gramo ng hinihinalang shabu na may street value na P680,000, buy bust money at cellphone.

Ayon sa impormasyon, si alias Boy Muslim ang miembro ng isang sindikato ng droga na nagsu-suplay sa Region 3, National Capital Region, Mindanao at malalapit na probinsiya kung saan tinatayang 10 hanggang 15 kilo ng shabu ang kanyang ibinabagsak sa lugar.

Sinasabing kinukuha ni Boy Muslim ang mga suplay ng droga sa isang Chinese national na kasalukuyang nakadetine sa Muntinlupa na idinidelber sa kanya ng isa pang kasamahan ng naturang Chinese national. ***GENE ADSUARA***

SC ruling on Mandanas-Garcia petitions, a call to align local to national objectives

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, Pampanga (PIA) -- The Supreme Court's ruling on the Mandanas-Garcia petitions rings the bell for local government units (LGUs) to revisit their programs and align them to the national government's objectives for the attainment of the Philippine Development Plan (PDP).

Vice Mayors' League of the Philippines-Pampanga Chapter President and Floridablanca Vice Mayor Michael Galang pressed the need to conduct orientations and capacity-building activities to LGU officials to anchor their objectives to national or regional development programs in the coming years.

"Higher funds means more ways for public service. Still, the bottom line is our decision-makers, our local chief executives, our vice mayors, and councilors. How equipped are they, or how familiar are they in the PDP? How do we orient them and how do we maximize the utilization of additional resources that they will receive?," he said during the Virtual Caravan for the Updated 2017-2022 PDP.

He asserted that LGU's lack of familiarity with the implementation, particularly on the fund utilization is one issue that might hamper the implementation of the high court ruling.

In addition, as a representative from the LGUs, Galang underscored it is important that projects inserted by legislators should be anchored in the local plans to avoid disapproval.

"Sometimes, a project will be funded, but there is no thorough study in the local, and when it is implemented, we will see that there are problems. That is why the linkage of the national and local government is a big way for them to be mutual in the implementation of the programs," he stated.

The official also suggested that local policymakers should adhere to the implementation of the Republic Act 10587 which recognizes the importance of environmental planning in nation-building and development.

Moreover, Galang recommended a more stringent means in the monitoring of the outcomes of local plans with the creation of additional plantilla positions for technical manpower such as social workers.

"If the decision-makers in the LGUs are not that knowledgeable when it comes to planning, this only becomes compliance to them. It is important to have a mechanism if the plans adopted by the LGUs contribute to the bigger picture which is the PDP," he said.

Also, another recommendation pertaining to the achievement of the PDP is the promotion of participatory governance so that the concerned sectors could give their feedback for the adaption of sound and efficient policies.

"As a government official, I say that the participation of our people is not that strong maybe because they do not understand the responsibility of each office in the LGU. A simple Juan Dela Cruz, I don't know if he knows the three branches of the government, and how these operate in the LGU. The people themselves are struggling to understand what is the kind of the government they have," he emphasized.

Lastly, Galang suggested the inclusion of a Citizenship Education curriculum in junior and senior high schools so that the youth will understand their roles in the community.

Supreme Court's ruling on the Mandanas-Garcia petitions is expected to create a balloon of 27.66 percent or more than Php234.4 billion in the internal revenue allotment of the LGUs in 2022 from estate tax, documentary stamp tax, travel tax, sin tax, and other taxes collected by the national government, aside from the Bureau of Internal Revenue collections.

It will create a full devolution of power to the LGUs by passing them the management and budget on the services for health, agriculture, community-based forestry, social welfare, tourism, housing, investment support, solid waste management, and other frontline services. ***(CLJD/JLDC-PIA 3)***

GOLD RUSH VS CLUB HAVANA

Marami sa atin ang nakasaksi sa pagkapanalo ng kabayong si Gold Rush sa katatapos na PHILRACOM 3YO Maiden Trial Race na ginanap sa karerahan ng Metro Manila Turf Club sa Malvar-Tanauan Batangas noong Marso 14, 2021. Si Gold Rush ay sinakyan ng class A na hineteng si Jessie Basilio Guce at pagmamay-ari ni AR Santos/MS Cunanan. Sa simula pa lang ng labanan paglabas ng starting gate ay agad na kinuha ng numero 4 na si Gold Rush ang unahan, habang sinundan naman kaagad ng numero 2 na si War Cannon sakay ng hineteng si Kelvin Abobo, nasa ikatlong puwesto naman ang kanyang kacouple runner na si Kain Touch Me na nirendahan ng hineteng si John Alvin Guce, pang-apat si Moment Of Truth na ginabayan ng hineteng si John Paul Guce, panglima ang kabayong si Club Havana na pinatungan ng hineteng si Daniel L. Camanero, pang-anim si Bomod- Ok Falls na sinakyan ni Mark Angelo Alvarez, pangpito si Impressive Victory na dinala ng hineteng si CP Henson, habang ang kabayong si Roll Da Dice na sinakyan ni Patricio Ramos Dilema ang nasa hulihan bago sumapit ng far turn. Mapapansin naman na talagang si Gold Rush ay isang sprinter na kabayo at ang hinete na si Jessie B. Guce ay nakapirmis lang at parenda renda lang sa ibabaw nito. Ngunit pagdating sa huling kurbada o final turn ng karera ay biglang nagparamdam si Club Havana sakay si Daniel L. Camanero sa gawing labas at nasa ikatlong puwesto naman sa tabing balya si War Cannon ni Kelvin Abobo ngunit nag dire-diretso pa rin ang mabilis na pagtakbo ni Gold Rush at tumawid sa meta ng may isang kabayong agwat laban sa nasegundo na si Club Havana, tersero si War Cannon at kuarto si Bomod-Ok Falls. Si Gold Rush ay nakapag rehistro ng tiyempong 1:27.6 (13'-23'-24'-26) para sa distansiyang 1,400 meters. Kung ating sisilipin at dikit lang ang naging pruwebang naitala nila Gold Rush at Club Havana. Si Club Havana ay nakagawa ng tiyempong halos kaparehas ni Gold Rush. Kung si Gold Rush ay mayroong 1:27.6 sa 1,400 meters, si Club Havana naman ay mayroong 1:27.8 sa 1,400 meters. Halos .2 milliseconds lang ang lamang ni Gold Rush kay Club Havana. Kaya inaasahan na magiging maganda ang kanilang labanan sa nalalapit na 2021 PHILRACOM 1st Leg 3YO Maiden Stakes Race. Silipin na rin natin ang kanilang naging pruweba sa kanilang novatos run. Si Gold Rush ay tumakbo sa novatos noong Pebrero 17,2021 sa pista ng San Lazaro Leisure Park sa Carmona Cavite. Siya ay muling sinakyan ng hineteng si Jessie Basilio Guce at nakapag rehistro ng tiyempong 1:24.8 (07'-24'-26-27) para sa distansiyang 1,300 meters. Si Gold Rush ay nanalo ng halos limang kabayong agwat laban sa nasegundo na si Magistrale. Si Club Havana naman ay tumakbo sa novatos noong Pebrero 27,2021 sa pista ng San Lazaro Leisure Park sa Carmona, Cavite. Siya ay sinakyan ng hineteng si JL Paano at nakapag rehistro ng tiyempong 1:26.2 (07'-23'-26'-29) para sa distansiyang 1,300 meters. Si Club Havana ay sumegundo lamang sa karerang ito laban sa nagwaging kabayo na si Forbidden City. Ano sa tingin niyo bayang karerista sila Gold Rush at Club Havana lang ba ang magbibigay ng magandang laban sa paparating na 2021 PHILRACOM 1st Leg 3YO Maiden Stakes Race o mabubulaga tayo ng mga dehadong kalahok??? Abangan..

Customs NAIA undergoes IQA

THE Bureau of Customs (BOC) - Port of NAIA underwent the Internal Quality Audit (IQA) Stage 1 last April 20 to 21, 2021, in preparation for the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) certification.

During the opening conference, MGen. Leandro Loyao III, Interim Internal Quality Management System Office (IIQMSO) Head, discussed the overview of the internal audit process and its importance to provide additional support in strengthening the policies and principles that the port of NAIA started towards the port's ISO certification journey.

District Collector Carmelita M. Talusan also expressed her support to the audit making it one of the port's priorities to be ISO-certified and to continue its innovation drive, and that all findings will be complied within the period prescribed by the Internal Quality Audit (IQA) team.

In compliance with the 10-Point Priority Program of Commissioner Rey Leonardo Guerrero, the Port of NAIA, with the efforts of the men and women of the Port to bring out the best practices and customs finest standards, endeavors to qualify and be recommended for the next phase, which is the external audit, as a prelude to achieve International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 9001:2015 Certification. ***PR***

Malalim na unawaang Pilipino, Amerikano aral ng Labanan sa Quingua

PLARIDEL, Bulacan (PIA) -- Dapat mas maiposisyon ang aral ng naging Labanan sa Quingua sa lalong malalim na unawaan at ugnayan ng mga Pilipino at mga Amerikano at sa kasalukuyang relasyon ng dalawang bansa.

Sa ginanap na webinar sa Pagbabalik-Tanaw sa Labanang Pilipino-Amerikano na inorganisa ng Museo ng Kasaysayang Pampulitika ng Pilipinas ng National Historical Commission of the Philippines o NHCP, sinabi ng historyador na si Jaime Veneracion na dalawang perspektibo ang dapat na maintindihan kapag pinag-aaralan ang naging Labanan sa Quingua na bahagi ng Philippine American War ng 1899-1902.

Sa isang perspektibo aniya ng mga Amerikano, mas kinikilala ang petsang Abril 23, 1899 bilang araw ng kabayanihan ni Col. John Stotsenburg na isa sa mga pinuno ng mga tropang Amerikano na nakalaban ng pwersa ng mga Pilipino. Habang ang isa pang perspektibo ay ang pagpaparangal ng mga Pilipino sa kabayanihan ng mga Pilipinong lumaban sa kanila.

Katunayan, ang Amerika ang bumili ng lupa para paglagakan ng dambana sa karangalan ni Stotsenburg noong 1910s na ngayo'y matatagpuan sa barangay Agnaya sa Plaridel. Ang Quingua ay dating pangalan ng ngayo'y bayan ng Plaridel.

Mga bandang 1989, nagsimula nang mabago ang pagtingin tungkol sa Labanan sa Quingua.

Isinulong ng mga Pilipinong makabayan na mas angkop kilalanin at dakilain sa petsang ito ang mga tropang Pilipino na nakipaglaban, kaysa sa nilabanan at napatay na mananakop na Amerikano.

Dahil dito, sa nakalipas na mga dekada ay tinawag nang Battle of Quingua Shrine ang nasabing dambana sa halip na Stotsenburg Shrine.

Ayon sa mga batayang pangkasaysayan ng NHCP, sa lugar na ito noong Abril 23, 1899, nagkasagupa ng mga tropang Pilipino sa pamumuno ni Col. Pablo Tecson na isang rebolusyonaryong taga-San Miguel, Bulacan, ang iba't ibang tropa ng mga Amerikano.

Kabilang dito ang American Cavalry na pinamumunuan ni Major Franklin Bell, 1st Nebraskans Infantry sa ilalim ni Col. Stotsenburg, 51st Iowa Infantry ni Irving Hale at ilang mula sa Utah Battery Artillery. Sa nasabing labanan, napatay ng mga tropang Pilipino si Col. Stotsenburg na nagresulta sa hindi kaagad na pagkakasakop ng mga Amerikano sa Bulacan.

Kaugnay nito, sinabi ni Veneracion na sa kabila na magkaiba ang kinikilalang bayani sa perspektibo ng mga Amerikano at iba sa perspektibo ng mga Pilipino, dito pumapasok na dapat mas lalong pag-ibayuhin ang unawaan lalo na sa makabagong panahon at antas ng relasyon ng Pilipinas at Amerika.

Sinabi naman ni Antonia Jimenez, kurador ng Museo ng Kasaysayang Pampulitika ng Pilipinas ng NHCP, ang tunay na kabayanihan ay hindi lamang sa nasusukat sa pagkapanalo sa pakikipaglaban kundi maging sa pagkatalo. Sapagkat ang katatagan, katapangan at pagkamatay dahil sa pagtatanggol sa bayan ay isa nang kabayanihan.

Sinasagisag din aniya ng mga bantayog at dambana para sa Labanan sa Quingua na kapwa may pagpapahalaga sa kasaysayan ang mga Pilipino at mga Amerikano. ***(CLJD/SFV-PIA 3)***

Mga magniniyog sa Palawan, tumanggap ng subsidiya mula DA at PCA

PUERTO PRINCESA, Palawan (PIA) -- Nasa 151 magniniyog mula sa iba't-ibang barangay ng Munisipyo ng Balabac ang nakatanggap ng kanilang 1st tranche cash subsidy mula sa Department of Agriculture (DA) at Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA) kamakailan.

Ang programang ito ay sa pamamagitan ng Cash and Food Subsidy for Marginalized Farmers and Fisherfolks (CFSMFF) para sa mga maliliit na magniniyog na naapektuhan ng pandemya lalo na ang mga nasa islang munisipyo sa lalawigan.

Ang mga benepisyaryong magniniyog ay nakatanggap ng QR code na maari nilang palitan sa M Lhuiler. Pinangunahan ni PCA Agriculturist Gerald N. Belmonte ang pamamahagi ng ayuda, katuwang ang lokal ng pamahalaan ng Balabac.

Samantala, noong Abril 20 ay umaabot naman sa kabuuhang 573 CFSMFF QR Codes na nagkakahalaga ng P2,865,000 o P5,000 kada magniniyog ang naipamahagi sa mga bayan ng Sofronio Española na may 44 benepisyaryo, Narra, 220 benepisyaryo at Bataraza na mayroon namang 309 benepisyaryo.

Ang subsidiyang ipinamahagi sa mga munisipyong nabanggit ay para naman sa kanilang 2nd at 3rd tranche ng CFSMFF. Ang pamamahagi nito ay pinangunahan naman nina PCA Division Chief Raul Aguilar at Senior Agriculturist Arlo Solano.

Kasabay ng pamimigay ng ayuda ay ang pagtatala ng mga magniniyog sa National Coconut Farmers Registry System (NCFRS). Ang NCFRS ay ang opisyal na talaan ng pamahalaan upang mabigyan ng pagkakakilanlan ang mga magniniyog na Pilipino, na ginagamit na batayan sa implementasyon ng mga programa at proyekto nito.

Maaaring magrehistro dito ang mga farm owner, owner-tiller, grower, tenant/tenant worker at farm worker/laborer. ***(OCJ/PIA-MIMAROPA, Palawan)***

BOC enhances personnel competence through WCO Asia/Pacific Online Regional Workshop

AS part of the continuous effort to develop personnel competence, Bureau of Customs (BOC) members of the National Customs Trade Facilitation (TF) Champions participated in the World Customs Organization (WCO) Asia/Pacific Online Regional Workshop on World Trade Organization Trade Facilitation Agreement (WTO TFA) from April 19 to 21, 2021.

The workshop aims to provide BOC personnel with updates on TFA-related matters under the WCO Mercator Programme, share national and regional experiences, key challenges faced, as well as applied methods for monitoring and evaluation of WTO TFA implementation. The workshop was made possible through the financial support of the Customs Cooperation Fund of Japan (CCF Japan) and organizational support of the WCO Regional Office for Capacity Building (ROCB) Asia-Pacific in Bangkok.

As one of the countries implementing the WCO Mercator Programme in the Asia-Pacific Region, BOC officers headed by Atty. Julito Doria, Acting Chief, Prosecution and Litigation Division, and Atty. Noemi Alcala-Garcia, Acting Chief, Planning and Policy Research Division, both members of the National Customs TF Champions, served as resource speakers on the implementation of the Multi-Year (MY) Mercator Programme in the Philippine Customs.

Among the topics tackled in the presentation of Atty. Doria were the WCO diagnostic mission in the Philippines, the recommendations from the said mission, and the actual implementation program of BOC. He also highlighted the support and assistance the Bureau has been receiving from the WCO in relation to the implementation of the Mercator Programme.

On the other hand, Atty. Alcala-Garcia discussed the development of the National Customs TF Champions composed of six (6) customs officials from the Internal Administration Group, Revenue Collection Monitoring Group, Assessment and Operations Coordinating Group, Post Clearance Audit Group, and the Port of Manila.

The WCO Asia/Pacific Online Regional Workshop was launched last November 2020 to complement activities currently being undertaken by the BOC through the WCO MY Mercator Programme operating model.

Additionally, the program aims to equip selected customs officials with enhanced knowledge, understanding, and practical multi-agency application perspective of current trade facilitation technical measures, particularly those associated with the WTO TFA in accordance with the Bureau's mandate to enhance trade facilitation. ***PR***

Senior citizens na edad 75, makakatanggap na ng insentibong pinansiyal

LUNGSOD NG CALAPAN, Oriental Mindoro (PIA) -- Ipinasa na kamakailan sa Sangguniang Panlalawigan ang Provincial Ordinace No. 122-2021 na kung saan inamyendahan nito ang edad ng mga senior citizens na simula 75 ay makakatanggap na ng insentibo na nagkakahalaga ng P1,500 at karagdagan sa bawat limang taon pagkatapos.

Ang bagong ordinansa na ipinasa sa lebel ng Sangguniang Panlalawigan, ay nag-aamyenda lamang sa edad at halaga ng insentibong pinansiyal na matatanggap ng mga kwalipikadong nakatatandang mamamayan sa ilalim ng naunang ordinansa, ang Provincial Ordinance No. 68-2017 na sinimulang ipatupad ng Pamahalaang Panlalawigan noong taong 2019.

Noong una itong ipinatupad, simulang makakatanggap ng insentibo ay mga senior citizen na may edad 85 at bawat limang taon pagkatapos. Ngayon, ang insentibo ay matatanggap na pagsapit ng mga edad na 75 at bawat limang taon pagkatapos.

Ayon sa ordinansa na iniakda ng tatlong Board Member na sina Bokal Edilberto Ilano, Jr., Bokal Rafael Infantado at Bokal Emmanuel Buenaventura, ang mga edad at insentibong matatanggap ay ang mga sumusunod: 75 taong gulang - P1,500, 80 - P2,000, 85 - P3,000, 90 - P5,000, 95 - P10,000, 100 - P100,000 na may kasamang plake at pagkilala at pag sapit ng ika-101 taon at bawat taon na dadaan ay makakatanggap ng P5,000.

Wala din aniyang mababago sa mga kwalipikasyon at rekisitos na kailangan na una nang nakasaad sa Provincial Ordinance No. 68-2017. Ang mga kwalipikado ay dapat ipinanganak sa Oriental Mindoro o kung hindi man ay dapat nanirahan sa loob ng 10 taon o higit pa.

Samantala sa mga rekisitos na kailangan ay una; dapat rehistrado sa Office of the Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA) sa lugar na kanyang tinitirhan o munisipyo para sa kaukulang pagkilala at dokumentasyon. Pangalawa, mayroong katibayan ng kapanganakan o lugar kung saan naninirahan at pangatlo ay mamamayan ng Pilipinas.

Ang nasabing ordinansa ay alinsunod sa Section VI ng Provincial Ordinance No. 68-2017, na ang Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office (PSWDO) ang nakatalaga sa epektibong implementasyon ng ordinansa, gayundin sa pagbabalangkas ng Implementing Rules and Regulations. ***(DPCN/PIA-OrMin)***

Binigyang diin para sa Earth Day 2021...

INISYATIBOPARA BAWASAN ANG BASURA

Calamba City, Laguna - Ang Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) CALABARZON kaakibat ang Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) CALABARZON, ay magpapamigay ng 14 yunit ng vertical barrel garden sa EMB 4A, MGB 4A, at sa lahat ng Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office sa Rehiyon. Ang inisyatibo na ito ay nakalinya sa selebrasyon ng Earth Day 2021 na ipinagdiriwang tuwing 22 Abril 2021. Ang buwan ng Abril ay kinikilala rin bilang Month of the Planet Earth.

Layunin ng inisyatibo na ito ang magkakaroon ng kani-kaniyang barrel garden ang MGB 4A, EMB 4A, at ang PENR Offices ng DENR CALABARZON, para maitaas ang kaalaman ng bawat opisina sa paghihiwalay ng basura, pagkokompost, paghahalaman, at paggamit ng 3Rs. Layunin din nito na mabawasan ang basura na maaaring makapasok sa mga ilog na konektado sa Manila Bay.

Isa pang inisyatibo ng DENR CALABARZON ay pagsasagawa ng mga lektyur ukol sa Ecological Solid Waste Management of 2000 o ang RA 9003, sa pamamagitan ng Manila Bay Site Coordinating/ Management Office-4 (MBSCMO-4). Ang lektyur na ito ay dinaluhan ng lahat ng dibisyon sa loob ng DENR CALABARZON. Nilalayon ng inisyatibo na ito na maging "refresher course" sa lahat ng empleyado ng ahensya.

Dagdag pa rito ang patuloy na pangangalaga sa nature garden at ang pagtatayo ng Material Recovery Facility (MRF) sa ahensya.

Ayon sa datos ng EMB 4A, sa tulong ng pagkokompost at sa paghihiwalay ng basura, maaaring bumaba mula 4,700 tonelada ng basura ang naiipon sa rehiyon, hanggang 1,291.66 tonelada kada araw.

Hinihikayat ng DENR CALABARZON ang publiko na simulan na rin ang pagtatayo ng eco garden gamit ang mga patapong bagay at nabubulok na basura para sa ikagaganda ng kapaligiran. Maaari rin kayong makipag-ugnayan sa DENR CALABARZON ukol sa pagrequest ng seedlings. Para sa may mga sumbong ukol sa ilegal na gawain na may kaugnayan sa kalikasan ay maaaring tumawag o magbigay ng mensahe sa 8888 hotline numero 09561825774/ 09198744369. Ang mga retrato, bidyo, at iba pang impormasyon ay maaari ring ipadala sa opisyal na Facebook page ng DENR CALABARZON: https://www.facebook.com/DENR4AOfficial/. ***PR***

Vertical Barrel Garden sa EMB 4A

Wooden signages para sa Vertical Barrel Garden

DENR CALABARZON Nature Garden at MRF

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'Liliit ang mundo'

NAGHAIN si Cavite Rep. Elpidio Barzaga Jr. ng House Bill 9525.

Ang layunin nito ay para sa pag-aamyenda ng Republic Act 11525 o Covid-19 Vaccination Program Act of 2021.

Target sa panukala ni Barzaga na mandatory na ang pagsasagawa ng pagbabakuna sa lahat ng Pinoy laban sa COVID-19.

Ito ay dadaan sa masusing pag-aaral ng Department of Health at maaaring libreng ipagkaloob sa alin mang government hospital o health center.

Batay pa rin ito sa Republic Act 11525 gayunman dapat ay nakakatiyak na science at evidence based ang pagsasagawa ng bakuna.

Nagpalabas ng komento ang Palasyo na gumaganda na ang pagtataya ng publiko hinggil sa pagbabakuna.

Ibig sabihin ay nadadagdagan ang bilang ng mga kababayan nating nais magpabakuna na.

Iyon nga lamang ay hindi lahat ng Pinoy ay nais ang bakuna kaya isinulong ang panukalang ito.

Kapag nangyari ito ay obligado na ang bawat Pinoy para magpaturok ng vaccine.

Pero sabi nga in every rule there is an exemption.

Exempted sa naturang batas ang mga kababayan nating mayroong medical conditions.

Nasa gabay ito ng mga doktor na magtatakda kung pahihintulutan ba o hindi sa bakuna ang kanyang pasyente.

Kaya kung hindi exempted ay talagang tuturukan kasi nga ay mandatory na.

Kapag ayaw o hindi naman talaga gusto magpapabakuna ay tila 'liliit ang mundo' para sa iyo.

Kasi ay hindi na umano pahihintulutang makapunta at makapasok sa mga pampublikong lugar na pagmamay-ari ng gobyerno o maging ng pribadong sektor ang mga walang bakuna.

Anong say ninyo, liit mundo o bakuna? Saan ka?

Ayaw sa maingay, handang makapatay

NABUWISIT sa maingay, ginilitan sa leeg ng isang bolo maker ang obrerong napadaan sa kanilang bahay sa Ternate, Cavite.

Sinusulat ito ay ginagamot sa San Lorenzo Hospital ang biktimang si Romeo Bangcaya , may-asawa, ng Crasher, Sapang 1, Ternate.

Arestado naman ang suspek na si Ronald Dulay, 32, ng Sapang 1, Ternate.

Sa ulat ni PSSgt Ernesto Gayyed Jr., ng Ternate Police Station, bago naganap ang insidente ay dumaan ang biktima kasama ang mga kaibigan sa harapan ng bahay ng suspek kung saan napiktyuran si Bangcaya na nag-iingay.

Ligid sa kaalaman ng biktima, pag-uwi nito dakong alas-11:30 kamakalawa ng gabi nang harangin siya ng suspek at walang sabi-sabing ginilitan ang leeg nito gamit ang isang matulis na bagay.

Isinugod ang biktima sa ospital habang ang suspek ay naaresto sa isinagawang follow up operation ng mga barangay tanod. ***GENE ADSUARA***