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PAGCOR unveils modern socio-civic center in Dasmariñas City

DASMARIÑAS CITY, Cavite – The Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) has inaugurated its 41st completed Socio-Civic Center three years after its groundbreaking here in October 2021.

The three-story modern structure was built with a PHP50 million grant from PAGCOR and is the

only socio-civic facility with complement funding from the city government, bringing the total project cost to PHP110 million, according to a news release on Sunday.

It is also the only socio-civic facility that is equipped with an elevator to help the elderly and physically challenged visitors to reach

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SOCIO CIVIC CENTER. The Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation inaugurates a three-storey socio-civic center in Dasmariñas City, Cavite on Sept. 18, 2024. The project has a total cost of PHP110 million, including PHP50 million from PAGCOR and the rest from city government. (PAGCOR photo)

Comelec ready for influx of registrants as deadline nears

By Ferdinand Patinio

MANILA – The Commission on Elections (Comelec) said Wednesday it is ready for a massive turnout of voter applicants a few days before the end of the registration period for the 2025 midterm polls.

“Inaasahan namin na sadalawang linggo na nalalabi para sa registration ay mas dadami pa ang magaaapply para sa voter registration at mga deactivated (We expect that within the last two weeks left for voter registration, there would be more applicants for the voter registration, as well as deactivated voters)” Comelec spokesperson John Rex Laudiangco said in a Bagong Pilipinas Ngayon public briefing.

Laudiangco, meanwhile, renewed his appeal for applicants not to wait until the last minute to sign up on registration sites.

“Let’s not wait for the last day of the registration on Sept. 30. There would be no extension of the deadline,” he added

Laudiangco also encouraged the people to download the application form, from their website: https://comelec.gov.ph/?r=VoterRegistration/ApplicationsForms before they go to the registration centers.

The latest data from the Comelec showed that there are now 6,250,050 applications processed from Feb. 12 to Sept. 16.

Of the number, a total of 1,041,179 applicants are from Calabarzon; followed by the National Capital Region with 824,239; and Central Luzon with 705,530.

Cordillera Administrative Region still has the lowest number of applicants with 88,053. (PNA)

NSA: PH to maintain constant presence in Escoda Shoal

By Priam Nepomuceno

MANILA – The Philippines would maintain continuous presence in the Escoda (Sabina) Shoal, the country’s top security adviser said Friday.

In an ambush interview at Sangley Point, Cavite, National Security Adviser (NSA) Eduardo Año said the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) has deployed a ship as a replacement following the departure of its

largest vessel, BRP Teresa Magbanua, from the area.

The ship is now sheltering at an undisclosed location due the bad weather, he said.

“We will always Continued on page 3...”



National Security Adviser Eduardo Año (PNA file photo)

Reduced DMW budget for 2025 to hurt programs for OFWs: solon

By Filane Mikee Cervantes

MANILA – A party-list lawmaker on Thursday warned that the reduced budget allocation for the Department of Migrant Workers (DMW) for 2025 could affect its various services and programs for overseas Filipino workers (OFWs).

During the plenary

debates, OFW Party-list Representative Marissa Magsino questioned the budget cut despite the increasing number of OFWs deployed abroad, with the proposed 2025 DMW budget amounting to PHP8.504 billion, lower than the PHP10.12 billion in 2024.

“Nakakalungkot isipin na sa halip na mas

palakasin pa ang DMW upang matugunan ang lumalaking bilang ng mga OFW na nadedeploy sa iba’t ibang panig ng mundo, mukhang pinapahina pa ito sa pamamagitan ng malaking bawas sa budget (It is saddening to think that instead of strengthening the DMW to address the growing number of OFWs being deployed to various parts of the world, it

seems to have been weakened through a significant budget cut),” Magsino said.

“Sa kasalukuyan, patuloy ang pagdami ng ating mga kababayan na nangingibang-bansa upang magtrabaho, at kasabay nito, dumarami rin ang kanilang pangangailangan para sa suporta at proteksyon mula sa ating pamahalaan (At

present, the number of our fellow citizens going abroad to work continues to rise, and along with this, their need for support and protection from our government also increases),” she added.

She particularly pointed out that one of the programs to be affected with the budget reduction is the Continued on page 3...

PBBM: Bagong Pilipinas mobile clinics to serve disadvantaged areas

By Ruth Abbey Gita-Carlos

MANILA – The 28 state-of-the-art Bagong Pilipinas mobile clinics will bring immediate and high-quality healthcare services to geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas (GIDAs) nationwide, President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. said on Friday.

Marcos and First Lady Liza Araneta-Marcos led the turnover of the 28 Bagong Pilipinas mobile clinics in a ceremony at the Manila North Harbor Port in the city of Manila.

In his speech, Marcos lamented that people from underserved and remote areas in the country have limited access to healthcare.

“Para sa ating mga nakatira sa lungsod o bayan, madaling sabihin na ang pagpunta sa ospital o sa clinic ay isang mabilis na biyahe lamang. Pero sa ibang bahagi ng bansa, ang pagpunta dito ay parang isang masalimuot na paglalakbay (For those of us who live in the city or town, it’s easy to say that going to the hospital or the clinic is just a quick trip. But in other parts of the country, getting there is like a complicated journey),” Marcos said.

“M i n s a n , kinakailangan pang sumakay ng bangka, maglakad ng ilang oras, magdasal na sana’y makarating ng ligtas, at magbabayad pa ng pamasaha. Dito natin makikita na hindi

lang distansya ang kalaban kung hindi ang oras, ang pagod, ang gutom, ang pangamba, at ang gastos (Sometimes, they need to take a boat, walk for several hours, pray that they will arrive safely, and pay the fare. Here, we can see that the enemy is not just distance but time, fatigue, hunger, fear, and expenses),” he added.

Marcos said the donation of the new mobile clinics is part of the government’s extensive and long-term plan under the 8-point action agenda to improve the health sector in the country.

He said the mobile clinics, equipped with medical equipment, would serve as an innovative solution to provide essential health services to Filipinos.

“Sa pamamagitan ng mga mobile clinic at sa tulong ng lokal na pamahalaan, inaasahan natin na mapapalapit ang serbisyong medikal sa mga lugar na matagal nang nangangailang ng higit na atensyon, ang mga geographically isolated and disadvantaged area o ‘yung tinatawag natin na GIDA (Through the mobile clinics and with the help of the local government, we hope to bring medical services closer to areas that have long needed more attention, the geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas or what we call GIDA),” Marcos said.

During the event,

Marcos distributed the deed of donations to 28 recipient provinces of the Bagong Pilipinas Mobile Clinics.

The recipient provinces are Zamboanga del Norte, Zamboanga del Sur, Zamboanga, Camiguin, Misamis Occidental, Misamis Oriental, Lanao del Norte, Bukidnon, Davao Oriental, Davao Occidental, Davao del Norte, Davao del Sur, Davao de Oro, South Cotabato, and North Cotabato.

Other provinces that will have a mobile clinic include Sultan Kudarat, Sarangani, Agusan del Sur, Agusan del Norte, Surigao del Sur, Surigao del Norte, Dinagat Islands, Basilan, Lanao del Sur, Maguindanao del Norte, Maguindanao del Sur, Sulu and Tawi-Tawi.

Marcos also witnessed the send-off of the first 14 mobile clinics bound for Cagayan de Oro City via roll-on/roll-off (RoRo) vessel.

The remaining vehicles will be transported to General Santos City the following day.

Spearheaded by the Department of Health, the mobile clinics are equipped with various medical equipment such as a digital x-ray machine, portable ultrasound machine, hematology analyzer, chemistry analyzer, binocular microscope, clinical centrifuge and a generator set. (PNA)

creditable as government service.

“Of said created contractual items, the DBM has approved the conversion of 9,025 COS/JO items into contractual-coterminous positions, which were assigned in units concerned in the Central and Regional Offices of the DSWD, prior to the institutionalization of the 4Ps back in 2019,” the DBM said.

From December 2020 to May 2024, a total of 7,609 additional contractual positions were created for the existing qualified COS or JO workers of the DSWD who are involved in the implementation of the 4Ps, the DBM said. (PNA)

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of new positions and the regularization of its 4Ps workers, the DBM will continue its close coordination with the agency, especially in prescribing the number of positions and creating the organizational structure that would best serve the interest of its stakeholders, especially the 4Ps beneficiaries,” it added.

A total of 16,634 contractual items have so far been created for the conversion of the DSWD’s existing COS or JO items into contractual positions, the DBM said.

The DSWD’s contractual workers are receiving benefits similar to the regular employees and their rendered services are

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minority sought to question or challenge the proposed allocation, the plenary moved quickly to terminate the period of interpellation.

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you want to be detained doon sa (at the) PNP Custodial Center,” Paduano said.

Antipolo 2nd District Rep. Romeo Acop called out Guo for making a “mockery” of the Filipino people for repeatedly invoking her right against self-incrimination.

Acop pointed out that Guo had previously answered questions about her travel to Malaysia without invoking her right against self-incrimination.

“Tinanong po kayo kanina kung nagpunta kayong Malaysia, sinagot po ninyo, hindi po ba? Bakit hindi kayo nag-invoke ng inyong right against self-incrimination? (You were asked earlier if you went to Malaysia, and you answered, didn’t you? Why didn’t you invoke your right against self-incrimination?)” Acop asked.

Guo replied that she now intended to invoke her right, adding that she now has better understanding of her legal protections.

Guo reportedly first traveled to Malaysia before arriving in Singapore on July 21, and then Indonesia on Aug. 18, despite being the subject of a lookout bulletin issued by the Bureau of Immigration.

Authorities said Guo was arrested in Tangerang City, Jakarta, Indonesia, on Sept. 4.

Acop continued to press the issue, citing the numerous Supreme Court rulings that allow individuals to answer non-incriminating questions while reserving their right to invoke self-incrimination when answering a specific question that could expose them to criminal liability.

“Ano po ang kaso na hindi niyo pwedeng sagutin ang katanungan ko (What is the case [filed against you] in which you cannot answer my question?)” Acop asked.

Guo responded by mentioning an immigration case, wherein her offenses include using fake passports and falsifying her nationality.

Acop, however, argued that Guo invoked her right against self-incrimination in situations where no connection existed between the questions asked and the cases filed against her.

Acop accused Guo of disrespecting the process of the legislative probe and making a mockery of the Filipino people by misusing her constitutional rights.

“Niloloko mo na kami. Tama ang sinabi sa akin ng aking mga kasamahan (You are already fooling us. My colleagues are right in telling

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me that), you are making a mockery of the citizens of this country kasi hindi ka tagarito (because you’re not from here),” he said.

The quad committee’s investigation has revealed that Guo is indeed a Chinese national who exploited loopholes in Philippine legal and identification systems to set up businesses supposedly linked to illegal syndicates.

Batangas 2nd District Rep. Gerville Luistro’s interpellation revealed Guo’s ties to Lin Baoying and Ruijin Zhang, who were convicted of laundering USD3 billion in Singapore, along with another incorporator, Huang Zhiyang, who was implicated in cybercrimes following a raid in 2023.

All four were involved in operating Philippine offshore gaming operators (POGOs), specifically Hongsheng Gaming Technology and Zun Yuan Technology, which were linked to human trafficking and money laundering.

It was likewise discovered that Guo fraudulently obtained a Philippine birth certificate and passport through the late registration of birth system, allowing her to run for public office and establish businesses.

“This fictitious birth certificate paved the way for Ms. Alice Guo to solicit identification cards from different government offices, including the DFA (Department of Foreign Affairs), the BIR (Bureau of Internal Revenue), and the LTO (Land Transportation Office),” Luistro said.

Luistro called for immediate reforms to block foreign nationals from exploiting these weaknesses and recommended that the Securities and Exchange Commission implement a stronger monitoring system to verify the legitimacy of corporations.

“The layering of various documents to make it appear that these are legitimate corporations complicates the government’s ability to verify and monitor the illegal activities of these foreign nationals,” she said.

She also emphasized the need for stricter anti-money laundering laws, noting that illicit POGO operations thrive due to unregulated financial transactions.

“Illegal activities and illegal POGOs will not proliferate if they are not able to transfer money. So I humbly suggest as well, Mr. Chair, that we tighten our rules on anti-money laundering,” Luistro added. (PNA)

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recommendations, including the prioritization of the creation of the 4Ps Bureau, when the DSWD presented on July 23 this year the proposed structure and staffing of the proposed bureau.

“We also proposed to the DSWD the evaluation of the mix of positions within the 4Ps Bureau, including regular items which will perform permanent and continuing functions, contractual items to undertake project-based and time-bounded activities, and COS/JO workers to support the Department,” the DBM said.

“Pending the submission of the DSWD’s proposal for the creation

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fact, I do believe that the Presidential Communications Office deserves more budget,” Dagooc said.

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“With the importance of this office, there is no member of the minority who wishes to interpellate,” Dagooc said. (PNA)

DepEd chief optimistic about more creative, innovative learners in PH

By Stephanie Sevillano

MANILA – Education Secretary Sonny Angara remains optimistic about having more “creative and innovative” Filipino learners in the country, the Department of Education (DepEd) said on Friday.

During the 4th Philippine-Singapore Business and Investment Summit (PSBIS) in Singapore on Thursday, Angara highlighted plans to “integrate technology and digital literacy” in the basic education curriculum to help learners acquire employable skills, in accordance with President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.’s directives.

“Our biggest asset is our people. Under President Marcos Jr.’s leadership, we are envisioning a more creative and innovative Filipino learner, which will

be a significant boost to industry,” Angara said in a speech.

“We are working to incorporate coding into our curriculum and are utilizing educational technology, such as analytics, to assess learners in real time. This will allow teachers to focus more on teaching and less on administrative tasks, ultimately improving the quality of education,” he said, citing efforts to learn from Singapore.

This year marks the 55th year of bilateral relations between the Philippines and Singapore, highlighting corporations on education and technology.

The PSBIS provides the partner countries a platform for high-level discussions on innovation and sustainable growth within the region. (PNA)



INNOVATIVE, CREATIVE LEARNERS. Education Secretary Sonny Angara joins the 4th Philippine-Singapore Business and Investment Summit (PSBIS) in Singapore on Thursday (Sept. 19, 2024). He expressed optimism about having more innovative and creative learners in the Philippines. (Photo courtesy of Philippine Embassy in Singapore)

NSA...

make sure yung ating (that our) presence and access sa Sabina Shoal ay tuloy-tuloy (is continuous). Tuloy-tuloy yan as soon as mag-improve yun weather, may plano ang ating PCG kung papano proteksyunan ang ating West Philippine Sea (WPS) (It will proceed as soon as the weather improves, our PCG has a plan to protect the WPS),” he said.

The BRP Teresa Magbanua was forced to leave Escoda Shoal last Sept. 15 and return to Puerto Princesa Port due to weather conditions, depleted supplies, and damage to the vessel - aside from the medical condition of some of its crew.

Año, meanwhile, deferred to the PCG regarding the details of the vessel to be deployed to the Escoda Shoal.

He said the possibility

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of the replacement ship anchoring in the shoal just like its predecessor will depend on the situation, stressing that the Manila’s focus is to maintain its presence in WPS features.

“May mga pagbabago tayong gagawin pero hindi natin pwedeng i-disclose dito sa public. But nag-uusap yung National Maritime Council at saka yung ating Armed Forces at PCG ay maganda yung coordination (We will implement some changes but we cannot disclose it to the public. The National Maritime Council members are constantly communicating with one another and the Armed Forces and the PCG have a good coordination) and the President is constantly giving us guidance,” he added. (PNA)

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establishment of Migrant Workers Offices (MWOs) in foreign posts, which could further assist OFWs, especially in emerging labor markets.

During her visits to host countries such as Singapore, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates, Magsino observed a shortage of manpower in MWOs despite the large number of OFWs in these countries.

She said that in Singapore, for example, there are only four plantilla items and seven local hires serving

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nearly 200,000 OFWs.

“Sa kasalukuyang manpower, ang ratio ng MWO staff sa ating mga OFW ay 1:18,000. Kung ganito kaunti ang mga plantilla items na bibinigay sa DMW para gampanan ang kanilang tungkulin para sa ating mga OFW, kabilang na ang Assistance to National functions, talagang mapipilay ang DMW sa pagtalima sa kanilang mandato lalo na at alam natin na kumplikado ang mga suliraning kinakaharap ng ating mga OFW sa mga bansang pinagtatrabahuhan

PAGCOR...

higher floors with ease.

PAGCOR Vice President for corporate social responsibility Ramon Stephen Villaflor and Dasmariñas City Mayor Jennifer Barzaga led the unveiling of the state-of-the-art structure in Sitio Buwisan, Barangay Langkaan II on Sept. 18.

“When we held the groundbreaking ceremony for this socio-civic center a few years ago, we did not expect that it would turn out to be a structure of excellence like the one we just inaugurated,” Villaflor said.

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The building boasts of common toilets on all floors, a multi-purpose open area, dining halls, kitchen, first aid room, storage and breastfeeding rooms, among others.

The building can also accommodate up to 150 modular tents when utilized as an evacuation facility.

Barzaga, meanwhile, expressed her gratitude to PAGCOR for providing substantial funding for the construction of the building, which will not only serve as an evacuation facility but

also as venue for community activities.

“We extend our deepest appreciation to PAGCOR for funding the construction of this state-of-the-art socio-civic center in our city,” Barzaga said.

“This building will be utilized as a hub for community engagement, social activities and other events that promote progress and development,” she added.

To date, PAGCOR has 32 other structures nearing completion. (PR)



DMW BUDGET. OFW Party-list Representative Marissa Magsino questions the lower budget of the Department of Migrant Workers (DMW) for 2025 during the plenary deliberation of the agency’s proposed budget at the House of Representatives on Thursday (Sept. 19, 2024). She said the PHP8.5 billion, which is lower than the PHP10.12-billion 2024 allocation, could affect various services and programs for overseas Filipino workers. (Photo courtesy of OFW Party-list)

nila (With the current manpower, the ratio of MWO staff to OFWs [in Singapore] is 1:18,000. If the DMW is given so few plantilla items to perform its functions for our OFWs, including Assistance to Nationals, the department will struggle to fulfill its mandate, especially given the complex challenges faced by OFWs abroad),” Magsino said.

Magsino called on

Congress to increase the agency’s budget.

“Ang karagdagang pondo ay simbolo ng ating suporta sa mahigit 6 na milyong OFWs. Ito ay maliit na halaga kumpara sa USD37.2 bilyon o halos PHP2.75 trillion na kanilang kontribusyon sa ating ekonomiya. Ipakita natin ang ating pagkalinga sa pamamagitan ng mas malaking pondo para sa DMW

(This additional funding is a symbol of our support for more than 6 million OFWs. It is a small amount compared to the USD37.2 billion or nearly PHP2.75 trillion they contribute to our economy. Let us show our care by providing a larger budget for the DMW),” Magsino said. (PNA)

EDITORIAL

Destructive fiscal deed

A former deputy governor of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) has joined the snowballing opposition to the Department of Finance's (DoF) siphoning of P89.9 billion in Philippine Health Insurance Corp. (PhilHealth) funds labeled as excess and its transfer to the National Treasury.

Diwa Guinigundo, now an analyst at think tank GlobalSource, considers the practice "bad fiscal management." Academic and health worker groups have filed a petition with the Supreme Court to halt the transfer of the funds that will be used supposedly to fund unprogrammed items in the national budget that were bumped off from several agencies in the 2024 budget to make way for pork barrel insertions.

PhilHealth is scheduled before October to remit another P30 billion based on a DoF directive. In all, P60 billion in excess funds would have been transferred by then to the General Fund.

"For PhilHealth, the fundamental issue is whether the P89.9 billion to be sequestered really constitutes excess or unused funds. When decent health care remains inaccessible to many Filipinos, even the P500 billion in PhilHealth's reserve fund falls short of its requirements to deliver on the universal health care law," according to Guinigundo.

"Why, it is no less unconscionable for the PhilHealth leadership, then and now, to even talk about profitable operations and reserve funds. Reserve funds are supposed to be used to increase benefits or reduce the amount of member contributions pursuant to the law," the former BSP executive said.

A provision in the 2024 General Appropriations Act allowed the DoF to sweep up the idle funds of agencies, which resulted in PhilHealth being told to surrender its "excess funds" to the Bureau of the Treasury (BTr).

PhilHealth remitted P20 billion on 10 May and P10 billion on 21 August.

Finance Secretary Ralph G. Recto indicated the need for the government to mobilize unused funds to finance key programs without incurring additional debt.

Guinigundo said that resorting to extracting PhilHealth's resources is not advisable since "public health is a matter of life and death, while infrastructure and other social services can wait another day."

He said that Republic Act 11223, or the Universal Health

Care Act, specifies that PhilHealth's reserves should be used solely to increase benefit packages or reduce member contributions.

The shakedown of PhilHealth is unconscionable considering that around 44 percent of healthcare spending is out of pocket, based on the estimates of health organizations.

For Guinigundo, "it is crystal clear that the optimal use of public funds is not the issue here. It is PhilHealth's failure to use its funds to provide health coverage to millions of Filipinos; it is PhilHealth's incompetence in broadening public health benefits."

Another point raised is that PhilHealth still owes government hospitals P14.8 billion, which puts forward questions on the so-called idle funds.

"With many priority projects kicked out of the programmed appropriations and on to unprogrammed appropriations, but with higher allocations for the Office of the President, Senate, House of Representatives, and the Department of Public Works and Highways, the government is now scraping the bottom of the financing barrel," Guinigundo said.

Groups opposed to the raid on the PhilHealth coffers said that more than P200 billion in key government projects were displaced during the bicameral conference committee that came up with the final version of the 2024 budget.

Instead, the pet projects of the members of the House of Representatives and the Senate were given priority while the items set aside were placed in the unprogrammed portion of the budget that the government would have to scrounge around for funding.

Bad fiscal management marked the 2024 budget given the priority placed on the pork barrel which the Supreme Court had already ruled was unconstitutional in a landmark 2014 decision.

"With the fiscal deficit continuing to be substantial at over P1 trillion every year since the pandemic, and the option to impose new or higher taxes ruled out, the only option available is to borrow more from both global and domestic capital markets," Guinigundo said.

The public debt, he said, is at P15.69 trillion which is near 61 percent of the gross domestic product. The gist of it is the DoF move to squeeze funds from PhilHealth is a waste of public money that is a matter of life and death for Filipinos deprived of basic healthcare.



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KAPIRASONG Kritika

Ni Teo S. Marasigan

Talim ng Sining sa Dissident Vicinities

PART 1

Nakapunta ako sa art exhibit na Dissident Vicinities sa lugar na kung tawagin ay "Bulwagan ng Dangal" sa UP-Diliman. Naroon ang eksibit ng mga likhang-sining simula Agosto 18 hanggang Setyembre 1 ngayong taon.

Ang ibig sabihin ng "dissident," isang taong tumututol sa opisyal na patakaran, lalo na ng isang Estadong awtoritaryan. Ang ibig sabihin ng "vicinities," mga lugar na magkakanugnog. Sa titulo, kinukuha ang elemento ng pagtutol na laman ng unang salita para gawin itong kolektibo, na laman naman ng ikalawa.

Tu m a t a m a ang titulo sa lalong pagiging awtoritaryan ng rehimen ni Rodrigo Duterte – mahigpit na nagpapasunod sa mga mamamayan, sumisikil sa mga personal na kalayaan.

Sa exhibit guide na ipinapamahagi sa bungad, may paliwanag ang nag-organisa ng eksibit, ang curator na si Lisa Ito-Tapang, propesor sa College of Fine Arts sa UP-Diliman, progresibong kritikong pansining, at aktibistang pangkultura.

Pokus ng eksibit, aniya, ang "mga kilusang masa para sa kalayaan, demokrasya at mga karapatan, na nagsisikap protektahan at ipagtanggol ang mga yamang likas, kabuhayan at komunidad."

Ang konteksto ng mga ito: "tumitinding kawalan ng pagkakapantay-pantay

sa larangan ng ekonomiya, kolonyal at imperyal na pagpapalawak, at mga pampulitikang kaguluhan."

Ang agad na mapapansin ng isang aktibista: marami sa mga likhang-sining ang nakita na nitong nakaraang taon sa mga protesta at iba pang lugar, at sa Facebook o iba pang social media. At positibo ito: ibig sabihin, malapit, kung hindi man nakaugat, sa kilusang masa ang eksibit.

Ibig ding sabihin, may antas ng pagiging masigla ang produksyon ng kilusang masa ng mga likhang-sining.

Makikita rito ang "Larawan ng Kapayapaan," mural na may maraming panel, likha ng mga grupong KARATULA, Tambisan sa Sining, at UGATLahi para sa protesta sa unang State of the Nation Address ni Duterte.

Bahagi ito ng paggigiit ng makabayan at demokratikong adyenda ng mga mamamayan sa bagong pangulo.

Pawang nakatingala ang mga inilalarawang bidang magsasaka at manggagawa, puno ng optimismo at diwang palaban. Makukulay ang mga obra, nang-eengganyo sa masayang alternatiba at hinaharap na taliwas sa madilim at bulok na lipunang umiiral ngayon.

Narito rin ang "Ka Parago" ni Aldrein Silanga, mural na nasa gitna ang imahe ni Leoncio Pitao, nilikha bilang parangal sa kumander ng New People's Army o NPA sa Mindanao. Napatay man siya sa labanan, buhay na

buhay si Ka Parago sa larawan at kulay, tulad ng masang Lumad at magsasaka, hukbo, at kilusan na pinaglingkuran niya

Ang laki ng likhang-sining, patunay ng pagpapahalaga sa kanya at ng tapang ng alagad ng sining na lumikha, gayundin ng kilusang masang nangangalaga.

Unang beses ito na makikita ng publiko sa aktwal ang "Buhay-Gerilya," tesis sa UP College of Fine Arts ni Melvin Pollero na ang larawan ay lumaganap na sa social media. Paglalarawan ito ng iba't ibang aspeto ng buhay ng NPA gamit ang telang tapeta at chalk – na siya ring gamit ng NPA sa mga talakayang pang- edukasyon sa loob ng sonang gerilya. Ang tumatanaw ng likhang-sining ang binibigyan ng pag-aaral, na simple at madali nilang mauunawaan – kung hindi sila kasama sa uring nagsasamantala, pahabol ng makatang Aleman na si Bertolt Brecht hinggil sa Komunismo.

Nakatindig sa eksibit ang "Panginoong Walang Lupa" ni Archie Oculos, painting ng manggagawang bukid na nakapako sakrustulad ni Hesukristo. Mapapansin ang bisagra sa likod ng kahoy na sumusuporta sa imahe, na noong Semana Santa ay itinayo ni Oculos – lingid sa awtoridad, estilong gerilya – sa mismong Hacienda Luisita. Panawagan ito na makita sa manggagawang bukid, at sa masa sa kabuuan, ang kaapihang dinanas ni Kristo ipagpapatuloy...

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6/42 Lotto better in Cavite wins P19-M jackpot

By Christopher Lloyd Caliwan

Center in General Trias City.

MANILA – A lone bettor from Cavite province bagged the PHP19 million jackpot of Thursday night's Lotto 6/42 draw.

In a news release Friday, the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) said the ticket with the winning number 05-26-02-21-08-27 was bought at the Waltermart

The winner has one year to claim the PHP19,033,913.00 jackpot at the PCSO main office in Mandaluyong City upon presentation of the winning ticket and two identification cards.

Under the Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion law, lotto winnings worth more than PHP10,000 are

subject to a 20 percent tax.

Meanwhile, 56 otherbettors won PHP24,000 each for hitting five of the six winning numbers; while 2,129 will get PHP800 each for getting four correct digits and 28,258 will get PHP20 for three correct digits.

The 6/42 Lotto is drawn every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

The PCSO urges the public to support its gaming products to raise more revenues for health initiatives, medical services, and other national charities. (PNA)

labor.

"We should ensure first the nature of work as long as it is not hazardous to the health, to the education of the child, with the supervision of the parents, plus if it's really an engagement, they need to secure a child working permit from DOLE," shared Dumduma.

Role of government in child labor elimination

"We are no longer number one in the country in terms of child labor. Region 10 is 4th in terms of number of child laborers," Sayago said.

The government is actively working to reduce these numbers.

"The Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) is very active in their livelihood program, particularly the Tulong Panghanapbuhay sa Ating Disadvantaged Workers (TUPAD) Program, where they really choose families of children engaged in child labor, and this covers the provinces of Region 10," Sayago said.

Furthermore, DOLE has implemented a robust Child Labor Prevention and Elimination Programme (CLPEP), actively advocating for the elimination of child labor, particularly in agriculture. This is one of the factors contributing to the decrease in child labor, she added.

Aside from the government, collaboration from non-government organizations has boosted efforts to eliminate child labor.

As part of the Regional Council Against Child Labor (RCACL), Project Speak is a two-year project funded by European Union Law, implemented by ChildFund Philippines in partnership with the Kaanib Foundation, focusing on Bukidnon and

Davao del Norte.

Dumduma explained that the aim of Project Speak is to strengthen government agencies, line agencies, and the private sector to work together.

Specifically, Project Speak aims to encourage work conditions that are acceptable and aid in the removal of child labor groups by offering advocacy and educational resources and connecting them to various government agencies.

Furthermore, Project Speak has made some improvements and can now include disaster response, particularly for child laborers during emergencies or disasters. "So in partnership with the Department of Education and Bukidnon province," he said.

Another partnership is with SM Malls in Cagayan de Oro City, with the airport in Laguindingan, sea port, and Gaisano mall. "We're able to produce materials, billboards that, in one month, we are able to reach around 2 million individuals," Dumduma said.

Government and NGOs are guided in crafting and implementing strategies and activities against child labor through Republic Act 9231, or An Act Providing for the Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labor and Affording Stronger Protection for the Working Child.

According to the country's laws, the minimum employable age is 15. Therefore, the law permits children between the ages of 15 and 18 to work, as long as they refrain from engaging in child labor. Child labor refers to any work or economic activity that exposes a child to exploitation or poses a threat to their health, safety, physical, mental, or psychosocial development. (JMOR/PIA-10)

CAVITEVIEW

Fighting child labor with parental support, government aid

By Jasper Marie O. Rucat

Support from the government to parents of child laborers remains a crucial factor to lessen or eliminate child labor in the region.

This was emphasized by Alvin U. Dumduma, project coordinator of Project SPEAK funded by the European Union, Childfund Philippines, and Erlinda Monte Tinhay Sayago, OIC executive director, Kaanib Foundation, in an episode of Talakayan sa PIA up close and personal at SM CDO Downtown Premier.

They shared that although there is no question that parents love their children, some of these children volunteer to work despite the hazardous environment to help augment their family's income.

"Based on research in the previous year, the top three reasons why children still continue engaging in hazardous work is number one, poverty. Next, there is still a lack of understanding of child labor and child work. Then third, there is still custom, belief, and tradition," Project SPEAK coordinator Dumduma said.

Dumduma explained that since most of child labor is found in the agricultural sector 43 percent, which includes the industrial sector, there is the belief that while they are young they must be engaged in the lands that their families still have and they will inherit.

Dumduma shared that

these problems are cyclical, as Kaanib and Child Fund were able to assess the underlying reasons for children's engagement or continuous involvement in hazardous work.

"We see various innovation approaches in partnership with different government agencies. Although poverty may not end, we could empower parents, guardians, the government, key officials, and other stakeholders to work together to make parents understand that there are available services from the government that the parent can access to lessen hardships and poverty so that their children do not have to work," he added.

Based on the latest Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) data issued in 2023, there are about 828,000 people engaged in child labor in the country; meanwhile, 8.8 percent of that is in northern Mindanao.

Is it child work or child labor?

There are many parameters to determine if it is child work or child labor, Sayago said. First to consider is weight. If the individual is a girl, they should carry only 15 percent of their body weight, whereas for males, it should be 20 percent. The second factor to consider is the number of hours worked.

"So for example, if a child should be in their home, especially for those 15 years old and below, they should be in the house already at 8

o'clock in the evening. And they will be; for those 15 to 17, they have to be in their home at 10 o'clock. In terms of hours, child work should be not more than 40 hours," Sayago said.

If it is more than 40 hours, it is already child labor.

"Automatically, if the child is engaged in any hazardous work, in chemicals, in a sunrise for almost an hour, it's already child labor," added Dumduma.

Furthermore, if the activity interferes with their education or disrupts their school schedule, it qualifies as child labor. Sayago added that if they were unable to attend school because they were working outside of their area, that would be considered child



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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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and LORADEL BAS LAYUGAN
rep. by Atty.-in-Fact, LARA B. BAS
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

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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

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Block 14 Lot 1, Villa Arsenia Phase 1 Brgy. Mambog, Bacoor, Cavite
No. 1 2A RCBC Village, Gawad Kalinga, Baseco Port Area, Manila City

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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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South, Tagaytay City

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND
(otherwise known as Pag-IBIG Fund),
Mortgagee,

EJF NO. TG-23-044
FOR: Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of
Real Estate Mortgage under Act No.
3135, as amended by Act No. 4118

-versus-

VIOLETA C. DEVES married to
GERALDINE M. DEVES,
Mortgagor/s-Borrower/s,
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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-judicial foreclosure sale under Act 3135, as Amended by Act No. 4118, filed by Mortgagee, HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (otherwise known as Pag-IBIG Fund), a government financial institution duly organized and existing under and by virtue of Republic Act No. 9679, with principal office and place of business at The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Loan and Mortgage Agreement ("MORTGAGE") executed and notarized on December 14, 1998, by Mortgagor/s/Borrower/s, VIOLETA C. DEVES married to GERALDINE M. DEVES, both of legal age, Filipino citizens, with residence and postal addresses at (1) 32-B Martinez Ext., Antipolo, Rizal and (2) Lot 13 Blk. 38, Rancho Imperial de Silang, Brgy. Tartaria, Silang, Cavite, in favor of the Petitioner/Mortgagee, over a real estate property, including improvements thereon, described in and covered by TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. (T-817805) 25348 of the Registry of Deeds for the Province of Cavite, in order to satisfy the outstanding loan obligation of the Mortgagor/Borrower in the amount of FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY-SIX

THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE PESOS AND 52/100 (Php526,275.52) inclusive of interest and other charges, as of April 28, 2023, the undersigned Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff of the Regional Trial Court of Cavite thru her deputy, Baby Leem B. Maristela, will sell at public auction on November 5, 2024 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter, at the New Hall of Justice of Tagaytay City, to the highest bidder, for Cash or Manager's Check and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all its improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. (T-817805) 25348
Registry of Deeds for the Province of Cavite

"IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in Mun. of Silang, Prov. of Cavite, bounded and described as follows:

A parcel of land (Lot 13, Blk. 38 of the cons./subd. plan, Pcs-04-012899, being a portion of lot 8014, 8015, 8017, 8018, Cad-452-D, Silang Cad., lots 8016-A to 8016-H, Csd-04-006071-D, lot 15709-A, Csd-042118, 012810-D & Lot Blk. 71, Pcs-04-011250, LRC Rec. No.), situated in the Brgy. of Tartaria, Mun. of Silang, Province of Cavite. Bounded on the NW., along line 1-2 by Lot 67; on the NE., along line 2-3 by Lot 12, both of Blk. 38; on the SE., along line 3-4 by Rd. Lot 36 (6.50 m. wide); and on the SW., along line 4-1 by Lot 14, Blk. 38, all of the cons./subd. plan. Beginning at a pt. marked "1" on plan being S. 65 deg. 33"E., 4962.99 m. from BLLM. No. 1 Cad. 452-D, Silang Cad., thence N. 66 deg. 50'E., 4.50 m. to pt. 2; thence S. 24 deg. 07'E., 10.08 m. to pt. 3; thence S. 68 deg. 27'W., 4.50 m. to pt. 4; thence N. 24 deg. 07'W., 9.95 m. to pt. 1, beginning, containing an area of FORTY FIVE (45) SQ. METERS. All pts. referred to are indicated on the plan and are marked on the ground by PS cyl. conc. mons. 15x60 cm.; bearings true; date of orig. survey, Dec. 7, 1973-Dec. 4, 1975, & that of the subd., survey, Aug. 1-30, 1997, & was approved on Dec. 5, 1997.

is registered in accordance with the provisions of the Property Registration Decree in the name of"

VIOLETA C. DEVES, married to GERALDINE M. DEVES, both of legal age, Filipino."

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on November 12, 2024 without further notice.

Prospective bidders or buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate

and verify for themselves the TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. (T-817805) 25348, the encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

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

Tagaytay City, Philippines, September 13, 2024.

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

BABY LEEM B. MARISTELA
Sheriff-in-Charge

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HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND
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Mortgagee
The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City

MARIA VICTORIA D. CAPIRAL c/o
ATTY. CAESAR S. EUROPA
Attorney-in-Fact of the Petitioner/Mortgagee
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Brgy. Silangan, Cubao, Quezon City
(2) Europa Dacanay Cubelo Europa and Flores Law Office
3rd Floor, Lopez Bldg., Candelaria St., Ecoland, Davao City

VIOLETA C. DEVES married to GERALDINE M. DEVES
Mortgagor/s-Borrower/s
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(2) Lot 13 Blk. 38, Rancho Imperial de Silang, Brgy. Tartaria,
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HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND
(Pag-IBIG Fund),

Mortgagee,

EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REAL
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-versus-

HENRY G. SINGAYAN, JR.,
Mortgagor.

F.C. Case No. 19151-24
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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 HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (Pag-IBIG Fund), mortgagee/Assignee, with office address at The Petron Mega Plaza Bldg., No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Ave., Makati City, against HENRY G. SINGAYAN, JR., mortgagor, with residence address at 1767 N. Garcia St., Makati City, Metro Manila and/or Lot 30 Block 9, Greenpark Villas, Malagasang 2D, Imus, Cavite, to satisfy the mortgage

indebtedness which as of July 30, 2024 amounts to FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY THREE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED NINETY FIVE PESOS & 29/ 100 (P423,695.29), Philippine Currency, including interest and penalty charges, but excluding 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 November 5, 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. 057-2013013244

"A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 30, BLOCK 9, OF THE SUBD. PLAN, PSD-04211716, BEING A PORTION OF LOT 1828, IMUS ESTATE, L.R.C. REC. NO. 8843), SITUATED IN THE BARANGAY OF MALAGASANG 2ND, MUNICIPALITY OF IMUS, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON. BOUNDED ON THE SW., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 32, BLOCK 9; ON THE NW., ALONG LINE 2-3 BY ROAD LOT 11; ON THE NE., ALONG LINE 3-4 BY LOT 28; ON THE SE., ALONG LINE 4-1 BY LOT 29, BOTH OF BLOCK 9, ALL OF THE SUBD. PLAN. x x x, CONTAINING AN AREA OF THIRTY SIX (36) 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 November 12, 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, September 9, 2024.

(SGD) ANSELMO P. PAGUNSAN, JR.
Sheriff IV

APPROVED:

(SGD) ARMIE A. FRANCISCO
Clerk of Court VI

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HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (Pag-IBIG Fund)
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CICC eyes new technologies to counter deepfakes

By Ruth Abbey Gita-Carlos

MANILA – The Cybercrime Investigation and Coordinating Center (CICC) is eyeing new technologies to ramp up its efforts in preventing the prevalence of deepfakes in the country.

"Ang preparasyon ho natin (Our preparation) is to find a technology to counter or detect deepfake. Mayroon hong ganoong mga technologies na inaayos pa ng mga suppliers (There are such technologies that suppliers are still working on)," CICC Director Alexander Ramos said during the Saturday News Forum in Quezon City.

Ramos said the government continues acquiring advanced tools for deepfake prevention, noting that it is spending an estimated PHP10 million annually for "subscription-based" technologies.

He said the new technologies that the CICC seeks to acquire could be more expensive than the existing artificial intelligence (AI) technologies it is using to stop deepfake manipulation.

"Maraming (There are many) suppliers but not all suppliers papatusin mo (you will not pick all of them). [Check if it's] efficient. I will not waste our money," Ramos said.

"Ang ating ahensiya (Our agency), specifically CICC, maliban sa nag-aaral kami ngayon (apart from currently studying), together with other countries, how to address this, tini-test din namin ang mga technology kung sufficient na ba o puwede na, or kailangan pa natin ng dagdag na kaalaman para ma-address itong isyung ito (we are also testing the technologies to see if they are sufficient or possible, if we still need more knowledge to be able to address this issue)," he added.

Around five to six deepfake cases are recorded daily, Ramos said, adding that the government is also expecting a surge in the number of fraudsters using the technology.

Ramos is hoping that the Department of Budget and Management and Congress would give the CICC a higher budget allotment to enable the agency to produce its own technology against digitally-altered videos, images or audios.

"Ang gobyerno ho ay hindi ho tumitigil sa paghahanap ng mga solusyon at hindi tayo nag-iisa (The government never stops looking for solutions and we are not alone). This is a global pandemic, itong isyu na ito ng mga scam 'no (the scam issues), and we are addressing it to the best of our ability using all available technologies," he said.

Relentless fight vs. misinformation

It could be recalled that President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. was also a victim of deepfake manipulation, after the so-called "polvoron video" that circulated in July this year supposedly showed him "sniffing" illegal drugs a day before his third State of the Nation Address.

Local fact-checker Vera Files, in its Sept. 16 report, revealed that it sought the help of Deepfakes Analysis Unit (DAU), which is part of the India-based Misinformation Combat Alliance, to assess the video.

Vera File sent two copies of the "polvoron video," one uploaded by a publisher on July 22 and a better-quality copy uploaded on the Facebook page of vlogger Maharlika on Aug. 25.

Results of the DAU's analysis found that the video, based on Maharlika's video, indicated "possible tampering with the face of the man in the video."

DAU also found the video to be "suspicious and bearing signs of a type of manipulation called face swap."

Using another tool called HIVE, DAU also "found multiple points of manipulation in the video's run-time and where the 'no-deepfake' and the deepfake manipulation overlapped," according to the VERA report.

The Philippine National Police and the National Bureau of Investigation on July 23 both debunked the authenticity of the video, saying the facial images of the man in the video did not dovetail or match with Marcos' facial features.

The findings vindicated Marcos from malicious individuals who have been trying to slander the President and cast aspersions on his character, Presidential Communications Office Acting Secretary Cesar Chavez said in a separate statement on Saturday.

Chavez warned the public to be wary of malicious videos and social media posts being

circulated by malicious individuals.

"In today's world of trolls, bots and deepfake manipulation, it has become easy to throw mud at others," he said.

Chavez said the government will remain vigilant against fake news.

He also hoped that the law enforcement agencies would ramp up their drive against misinformation and harmful digital and online posts. (PNA)

Gov't begins preparations for mandatory speed limiters in PUVs

By Raymond Carl Dela Cruz

MANILA – Ranking transportation officials have started drafting the guidelines to enforce mandatory speed limiters in public utility vehicles (PUVs).

In a statement Friday, Land Transportation Office (LTO) chief, Assistant Secretary Vigor Mendoza II said Republic Act 10916, or the Road Speed Limiter Act was supposed to be fully implemented in 2016 after it lapsed into law.

"The full implementation of this law is long overdue. We have to do something now for the interest and protection of all road users," Mendoza said.

He said a meeting was first held Wednesday among officials of the Department of Transportation (DOTr), the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board, and the LTO.

"We will continue holding a series of meetings in order to come up with the guideline, with the intention of installing the required speed limiters in the soonest possible time," Mendoza said.

During the meeting, UV Express and bus operators were also convened for a dialogue on the mandatory implementation of speed limiters.

"These measures aim to promote safer travel for commuters and elevate the standards of public transportation safety across the country," he said.

The Republic Act 10916 introduces the use of a speed limiter device which electronically controls the speed of a vehicle without affecting the vehicle components.

The law was enacted as part of the government intervention in road accidents. (PNA)

BSP sees further delay in nat'l ID rollout if old deal continues

By Ruth Abbey Gita-Carlos

MANILA – The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) on Saturday maintained that the decision to terminate the contract with AllCard Incorporated (ACI) for the production of blank national identification cards (IDs) was “justified due to delays on [ACI’s] part.”

In a statement, the BSP said continuing the deal with ACI would cause further delays in the rollout of the national IDs.

Attempts to revive the contract with a supplier that failed to deliver on its commitment will only worsen backlogs, added the BSP.

The Quezon City Regional Trial Court Branch 76, in its Sept. 9 order, granted ACI’s petition to halt the BSP’s termination of contract due to alleged lack of due process and transparency.

“This decision was made to protect the interests of the government, represented by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), the primary implementing agency of the Philippine Identification System (PhilSys) project,” the BSP said.

“Terminating the contract allows the PSA the freedom to explore other options to expedite the production and delivery of national ID cards.”

The BSP has yet to receive an official copy of the temporary restraining order, although the ACI sent them a copy on Sept. 18.

“BSP will act accordingly once the official order, if any, is received,” it said.

The central bank explained that it had undertaken the printing of the cards to assist the PSA with its mandate under Republic Act 11055 or the Philippine Identification System Act.

BSP said it conducted a proper public bidding process for a lease and supply contract, which ACI won and accepted.

It also cited its strict compliance with procurement guidelines, adding that BSP and PSA conducted the printing and personalization of the national IDs and did not subcontract any operations related to the printing of the national IDs to ACI.

“AllCard’s role was limited to providing equipment, raw materials and technical support. BSP’s procurement of these resources from AllCard was duly reported to the PhilSys Council, chaired by the National Economic and Development Authority and co-chaired by the PSA,” BSP said.

“Other issues being raised distract from these basic facts. AllCard has initiated arbitration proceedings, in which BSP is actively participating. This arbitration is the appropriate forum to resolve the issues and the proceedings at the Philippine Dispute Resolution Center are confidential in accordance with its rules,” it added. (PNA)

MMFF to screen 50 classic movies for P50 in select cinemas

By Raymond Carl Dela Cruz

MANILA – The Metro Manila Film Festival (MMFF) will screen 50 of its most popular movies in the past five decades for only PHP50 in select cinemas from Sept. 25 to Oct. 15.

Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) acting chair and MMFF overall concurrent chair Romando Artes said the promotion is part of the “Sine Sigla sa Singkwenta” meant to commemorate the 50th edition of the MMFF.

“We will bring some of the most memorable MMFF films back to the big screen for just P50, allowing both new audiences and long-time fans to experience the magic of those beloved films once again. These films represent the very best of what the MMFF has offered over the past five decades,”

Artes said during the program’s launch at the MMDA office in Guadalupe, Makati City.

A hand-painted mural of actors and actresses representing the 50 years of MMFF movies has also been unveiled along EDSA.

The mural features faces of movie icons such as Gloria Romero, Nora Aunor, Vilma Santos, Christopher de Leon, Maricel Soriano, Vic Sotto, Marian Rivera, Dingdong Dantes, Vice Ganda, Amy Austria, Joseph Estrada, Anthony Alonzo, and the late actors Dolphy, Eddie Garcia and Fernando Poe Jr.

“This mural stands as a reminder of the timeless stories that have captured the hearts of generations and will continue to inspire future ones. This also serves as a tribute to the filmmakers, actors, and artists who have helped shape the MMFF throughout the years,” he said.

Hand-painted posters of past movies will also adorn walls along EDSA through a partnership with iAcademy, a specialized computing, business, and design academic institution.

“As we look forward to another 50 years, let us continue to support and promote the MMFF and the local film industry, and encourage our Filipino filmmakers to create meaningful and impactful films that resonate with audiences both local and abroad,” he said.

The 50 movies featured by ‘Sine Sigla sa Singkwenta’ are:

- 1) Insiang
- 2) Mano Po
- 3) Jose Rizal
- 4) Crying Ladies
- 5) Ang Panday (1980)
- 6) Big Night
- 7) Ang Tanging Ina Mo
- 8) Minsa’y Isang Gamu-Gamo
- 9) Langis at Tubig
- 10) Blue Moon
- 11) Ang Panday (2009)
- 12) Ganito Kami Noon, Paano Kayo Ngayon
- 13) Walang Forever
- 14) Bulaklak ng Maynila
- 15) Moral
- 16) Himala
- 17) Captain Barbell (1986)
- 18) Kung Mangarap Ka’t Magising
- 19) Ang Alamat ng Lawin
- 20) Ang Larawan
- 21) Shake, Rattle, and Roll II
- 22) Atsay
- 23) Mga Bilanggong Birhen
- 24) Kung Mawawala Ka Pa
- 25) Die Beautiful
- 26) Agila ng Maynila
- 27) Manila Kingpin: The Untold Story of Asiong Salonga

- 28) May Minamahal
- 29) Sunday Beauty Queen
- 30) Magic Temple
- 31) Ang Babae sa Septic Tank 2
- 32) Brutal
- 33) Markova
- 34) Miracle in Cell No. 7
- 35) Shake, Rattle, and Roll 1
- 36) Darna (1991)
- 37) Bad Bananas sa Puting Tabing
- 38) Karnal
- 39) Tanging Yaman
- 40) Firefly
- 41) Bonifacio ang Unang Pangulo
- 42) Karma
- 43) One More Try
- 44) Imortal
- 45) Kasal, Kasali, Kasalo
- 46) Okay Ka Fairy Ko
- 47) Yamashita the Tiger’s Treasure
- 48) Gandarrapido Revenger Squad
- 49) Feng Shui II
- 50) Rainbow’s Sunset

Movie schedules and information on participating cinemas nationwide are posted on the MMFF’s official Facebook page. (PNA)

PDEA: Seized narcotics under Marcos admin near P48-B

By Christopher Lloyd Caliwan

MANILA – The Marcos administration’s anti-drug campaign has so far netted a total of PHP47.94 billion worth of narcotics, the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) reported on Thursday.

In its latest report, PDEA said this includes 6,231.13 kg. of shabu, 74.72 kg. of cocaine, 109,169 ecstasy tablets and 5,398.35 kg. of marijuana seized from July 2022 to Aug. 31 this year.

Meanwhile, 29,032 out of 42,000 barangays (villages) in the country have been declared “drug-cleared” in the same period while 6,484 are still being cleared by authorities.

These barangays have reached drug-cleared status after the issuance of a certification by members of the oversight committee on the barangay drug-clearing program, it added.

The latest PDEA data also showed 110,814 drug suspects were arrested, including 7,050 high-value targets (HVTs) across the country during 81,679 anti-illegal drug operations.

Authorities also dismantled 1,138 drug dens and a clandestine shabu laboratory during the same period.

During his third State of the Nation Address (SONA) on July 22, President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. pledged to continue the bloodless anti-narcotics drive.

He said extermination was never a part of his administration’s anti-drug campaign. (PNA)



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House Quadcom cites Alice Guo in contempt

By Filane Mikee Cervantes

MANILA – The House of Representatives Quad Committee (Quadcom) on Thursday night cited dismissed Bamban Mayor Alice Guo in contempt over her evasive answers.

Abang Lingkod Party-list Representative Stephen Paduano made the motion to cite Guo in contempt after she violated Section 11 Paragraph C of the House rules procedure governing inquiries in aid of legislation.

No objections were made and the motion was approved by Surigao del Norte Rep. Robert Ace Barbers, overall chair of the Quadcom.

Paduano followed this with a second motion calling for Guo's detention until

the committee report on the investigation is adopted in the plenary.

The committee approved both motions. Paduano, however, said question of jurisdiction will still have to be discussed after the hearing since Guo is now in the custody of the Philippine National Police (PNP) Custodial Center.

Paduano claimed that Guo deliberately avoided bailing out to remain detained at the PNP Custodial Center.

He pointed out how Guo, who allegedly has billions of pesos in assets, could not afford to post a PHP180,000 bail.

"Again you are lying. Because the real reason why you didn't bail out because

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CITED IN CONTEMPT. Dismissed Bamban mayor Alice Guo appears before the quad committee of the House of Representatives during its hearing into illegal Philippine offshore gaming operators on Thursday (Sept. 19, 2024). Guo's frequent invocation of her constitutional right against self-incrimination prompted the panel to cite her in contempt. (PNA photo by Joan Bondoc)

PCO's 2025 proposed budget breezes through house plenary

By Filane Mikee Cervantes

MANILA – The House of Representatives quickly terminated plenary deliberations on Friday for the proposed PHP2.281-billion budget of the Presidential Communications Office for 2025.

The motion to terminate discussions on PCO's proposed budget for 2025, which is 24.37 percent lower than the 2024 allocation of PHP3.016 billion, was met without opposition.

AKO BICOL Party-list Rep. Raul Angelo Bongalon, the budget sponsor, underscored the importance of the PCO as the government's lead communications arm.

He further highlighted its critical role in conveying the administration's messages to the public.

"The Presidential Communications Office is the lead communications arm of the government, the primary source of the administration's messages for an informed and empowered citizenry," Bongalon said.

He cited Executive Order (EO) 16, series of 2023, as the legal basis for the PCO's mandate to manage and coordinate the messaging of the Executive Branch and the Office of the President.

"By virtue of Executive Order No. 16, series of 2023, the agency is responsible for crafting, formulating, developing, enhancing, and coordinating the messaging system of the Executive Branch and the Office of the President," Bongalon said.

For 2025, the proposed appropriations for the PCO and its attached agencies and corporations amount to PHP2.281 billion, a PHP735.152 million decrease from the previous year's PHP3.016 billion.

Despite the budget cut, APEC Party-list Rep. Sergio Dagooc expressed his full support for the PCO's role and suggested that the office deserves more funding.

"I fully agree with you on your sponsorship speech. As a matter of

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DBM vows to work with DSWD for employees' regularization

By Ruth Abbey Gita-Carlos

MANILA – The Department of Budget and Management (DBM) on Friday said it would find ways to create more plantilla positions in the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD).

This, as DSWD Secretary Rex Gatchalian said the agency would continue to push for the regularization of its employees under contracts of service (COS) and job orders (JOs).

In a statement, the DBM said it can only create positions in a government

department or office once a requesting agency makes a proper submission of request.

"This is the case since the departments/agencies are still in the best position to identify and determine the appropriate positions for creation to enable their agency to fully implement their programs/projects," the DBM said.

During the Senate Committee on Finance hearing on DSWD's proposed 2025 budget on Monday, Gatchalian said the DSWD has submitted a three-year plan to the DBM for the regularization of its

COS and JO personnel.

Gatchalian said the agency wants the gradual transition of COS and JOs into more stable positions, citing the migration of its Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) personnel to contractual employees.

The DBM said it had several consultation meetings with the DSWD since 2022 to address various concerns and facilitate the creation of the 4Ps Bureau and its corresponding positions, including those at the regional levels.

It said it provided

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