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DOLE-Cavite provides livelihood packages to seasonal workers, parolees

By Zen Trinidad

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna – The Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) Cavite Provincial Office has enhanced its support for seasonal workers and parolees by distributing additional livelihood packages.

In a phone interview on Thursday, Provincial

Director Marivic Martinez said DOLE-Cavite had allocated PHP1.3 million to assist 55 seasonal workers.

The latest distribution took place on Wednesday at the provincial office in Dasmariñas City. The livelihood assistance included 44 rice packages, two sewing kits, six dishwashing kits, and
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LIVELIHOOD AID. The Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) Cavite Provincial Office has granted livelihood packages worth PHP2 million to seasonal workers on Sept. 10 and 11, 2024 at its office in Dasmariñas City. Some parolees also received assistance packages worth PHP591,395 in Imus City on Sept. 10. (Photo courtesy of DOLE-Cavite)

PDEA destroys P777-M illegal drugs in Cavite

By Christopher Lloyd Caliwan

MANILA – The Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) on Thursday destroyed PHP777 million worth of dangerous drugs and controlled precursors and essential chemicals (CPECs) in Cavite province.

In a statement, PDEA said these include 1,474.92 kg. of solid illegal drug substances and 378.5 milliliters (ml) of liquid narcotics destroyed through thermal decomposition or thermolysis at the Integrated Waste Management Inc. (IWMI) in Barangay Aguado in Trece Martires City.

These substances are broken down into 66.72 kg. of shabu; 1,390.74 kg. of marijuana; 14.15 kg. of ecstasy; 428.44 grams of cocaine; 1.67 kg. of ephedrine; 1.07 kg. of psilocin; 206.5 ml of liquid shabu and 172 ml of liquid marijuana.

“The pieces of drug evidence were destroyed through thermal decomposition or thermolysis, which involves breaking down chemical compounds with the use of tremendous heat. At

1,000 degrees centigrade, all dangerous drugs are decomposed or broken down,” PDEA said.

The illegal drugs were pieces of evidence seized from various anti-drug operations by PDEA, together with the Philippine National Police (PNP), National Bureau of Investigation, and other law enforcement and military units.

PDEA said the expeditious prosecution and disposition of drug cases prompted the immediate destruction of these drugs after these were presented as pieces of evidence.

Representatives from the PNP, Department of Justice, Department of the Interior and Local Government; local officials of Barangay Aguado, other law enforcement agencies; non-government organizations; and media partners joined key PDEA officials in witnessing the destruction activity.

PDEA said these illegal drugs were destroyed in compliance with orders from the court pursuant to the proper disposal of seized drug evidence as required by law. (PNA)

PH logs 18 mpox cases

By Ma. Teresa Montemayor

MANILA – The country has logged 18 confirmed cases of mpox (formerly monkeypox) as of Aug. 18, Health Secretary Teodoro Herbosa said on Monday.

Herbosa said five of the cases have recovered.

“This means na-release na sila sa isolation, eleven na lang po ang nasa home isolation, anim po sa Calabarzon, isa sa Cagayan Valley, ‘yung nalang po ang mga naka-confine (they have been released from isolation, eleven are in home isolation, six in Calabarzon, one in Cagayan Valley, these are the only ones confined),” he said in a press conference.

All of the cases have no epidemiological link as

they have not transmitted the infection to anyone, he said.

To date, Herbosa said the Food and Drug Administration has not approved any vaccine for mpox in the Philippines.

“Right now, nakapila ako for vaccines, 2,500 doses pero ‘di pa siya nakakapasok (I have

requested for vaccines, 2,500 doses, but they are not yet in the country),” he said.

The Department of Health (DOH) is expecting to receive the mpox vaccines in a few months.

However, the Philippines is not on the priority list as the World Health Organization (WHO) announced to

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Health Secretary Teodoro Herbosa (PNA photo by Joan Bondoc)

Calabarzon, C. Visayas boards OK minimum wage hike

By Ferdinand Patinio

MANILA – The Regional Tripartite Wages and Productivity Boards (RTWPBs) of Region 4-A (Calabarzon) and Region 7 (Central Visayas) have issued wage orders granting increases

in the daily minimum wage rates of workers in private establishments, directly benefiting 1.2 million minimum wage earners.

In a statement Monday, the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) said the daily wage

adjustment in Calabarzon and Central Visayas ranges from PHP21 to PHP75 and PHP33 to PHP43, respectively.

This brings the minimum wage rates in Calabarzon to PHP450 to PHP560 in the non-agriculture

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CSC launches nationwide tree-growing initiative for 124th PCSA

MANILA – The Civil Service Commission (CSC) will lead a nationwide tree-growing initiative from September 15 to 21, 2024 in celebration of the 124th Philippine Civil Service Anniversary (PCSA).

CSC Chairperson Karlo Nograles called on government officials, employees, and individuals from non-government organizations and private institutions to join the event.

The initiative aims to plant at least 10,000 trees while raising funds for the CSC's Pamanang Lingkod Bayani (PLBi) Program, which supports the families of fallen civil servants.

"The third week of the PCSA, themed Linggo ng Malasakit sa Kalikasan, highlights the significance of sustainable environmental efforts and natural resource management," Nograles said Monday in a press release.

"This nationwide tree-growing activity not only focuses on environmental conservation but also serves as a tribute to those who gave their lives in service, fostering a sense of patriotism."

CSC Regional Office VI (Western Visayas), in coordination with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), will lead the activity aimed to contribute to climate change mitigation through tree-growing and to promote environmental stewardship, while also raising funds for the benefit of the families of fallen civil servants.

In the National Capital Region and Region IV (Calabarzon), the CSC and DENR partnered with the Laguna Lake Development

Authority to plant seedlings along the 28 local government units surrounding Laguna de Bay on September 16.

The location and specific date of the tree-growing activity in other regions will be announced by the CSC Regional Offices via their official Facebook Pages and at PCSA microsite at csc.gov.ph/pcsa2024.

Interested participants may coordinate with the nearest CSC Regional Office for the registration link and payment of PHP250 registration fee.

Walk-in participants may also be allowed at the discretion of the respective CSC Regional Offices.

The CSC said participants will get a certificate of participation while a certificate of appreciation will be awarded to partner agencies and stakeholders.

"As we celebrate another year of successful public service, we also need to remember the critical need to care for our planet. We are excited for the support of both the public and private sector in our goal to promote environmentalism and patriotism," Nograles said.

The other upcoming activities lined up for the 124th PCSA include the Medical Mission: Medical Relief for the Underprivileged, Bloodletting Activity, National Coastal Clean-up, Awards Rites for the 2024 Outstanding Government Workers, 2024 Leaders & Human Resource Symposium, and the Contact Center ng Bayan Partner Recognition Program.

For more information about the 124th PCSA and the schedule of activities, visit csc.gov.ph/pcsa2024. (PR)

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for it that we are. Filipinos are the number one caretakers of foreign children all around the world," President Marcos said.

"We must do more," he stressed.

Despite the OSAEC cases in the Philippines, President Marcos acknowledged the aggressive actions of summit organizers Department of Justice - Inter-Agency Council Against Trafficking and the Department of the Interior and Local Government, along with the International Justice Mission.

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"We are here today to confront one of the greatest challenges of our time. The challenges that we face in government are always the challenges that are brought to us by the future and what exemplifies our future more, what symbolizes our future more than our children," the President said.

"And, that is why these strikes at the very heart of our society. It undermines the foundations of what we are, of who we are as a people," he added.

Under Bagong Pilipinas (New Philippines),

President Marcos said the government will continue to protect children and vowed to go after the responsible behind cases of OSAEC.

"Let us build a world where justice and compassion prevail, and every child's safety and dignity are upheld," Marcos said.

Records from the Philippine National Police show that 1,099 victims were rescued from 237 operations, 138 suspects were arrested, 139 cases were filed, and 41 perpetrators were convicted. (PND)

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Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act, the Climate Change Act, and the PAGASA Modernization Act, among others.

However, she said the risks remain if these measures are not properly implemented or followed by the people and local governments.

"Our resilience depends not only on laws and systems but on how well we implement them in practice. We must ensure meaningful action to address our vulnerabilities – protecting ecosystems, ensuring proper waste management, and enforcing sustainable land-use practices," Legarda said.

"Reducing risks and saving our country and our planet are tasks no one can afford to overlook. We cannot afford to delay any longer and continue to expose our people to the escalating risks we face."

The report by the Institute for International Law

of Peace and Armed Conflict of the Ruhr-University Bochum in Denmark assessed countries' risk levels based on factors such as natural disasters, conflicts, pandemics, and wars.

Among countries with the highest WRI in 2024, the Philippines was followed by Indonesia, India, Colombia, Mexico, Myanmar, Mozambique, Russian Federation, Bangladesh, and Pakistan.

Meanwhile, the countries with the lowest WRI are Monaco, Andorra, San Marino, Luxembourg, Sao Tome and Principe, Liechtenstein, Belarus, Singapore, Qatar, and Bahrain.

Risk factors highlighted

In a statement, the Office of Civil Defense (OCD) said this year's WRI report mainly focused on interconnected crisis factors that impact populations in considering various types of risks to determine a country's overall risk profile.

It added that the Philippines taking the top spot in the 2024 WRI is a clear reminder for the government and other stakeholders to work tirelessly in addressing the challenges and issues at hand.

"It is essential to continuously adopt a multisectoral approach in all aspects of disaster risk reduction and management. Collaborative interventions from different sectors are crucial to collectively address the pressing needs," the OCD said.

It also emphasized the enormity of this task.

"Through collaboration with various sectors, the OCD will continue to promote more comprehensive and concrete efforts to reduce risks. This will involve implementing capacity-building interventions and other measures aimed at minimizing risks and improving the country's risk profile," it added. (with Priam Nepomuceno/PNA)

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marami pa silang mga kaibigan at mga nakasama nila doon din sa org(anization) nila na nandoon pa sa loob at natatakot (It is now being discussed, the possible rescue operation that we could do, because according to the victims, they have friends and acquaintances who are inside and are still afraid)," Fajardo said.

The PNP had obtained personal information of the purported victims, who fear the Angels of Death, as what Quiboloy's alleged private army is called

Fajardo encouraged the victims to seek help from those who are outside the KOJC.

She said the PNP is set to file more child abuse cases against Quiboloy, based on the statement of the five victims

who were minors at the time of the crime.

Fajardo said investigators were able to establish the pattern of abuse of Quiboloy among the minor victims.

She said PNP is working with concerned government agencies, particularly the Department of Social Welfare and Development.

The Firearms and Explosives Office was also requested to revoke the licenses of members of the Angels of Death, allegedly including Army reservists.

Quiboloy is detained at the PNP Custodial Facility in Camp Crame while his co-accused were transferred to the Pasig City jail. (PNA)



Senator Loren Legarda (Photo courtesy of Senate PRIB)

ASF vax effective for now; pigs healthy post-inoculation – DA

By Joyce Ann L. Rocamora

MANILA – The vaccine against African swine fever (ASF) is proving effective “at least for now,” the Department of Agriculture (DA) said Saturday, reporting that majority of the pigs inoculated in August are still alive and healthy.

At the Saturday News Forum in Quezon City, DA Assistant Secretary and spokesperson Arnel De Mesa said five suckling pigs died but only due to pulmonary diseases, which were discovered only after the administration of the vaccine.

“May namatay na lima pero because mayroon silang precondition na hindi sinabi doon sa nag-administer doon sa Lobo (in Batangas province). But, iyong others ay talagang napaka-healthy hanggang sa ngayon (Five died but only because they had a precondition that was not declared when the vaccine was administered in

Lobo. The others are really very healthy until now),” he said.

“Dahil iyong unang batch na exposed sa ASF, and in fact buhay pa sila ngayon at apparently healthy, can tell us na maganda iyong bakuna (Since it was the first batch that was exposed to ASF and in fact they are still alive and apparently healthy, that can tell us that the vaccine is good) at least for now,” he added.

De Mesa said it takes 14 to 30 days before antibodies fully develop in a hog.

The DA earlier launched its first government-controlled vaccination among 41 healthy and ASF-negative hogs in small backyard farms in the Batangas town.

The vaccine will be expanded to reach other areas in Visayas and Mindanao.

De Mesa said the government is also working to complete the procurement of 600,000 vaccine doses against ASF by next month.

“Ini-expect natin

iyong procurement noong natitirang bakuna iyong kabuuan na 600,000 doses ay matapos mid-October para magtuluy-tuloy na iyong bakunahan natin (We expect that the procurement of the

total 600,000 doses will be completed mid-October so that we could ramp up our vaccination efforts),” he said.

The government allocated PHP300 million for the purchase of approximately

600,000 ASF vaccine doses developed in Vietnam and an additional PHP50 million for related inoculation costs. (PNA)



SO FAR, SO GOOD. The inaugural vaccination of healthy pigs against African swine fever was conducted in Lobo, Batangas on Aug. 30, 2024. Majority of the pigs inoculated are still alive and healthy, according to Department of Agriculture Assistant Secretary and spokesperson Arnel De Mesa during the Saturday News Forum in Quezon City on Sept. 14. (DA photo)

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pour the supply of jabs in countries experiencing an mpox outbreak.

Herbosa said detection and isolation can control the spread of the disease and cleanliness and good hygiene are key in preventing it.

“Vaccines will only be given to people who are at high risk to die, if the person has HIV (human immunodeficiency virus) or other concomitant illness,” he added.

The Research Institute for Tropical Medicine (RITM) has issued an mpox polymerase chain reaction (PCR) testing re-training for the hospitals that have responded as testing sites in 2022 when mpox was declared as a public health emergency of international concern by the WHO.

These hospitals are Baguio General Hospital, Lung Center of the Philippines, San Lazaro Hospital, Vicente Sotto Medical Center, Southern Philippine Medical Center, Western Visayas Medical Center and Bicol Medical Center.

Currently, the East Avenue Medical Center is ready to conduct mpox PCR testing apart from the RITM.

“I’ve ordered the chair of our national task force to buy additional test kits kasi paubos na, parang 1,800 lang ‘yun nung nag umpisa kami (we only had 1,800 [kits] when we started),” Herbosa said.

“We test about 25 to 30 [patients] a day at karamihan negative (and most of them are negative),” he added. (PNA)

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three baking kits.

Earlier, on Tuesday, 25 seasonal workers received livelihood packages valued at PHP625,000, which included baking supplies and rice packages.

Additionally, 40 parolees from nearby cities and towns were given

livelihood packages worth PHP591,395,00 at the DOLE office in Imus City, which featured carinderia (eatery) supplies, parlor equipment, computer repair kits, frozen goods, and dishwashing supplies.

Martinez said these efforts are aimed at helping

individuals reintegrate into society by providing them with resources to manage their own businesses and redirect their lives positively.

“DOLE remains steadfast in its commitment to providing decent job opportunities and livelihood assistance to every Filipino,” she added. (PNA)



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previous regional wage order on Oct. 1 last year.

The region kept its area-based classifications of Classes A, B, and C, but each class now has a single wage rate for both agriculture and non-agriculture sectors.

The increase brings the daily minimum wages from PHP458 to PHP468 to PHP501 for Class A; from PHP425 to P430 to P463 for Class B; and PHP415-P420 to PHP453 for Class C.

Classified under Class A are the cities of Carcar, Cebu, Danao, Lapulapu,

Mandaue, Naga, Talisay and the municipalities of Compostela, Consolacion, Cordova, Liloan, Minglanilla, San Fernando or Expanded Metro Cebu.

Meanwhile, under Class B are the cities not covered under Class A -- Bais, Bayawan, Bogo, Canlaon, Dumaguete, Guihulngan, Tagbilaran City, Tanjay and Toledo while Class C include other towns not covered under Class A and B.

Both adjustments were reached through consensus and unanimously approved

by the government, labor and employer representatives in both RTWPBs.

The National Wages and Productivity Commission also unanimously affirmed the pay adjustments.

The wage orders were issued following President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.’s Labor Day directive to the RTWPBs to review regional minimum wage rates prior to the anniversary dates of previous wage increases. (PNA)

Calabarzon...

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sector; PHP425 to PHP500 in the agriculture sector; and PHP425 in retail and service establishments employing not more than 10 workers upon full implementation of all tranches.

The wage hike in Calabarzon will take effect on Sept. 30 or six days from the anniversary date of the

previous regional wage increase on Sept. 24 last year. It will be given in two tranches -- the first tranche on Sept. 30 and the second tranche on April 1, 2025.

Meanwhile, the wage hike in Central Visayas would take effect on Oct. 2, the day immediately following the anniversary date of the

EDITORIAL

Not the budget but leadership

QUIMBO, who has presided over the appropriations committee hearings on the OVP's proposed budget, also underscored that in many instances, the social programs of the OVP duplicate those already being implemented by other government agencies that have substantial experience in disbursing aid.

The House Committee on Appropriations has slashed the Office of the Vice President's proposed P2.026-billion budget for 2025 by over 60 percent, or P1.293 billion, leaving Vice President Sara Duterte's office with P733.198 million to spend next year.

Sliced from the original proposed budget were allocations deemed "redundant and inefficient," including for financial assistance, consultants, utilities and supplies, and rent.

If given the nod, these allocations totaling P1.292 billion will be realigned to the Department of Social Welfare and Development's Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situations program and the Department of Health's medical assistance program — each to receive an equal share of P646 million.

Likewise, the OVP will get nothing for financial assistance or subsidy programs, funds intended for transportation services and medical and burial assistance.

Rent and lease expenses for two OVP extension offices and 10 satellite offices costing some P370,000 each or some P4.4 million monthly were also scrapped. The OVP had proposed P80.73 million for lease or rent but the figure was reduced to P30.43 million.

"We brought it back to 2022 levels when the Vice President maintained a single office," Appropriations Committee vice chairperson Rep. Stella Quimbo said.

The cuts in the OVP's proposed budget, she said, were prompted by the committee's view that many of the OVP's assistance programs were redundant as these were already being implemented by other government agencies.

Vice President Sara Duterte's absence from the hearings to defend her office's proposed budget indicated to the committee that she planned to spend huge amounts for the 10 satellite offices and two extension offices.

Previous vice presidents maintained a single office, said Quimbo. The OVP now has 10 satellite offices and two extension offices, "and that's the likely reason their lease expenses reached P53 million in 2023 from P29 million in 2022. So we decided to bring it back to the 2022 level when the OVP maintained only a single office."

Quimbo, who has presided

over the appropriations committee hearings on the OVP's proposed budget, also underscored that in many instances, the social programs of the OVP duplicated those already being implemented by other government agencies that have more experience in disbursing aid.

Come to think of it, VP Duterte can very well do with a budget much deflated from what she had proposed. She can take a look at what her predecessor, Leni Robredo, did when she was Vice President.

Then VP Robredo had a mere P500 million in 2016 which further declined to P428.62 million in 2017. This was increased to P544 million in 2018, P671.55 in 2019, and P708 million in 2020, then slid down to 679.74 million in 2021, the last year she was in office.

Despite a small budget, Robredo was able to establish her flagship program, Angat Buhay, which by the end of 2021 had partnered with nearly 400 organizations, mobilized some P520 million in resources, and helped 622,000 families in over 233 cities and municipalities across the country.

Launched in 2016, Angat Buhay was focused on bringing together public and private individuals and organizations to address the needs of underprivileged Filipinos.

Among Angat Buhay's many notable programs were Bayanihan e-Konsulta, a free teleconsultation service launched in April 2021 which received nearly 1,300 volunteer doctor signups and 4,073 non-medical volunteer signups. To help micro, small and medium enterprises, the OVP launched Bayanihan Mart to assist entrepreneurs in building an online presence and generate income during the Covid pandemic.

Robredo also launched Bayanihan e-Skwela to provide devices to learners in need, instructional videos for parents and teachers, and Community Learning Hubs or alternative learning spaces benefiting thousands through 832 volunteers and over 12 OVP partner organizations in 58 locations across the country.

In terms of security, then VP Robredo only had 78 personnel in contrast with VP Duterte's whopping 433 bodyguards.

People who had worked closely with Robredo when she was vice president, like her spokesperson, law professor and former Congressman Barry Gutierrez, point out that she was able to accomplish much despite having a small budget because "she spent prudently, and because she inspired tremendous support from individual citizens and the private sector."

In the end, Gutierrez said, "It's simple, what matters is not your budget but the kind of leader you are."



Photo courtesy of Tribune.net.ph

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Hindi Hinihingi ang Respeto

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Likhang-sining ito na sumusugat sa pagkamanhid na dulot ng paulit-ulit nang balita ng pagpatay, saan pinatay, paano pinatay, saan itinaon at iba pa.

Napakahusay ng pelikula sa pagbuhay ng damdamin ng manonood. Kapani-paniwala ang mga nagsipagaganap, buhay na buhay ang tunog at larawan ng mga eksena. Maraming bahagi ang nagpapatindig ng balahibo: ang kwento ng buhay ni Doc, mga labanang fliptop, pagmamahal ni Hendrix at nangyari sa kanyang minahal, pagmumulto ng nakaraan ni Doc. At ang dulo! Syempre pa, ang dulo! Bang! Ganoon kalakas! Buong panahon, hahangarin mong manalo si Hendrix sa fliptop. Pero magtatagumpay pala siya hindi sa pagpapakawala ng dahas ng pagbigkas, kundi sa pagbigkas ng dahas.

Ibinubuyo ng katapusan ang sentimyentong naglalabasan ngayon: na dapat talagang "manlaban" ang mahihirap, mag-arms sa mga komunidad, at barilin din ang mga pulis o mga tauhan nila na walang-awang dumudukot at pumapatay, at nananambang ng mahihirap. Ipinapaalala nito ang karanasang pinaghalawan ng hip-hop at marami pang bahagi ng kulturang popular sa ating bansa — ang mga Aprikano-Amerikano. Oktubre 1966, itinatag sa Oakland, California ang Black Panther Party for Self-Defense. Armadong grupo ito ng mga Negro na ang layunin: ipagtanggol ang kanilang mga

komunidad laban sa rasistang pandarahas at pamamaslang ng mga Puti.

Ibayong dumi at karahasan ang pinawalan ng gobyerno ng Amerikkka laban sa Black Panther hanggang sa madurog ito. Bukod pa diyan, mulat na ipinasok ang droga sa grupo para pahinain ang diwang palabang nito. Hinati at pinag-away-away ang mga Aprikano-Amerikano sa pamamagitan ng mga gangs. Hanggang sa ang mga baril na gamit laban sa mga puti, itinutok na rin ng mga Negro sa kanilang kalahi. Kakatwa, pero droga at gangs ang laging ibinibida ng dominanteng rap — kaiba sa progresibong rap! — ng mga Aprikano-Amerikano. Kahit ang "Gangsta's Paradise" ni Coolio, nagtapos sa kawalan ng pag-asa, na hindi kayang wakasan ang marahas na kalakarang rasista.

Pero totoo ang ngitngit, ang galit na nararamdaman ng maraming maralita at kahit hindi maralita sa pagpatay sa mahihirap sa bansa — pinaghihinalaan mang adik o tulak, o Lumad sa Mindanao, o magsasaka sa kanayunan. Wala namang nangyari sa ibinidang pangakong pagbabago, kaya sumasahol na ang lagay ng mga Pilipino'y may dagdag pang pandarahas ngayon.

May mga nag-iisip na dapat manlaban nang armado ang mga maralita sa loob ng mga komunidad sa mga lungsod o karatig-bayan. Maaari. Pero ang may mahabang karanasan ng armadong paglaban sa bansa ay nasa kanayunan — ang New People's Army o NPA. Hindi matalu-talo dahil nasa mga

lugar kung saan pinakamahina ang militar at gobyerno.

At sasabihin siguro ng NPA: hindi personal na galit lang, kundi poot ng buong sambayanan. Hindi personal na paghihiganti, kundi paghahanap ng katarungan para sa bayan. Hindi pagpatay sa isa, iilan o maraming pulis; "I shot the sheriff," awit ni Bob Marley, "but I did not shoot the deputy" kaya laging may papalit. Kundi pagbago sa sistema na sabay na naglululong sa mahihirap sa droga, krimen at karalitaan, at todong nandadahas sa kanila. Kung may kahinaan man ang pelikula, patungkol iyan sa kapani-paniwalang pagtatahi ng kwento. Pero tila hindi ito alintana ng maraming nagpapabaha ng todong papuri. Kung tutuusin nga naman, napakaliit lang ng kahinaan ng napakagalang at napakatapang na pelikulang ito.

Marami na ang nagbigay ng pakahulugan sa titulo nito. Sabi ni Mao Zedong, rebolusyunaryong Tsino, "ang kapangyarihang pampulitika ay nagmumula sa dulo ng baril." Siguro, ganoon din ang respeto para sa mahihirap — hindi hinihingi, kundi nakakamit lang kapag gamit ang armas laban sa mga naghahari. May panahong hindi na lang tatakbo para tumakas ang mahihirap na inaapi at dinadahas.

Panoorin ang Respeto! Nagpapaalab ng paglaban na parang baril na nakatutok sa mga naghahari at gobyerno.

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PhilHealth assures public of immediate eligibility for benefits

By Charmaine Odong

LUCENACITY, Quezon (PIA) – The state health insurance agency has assured the public that all Filipinos, including those without updated premium contributions, can still avail of benefits and access preventive, promotive, curative, rehabilitative, and palliative care as guaranteed

by the Universal Health Care (UHC) Law.

In a recent episode of Kapihan sa Bagong Pilipinas, Dr. Edwin Oriña, Acting Regional Vice President of the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) Region IV-A, emphasized that all PhilHealth members are entitled to immediate eligibility for health benefit

packages under the UHC Law.

“With the advent of the Universal Health Care Law, or Republic Act 11223, which took effect in November 2021, immediate eligibility was granted. This means that if you enter a hospital without updated PhilHealth contributions, you can still enjoy the benefits of PhilHealth,” Oriña stated.

Oriña explained that the UHC Law ensures that even if members miss paying their premium contributions, they can still access PhilHealth hospitalization packages. The law guarantees that all Filipinos have equitable access to quality and affordable health care goods and services and are protected against financial risk.

However, Oriña encouraged everyone to pay their contributions to access additional programs and services offered by the state health insurance agency.

“As of now, it doesn’t matter whether you have made any payments or not; it won’t prevent you from receiving PhilHealth benefits. However, we will review any outstanding payments you may have from before and require you to pay retroactively. There is a cutoff period—you won’t have to pay for the years 2017 or 2018; only amounts due within the

applicable cutoff period will need to be settled.”

Oriña also warned employers who fail or refuse to remit PhilHealth member contributions of their employees to settle and pay them accordingly.

“If the employer is not remitting payments, please inform us, and we will coordinate with them to ensure they fulfill their payment obligations. We have filed many cases against employers who have failed to pay, and we seek to recover unpaid amounts along with penalties,” Oriña added.

As the government agency responsible for providing health insurance coverage, PhilHealth is committed to ensuring that all citizens of the Philippines have access to affordable, acceptable, and accessible health care services. (CO/PIA-4A)

CAVITEVIEW

UPLB grad to new Iskolars ng Bayan: find balance in studies, personal life

By Patricia Bermudez

AN alumna of the University of the Philippine Los Baños (UPLB) encouraged the new breed of ‘Iskolar ng Bayan’ to strike a balance in their academic and personal lives as they navigate university life.

Dr. Ester Susan Perez-Mari, a renowned physician-scientist known for her contributions to immunotherapy and cancer research, finished BS Zoology at UPLB in 1986.

In an interview with the Philippine Information Agency – Calabarzon, Perez-Mari emphasized that becoming an Iskolar ng Bayan demands excellence, considering the rigorous selection process that aspiring students must undergo.

“To become an Iskolar ng Bayan should be taken seriously. Passing the UPCAT requires excellence, and when they are finally studying at UP, I hope they will not be complacent.”

On August 19, the UPLB administration led by Chancellor Dr. Jose V. Camacho welcomed 2,586 new students yearning for a world-renowned education the university offers.

“To be an Iskolar ng Bayan is to be given an opportunity for a world-

class education and to use that education to make a difference in the lives of the Filipino people. You will be honed to proficiency in technical knowledge and skills. Aside from academic learning, you will also grow in character.”

To Mark Ruwen de Guzman, who topped the University of the Philippines College Admission Test (UPCAT) for the school year, becoming an Iskolar was his only hope but acing the test was a welcome bonus for him.

“What I had in mind [taking the UPCAT] was to pass my first choice of course degree, but anything more than that never entered my mind. Maybe there was a bit of expectation, but [I know] it was not guaranteed.”

Although graduation is four years away, De Guzman admitted that he plans to focus on research, an area in which the UPLB is best known.

“I am planning to pursue a career in research in the future. I’m eager to connect with the professors at UPLB to gain a deeper understanding of their work and learn from their expertise.”

After graduating from UP Rural High School, Meanwhile, Lara Cassandra Banasihan, who

landed fifth in this year’s UPCAT, is proud to have experienced the quality of education only UP can provide.

Having spent her formative years at the UPLB high school, Banasihan hopes that her time at the state university will further hone her skills and contribute to her growth as a better citizen.

“I know that now

that I’m in college, more is expected of me. But now, I can do more for our motherland,” Banasihan, who is among the first batch of Accountancy students at UPLB, said.

She added: “As part of the pioneering batch, I am looking forward to forming an organization for BS Accountancy students with my classmates. I hope to interact and form meaningful bonds with them. And of course, get a 100 percent passing rate in the Board Exam.”

Chancellor Camacho

then advised students to take all of the hardships as a learning experience to become an even better version of themselves that can contribute to the advancement of the nation.

“You have to embrace the challenges, both academic and personal, that you will face. Find and nurture your passions, and build lasting connections with your peers. UPLB will push you, nourish you, and help you grow to become the best version of yourself that you can be.” (PB/PIA-4A)



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PHILIPPINE SAVINGS BANK,
Mortgagee,

EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REAL
ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT NO.
3135, AS AMENDED, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4118

-versus-

SPS. ALEJANDRO MERCADO LAYUGAN
AND LORADEL BAS LAYUGAN
rep. by Attorney-in-Fact, LARA B. BAS,
Debtor-Mortgagor,

F.C. Case No. 19133-24
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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed by PHILIPPINE SAVINGS BANK, mortgagee, with principal office at PSBank Center, 777 Paseo de Roxas corner Sedeño Street, Makati City, against SPS. ALEJANDRO MERCADO LAYUGAN AND LORADEL BAS LAYUGAN rep. by Attorney-in-Fact, LARA B. BAS, debtors/co-debtors, with residence and postal address/es at Blk. 4, Lot 31, Phase 2 Central, Alinao, St., Spring Ville Camella, Molino III, Bacoor, Cavite and/or Block 29, Lot 26, Road Lot 37, Vallejo Place 4, Pasong Buaya, Imus, Cavite to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of March 19, 2024 amounts to TWO

MILLION FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTEEN THOUSAND FIVE PESOS and 69/100 (Php2,417,005.69), Philippine Currency, plus accruing interest and penalty charges, attorney's fees, sheriff's fees, and all other charges incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff IV will sell at Public Auction on OCTOBER 22, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. or soon thereafter at the main Entrance of the Office of the Clerk of Court, RTC-Imus, Bulwagan Ng Katarungan, Aguinaldo Highway, Imus, Cavite, to the highest bidder, for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all the improvements therein, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 057-2022037777

"A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 26, BLOCK 29 OF THE CONSOLIDATION-SUBDIVISION PLAN PCS-04-025811, BEING A PORTION OF THE CONSOLIDATION OF LOT 5637-A, PSD-04-201376; LOT 5640-B, PSD-04-191636; LOTS 5642-A & 5642-C, (LRC) PSD-321647; LOTS 5639 & 6516, IMUS ESTATE AND LOT 3, PCS-042109-006977, L.R.C. REC. NO. 8843), SITUATED IN THE BRGY. OF PASONG BUAYA, MUN. OF IMUS, PROV. OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON. BOUNDED ON THE SE., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 28, BLK. 29; ON THE SW., ALONG LINE 2-3 BY ROAD LOT 37 (8.00 METERS WIDE); ON THE NW., ALONG LINE 3-4 BY LOT 24; AND ON THE NE., ALONG LINE 4-1 BY LOT 25, BOTH BLK. 29, ALL OF THE CONSOLIDATION-SUBDIVISION PLAN. x x x, CONTAINING AN AREA OF EIGHTY EIGHT (88) SQUARE METERS. x x x"

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on October 29, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. without prior notice.

Prospective bidders/buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate for

themselves the title to the said property and encumbrances thereon if any there be.

Imus, Cavite, Philippines, August 20, 2024.

(SGD) BRYAN C. CERVANTES
Sheriff IV
RTC, Branch

APPROVED:

(SGD) ARMIE A. FRANCISCO
Clerk of Court VI

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4th Floor, PSBank Center, 777 Paseo de Roxas corner Sedeño Street, Makati City

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Block 29, Lot 26, Road Lot 37, Vallejo Place 4, Pasong Buaya, Imus, Cavite

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED DISSOLUTION

To: All Shareholders and Members of QOREIT INC. Date: August 30, 2024
From: The President, QOREIT INC.

Dear Shareholders & Members,

Please be informed that the Board of Directors of Qoreit Inc. has proposed to dissolve the corporation. A special meeting has been called regarding this matter. The meeting will take place on September 10, 2024 at 1:00 PM at ARSC, Dasmariñas Cavite. This notice will be published in three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation where the principal office of Qoreit Inc.

Purpose of the Meeting:

The following agenda items will be covered during the meeting:

1. Discussion of the Proposed Dissolution of Qoreit Inc.
2. Other Matters Related to the Dissolution.

Remote Communication

In light of the current circumstances, shareholders may attend, participate, and vote via remote communication or in absentia, if applicable. Please take note of the following procedures:

•Attendance by Remote Communication: Shareholders who wish to attend remotely must notify 0917-190-9155 or Kristiana@qoreit.com at least 5 days prior to the meeting to receive the necessary access credentials.

We look forward to your participation in this important meeting.

Sincerely,
Qoreit Inc.

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Republic of the Philippines
Province of Cavite
MUNICIPALITY OF SILANG

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL BUSINESS PERMIT
AND LICENSING OFFICER

September 25, 2023

CERTIFICATION

To whom it may concern:

This is to certify that the business establishment LEODIMAR AND HERNANDEZ CONSTRUCTION INC. owned and managed by under account number 190027635 located at #9511 Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo Highway Brgy. Lalaan I, Silang, Cavite has been CLOSED effective September 30, 2023.

The meeting will be held on October 31, 2023, Friday at the principal office in 9511 Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo Highway, Brgy. Lalaan I, Silang, Cavite commencing at 10:00am. The purpose of the said meeting is to vote on the dissolution of the Corporation.

This certification is issued upon the request of the party for whatever legal purposes this may serve.
Given this 09th day of October 2023 in the Municipal hall of Silang, Cavite.

(SGD) LESLEY ANNE B. POBLETE
LICENSING OFFICER III

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gastusin (We need to make sure that this will be implemented at the soonest possible time to protect their [passengers] rights and reduce their expenses),” Magsino said.

Magsino recommended revisions to the draft guidelines, particularly suggesting the reimbursement of additional legitimate expenses of offloaded passengers, such as food and lodging, rather than just the departure ticket.

Magsino also questioned the lengthy reimbursement process, which can take up to 75 days.

She further emphasized the need to include other expenses incurred by passengers, such as food and lodging, which are often necessary due to flight delays.

Overseas Filipino workers (OFWs), in particular, bear these additional costs, which should be recognized as legitimate expenses eligible for reimbursement, she pointed out.

“Hindi natin dapat balewalain ito dahil dagdag na pasanin ito sa mga pasahero. Dapat kilalanin ng mga patakaran ang kabuuang epekto ng flight deferment at maglaan ng reimbursement para sa lahat ng lehitimong gastusin (We should not overlook this because they are additional burdens on the passengers. Policies should recognize the overall impact of flight deferments and provide reimbursement for all legitimate expenses),” she said.

According to BI records, 32,404 Filipino passengers were not allowed to proceed with their flights last year, of which 472 were found to be victims of human trafficking or illegal recruitment.

While Magsino acknowledged the BI's role in combating human trafficking and illegal recruitment, she stressed that the agency must also show compassion to passengers, particularly OFWs, wrongly offloaded without legal justification.

“Nauunawaan natin ang hirap at sakripisyo na pinagdaraan ng offloaded passengers, lalo ng OFWs, kapag sila’y hindi pinayagang makapalipad nang walang court order o dahil sa maling batayan. Kaya’t nararapat lamang na maibalik sa kanila ang kanilang travel expenses upang kahit paano’y maibsan ang bigat ng kanilang sitwasyon (We understand the difficulties and sacrifices offloaded passengers, especially OFWs, endure when they are denied boarding without a court order or on invalid grounds. Therefore, they deserve to have their travel expenses reimbursed to ease their burden),” she said. (PNA)

Solon calls for swift reimbursement of offloaded passengers

By Filane Mikee Cervantes

MANILA – A party-list lawmaker on Monday called for the swift implementation of a Bureau Immigration (BI) policy to reimburse the expenses of Filipino passengers whose travels were deferred or denied without sufficient basis.

During the plenary deliberations on the

proposed 2025 budget of the Department of Justice, OFW Party-list Rep. Marissa Magsino said BI Joint Memorandum Circular No. 2024-001, which has yet to be implemented, is vital for affected passengers waiting for clear steps on the reimbursement process.

She noted that the 2024 national budget includes a special provision that mandated the reimbursement of passengers who were left behind by their flights after being subjected to lengthy interrogation by immigration staff for one reason or another.

“Kailangang tiyakin na ma-ipapatupad ito sa lalong madaling panahon upang masiguro ang kanilang karapatan at maibsan ang kanilang

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PHILIPPINE NATIONAL BANK,
In its capacity as assignee-mortgagee
of PNB Savings Bank,
Mortgagee,

Foreclosure No. 2024-155
For: Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of

Real Estate Mortgage

-versus-

SPS. ROLLY P. MOLINA AND JEANNILYN R. MOLINA,
Mortgagors.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135 as Amended by Act 4118, filed by the mortgagee, PHILIPPINE NATIONAL BANK, its capacity as assignee-mortgagee of PNB Savings Bank at PNB Financial Center, President Diosdado Macapagal Boulevard, Pasay City, and against the mortgagors,

SPS. ROLLY P. MOLINA AND JEANNILYN R. MOLINA at Block 14 Lot 1, Villa Arsenia Phase 1 Brgy. Mambog, Bacoor, Cavite and No. 1 2A RCBC Village, Gawad Kalinga, Baseco Port Area, Manila City, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of July 31, 2024, amounts to FIVE MILLION FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY SEVEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FORTY FIVE PESOS & 59/100 (P5,487,245.59), Philippine Currency, inclusive of interest, and penalty charges but exclusive of other fee incident to this foreclosure, the undersigned or her duly authorized representative will sell at the public auction on October 17, 2024 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter, at the main Entrance of the Hall of Justice of Bacoor City, Cavite, to the highest bidder for CASH and In Philippine Currency, the following described property with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 167-2017001738

"APARCEL OF LAND (LOT 1, BLK. 14 OF THE CONSOLIDATION-SUBDIVISION PLAN, PCS-04-027046, BEING A PORTION OF LOT 4752-C, PSD-04-077586, LOT 4753-B (LRA) PSD 349317, & LOT 4202-B (LRC) PSD-291976, (LRC REC. NO.), SITUATED IN THE BARANGAY OF MAMBOG, MUNICIPALITY OF BACOR, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON. X X X, CONTAINING AN AREA OF ONE HUNDRED SEVEN (107) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS."

"All sealed bid must be submitted to the undersigned on the above-stated time and date."

"In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on October 24, 2024, without further notice."

Prospective buyers or bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate

for themselves the title to the said property and encumbrances, if any there be.

City of Bacoor, September 10, 2024.

MELY C. HERMOSURA-VISTA
Clerk of Court VI

By:
MARK ANTHONY S. DELA CRUZ
Sheriff IV

Copy Furnished:
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TELAN HIPE FLORES TELA & ASSOCIATES
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SPS. ROLLY P. MOLINA AND JEANNILYN R. MOLINA
Block 14 Lot 1, Villa Arsenia Phase 1 Brgy. Mambog, Bacoor, Cavite
No. 1 2A RCBC Village, Gawad Kalinga, Baseco Port Area, Manila City

WARNING: It is absolutely prohibited to remove, deface or destroy this notice of Extra-judicial Sale on or before the date of sale.

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OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT
DASMARIÑAS CITY, CAVITE

NATIONAL HOME MORTGAGE FINANCE
CORPORATION (NHMFC),
Petitioner/Mortgagee,

File No. FC-DC-1433-24
EXTRA JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE
OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE
UNDER ACT 3135, AS AMENDED
BY ACT 4118

-versus-

AMELIA J. CAL, married to RICARDO CAL,
Respondent/Mortgagor.

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118 filed by the petitioner/mortgagee, NATIONAL HOME MORTGAGE FINANCE CORPORATION (NHMFC), a government owned and controlled corporation created under P.D. No. 1267, with postal address at 104 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Village, Makati City against respondent/mortgagor AMELIA J. CAL, married to RICARDO CAL with postal addresses at Lot 27 Blk. 32, CH-Dasmariñas, Brgy. Salawag, Dasmariñas City, Cavite and Floraville Subd., Panapaan, Bacoor, Cavite and for the satisfaction of the mortgaged debt which as of June 30, 2024 amounts to FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY FOUR THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY EIGHT PESOS & 10/100 (Php474,288.10), exclusive

of all legal fees and expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on October 10, 2024 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter in the Court Room of Branch 90, Regional Trial Court, Ground Floor, Dasmariñas Community Affairs (DASCA) Building, Congressional Road, Buro I, Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite to the highest bidder and for CASH or CERTIFIED CHECK, in Philippine Currency, the following described real property together with all the buildings and other improvements existing thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-408956

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in MUN. OF DASMARIÑAS, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, bounded and described as follows:

A parcel of land (Lot 27 Blk. 32 of the cons./subd. plan, Pcs-042106-007077, being a portion of cons. of Lots 1 & 2, Pcs-042106-007023, L.R.C. Rec. No.), situated in the Brgy. of Salawag, Mun. of Dasmariñas, Prov. of Cavite. Bounded on SW., along line 1-2 by Lot 28; on the NW., along line 2-3 by Lot 29, both of Blk. 32; on the NE., along line 3-4 by Alley 11, and on the SE., along line 4-1 by Lot 25, Blk. 32, all of the cons./subd. plan. Beginning at a pt. marked "1" on plan, being N. 59 deg. 35' W., 865.03 m. from Mon. 164, Imus Estate, thence N. 30 deg. 15' N., 3.75 m. to pt. 2; thence N. 59 deg. 45' E., 9.33 m. to pt. 3; thence S. 30 deg. 15' E., 3.75 m. to pt. 1; thence S. 59 deg. 45' W., 9.33 m. to pt. of beginning, containing an area of THIRTY FIVE (35) SQ. METERS, All pts. referred to are indicated on plan and are marked on the ground by P.S. cyl. conc. mons 15x60 cm.; bearings true; date of orig. survey July 27, 1905 to June 11, 1908 and that of the cons./subd. survey; May 11 – August 23, 1992 and was approved on Dec. 3, 1992.

is registered in accordance with the provision of the Property Registration Decree in the name of AMELIA J. CAL, married to RICARDO CAL, both of legal age, Filipino.

Prospective buyers and/or bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title of the said real property and the encumbrance thereon, if there be any.

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date and time, it shall be held on October 24, 2024 at the same time and place without further notice.

27 August 2024, Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite.

(Sgd.) RODRIGO C. ESTOGERO, JR.
Sheriff IV

(Sgd.) ATTY. MARCELA L. BAYBAY
Clerk of Court VI & Ex-Officio Sheriff

Copy furnished:
NATIONAL HOME MORTGAGE FINANCE CORPORATION (NHMFC)
104 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Village, Makati City

AMELIA J. CAL, married to RICARDO CAL
Lot 27 Blk. 32, CH-Dasmariñas, Brgy. Salawag, Dasmariñas City, Cavite and
Floraville Subd., Panapaan, Bacoor, Cavite

Notice posted at:
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2. The Bulletin Board of Dasmariñas City Hall
3. The Bulletin Board of Dasmariñas City Post Office
4. The Bulletin Board of Dasmariñas City Public Market

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Sual mayor denies romantic, business links with Alice Guo

By Wilnard Baceronia

MANILA – Mayor Liseldo Calugay of Sual, Pangasinan on Tuesday denied a partnership of any kind with former Bamban, Tarlac mayor Alice Guo during the continuing Senate hearing on illegal Philippine Offshore Gaming Operators (POGOs) Tuesday.

They're just friends, Calugay insisted, despite the pieces of evidence presented by Senate President Pro Tempore Jinggoy Estrada, including photos of them together in each other's campaign caravans, wearing so-called couple or identical shirts, and having the same supplier of campaign giveaways.

"Wala naman po talaga kaming relasyon (We aren't really in a relationship)," Calugay said when asked by senators what his relationship with Guo is during

the inquiry conducted by the Committee on Women, Children, Family Relations and Gender Equality.

Like in the previous hearing, Guo denied anew that she is in a relationship with Calugay.

"Hindi ko nga alam na may ganong picture po (I don't even know that pictures like those exist)," Guo told Estrada.

Calugay likewise denied joint businesses dealings with Guo and said he has no idea who owns Alisel Aqua Farm, Alisel Consumer Goods Trading Hardware and Construction Supplies, D and A Medical Equipment and Supplies Trading, Romanz Garden Inn, Happy Penguin Resort, AC Aqua Farm, Dee Aqua Farm, Licsel Fish Farm, Dongguo Fish Farm, and Guco Aqua Farm.

Estrada said the business firms are jointly owned by Calugay and Guo.

"Yung (The) Donguo, Dong and Guo, and Licsel, Alice and Liseldo. Tinalo niyo pa si DongYan ha (You even bested DongYan)" Estrada said of the play in their names, referring to actors and real-life couple Dingdong Dantes and Marian Rivera who are fondly

called DongYan.

Senate Deputy Minority Leader Risa Hontiveros urged Calugay to be honest with his answers.

"Mayor, 'di ba itong lahat ng mga pangalang ito pati 'yung Dee Aqua Farm na may 15 units si Cheryl Medina sa Baquioen ay talagang mukhang pinagsamang mga pangalan ninyo (Aren't these business names including Dee Aqua Farm where Cheryl Medina owns 15 units in Baquioen really look like your names combined)?" Hontiveros asked.

"Wala po akong ganyang negosyo, your honor. Hindi po ako nagsisinungaling (I don't have any business like that, your honor. I am not lying)," Calugay replied.

Calugay's name was brought up in the previous hearings after the panel found out that Medina, his executive assistant, facilitated the notarization of Guo's counter-affidavit against her non-bailable human trafficking case.

At the time of the signing of the notarized affidavit on Aug. 14, Guo was out of the country. (PNA)



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Obstruction of justice raps eyed vs. KOJC execs, lawyers

By Christopher Lloyd Caliwan

MANILA – Officials and lawyers of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ (KOJC) may face charges for obstruction of justice for allegedly assisting their leader, Pastor Apollo Quiboloy, evade arrest, the Philippine National Police (PNP) said on Monday.

“Definitely from their side, there are identified KOJC officers and legal representatives who have been very vocal from the start that Pastor Quiboloy was not inside the KOJC compound,” PNP spokesperson Col. Jean Fajardo said at a press briefing held at Camp Crame in Quezon City.

Quiboloy went into hiding after he was ordered arrested by a Pasig City court

for the non-bailable offense of qualified human trafficking.

He also faces a child sexual abuse case before the Quezon City Regional Trial Court.

He and his four co-accused aides were forced to surrender on Sept. 8 after 16 days of police takeover in the 30-hectare KOJC compound in Davao City.

Fajardo said the PNP is also planning an operation to rescue others abused by Quiboloy, as revealed by five victims.

“Pinag-uusapan ngayon ‘yan, ‘yung posible rescue operation na pwede natin gawin dahil according sa mga biktima na nakaalis na ay
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Kingdom of Jesus Christ leader Apollo Quiboloy (Photo courtesy of PNP Public Information Office)

Legarda: PH growth should be based on resilience, sustainability

By Wilnard Bacelonia

MANILA – The gravity of the country’s situation in relation to its geographical location demands a responsible and sustainable approach to development, Senator Loren Legarda underscored in a statement on Thursday.

This, after the Philippines topped the 2024 World Risk Index (WRI) for the third consecutive year, indicating high exposure and vulnerability to various crises.

Legarda said development should be pursued with responsibility, accountability, and proficiency for good governance for the benefit of society and the economy.

“Development should reduce rather than produce risks to our society and our economy,” she added.

Legarda admitted that the Philippines faces significant challenges due to its location in the Pacific Ring of Fire, experiencing frequent and severe natural disasters

such as typhoons, earthquakes, and volcanic eruptions.

Climate change has only exacerbated these risks, she said, bringing more frequent and severe disasters that disproportionately affect our most vulnerable communities -- those living in poverty, the elderly, children, and people with disabilities.

“The urgent task of reducing risks and vulnerabilities in the context of poverty, social inequality, conflicts, and climate change has now become synonymous with the fight for the survival of humanity and securing a resilient, progressive, and sustainable Philippines for future generations,” she said.

Legarda noted that laws necessary to strengthen our country’s disaster risk reduction and management systems, improve climate resilience, and ensure that the country is better equipped to cope with and adapt to the challenges have been enacted.

These include the
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PBBM: We must do more to protect children

MANILA – An emotional President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. on Monday urged the government and the public to take collective action and exert extra effort to eradicate cases of Online Sexual Abuse and Exploitation of Children (OSAEC).

In his speech during the *“Isang Nasyon, Isang Aksyon: Tapusin ang Online Sexual Abuse or Exploitation of Children (OSAEC) Ngayon Summit 2024”* in Makati City, President Marcos emphasized

the need for the government to strengthen its efforts against the sexual exploitation of children online.

“For us to allow this to happen in our country, it brings to me an overwhelming sense of shame because being in government, being in public service, we are not doing enough. We must do more,” a teary-eyed President Marcos said.

“It is sexual abuse and exploitation of children. And I leave it to your imagination,

and I would imagine in some cases your imagination cannot even begin to fathom what is done to these poor children, to our poor children,” he added.

The President became emotional while hearing the story of an OSAEC victim and the suffering she went through.

“And so, we must do more. We must do more. One of the most important parts of the Filipino culture is family. We are known around the world for that. We are so well known
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EMOTIONAL. An emotional President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. appeals for more aggressive measures to protect children from online sexual abuse and exploitation during the *“Isang Nasyon, Isang Aksyon: Tapusin ang Online Sexual Abuse or Exploitation of Children Ngayon Summit 2024”* in Makati City on Monday (Sept. 16, 2024). He vowed that his administration will go after perpetrators. (Screengrab from RTVM)