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Health outreach program for the people of Alfonso

ON December 12, 2023, the provincial government of Cavite, through the office of the Provincial Governor-Extension and Office of the Provincial Health Officer, conducted a successful health outreach program in Brgy. Poblacion 1, Alfonso, Cavite.

A total of 183 patients benefitted, with 161 receiving medical consultations and 32

undergoing dental extractions. The General Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital medical and dental team, played a crucial role, guided by the Pamaskong Handog theme, "Kalusugan ay Kayamanan, Ating Pag-ingatan".

The mission's success was attributed to collaborative efforts between local leaders

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DOTr logs rise in PUV consolidation applications before deadline

By Raymond Carl Dela Cruz

MANILA – The Department of Transportation (DOTr) on Wednesday reported a "significant" increase in applications for consolidation in public transportation.

In a statement, the DOTr attributed the increase in applications to a resolution from the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) that allowed applicants to beat the deadline without payment of necessary fees.

However, it called on these applicants to settle these fees for them to be included in the final consolidation report.

"In the meantime that the figures are being finalized, all unconsolidated PUVs (public utility vehicles) may continue operating until January 31, 2024. The LTFRB will issue an appropriate resolution to give effect to this instruction," the DOTr said.

Under LTFRB Memorandum Circular (MC) 2023-051 signed on Dec. 14, 2023, all consolidated

transport service entities and individual operators with filed applications for consolidation before the deadline are allowed to continue operating under their existing provisional authority (PA).

However, all PAs issued to individual operators that have not filed for consolidation are deemed "revoked" effective January 2024 and their previously authorized PUVs are now unregistered.

Last Dec. 29, LTFRB Technical Division chief Joel Bolano said more than 60 percent of PUVs have so far consolidated into cooperatives or corporations.

Bolano assured that a transport crisis will not happen in 2024 as special permits will be issued to allow PUVs to ply routes where there are no consolidated operators.

These special permits will be issued to consolidated operators in other routes that are capable of dispatching more PUVs, as well as unconsolidated operators but only until Jan. 31. (PNA)

PH embassy ready to assist quake-affected Filipinos in Japan: envoy

By Joyce Ann L. Rocamora

MANILA – The Philippine Embassy in Tokyo said assistance is ready for Filipinos affected by the massive earthquake that rocked central Japan on Jan. 1.

"Our assistance-to-

nationals unit is active and the migrant workers office is monitoring the situation of our Filipinos there," Philippine Ambassador to Japan Mylene Albano said in a Bagong Pilipinas Ngayon interview on Tuesday.

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PNP: Over 13K cops to secure Traslacion of Black Nazarene

By Christopher Lloyd Caliwan and Priam Nepomuceno

MANILA – The Philippine National Police (PNP) on Tuesday said it would deploy more than 13,000 of its force to secure the Feast of the Black Nazarene in Quiapo, Manila on Jan. 9.

"Yung ating coordination through our district director ng MPD (Manila Police District) sinasabi nila na talagang

babalik sa dating gawain ang pagsasagawa ng Traslacion ngayong 2024 (Base on our coordination with our district director at the MPD, we learned that the 'Traslacion' will go back through its usual format this 2024). So in line with that, for our planning, we are intending to deploy 13,691 police officers," PNP chief Gen. Benjamin Acorda Jr. said in an interview with Radyo Pilipinas.

Aside from the PNP personnel, he said K-9 units would be on duty to augment

the security of the "Traslacion" or traditional procession of the Black Nazarene's image.

Some 2.5 million devotees are expected to attend the procession but this figure could still change depending on the situation, the PNP chief said.

Acorda added that there were prohibitions for this year's Traslacion in so-called "controlled areas" and these were discussed in their meetings with various groups responsible for the event.

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(PNA file photo)

Boy, 4, loses fingers to 'dart bomb'

By Ma. Teresa Montemayor

MANILA – A four-year-old boy from Central Luzon lost all five fingers after a “dart bomb” exploded on his right hand, the Department of Health (DOH) reported on Sunday.

The boy also suffered burns on his neck due to the blast.

It was one of the eight fireworks-related injuries that DOH logged from 6 a.m. Saturday to 5:59 a.m. Sunday.

The new cases are all males with the oldest aged 37.

Six cases occurred at home and on the streets while the other two were at designated areas.

Meantime, five were due to illegal fireworks.

The DOH expressed serious concern about how “deadly and illegal fireworks” could reach the hands of young children.

“We are thankful that the Department of the Interior and Local Government as well as many LGUs (local government units) are heeding the call to have community fireworks displays instead,” the DOH said.

“We ask our police to crack down further on those selling illegal fireworks that find their way to destroy the hands and futures of Filipino children.”

The agency has recorded a total of 115 fireworks-related injuries since Dec. 21.

Forty-four (38 percent)

of the reported injuries are from the National Capital Region, followed by Central Luzon and Ilocos Region with 13 cases each.

South Cebu ranked third with nine cases; Calabarzon had six cases; and Cagayan Valley, Bicol Region and Western Visayas recorded five cases each.

In Eastern Visayas, fireworks-related injuries rose to six as of Sunday.

The latest additions were a nine-year-old male from Burauen, Leyte, who sustained head and eye injuries from lantaka (portable cannon); and a 33-year-old male from Guiuan, Eastern Samar who suffered multiple injuries in the lower extremities due to kwitis (mini skyrocket).

The previous four victims were aged 6, 8, 11 and

24, all males.

Boga (improvised cannon), Five Star, kwitis, Piccolo, luces (sparklers), Pla-Pla, whistle bomb, and other unlabeled items, including the dart bomb and imported fireworks, caused 72 percent

of the cases.

Illegal fireworks, particularly Boga, Five Star, Piccolo and Pla-pla, caused 59 percent of the cases. (With a report from Sarwell Meniano/PNA)



PNA file photo

DOH...

Trigger happy

Meanwhile, the Philippine National Police (PNP) said it would file charges against the drinking buddies of a man who was earlier reported as a stray bullet victim in Mariveles, Bataan on New Year's Eve.

PNP spokesperson Col. Jean Fajardo, in a presser in Camp Crame, said police investigators became doubtful as the drinking buddies of the victim gave conflicting accounts of the incident.

“Nung kinonduct nila yung trajectory examination ay it appears na it would be improbable na tama yun ng stray bullet, same thing, ang gagawin natin dito sa mga ibang insidente, tinitingnan yung kung saan ang kinatatayuan ng mga biktima natin whether nasa loob ng bahay nila or nasa labas (When they conducted the trajectory examination, it appears that it would be improbable for this to become a stray bullet incident, same thing, what we will do here, just like in other incidents, we are looking at where our victims are standing, whether inside their house or outside),” Fajardo told reporters.

Fajardo said one of the victim's friends admitted to accidentally shooting the victim, with the bullet hitting the side part of his body.

She added that the suspect has underwent inquest proceedings while the three others would be charged for attempting to conceal the incident.

Meanwhile, a security guard in Quezon City was nabbed for indiscriminate firing during the New Year revelry.

Quezon City Police District chief Brig. Gen. Redrico Maranan identified the suspect as 44-year-old Boy Bagua, a resident of Barangay Baesa.

visit, Marcos reaffirmed the Philippines' commitment to support Timor-Leste's development through the “South-South Cooperation.”

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Bagua was arrested by Police Station (PS) 3 cops after a concerned citizen reported that he repeatedly fired his gun at No. 11-8 Baesa Road, Barangay Baesa in the early hours of New Year's Day.

The suspect was drunk when he was apprehended and a handgun was visibly tucked into his waist, Maranan added.

Recovered from his possession were one cal. 38 revolver, a fired cartridge case and four live rounds of ammunition.

Maranan said the suspect will be charged with violation of Republic Act (RA) 11926 or the Indiscriminate Discharge of Firearms Act and RA 10591 or the Comprehensive Firearms and Ammunition Regulation Act.

Stop using firecrackers

Moreover, the Police Regional Office-Cordillera (PROCor) and the Department of Health in the Cordillera Administrative Region (DOH-CAR) on Tuesday reiterated their appeal to the public to stop using firecrackers to avoid more injuries, even deaths.

“Better be safe than sorry,” Brig. Gen. David Peredo, PROCor director, said in a statement on Tuesday.

Peredo also urged those who are still in possession of firecrackers and pyrotechnics, especially those classified as illegal, to turn over the items to the authorities for proper disposal.

Data provided by the PROCor showed 21 firecracker-related injuries recorded and one injury resulting from a stray bullet during the New Year celebration.

The firecracker-related injuries were recorded in Kalinga with nine; Baguio City, five; Abra, three; Apayao and Benguet with two each; and Ifugao and Mountain Province with zero victims. (PNA)

The Philippines and Timor-Leste celebrated 21 years of diplomatic relations in May 2023. (PNA)

Congress...

for the operation of the Government as specified in the budget.”

Salceda said this view is affirmed by the Supreme Court in the case of Sarmiento vs. the Treasurer of the Philippines, which also cites the records of the 1986 Constitutional Commission.

He said that according to Constitutional Commissioner Christian Monsod, the aim of this constitutional provision is to ensure that the budget does not “put the government in debt or in deficit.”

“The very conditions placed on the Unprogrammed Appropriations are designed in such a manner that no additional deficit will be incurred,” he said.

He said Article VII, Section 22 also specifies that the President shall submit a Budget of Expenditures and Sources of Financing (BESF) as the basis for the budget.

Taking this into consideration, he said the constitutional limit to

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increases in programmed appropriations make sense as it applies to the BESF.

“When in excess of the BESF, there is no limitation imposed on Congress, and its power of the purse, long respected by the Supreme Court, is supreme,” he said.

Salceda said it is up to the Supreme Court to decide once a case questioning the constitutionality of the 2024 GAA is filed.

“So, any party can file any suit against the 2024 GAA to their satisfaction,” he said.

“I expect it (Supreme Court) to decide as it has always done so: with the maximum liberality and presumption of regularity granted to Congress in the exercise of its exclusive powers,” he added.

DBM Secretary Amenah Pangandaman earlier clarified that the unprogrammed funds in the 2024 General Appropriations Act are “standby appropriations” distinct from the approved government fiscal program.

She said the unprogrammed funds for next year would help the government address unforeseen expenditures and prioritize essential programs and projects.

She noted that unprogrammed appropriations of the 2024 budget have built-in safeguards to prevent unconstitutional spending.

The unprogrammed funds are not automatically allocated and can only be released, if several funding conditions are met, such as when the government, through the Bureau of the Treasury, is able to collect excess revenue or income beyond its initial projection, or should foreign or approved financial loans or grants proceeds are realized.

Should there be excess revenues that may trigger the availability of the unprogrammed funds, government agencies are required to submit necessary requirements before given access to the standby fund to ensure that spending stays within legal limits. (PNA)

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international law, respecting other countries' independence, sovereignty, territorial integrity, and equality, and adhering to non-interference,

Lai said.

New Timor-Leste envoy

Marcos also accepted the letter of credence of the

new Timor-Leste Ambassador to the Philippines Marciano Octavio Garcia Da Silva.

“It is a great deal of pleasure that we are here to accept your letters of credence and to welcome you to the Philippines as ambassador of Timor-Leste to the Republic of the Philippines,” he said.

“This is indicative of the growing partnership that your country and mine through our bilateral relationships, together with the multi-lateral relationships, have progressed in the last few years.”

In November 2023, Marcos met with President José Ramos-Horta who embarked on a four-day state visit to the country.

During the state



NEW ENVOY. President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. receives the credentials of Vietnamese Ambassador to the Philippines Lai Thai Binh (left) at Malacañan Palace in Manila on Tuesday (Jan. 2, 2023). During the event, Lai expressed the warmest greetings and sincere regards of Vietnam's leader to Marcos. (Photo courtesy of Presidential Photojournalists Association)

4.1-M minimum wage earners get pay hikes in 15 regions

By Ferdinand Patinio

MANILA – At least 4.1 million minimum wage earners have benefited from the salary adjustments in 15 regions in 2023.

“A total of 15 wage orders were issued by the RTWPBs (Regional Tripartite Wages and Productivity Boards) for workers in the private sector, nine of which were initiated motu proprio,” the National Wages and Productivity Commission (NWPC) said in a social media post on Monday.

The RTWPB-National Capital Region (NCR) was the first to issue a wage hike order on June 26, which provided for a PHP40 pay hike.

This raised the minimum wage in Metro

Manila to PHP610 from PHP570 for the non-agricultural sector and to PHP573 from PHP533 for the agriculture sector.

Meanwhile, the Northern Mindanao wage board was the latest to issue a wage hike order on Dec. 21.

The region’s minimum wage has been raised to PHP438 from PHP423 for the non-agriculture sector, and to PHP426 from PHP411 for the agriculture.

Only the Davao Region wage board has yet to issue a new wage order.

However, it has already held consultations with stakeholders such as the Philippine Statistics Authority, the Department of Trade and Industry, the National Economic and



Photo courtesy of PNA

Development Authority and the Department of Agriculture.

Public hearings are scheduled within the first quarter of 2024.

Meanwhile, the NWPC added that around 8.1 million “full-time wage and salary workers” earning

above minimum wage are expected to benefit from the correction of wage distortions.

Wage distortion occurs when the variations in wage structures or rates among employee groups within an enterprise are significantly eliminated or

substantially diminished due to mandated wage increases.

The NWPC and the RTWPBs are attached agencies of the Department of Labor and Employment. (PNA)

PNP:...

Prohibited in the “controlled areas” are backpacks, ball caps and umbrellas.

He said anyone planning to carry water or any other liquids should place these in transparent containers.

The police are now making these announcements this early so that devotees will be aware of the prohibitions.

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Acorda, meanwhile, said the jamming of cellphone signals for the event would depend on the “recommendation of ground commanders”.

This year marks the return of the “Traslacion” to its old format after the celebration was suspended from 2021 to 2023 due to the coronavirus pandemic. (PNA)

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Albano assured that the Embassy and Consulates are in constant communication with Filipino communities in the most affected prefectures.

The envoy said at least 35 Filipinos were earlier reported to have evacuated in Ishikawa when tsunami warnings were raised in the prefecture.

READ: No Filipino among casualties in deadly Japan quake

The warnings have since been lifted but the envoy said the Japanese government is still assessing the extent of damage the earthquake caused in the area.

“They are continuing to coordinate with the local government unit to know the extent of damage to the properties in the area and the possible harms that have befallen the residents,” she said.

US aid

President Joe Biden offered US support for Japan in the wake of powerful earthquakes on Monday which left four people dead.

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“My administration is in touch with Japanese officials, and the United States stands ready to provide any necessary assistance for the Japanese people,” Biden said in a statement.

“As close Allies, the United States and Japan share a deep bond of friendship that unites our people. Our thoughts are with the Japanese people during this difficult time,” he added.

An earthquake with a preliminary magnitude of 7.6 rocked a wide area on the Sea of Japan coast Monday, killing at least four people, followed by a series of smaller quakes.

Many houses collapsed and railway services were temporarily suspended in some areas of Japan.

Prime Minister Fumio Kishida called on the public to be alert for more powerful tremors, while authorities urged residents living near the coasts to evacuate to safer areas.

The quake also triggered a tsunami alert, but authorities downgraded it

Health...

and health professionals, exemplifying the provincial government’s commitment to grassroots healthcare. The team distributed medical prescriptions, multivitamins,

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supplements, and mosquito-repellent lotion, contributing to community health and preventive care. This initiative not only addressed immediate health concerns but also

fostered a culture of health-conscious living, highlighting the effectiveness of community-driven healthcare efforts.



AFTERMATH. Large cracks are seen on the ground in Wajima, Ishikawa Prefecture, on Monday (Jan. 1, 2024), after a strong earthquake rocked a wide area on the Sea of Japan coast in central Japan. The Philippine Embassy in Tokyo said assistance is ready for affected Filipinos. (Kyodo photo)

hours later, the Kyodo news agency reported.

Solidarity

The Office of Civil Defense (OCD), meanwhile, said it is monitoring the situation in Japan and will make the necessary arrangements to extend assistance to the quake-hit nation.

“Relative to the pronouncement of President Ferdinand “Bongbong” Marcos on the offer to assist in the response operations

in Japan, alongside other government agencies, the OCD is on standby. We will continue to monitor the situation and make necessary arrangements for the possible support that we can extend,” OCD administrator Undersecretary Ariel Nepomuceno, said in a statement.

He added that the recent earthquake is a reminder to all Filipinos to participate in efforts to mitigate the effects of natural disasters.

Nepomuceno also said

collective efforts on disaster prevention and preparedness are essential in building a safe and resilient nation.

“Again, we extend our sympathies to the Japanese government, one of our closest partners in disaster risk reduction and management, rest assured that the OCD is willing to extend assistance to support the ongoing response operations,” the OCD chief stressed. (with report from Priam Nepomuceno and Anadolu/PNA)

EDITORIAL

Wishful thinking

WE'RE all embracing the 'out with the old, in with the new' mentality, but that doesn't mean we should turn a blind eye to the pending work.

The curtain rose on the new year, and we are drawn into the captivating dance of fresh beginnings, where the air hums with the promise of untold adventures, and our spirits eagerly embrace the chance to script new chapters of our lives.

Amid all the hype about new beginnings, however, let's not forget about government projects and plans that got stalled or delayed along the way.

We're all embracing the "out with the old, in with the new" mentality, but that doesn't mean we should turn a blind eye to the pending work. It's like cleaning out your closet — eager to toss out the old stuff and make room for new threads — but you don't just abandon the half-finished projects started ages ago.

The year 2024 should be filled with not only fresh energy and enthusiasm but also a healthy dose of commitment to seeing things through. Let's pick up where we left off, dust off those plans, and give them the attention they deserve.

In the Philippines, we've become pros at turning lemons into lemonade when it comes to defective government infrastructure projects. Beyond the sighs, we've got to peel back the layers of these failed projects and those that seem destined for the same fate.

Among the many are the three dropped railway projects in Luzon and Mindanao under China's global infrastructure scheme amid tensions in the South China Sea; the substandard Iloilo bridge that collapsed; irrigation systems, dams, and regional airports. We see thousands of potholes that grow deeper over time and cause significant damage to vehicles, including punctured tires, damaged wheels and misalignment, resulting in costly repairs for drivers.

There is the P73.24-billion Light Railway Transit Line 6 project — a 23.5-km rail system extending LRT 1 further to Cavite cities.

It seems there has been a change in plans for LRT 6, which was initially approved by the National Economic and Development Authority to be constructed along the E. Aguinaldo Highway. However, the project became unfeasible due to alleged right-of-way issues

and overcrowding on the road.

Subsequently, an "unsolicited proposal" from an affluent businessman and politician has emerged, indicating a shift in the project's direction.

The plan is to construct seven stations—Niyog, Tirona, Imus Transport Terminal, Daang Hari, Salitran, Congressional Avenue, and Governor's Drive — south of Bacoor, including a passenger interchange station, with a provision for a future station, Patindig Araw, between Imus and Daang Hari.

Thousands of Cavite residents, for whom the LRT extension is being built, are indifferent. They will continue crowding on crowded buses that travel through the narrow and busy Aguinaldo Highway.

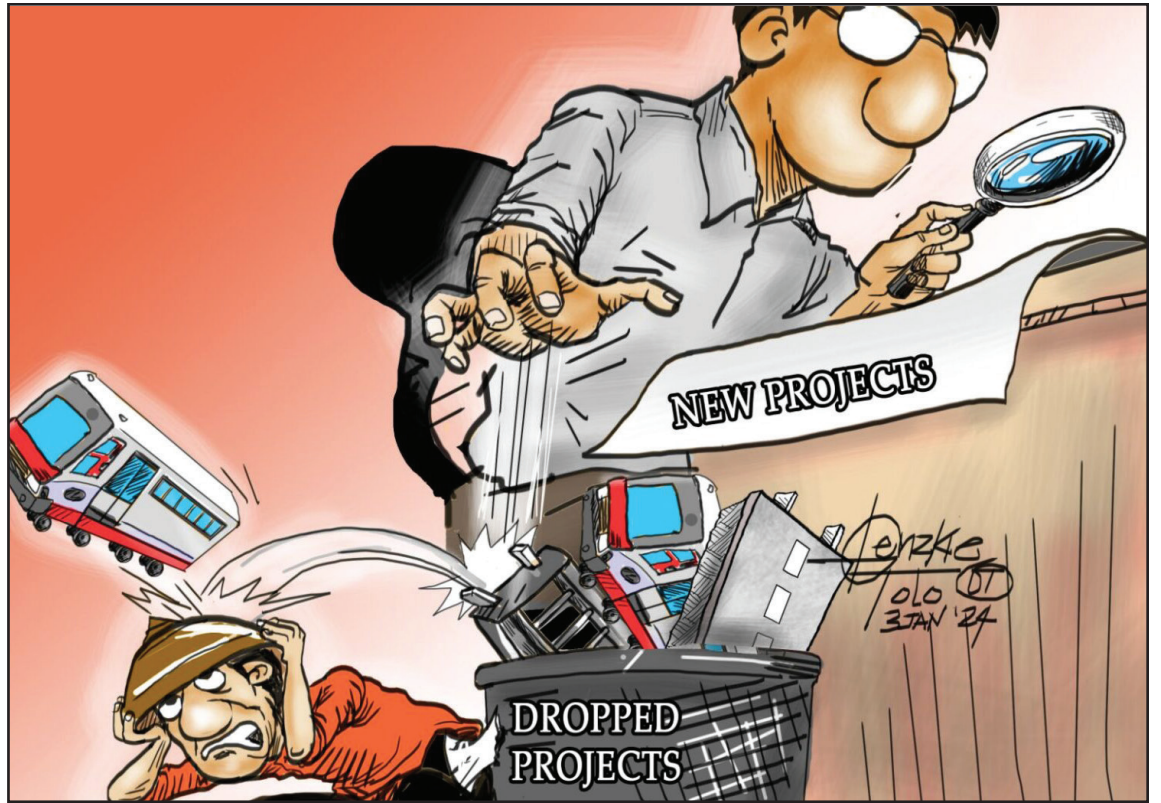
Whether it's that half-built community center, the road construction that seemed to hit a roadblock, or the public transport overhaul that's been a long time coming, let's pledge to breathe new life into these projects. They're not just concrete and steel — they represent better infrastructure, improved lives, and progress for our communities.

When you've got shoddy government projects, it's like a neon sign pointing to corruption. Sketchy designs probably got the green light because some contractors slipped some cash to a government engineer who was more than happy to pocket a bribe.

When you see subpar materials leading to crumbling cement and asphalt, it's a sign that a contractor took some serious shortcuts to get the job done. And who's left dealing with the fallout? You guessed it — us.

This new year, let's carry forward the lessons we've learned from the setbacks and delays. Let's be smarter, more efficient, and better equipped to handle the challenges that come our way. After all, the best way to welcome a new beginning is by finishing what we'd started.

After popping the champagne and setting off fireworks to usher in 2024, let's also raise a toast to government projects still in the pipeline. The government must roll up its sleeves, get down to honest work, and ensure that 2024 is not just about new beginnings but also about following through on its promises to build a brighter future for all.



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"Kaya ako, hindi na ako gumagamit ng toothpaste. Ang silbi lang naman niyan ay gawing kaaya-aya ang pagsesepilyo." Palihim at saglit na nagkatinginan si Obet at mga kagrupa; pagkatapos ng panayam, nagpasya silang kalimutan ang bahaging ito. Pagkatapos, lahat, nagpa-autograph ng libro sa awtor, maliban kay Obet. Isang booklet lang tungkol sa mga korporasyong multinasyunal ang napapirmahan niya, kulay maroon. Pero alam niya na hindi lang iyun ang mahalagang babaunin niya galing sa pagtatagpong iyun, at hindi na nga niya mahanap ang kopyang may autograph ngayon.

Syempre pa, marami rin ang tumutuligsa kay Constantino. Kapag may gustong bumatikos sa makabayang tingin at tindig sa iba't ibang usapin, kasama ang mga sulatin niya sa pupuntirahin. Partikular na kontrobersyal ang suri niya sa tatlong bantog na bayani ng bansa — Rizal, Andres Bonifacio, at Emilio Aguinaldo — gayundin sa pagsilang ng sambayang Pilipino at pagsisimula ng paglaban sa kolonyalismong Espanyol.

May mga tumutuligsa na para bang mas masama kaysa mabuti ang mga ambag niya, na para bang mas mainam bumalik sa panahon bago niya, sa panahon ng tahas na kolonyal, elitista at makitid na kasaysayan — na hindi katanggap-tanggap at

malinaw na hakbang paorong. Pinakamaingay sa mga ito ang anti-makabayan o anti-Kaliwa.

Mayroon din namang mga tumutuligsa dahil gustong ilinaw ang katotohanan sa kasaysayan, at ang maka-Pilipinong pagtingin. Dito maihahanay kahit ang manunulat na si Nick Joaquin, na halatang dumedebate at tumataliwas sa mga pananaw ni Constantino kahit hindi ito pinangalanan sa mahusay niyang *A Question of Heroes* (1977). Sabi ni Joaquin, nang ang ibig sabihin ay si Karl Marx, may mga sumusulat ng kasaysayan na "gustong gumawa ng botang Aleman mula sa bakyang Pinoy."

Pero hindi maaalis ng mga tuligang ito ang mahahalagang ambag ni Constantino sa pagbubuo, kahit bilang panimula, ng progresibo at makabayang kasaysayan ng Pilipinas at pagsusuri sa lipunan — na pawang nagpapaunlad sa progresibo at makabayang kontra-kamalayan, kontra-edukasyon, at kontra-kultura. Mas maunlad ang kilusan at pakikibakang makabayan dahil sa mga ambag niya.

Kakambal ng pangalan ni Constantino ang nasyunalismo. At sa isang bansang neo-kolonyal, mapanganib ang nasyunalismo. Ibig sabihin, hindi sapat na gunitain si Constantino na para bang alaala na lang siya sa nakaraan. Hamon sa mga mag-aaral niya na gawin siya, katulad ng nasyunalismo, na makabuluhan sa kasalukuyan

at mapanganib sa mga naghahari-harian.

>> Nitong nakaraang mga araw, naglabas ang rehimeng Duterte ng poster na nagyayabang-nananakot ng pagpatay sa mga kabataang naging kasapi ng New People's Army o NPA — mula kay Wendell Gumban hanggang kay Guiller Martin Cadano, mula kay Recca Noelle Monte hanggang kay Rendell Cagula. Ganito rin ang dinanas ng maraming bayaning pinatampok ni Constantino — silang sinundan at tinularan ng mga nabanggit — sa kamay ng mga dayuhang mananakop at mga kasapakat na naghaharing uri.

>> Nitong nakaraang mga buwan, naglagay ang rehimen ng malaking karatula sa labas ng Kampo Aguinaldo laban sa mga laging nagpoprotesta doon at sa ibang lugar. Ang sabi: "Di ka bayad buwis, wala ka trabaho, gusto mo sunod sa 'yo gobyerno?'" Sa insultong ito, lumalabas ang pag-etsapwera ng gobyernong nagpapakilalang "demokratiko" sa maraming kababayang dapat pinapakinggan nito. Ganito rin ang ipinapakita ng kasaysayan ni Constantino — at tama ang kilusang makabayan sa pag-oorganisa sa mga pinapatungkulan.

>> Nitong nakaraang mga taon, tumitindi ang sentimyentong anti-Tsino sa bansa, dahil sa pagiging sunud-sunuran ni Duterte sa China. May panayam noon kay Constantino na nagpapahaging na tumataas Ipagpapatuloy...

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DILG: 2023 'prolific year' for gov't anti-drug drive via BIDA program

By Christopher Lloyd Caliwan
MANILA – The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) on Wednesday touted 2023 as a prolific year for the Marcos administration's anti-drug efforts.

This as the government's flagship anti-drug program "Buhay Ingatan, Droga'y Ayawan" (BIDA) has reached 15 regions and drew 230,000 people who participated in its activities

and other initiatives, DILG Secretary Benjamin Abalos Jr. said in a news release.

"Sa nakalipas na taon, naging bagong mukhang kampanya kontra ilegal na droga ang ating BIDA Program (For the past year, the BIDA Program became the new face of our campaign against illegal drugs). Thanks to your efforts, we have conducted BIDA Fun Runs, training programs, Serbisyo Caravans, and other BIDA activities in 15 regions across

the country involving various sectors," Abalos said.

Abalos said the DILG forged strategic partnerships with different sectors to promote the BIDA Program and raise awareness about the ill effects of illegal drugs.

They also had tie-ups with more than 30 big business establishments through the "BIDA Workplace" initiative.

Recognizing sports as an effective means to encourage people, especially the youth, to ditch illegal drugs,

the DILG also linked up with major sports leagues in the country such as the Philippine Basketball Association, Premier Volleyball League, and University Athletic Association of the Philippines. Aside from working with athletes, the DILG also tapped some of the country's up-and-coming entertainment stars from ABS-CBN and GMA to become BIDA ambassadors.

Major cinemas, such as SM Cinemas and Megaworld Lifestyle Malls also played the program's ads before the start of every movie

to encourage the public to join the government in combating illegal drugs.

"We are definitely off to a good start. We were able to bring the spirit of BIDA down to our communities in just over a year since its launch. Asahan po ninyo na magpapatuloy at lalo pang palalakasin ang kampanyang ito sa tulong ng iba't ibang sektor ng lipunan (Rest assured that we will continue our efforts and further strengthen this campaign through the help of various sectors of society)," Abalos added. (PNA)

CAVITEVIEW

Popular culture: Rizal on screen, games, and beyond

By Gelaine Louise Gutierrez

JOSÉ PROTACIO RIZAL – widely regarded as the greatest hero of the Philippines – is more than a historical figure living only in History textbooks. He is a critical player in popular culture, appearing in everything from movies to games and even on matchboxes.

With his intelligence and strong principles, Rizal's reputation has endured the test of time, making him a timeless figure honored in many cultures worldwide.

Pop culture is a gateway for broader consumption beyond academic or historical contexts. It ignites interest in figures like Rizal among individuals who might not typically engage with historical subjects. This heightened awareness could fuel increased research and a deeper appreciation of Rizal's significance.

In 3,2,1 action! (Rizal on screen)

The primary medium for portraying Rizal's life and hardships has been on film. From classic black-and-white films to modern adaptations, filmmakers have told his narrative compellingly.

Viewers could observe Rizal's life story, educational achievements, and unwavering commitment to promoting Philippine independence.

Rizal's life and works

have been portrayed in several films. Among the noteworthy ones are:

1. Rizal sa Dapitan (1997) by Tikoy Aguiluz
The film focuses on Rizal's four-year exile in Dapitan, a significant period during which he actively participated in community service, taught, and engaged in farming.

2. Jose Rizal (1998) by Marilou Diaz-Abaya
It thoroughly depicts Rizal's life, values, and difficult historical period.

3. Bayaning Third World (2000) by Mike De Leon

This film explores unknown aspects of the life and death of Jose Rizal by combining satire with investigative documentary elements and being shot in black-and-white.

Recently, Rizal's classic works of literature, "Noli Me Tangere" and "El Filibusterismo," which are well-known for their strong social criticism of the Spanish colonial government, were reimagined and adapted into the teleserye "Maria Clara at Ibarra."

The adaptation of Rizal's narratives not only broadens their audience but also employs modern storytelling techniques to bring back the classic themes and messages of Rizal's writings in a more relatable and captivating way for

modern audiences. "Maria Clara at Ibarra" educates young people about Rizal's profound insights and restores his lengthy literary legacy by incorporating modern narrative techniques into these classic tales.

Rizal as a video game hero

Inspired by Rizal, Josie Rizal is a video game character from the famous fighting game Tekken.

An arnis master and kickboxer, Josie, the hero's female counterpart, is a "passionate" young fighter who "strives to overcome" her fears to join the Tekken Force. This organization previously provided crucial assistance to her nation during a time of need.

It isn't just one media or genre where Rizal may be found in popular culture. His spirit is still honored in monuments, festivals, and even online through educational programs and social media campaigns. His actions and words continue to serve as an inspiration to others working to improve society.

As we get closer to the 127th martyrdom of Jose Rizal on December 30, let's continue to honor and remember our national hero's bravery.

The National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) is inviting everyone to witness the flag-raising and wreath-

laying ceremonies at these sites:

National Capital Region

Rizal National Monument and NHCP Museo ni Jose Rizal Fort Santiago, Rizal Park Luneta, Manila

- **Calabarzon**

Museo ni Jose Rizal in Calamba City, Laguna

- **Region 7**

Rizal Monument in Cebu City

- **Region 9**

Museo ni Jose Rizal in Dapitan City, Zamboanga del Norte

- **Region 11**

Rizal Monument in Davao City

Also, there will be a special evening of storytelling and music presented by Las Damas de Rizal-Philippines in commemoration of the birth anniversary of Rizal dubbed, "Isang Gabi sa Dapitan: Pag-uusap ni Rizal at Valenzuela" (A Night in Dapitan: A Conversation Between Rizal and Valenzuela). It will be held on Saturday, December 30 at 3PM at the Dr. Pio Valenzuela Museum in Brgy. Pariancillo, Valenzuela City.

The event will feature a dramatic reenactment bringing to life the conversation between Rizal and Valenzuela

during their exile in Dapitan. Through words and song, the show will present important events in Rizal's life during his final years before his death at Luneta.

This presentation by Las Damas de Rizal-Philippines is under the direction of Ms. Maria Rivera, president of the organization. The performance is directed by Sining Bernardo and Amihan Cruz, featuring students from the University of Valenzuela.

Everyone is encouraged to attend this special commemorative evening honoring Rizal. Admission is FREE.

Hear the story of the hero Rizal in his own words. For details, please contact Ms. Rivera at 0917-123-4567.

Moreover, local governments and communities are also hosting separate memorial events in their respective Rizal monuments and markers.

Rizal's themes of bravery, independence, and love for one's nation still hold true in today's constantly shifting world, ensuring a lasting legacy in the diverse tapestry of popular culture. (PIA-NCR)



Photo courtesy of PIA

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FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT
TRECE MARTIRES CITY CAVITE

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND,
Mortgagee,

Foreclosure Case No. F -991-23
-versus-

BESTRE F. GABRIEL married to EDNA V. GABRIEL,
Mortgagor/s,
X-----X

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act. 4118, filed by Mortgagee, HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND, with business address at The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen. Gil. Puyat Avenue, Makati City against the Mortgagor/s, BESTRE F. GABRIEL married to EDNA V. GABRIEL with residence and postal address at: 1) 2361 A1 A. Arellano Street, San Andres Bukid, Sta. Ana, Manila; and 2.) Lot 10 Block 3 Phase 6 Wellington Place at Mary Cris Complex, Santiago, Gen. Trias, Cavite to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness as of 25 July 2023 amounts to SIX HUNDRED FIVE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED TWENTY TWO PESOS and 09/100 (P605,922.09), excluding penalties, charges, attorney's fees and expenses of

foreclosure the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on January 23, 2024 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning until 12:00 noon at the main entrance of the Government Center Bldg. located at the Provincial Capitol Compound, Trece Martires City, to the highest bidder of CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following described property with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE No. 057-2016018203

A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 10, BLK. 3 OF THE CONSOLIDATION AND SUBDIVISION PLAN PCS-04-024827, BEING A PORTION OF THE CONSOLIDATION OF LOTS 2532-A-17 TO 2532-A-22, PSD-04-041373 (AR) & LOTS 2514 & 2515, SAN FRANCISCO DE MALABON ESTATE, L.R.C. REC. NO. 5964) SITUATED IN THE BARRIO OF SANTIAGO, MUNICIPALITY OF GEN. TRIAS, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON. BOUNDED ON THE NW., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 9, BLK. 3; ON THE NE., ALONG LINE 2-3 BY ROAD LOT 16; ON THE SE., ALONG LINE 3-4 BY LOT 11, BLK. 3 AND ON THE SW., ALONG LINE 4-1 BY LOT 38, BLK. 3 ALL OF THE CONSOLIDATION AND SUBDIVISION PLAN. BEGINNING AT A POINT MARKED "1" ON PLAN, XXX CONTAINING AN AREA OF FIFTY SQUARE METERS (50), MORE OR LESS XXX

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 February 6, 2024 without further notice.

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

Trece Martires City December 29 2023

RICARDO A. TOLEDO
Sheriff IV

Copy Furnished:
HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND
c/o ATTY. MELANIO A. BADENAS JR. Attorney-in-Fact,
GCCS & Associates Corp.
Rm. 209, Megastate Bldg., No. 737, G. Araneta Avenue
Tatalon, Quezon City

BESTRE F. GABRIEL married to EDNA V. GABRIEL
2361 Al A. Arellano Street, San Andres Bukid, Sta. Ana,
Manila
Lot 10 Block 3 Phase 6 Wellington Place at Mary Cris
Complex, Santiago, Gen. Trias, Cavite

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HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND,
Mortgagee,

Foreclosure Case No. F-1182-23

-versus-

JESSIE D. TOVERA married to EMELYNE C. TOVERA
Mortgagor/s,
X-----X

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Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act. 4118, filed by Mortgagee, HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND, with business address at The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen. Gil. Puyat Avenue, Makati City against the Mortgagor/s, JESSIE D. TOVERA married to EMELYNE C. TOVERA with residence and postal address at BLK 224 #09-257, CHOA CHU KANG CENTRAL, SINGAPORE AND LOT 1 AND LOT 3, BLK 4, REGINA VILLE 2000, BRGY. INOCENCIO, TRECE MARTIRES CITY, CAVITE to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness as of 20 September 2023 amounts to FIVE HUNDRED NINETEEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SIX PESOS & 67/100 (P 519,306.67), excluding penalties, charges, attorney's fees and expenses of foreclosure the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on January 24, 2024 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning until 12:00 noon at the main entrance

of the Government Center Bldg. located at the Provincial Capitol Compound, Trece Martires City, to the highest bidder of CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following described property with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-58260

A parcel of land (Lot 1, Blk 4 of the subd. plan, Pcs-04-101657, being a portion of lot 3987, Fls-2654, Sta Cruz de Malabon Estate, LRC. Rec. No.), situated in the Brgy. of Inocencio, City of Trece Martires. Bounded on the S., along line 1-2 by lot 3, blk. 4; on the W., along lines 2-3-4 by Rd. lot 3 (6.50 m. w.); on the NW., along line 4-5 by Rd. lot 1 (8.00m.w.); on the E., along line 5-1 by lot 2, blk. 4, all of the subd. plan. Beginning at a pt. marked "1" on plan. XXX CONTAINING AN AREA OF SIXTY THREE (63) SQ. METERS, XXX

Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-58261-

A parcel of land (lot 3, blk. 4, of the subd. plan, Psd-04-101657, being a portion of lot 3987, Fls- 2654, Sta Cruz de Malabon Estate, LRC. Rec. No.), situated in the Brgy. of Inocencio, City of Trece Martires. Bounded on the E., along line 1-2 by lot 4; on the S., along line 2-3 by lot 5; both of blk. 4; on the W., along line 3-4 by Rd. lot 3 (6.50 m.wide); on the N., along line 4-1 by lot 1, blk. 4, all of the subd. plan. Beginning at a pt. marked "1" on plan, being N. 06 deg. 57'E., 894.92 m. fr. Mon. #1, Sta Cruz de Malabon Estate. thence S. 05 deg. 18'E., 4.00m. to pt.2; thence S. 84 deg. 42'W., 10.00m. to pt. 3; thence N. 05 deg. 18'W., 4.00m. to pt. 4; thence N. 84 deg. 42'E., 10.00m. to the pt. of beginning, containing an area of FORTY (40) SQ. METERS.

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 February 7, 2024 without further notice.

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

Trece Martires City December 29, 2023.

RICARDO A. TOLEDO
Sheriff IV

Copy Furnished:

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND
c/o ATTY. RIZALDY F. DE LEON
Attorney-in-Fact, Bernales & Associates
Suite 6 Third Floor, A. Francisco Gold Condominium 1, 784
EDSA West Kamias District, Quezon City

JESSIE D. TOVERA married to EMELYNE C. TOVERA
BLK 224 #09-257, CHOA CHU KANG CENTRAL,
SINGAPORE
LOT 1 AND LOT 3, BLK 4, REGINA VILLE 2000, BRGY.
INOCENCIO, TRECE MARTIRES CITY, CAVITE

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TRECE MARTIRES CITY

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND
Mortgagee,

-versus-

IRENE V. ABAIGAR
Mortgagor/s.

X

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-1032-23

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed by Mortgagee, HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND, with business address at The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City, against the Mortgagor/s, IRENE V. ABAIGAR with residence and postal address at Lot 16 Blk 38 Mahogany Street, Brgy. Sto. Nino, Pasay City and, Lot 23 Block 19 Kalliste Tanza Subdivision, Brgy. Bagtas, Tanza, Cavite to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of 25 July 2023 amounts to THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY FOUR THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FIFTY SEVEN PESOS AND 45/100 (P374,357.45), excluding penalties charges, attorney's fees and expenses of foreclosure, the undersigned

Sheriff will set at public auction on January 24, 2024 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning until 12:00 noon at the main entrance of the Government Center Building located at the Provincial Capitol Compound, Trece Martires City, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency the following described property/ies with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 057-2018014102

A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 23, BLOCK 19, OF THE CONS-SUBDIVISION PLAN, PCS-04-027732, BEING A PORTION OF THE CONS. OF LOT 2054-B, PSD-04-095009; BLOCKS 1, 2 & 3; BLOCK 50; ROAD LOTS 1, 2 & 3, PCS-04-016562, LRC RECORD NO. 5832), SITUATED IN THE BARANGAY OF BAGTAS, MUNICIPALITY OF TANZA, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON. BOUNDED ON THE NW., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY ALLEY 15; ON THE NE., ALONG LINE 2-3 BY LOT 22; ON THE SE., ALONG LINE 3-4 BY LOT 9; AND ON THE SW., ALONG LINE 4-1 BY LOT 24; ALL OF BLOCK 19; ALL OF THE CONS-SUBDIVISION PLAN. BEGINNING AT A POINT MARKED "1" ON PLAN XXX CONTAINING AN AREA OF THIRTY SIX (36) SQ. M. XXX

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 February 7, 2024 without further notice.

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

Trece Martires City, December 29, 2023.

JOANNAH AVIGAIL C. TIMKANG
Sheriff IV

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

C/O ATTY. POMPEYO P. MAYNIGO
Vision Credit & Collection Services Incorporated
JRDC Building 117 Sen Gil J. Puyat Ave, Pasay City

IRENE V. ABAIGAR
Lot 16 Blk 38 Mahogany Street, Brgy. Sto. Nino, Pasay City
and,
Lot 23 Block 19 Kalliste Tanza Subdivision, Brgy. Bagtas,
Tanza, Cavite

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Regional Trial Court of Cavite
Office of the Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff
New Justice Hall, J.P. Rizal Avenue, Kaybagal
South, Tagaytay City

ERIC M. BERNABE,
Mortgagee,

-versus-

SPS. GLEN MARVIN B. JAUCIAN and
MARY CLAIRE D. JAUCIAN,
Mortgagor,

EJF NO. TG-23-130

FOR: Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of Real Estate Mortgage
under Act No. 3135, as amended

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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, ERIC M. BERNABE, of legal age, Filipino, residing at No. Blk. 2, Lot 6, St. Jude Rosalia Village, Tandang Sora, Quezon City, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Real Estate Mortgage ("MORTGAGE") executed and notarized on September 16, 2019 by Mortgagors, SPS. GLEN MARVIN B. JAUCIAN and MARY CLAIRE D. JAUCIAN, Filipinos, all of legal age, and with residence and postal addresses at (1) Lot 26, Blk 13, Chateaux de Paris Subd., Brgy. Inchican, Silang, Cavite and (2) No. 201 Dannara Condo, 1131 Metropolitan Ave., La Paz, Makati City, in favor of the Mortgagee, over a real estate property including improvements thereon, described in and covered by TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 076-2016006607 of the Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City, in order to satisfy the outstanding loan obligation of the Mortgagors/Borrowers in the amount of TWENTY SEVEN MILLION SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (Php27,600,000.00) inclusive of interest, penalties and other charges, as of September 2023, the undersigned Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff of the Regional Trial Court of Cavite thru her deputy, Alex E. Martinez, will

sell at public auction on February 1, 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. 076-2016006607
Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City

"IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in the BRGY. OF INCHICAN, MUNICIPALITY OF SILANG, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON bounded and describes as follows:

A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 26, BLOCK 13, OF THE SUBDIVISION PLAN PSD-04-189132, BEING A PORTION OF LOT 1, BLOCK 30, PSD-04-180338, LRC RECORD NO.), SITUATED IN THE BRGY. OF INCHICAN, MUNICIPALITY OF SILANG, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON. BOUNDED ON THE SW., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 29, BLOCK 14, PCS-04-020895; ALONG LINE 2-3 BY LOT 30, BLOCK 14, PCS-04-020895; ON THE SE., ALONG LINE 3-4 BY LOT 27, BLOCK 13, ON THE SW., ALONG LINE 4-5-6- BY ROAD LOT 11; AND ON THE NW., ALONG LINE 6-1 BY LOT 25, BLOCK 13, ALL OF THE SUBD., PLAN. BEGINNING AT A POINT MARKED "1" ON PLAN, BEING N. 75 DEG. 17' E., 8298.74 M. FROM BLLM NO. 1, SILANG, CAVITE. THENCE S. 23 DEG. 06'E., 6.74 M. TO POINT 2; THENCE S. 23 DEG. 06'E., 8.26 M. TO POINT 3; THENCE S. 66 DEG. 53'W., 14.99 M. TO POINT 4; THENCE N. 23 DEG. 06'W., 13.79 M. TO POINT 5; THENCE N. 23 DEG. 00'W., 1.22 M. TO POINT 6; THENCE N. 66 DEG. 55'E., 15.00 M. TO POINT 5N 66-54 E, 15.00 M. TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING AN AREA OF TWO HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE (225) SQ. M. ALL POINTS REFERRED TO ARE INDICATED ON THE PLAN AND ARE MARKED ON THE GROUND BY P.S CYL. CONC. MONS. 15 x 40 CM., BEARINGS TRUE; DATE OF ORIGINAL SURVEY: JULY 19, 2005 AND THAT OF THE SUBD. SURVEY, AUGUST 7-17, 2006 AND WAS APPROVED ON JANUARY 24, 2007. is registered in accordance with the provision of the Property Registration Decree in the name of Owner: GLENN MARVIN B. JAUCIAN, MARRIED TO MARY CLAIRE D. JAUCIAN, FILIPINOS Address: 201 DANNARA CONDO, 1131 METROPOLITAN AVENUE, LA PAZ, MAKATI CITY
In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on February 8, 2024, without further notice.

Prospective bidders or buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate and verify for themselves the TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 2016006607 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, December 11, 2023.

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

ALEX E. MARTINEZ
Sheriff-In-Charge

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ERIC M. BERNABE
Mortgagee
No. Blk. 2, Lot 6, St. Jude Rosalia Village, Tandang Sora, Quezon City

ATTY. ROWENA A. MARTIN
Counsel for the Mortgagee
AYUBO AND MARTIN LAW OFFICES
No. 97-C Macabagdal St., Brgy. 88, Zone 8, District 2, Caloocan City

GLEN MARVIN B. JAUCIAN
MARY CLAIRE D. JAUCIAN
Mortgagor
Lot 26, Blk 13, Chateaux de Paris Subd., Brgy. Inchican, Silang, Cavite
No. 201 Dannara Condo, 1131 Metropolitan Ave., La Paz, Makati City

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HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND
Mortgagee,

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-928-23

-versus-

JONAH M. FRANCISCO
Mortgagor/s.

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undersigned Sheriff will set at public auction on January 23, 2024 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning until 12:00 noon at the main entrance of the Government Center Building located at the Provincial Capitol Compound, Trece Martires City, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency the following described property/ies with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-52353-

A parcel of land (Lot 15, Blk. 21 of the cons./subd. plan, Pcs-04-013723, being a portion of Lots 3525-A to C, 3525-E to J, 3525-L, Psd-04-020462, & 3523, Fls-1839, Sta. Cruz de Malabon Estate, LRC Rec. No.), situated in the Bo. of Luciano, Mun. of Trece Martires, Prov. of Cavite, Is. of Luzon. Bounded on the SE , along line 1-2 by Lot 28, Blk. 21; on the SW., along line 2-3 by Lot 14, Blk. 21; on the NW., along line 3-4 by Rd. Lot 13; on the NE., along line 4-1 by Lot 16, Blk. 21, all of the cons./subd. plan. Beginning at a pt. marked "1" on plan XXX CONTAINING AN AREA OF FORTY (40) SQ. METERS.
XXX

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Trece Martires City, December 29, 2023

JOANNAH AVIGAIL C. TIMKANG
Sheriff IV

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

C/O PAULINO E. CASES JR
Cases Collection Management, Inc.
Unit 408 Cityland Condominium 10 Tower II 154 H.V. dela Costa Street, Salcedo Village, Makati City

JONAH M. FRANCISCO
Lot 28, Block 142, Phase 1-C Kagitingan Road, Karangalan Village, Cainta, Rizal and,
Lot 15, Block 21 Tradition Homes, BO. Luciana, Trece Martires City, Cavite

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Penalties vs. 'colorum' PUVs reach P20.8-M in December

By Raymond Carl Dela Cruz

MANILA – The penalties for apprehended “colorum” or unregistered public utility vehicles (PUVs) have reached PHP20.8 million for the whole month of December, the Department of Transportation (DOTr) said Tuesday.

In a statement, the DOTr said the penalties were collected as part of a “sweeping crackdown” operationalized by the Special Action and Intelligence Committee for Transportation (SAICT), the Land Transportation Office (LTO), and the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG).

“The substantial fines of PHP200,000 per

van and PHP1 million per bus imposed on offenders reflect the government’s unwavering commitment to prioritizing road safety for all commuters,” it said.

The anti-colorum campaign, it said, targeted unauthorized PUVs “with the sole purpose of safeguarding the welfare of road users.”

“The DOTr anticipates that more illegal and unregistered vehicles will be exposed as their intensified campaign continues,” it said.

The department called on the public to report to the SAICT any suspicious or unauthorized transportation services by calling its commuter hotline at 0920-964-3687. (PNA)



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HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND,
Mortgagee,

Foreclosure Case No. F-1184-23

-versus-

MARK ANTHONY A. BANTACULO, is herein represented by
JENNELYN MERELOS as his Attorney-in- Fact

Mortgagor/s.

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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 Mortgagee, HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND, with business address at The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen. Gil. Puyat Avenue, Makati City against the Mortgagor/s, MARK ANTHONY A. BANTACULO, is herein represented by JENNELYN MERELOS as his Attorney-in- Fact, with residence and postal address at 8 SAN NICOLAS BLDG., EMMAUS VILL., MOONWALK, LAS PIÑAS CITY AND LOT 81 BLOCK 17, LIORA HOMES, PHASE 1, BARANGAY SANTIAGO, GEN. TRIAS, CAVITE to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness as of 20 September 2023 amounts to EIGHT HUNDRED NINETY NINE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED TWENTY TWO

PESOS & 94/100 (P 899,222.94), excluding penalties, charges, attorney's fees and expenses of foreclosure the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on January 24, 2024 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning until 12:00 noon at the main entrance of the Government Center Bldg. located at the Provincial Capitol Compound, Trece Martires City, to the highest bidder of CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following described property with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 057-2022012324

LOT NO: 81 BLOCK NO: 17 PLAN NO: PCS-04-027824

PORTION OF: THE CONSOLIDATION OF LOTS 3161-A & 3161-B, PSD-04-004764 & LOT 2529-E, (LRA) PSD-426079; LRC REC. NO. 5964

LOCATION: BARANGAY OF SANTIAGO, MUNICIPALITY OF GEN. TRIAS, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON

BOUNDARIES:

LINE	DIRECTION	ADJOINING LOT(S)
1-2	NW	LOT 80, BLOCK 17, PCS-04-027824
2-3	NE	LOT 2539, SAN FRANCISCO DE MALABON ESTATE
3-4	SE	LOT 82, BLOCK 17, PCS-04-027824
4-1	SW	ROAD LOT 22 (8.00 M. WIDE), PCS-04-027824

AREA: FORTY EIGHT (48) SQUARE METERS

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 February 7, 2024 without further notice.

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

Trece Martires City December 29, 2123.

RICARDO A. TOLEDO
Sheriff IV

Copy Furnished:

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND
c/o ATTY. RIZALDY F. DE LEON
Attorney-in-Fact, Bernales & Associates
Suite 6 Third Floor, A. Francisco Gold Condominium 1, 784 EDSA West Kamias District, Quezon City

MARK ANTHONY A. BANTACULO, is herein represented by JENNELYN MERELOS as his Attorney-in- Fact
8 SAN NICOLAS BLDG., EMMAUS VILL., MOONWALK, LAS PIÑAS CITY
LOT 81 BLOCK 17, LIORA HOMES, PHASE 1, BARANGAY SANTIAGO, GEN. TRIAS, CAVITE

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
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TRECE MARTIRES CITY

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND,
Mortgagee,

-versus-
JENNIFER LOZADA,
Mortgagor/s,

Foreclosure Case No. F-1225-23

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THIRTY THREE PESOS & 40/100 (P179,533.40), Philippine Currency, including interest, penalties, and other charges as of said date but exclusive of all the other expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on January 24, 2024 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at the main entrance of the Government Center Bldg. located at the Provincial Capitol Compound, Trece Martires City, to the highest bidder of CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following described property with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-590548-

A parcel of land (Lot 57 Blk-49 of the cons. subd. plan, Pcs-04-010708, being a portion of the cons.of Lot 2053-A, Psd-04-079731 & Lot 2052-A-2, Psd-04-079522, LRC Rec. No.), sit. in the Brgy. of Bagtas, Mun. of Tanza, Prov. of Cavite. Bounded on the SW., along line 1-2 by Lot 58, Blk 49; on the NW., along line 2-3 by Lot 55 Blk-49; on the NE., along line 3-4 by Rd. Lot 15; on the SE., along line 4-1 by Lot 59 Blk-49 all of the cons. subd. plan, Beginning at a pt. marked "I" on plan xxx containing an area of THIRTY FIVE (35) SQ. M. xxx

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 February 7, 2024 without further notice.

Prospective bidders/buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title to the said property and encumbrances thereon, if any there be

Trece Martires City December 29, 2023.

ANDRES B. ESPINA
Sheriff IV

Copy Furnished:

Home Development and Mutual Fund
c/o ATTY. MELANIO A. BADENAS JR. Attorney-in-Fact,
GCCS & Associates Corp.
RM.209 Megastate Bldg., No. 737 G. Arancta Ave., Tatalon, Quezon City

JENNIFER LOZADA

840 San Jose St., Poblacion, Las Piñas, Metro Manila
Lot 57 Block 49 Phase 2 Carissa Homes-Tanza, Bagtas, Tanza, Cavite

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TRECE MARTIRES CITY CAVITE

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND,
Mortgagee,

-versus-

ROLLY M. CALLAO married to JAQUILEN J. CALLAO
Mortgagor/s,

Foreclosure Case No. F-1069-23

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

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PESOS & 22/100 (P 567,580.22), excluding penalties, charges, attorney's fees and expenses of foreclosure the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on January 24, 2024 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning until 12:00 noon at the main entrance of the Government Center Bldg. located at the Provincial Capitol Compound, Trece Martires City, to the highest bidder of CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following described property with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 057-2016063953

A parcel of land (Lot 7, Blk. 38 of the consolidation and subdivision plan Pcs-04-024827, being a portion of the consolidation of Lots 2532-A-17 to 2532-A-22, Psd-04-041373 (AR) & Lots 2514 & 2515, San Francisco de Malabon Estate, L.R.C. Rec. No. 5964) situated in the Barrio of Santiago, Municipality of Gen. Trias, Province of Cavite, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the SE., along line 1-2 by Road Lot 38; on the SW., along line 2-3 by Lot 6, Blk 38; on the NW., along line 3-4 by Lot 8, Blk 40; on the NW., along line 4-5 by Lot 9, Blk. 40 and on the NE., along line 5-1 by Lot 8, Blk 38 all of the consolidation and subdivision plan. Beginning at a point marked "1" on plan. XXX CONTAINING AN AREA OF FIFTY (50) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS XXX

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 February 7, 2024 without further notice.

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

Trece Martires City December 29, 2023.

RICARDO A. TOLEDO
Sheriff IV

Copy Furnished:

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND
c/o ATTY. POMPEYO P. MAYNIGO
Vision Credit & Collection Services Incorporated JRDC
Building 117 Sen Gil J. Puyat Ave. Pasay City

ROLLY M. CALLAO married to JAQUILEN J. CALLAO
KHAI COMPOUND, BRGY. MERVILLE, PASAY CITY
LOT 7 BLOCK 38 PHASE 8 WELINGTON PLACE AT MARY CRIS COMPLEX, PASONG CAMACHILE II, GENERAL TRIAS, CAVITE

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TRECE MARTIRES CITY CAVITE

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND,
Mortgagee,

-versus-

FELOMINA A. ACOL,
Mortgagor/s,

Foreclosure Case No. F-1247-23
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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 Mortgagee, HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND, with business address at The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City against the Mortgagor/s, FELOMINA A. ACOL with residence and postal address at: 1.) LOT 5 BLOCK 43 BAUTISTA SAMPALOC IV ZONE V, DASMARIÑAS, CAVITE; and 2.) LOT 18, BLOCK 31 WELLINGTON PLACE, SANTIAGO, GEN. TRIAS, CAVITE to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness as of 17 August 2023 amounts to SIX HUNDRED NINETY THREE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY FIVE PESOS & 48/100 (P 693,285.48), excluding penalties, charges,

attorney's fees and expenses of foreclosure the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on January 24, 2024 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning until 12:00 noon at the main entrance of the Government Center Bldg. located at the Provincial Capitol Compound, Trece Martires City, to the highest bidder of CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following described property with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE No. 057-2012026614

A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 18, BLK 31 OF THE CONSOLIDATION AND SUBDIVISION PLAN PCS-04-024827, BEING A PORTION OF THE CONSOLIDATION OF LOTS 2532-A-17 TO 2532-A-22, PSD-04-041373 (AR) & LOTS 2514 & 2515, SAN FRANCISCO DE MALABON ESTATE, L. R. C. RECORD NO. 5964) SITUATED IN BARRIO OF SANTIAGO, MUNICIPALITY OF GEN. TRIAS, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON. BOUNDED ON THE NW., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 17, BLK 31; ON THE NE., ALONG LINE 2-3 BY ROAD LOT 29; ON THE SE., ALONG LINE 3-4 BY LOT 19, BLK. 31, AND ON THE SW., ALONG LINE 4-1 BY LOT 27, BLK. 31 ALL OF THE CONSOLIDATION AND SUBDIVISION PLAN. BEGINNING AT A POINT MARKED "1" ON PLAN. XXX CONTAINING AN AREA OF FORTY TWO (42) SQUARE METERS, XXX

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 February 7, 2024 without further notice.

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

Trece Martires City December 29, 2023.

RICARDO A. TOLEDO
Sheriff IV

Copy Furnished:
HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND
c/o ATTY. MELANIO A. BADENAS JR. Attorney-in-Fact,
GCCS & Associates Corp.
Rm. 209, Megastate Bldg., No. 737, G. Araneta Avenue
Tatalon, Quezon City

FELOMINA A. ACOL
LOT 5 BLOCK 43 BAUTISTA SAMPALOC IV ZONE V,
DASMARIÑAS, CAVITE
LOT 18, BLOCK 31 WELLINGTON PLACE, SANTIAGO,
GEN. TRIAS, CAVITE

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TRECE MARTIRES CITY

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND
Mortgagee,

-versus-

GINA BIGTAS DIAZ MARRIED TO TOMAS JOSEPH
LOPEZ DIAZ
Mortgagor/s.

FORECLOSURE CASE NO, F-1123-23
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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 Mortgagee, HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND, with business address at The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City, against the Mortgagor/s, GINA BIGTAS DIAZ MARRIED TO TOMAS JOSEPH LOPEZ DIAZ with residence and postal address at #4334-A Albina St., Sta. Mesa, Manila and, Lot 8, Blk. 21 Heneral Uno, Barangay Pasong Kawayan, General Trias, Cavite to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of 31 July 2023 amounts to THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY SIX THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY PESOS AND 93/100 (P386,730.93),

excluding penalties, charges, attorney's fees and expenses of foreclosure, the undersigned Sheriff will set at public auction on January 24, 2024 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning until 12:00 noon at the main entrance of the Government Center Building located at the Provincial Capitol Compound, Trece Martires City, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency the following described property/ies with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 057-2016071080

A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 8, BLK 21 OF THE CONSOLIDATION-SUBDIVISION PLAN PCS-04-027483, BEING A PORTION OF LOT 3183, SAN FRANCISCO DE MALABON ESTATE, RS-04-002268 AND LOT 3299, SAN FRANCISCO DE MALABON ESTATE, RS-04-001981) SITUATED IN THE BARANGAY OF PASONG KAWAYAN, MUNICIPALITY OF GENERAL TRIAS, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON. BOUNDED ON THE NW., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 21, BLK 21; ON THE NE., ALONG LINE 2-3 BY LOT 7, BLK 21; ON THE SE., ALONG LINE 3-4 BY ROAD LOT 6 (6.50 M. WIDE), AND ON THE SW., ALONG LINE 4-1 BY LOT 9, BLK 21 ALL OF THE CONSOLIDATION-SUBDIVISION PLAN. BEGINNING AT A POINT MARKED "1" ON PLAN XXX CONTAINING AN AREA OF FIFTY SEVEN (57) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS XXX

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 February 7, 2024 without further notice.

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

Trece Martires City, December 29, 2023.

JOANNAH AVIGAIL C. TIMKANG
Sheriff IV

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

C/O ATTY. SIMEON P. MADRID
S. P. Madrid & Associates
Unit 2010 20/F Herrera Tower, V.A. Rufino cor. Valero Streets,
Makati City

GINA BIGTAS DIAZ MARRIED TO TOMAS JOSEPH LOPEZ
DIAZ
#4334-A Albina St., Sta. Mesa, Manila and,
Lot 8, Blk. 21 Heneral Uno, Barangay Pasong Kawayan,
General Trias, Cavite

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TRECE MARTIRES CITY

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND
Mortgagee,

-versus-

RENIA S. MADALI,
Mortgagor/s.

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-1066-23
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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 Mortgagee, HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND, with business address at The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City against the Mortgagor/s, RENIA S. MADALI with residence and postal address at LOT 2 BLOCK 6 GREEN-MARK 2, MALAGASANG, IMUS, CAVITE and LOT 31 BLOCK 4 PHASE 1 LUMINA GENERAL TRIAS, BRGY SANTIAGO, GENERAL TRIAS, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of 25 July 2023 amounts to EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY FOUR THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED NINETY THREE PESOS & 01/100 (P834,193.01), Philippine Currency, including interest, penalties and other charges as of said date but exclusive of all other expenses incidental

to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will set at public auction on January 24, 2024 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning until 12:00 noon at the main entrance of the Government Center Building located at the Provincial Capitol Compound, Trece Martires City, 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. 057-2019049798

LOT NO: 31 BLOCK. NO: 4 PLAN NO: PCS-04-029720
PORTION OF: LOTS 3165-B, PSD-71285 AND 3170-B-2, PSD-04-238085
LOCATION: BARANGAY SANTIAGO, GENERAL TRIAS, CAVITE

BOUNDARIES:
LINE DIRECTION ADJOINING LOT(S)
1-2 NW ROAD LOT 4, PCS-04-029720
2-3 NE LOT 32, BLOCK 4, PCS-04-029720
3-4 SE LOT 6, BLOCK 4, PCS-04-029720
4-5 SE LOT 7, BLOCK 4, PCS-04-029720
5-1 SW LOT 30, BLOCK 4, PCS-04-029720
XXXX
AREA: THIRTY-SIX SQUARE METERS (36), MORE OR LESS

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 February 7, 2024 without further notice.

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

Trece Martires City, December 29, 2023.

ANDRES B. ESPINA
Sheriff IV

Copy Furnished:

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND
c/o POMPEYO P. MAYNIGO, Atty-In-Fact,
VISION CREDIT & COLLECTION SERVICES
INCORPORATED.
JRDC Building 117 Sen. Gil. J. Puyat Ave. Pasay City

RENIA S. MADALI,
Lot 2 Block 6 Green-Mark 2, Malagasang, Imus, Cavite
Lot 31 Block 4 Phase 1 Lumina General Trias, Brgy. Santiago,
General Trias, Cavite

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TRECE MARTIRES CITY

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND
Mortgagee,

-versus-

MARIA TERESA HALOG
Mortgagor/s.

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-1030-23
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SIX HUNDRED FIFTY PESOS AND 75/100 (P206,650.75), excluding penalties, charges, attorney's fees and expenses of foreclosure, the undersigned Sheriff will set at public auction on January 24, 2024 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning until 12:00 noon at the main entrance of the Government Center Building located at the Provincial Capitol Compound, Trece Martires City, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency the following described property/ies with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-568385-

A parcel of land (Lot 8, Blk. 18 of the subd. Plan Psd-04-076814, being a portion of Lot 2052-B, Psd-042120-076417, L.R.C. Rec. No.), situated in the Brgy. Of Bagtas, Mun. of Tanza, Prov. Of Cavite, Is. Of Luzon. Bounded on the SW., along line 1-2 by Lot 6, Blk. 18; on the NW., along line 2-3 by Rd. Lot 6; on the NE., along line 3-4 by lot 10, Blk. 18; on the SE., along line 4-1 by Lot 9 Blk. 18, all of the subd. plan. Beginning at a pt. marked "1" on plan XXX CONTAINING AN AREA OF FIFTY THREE SQ.M. & FIFTY SQUARE DECIMETERS (53.50) XXX

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

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

Trece Martires City, December 29, 2023.

JOANNAH AVIGAIL C. TIMKANG
Sheriff IV

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

C/O ATTY. POMPEYO P. MAYNIGO
Vision Credit & Collection Services Incorporated
JRDC Building 117 Sen Gil J. Puyat Ave. Pasay City

MARIA TERESA HALOG
No. 20 Gen. Luna St., Moq., Malacañang Park, Manila and, Lot 8 Block 18 Phase 1 Carissa Homes, Brgy. Bagtas, Tanza, Cavite

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TRECE MARTIRES CITY

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND,
Mortgagee,

-versus-

ELEAZAR C. DELA CERNA,
Mortgagor/s.

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-978-23
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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 Mortgagee, HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (otherwise known as PAG-IBIG Fund), with business address at The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City, against the Mortgagor/s, ELEAZAR C. DELA CERNA, with residence and postal address at No. 406, Bo. Bayanihan CAA Compound, Pal Gate 2, Nichols, Pasay City and Lot 10, Block 12, Phase 3, Carissa Homes-Tanza, Bagtas, Tanza, Cavite to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of 18 July 2023 amounts to ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY NINE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY EIGHT PESOS & 67/100 (P189,788.67) exclusive of interest, other charges, attorney's fees and e

xpenses of foreclosure, the undersigned Sheriff will set at public auction on January 23, 2024 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning until 12:00 noon at the main entrance of the Government Center Building located at the Provincial Capitol Compound, Trece Martires City, 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. T-644970-

A parcel of land (Lot 10, Blk. 12, of the cons. subd. plan, Pcs-04-011074, being a portion of the cons. of Lot 2052-A-1-B, Psd-04-084775 & Lot 2053-B-2, Psd-04-084774, L.R.C. Rec. No.), situated in the Brgy. of Bagtas, Mun. of Tanza, Prov. of Cavite, Is. of Luzon. Bounded on the NW., along line 1-2, by Lot 9, Blk. 12; on the NE., along line 2-3 by Alley 23; on the SE., along line 3-4 by Lot 11; and on the SW., along line 4-5, by Lot 13; and along line 5-1 by Lot 7, all Blk. 12, all of the cons. subd. plan. Beginning at a pt. marked "1" on plan X X X containing an area of THIRTY FIVE (35) SQUARE METERS. X X X

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 February 06, 2024 without further notice.

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

Trece Martires City, December 29, 2023

JOANNAH AVIGAIL C. TIMKANG

Sheriff IV

Copy Furnished:

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

ATTY. MAYBELLE JOY E. BERNALES
ANCHOR COLLECTION SERVICES INC.
Bldg. #2 Malakas cor. Mapagmahal St., Brgy. Pinyahan, Quezon City

ELEAZAR C. DELA CERNA
No. 406, Bo. Bayanihan CAA Compound, Pal Gate 2, Nichols, Pasay City
Lot 10, Block 12, Phase 3, Carissa Homes-Tanza, Bagtas, Tanza, Cavite

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Protected bicycle lanes get P1-B funding in 2024 budget

By Filane Mikee Cervantes

MANILA – Congress has increased to PHP1 billion the funding for the Active Transport and Safe Pathways Program (ATSP) to accelerate the development of protected bicycle lanes.

In a statement on Tuesday, Quezon City Rep. Marvin Rillo said Congress doubled this year's funding of PHP500 million that the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) had initially requested when it first submitted the budget for congressional approval.

"In the 2024 General Appropriations Law, we bumped up to PHP1 billion the budget for bicycle lanes with durable physical separation from mixed traffic lanes," Rillo said. "This is our way of reassuring Filipinos that cycling is a sustainable alternative mode of mobility."

"We are absolutely determined to promote cycling and lessen harmful motor vehicle emissions in the interest of public health," Rillo said.

Rillo said the program received PHP705 million in 2023 and PHP2 billion in 2022.

The ATSP has so far put up 564 kilometers of bicycle lanes throughout Metro Manila, Metro Cebu, and Metro Davao as of June 2023, he noted.

The Department of Transportation projects the country's bicycle lane network to reach 2,400 kilometers by 2028.

The ATSP bankrolls the construction, maintenance, and improvement of protected bicycle lanes and pedestrian walkways in metropolitan areas, highly urbanized cities, and independent component cities.

It finances the procurement of bicycle racks, the development of end-of-trip cycling and support facilities, and the upgrading of pop-up bicycle lanes into permanent ones.

Under the program, cycling and pedestrian infrastructure shall be protected and shall include shaded walkways and urban shade trees wherever feasible.

Pedestrian walkways and crossings shall, by default, be at-grade for the inclusion of persons with disability, senior citizens, pregnant women, children with strollers, tourists with luggage, and parents with children. (PNA)

DOE asked to explain delay in submission of new energy roadmap

MANILA – Senator Sherwin Gatchalian on Wednesday asked the Department of Energy (DOE) to explain the delay in submitting a new energy roadmap to Congress and urged the agency to do so promptly.

The country's Philippine Energy Plan (PEP), which extends up to 2050, seeks to increase the use of renewable energy and come up with an energy mix towards a clean energy scenario.

"The Philippine Energy Plan will be the foundation for achieving cleaner energy, promoting economic growth, and enhancing the well-being of our people," Gatchalian in a statement.

According to the senator, the DOE is supposed to submit to Congress an updated energy roadmap by Sept. 15 of each year as mandated under Republic Act 9136, also known as the Electric Power Industry Reform Act (EPIRA).

"The submission of the PEP is already more than three months overdue. The DOE needs to comply with this requirement immediately," Gatchalian said.

The Philippines' current renewable energy goals are at 35 percent by 2030 and 50 percent by 2040.

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“Hindi katanggap-tanggap na naantala na nang husto ang pinakahuling Energy Plan na napakaimportanteng dokumento para maisulong nang husto ang sapat at malinis na suplay ng enerhiya sa bansa (It is unacceptable that the latest Energy Plan, which is a very important document to significantly promote adequate and clean energy supply in the country, has been delayed so much),” he added.

As per the DOE, the PEP is a comprehensive roadmap for the energy sector, ensuring sustainable, stable, secure, sufficient, accessible, and reasonably-priced energy. (with a report from Leonel Abasola/PNA)

PH gov't still getting info if any Filipino among JAL flight

By Joyce Ann L. Rocamora

MANILA – The Philippine Embassy in Japan is still getting information whether any Filipino was among the passengers of the Japan Airlines plane that burst into flames after colliding with a Japanese Coast Guard aircraft on Jan. 2.

“Hopefully, there were no Filipinos among them,” Philippine Ambassador to Japan Mylene Albano said in a CNN Philippines interview on Wednesday.

The envoy said all 367 passengers and crew of JAL Flight 516 managed to evacuate but 14 sustained injuries.

Five of the six crew members onboard the coast guard plane died in the collision.

“(The Japan Airlines) are not able to give out information because of privacy issues but we continue to persist, especially if we have a Filipino onboard who may need travel documents in case their papers were burned down,” Albano said.

She said the Embassy is ready to provide any assistance should there be Filipinos among them.

Japanese public broadcaster NHK reported that the JAL flight was given permission to land on Haneda Airport's C-runway from New Chitose Airport in Hokkaido before it collided with the Japan Coast Guard plane around 6 p.m. (local time) on Jan. 2.

The smaller aircraft was en route to Niigata Prefecture to deliver aid following a massive earthquake that struck the region on New Year's Day. (PNA)

PH one of top performing Asian countries in 2023

By Anna Leah Gonzales

MANILA – The Philippine economy grew by 5.9 percent in the third quarter of the year, bringing the year-to-date economic growth to 5.5 percent.

National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) Secretary Arsenio Balisacan said this makes the Philippines among the best-performing economies in Asia.

“In the face of many domestic and international challenges, we have effectively implemented the appropriate strategies to sustain the economy's forward momentum,” he said.

Balisacan said real gross domestic product (GDP) per capita already recovered and exceeded its pre-pandemic level.

He noted that most sectors have already reached higher levels than their pre-pandemic performance.

“While some sectors such as mining and quarrying, construction, transportation and storage, accommodation and food service, real estate, and other services have not yet fully recovered as of the end of the third quarter, this also implies that we can still look to these sectors as continued growth drivers of our economy, especially as we continue boosting efforts to promote tourism and ramp up the construction of major projects,” Balisacan said.

Infrastructure flagship projects

In a bid to further boost growth, the NEDA Board chaired by President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr., approved 197 infrastructure flagship projects amounting to PHP8.7 trillion.

These projects aim to address the long-standing infrastructure deficits.

“By prioritizing the completion of vital projects like highways, bridges, airports, railways, ports, telecommunications, and other infrastructure, we will be able to significantly reduce the cost of doing business, expand market opportunities, especially for micro, small, and medium enterprises, and promote high-quality job creation and innovation,” Balisacan said.

A report released by the Department of Finance (DOF) showed that the government has so far secured several grants and financing packages for big-ticket infrastructure flagship projects.

These include the USD2.02 billion for the North-South Commuter Railway Extension project, USD801.9 million for the North-South Commuter Railway project (Malolos-Tutuban), USD1.07 billion for the Davao Public Transport Modernization Project, and USD650-million Bataan-Cavite Interlink Bridge Project.

“This strong pipeline of projects, backed by the Philippine government and its development partners, continue to form the bedrock for the nation's continued development and economic expansion,” the DOF said.

Maharlika Investment Fund

Signed into law in July, Republic Act 11954 or the Maharlika Investment Fund (MIF) Act, is also expected to boost growth in the long-term.

The creation of the Maharlika Investment Fund provides the government with an additional vehicle for making strategic investments in areas critical to the development of the country.

The MIF will be used to invest in a wide range of assets, including foreign currencies, fixed-income instruments, domestic and foreign corporate bonds, joint ventures, mergers and acquisitions, real estate and high-impact infrastructure projects that contribute to the attainment of sustainable development.

2024 outlook

As the government ramps up efforts to accelerate growth, Philippine economic growth is projected to accelerate next year.

For 2024, the Development Budget Coordination Committee targets to attain a 6.5 to 7.5 percent GDP expansion.

NEDA vowed that it will advocate for the critical pieces of legislation in its policy advisory role and as the Secretariat of the Legislative-Executive Development Advisory Council.

“These forthcoming reforms are designed to optimize the utilization of limited and valuable resources such as land, minerals, and public revenues,” Balisacan said.

“The legislative measures addressing systematic challenges in particular sectors are intended to facilitate the development of industries and economic drivers that will create a more significant number of high-quality jobs, open up a variety of opportunities for our workers, and lead to sustained reductions in poverty and vulnerability in the future,” he added.

Balisacan assured that the government would also implement measures that mitigate the impact of the El Niño.

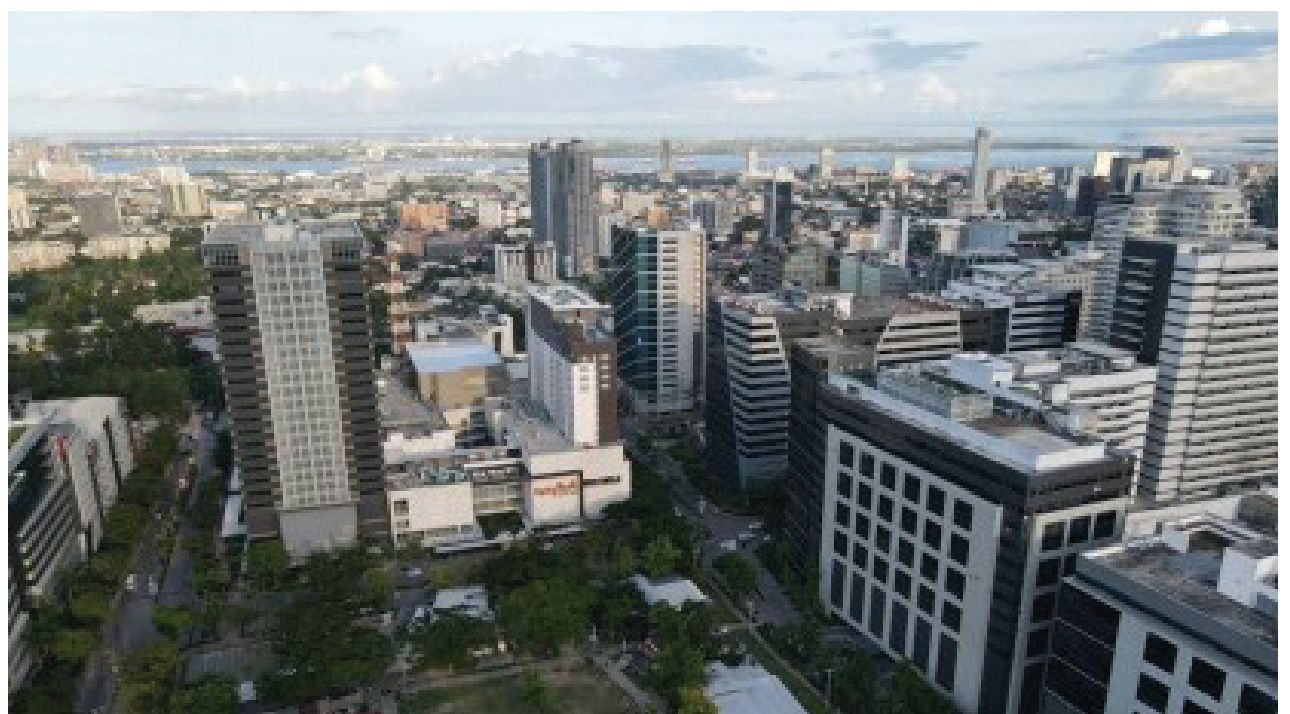
An economist believes that the government's economic growth target for next year is attainable.

Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation chief economist Michael Ricafort expects the Philippine economy to grow by 6 to 6.5 percent in 2024, driven by overseas Filipino workers' remittances, growth in manufacturing, and further increase in government spending especially on infrastructure.

He said the delivery of more fiscal reform and other measures “would help further ease limits on foreign ownership, would help attract the entry of more foreign investment and create more jobs.”

Ricafort said other bright spots for the Philippine economy include the possible pickup in exports, near record low unemployment rate, and resumption and the recovery in the tourism sector.

Offsetting risk factors however include elevated inflation that could reduce consumer spending, higher interests rates, and geopolitical risks such as the Israel-Hamas war. (PNA)



ECONOMIC GROWTH. Despite several headwinds, the Philippine economy grew by 5.5 percent in the first three quarters of 2023. The economic growth during the period was one of the highest in Asia. (PNA file photo)

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DOH reports 443 firecrackers, stray bullet victims

By Christopher Lloyd Caliwan, Liza Agoot and Ma. Teresa Montemayor

MANILA – The Department of Health (DOH) reported 212 new fireworks-related injuries (FWRIs) during the New Year's Eve revelry, bringing the overall tally to 443 on Tuesday.

In its latest case report, the DOH said the additional FWRIs include the first case of death related to fireworks and the first injury due stray bullet.

One hundred and twenty-two cases with eye injuries were also recorded, leading to one confirmed blindness case.

One more case of hearing loss was logged, bringing the total tally to two.

The first death is a 38-year-old male from Ilocos Region who lit a cigarette while drinking with his companions

near a firecracker storage.

The case of a stray bullet injury is a 23-year-old male from the Davao Region who had a gunshot wound in his left upper back.

With ages ranging from 1 to 71 years old, almost half or 102 of these new cases were due to illegal firecrackers.

Less than half or 94 cases had active involvement or lit the firecrackers themselves.

There are six new amputation cases, bringing its total to 17.

There have been no additional reports of ingestion of firecrackers (Watusi) thus far.

The DOH started its surveillance on Dec. 21 and the current tally is 232 cases more compared to 211 FWRIs recorded during the same period last year.

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Photo courtesy of PNA

PBBM expects PH's stronger ties with Vietnam, Timor Leste

By Ruth Abbey Gita-Carlos

MANILA – President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. on Tuesday expressed optimism that the Philippines would have stronger relations with Vietnam and Timor Leste.

Marcos made the statement as he welcomed the new ambassadors of Vietnam and Timor Leste to the Philippines, as he received their credentials in separate ceremonies at Malacañan Palace in Manila.

He told newly-designated Vietnamese Ambassador to the Philippines Lai Thai Binh that he is hopeful that the two countries would explore various areas to strengthen their bilateral relations.

"It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to Manila, to the Philippines as the Ambassador of Vietnam to our country," Marcos told Lai. "It is just in time as we have many things planned between our two countries and I'm very happy to have received your letter of credence."

The Philippines and Vietnam may consider

exploring many different areas, he said, noting that in his previous meetings with Vietnamese Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh in several Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) gatherings, they discussed their intent to elevate the two countries' ties.

"And I think that there are many, many more things that your PM and I have discussed for many hours during our ASEAN meetings. We have many areas that we can explore. For that, I look forward to doing that," the President said.

During the presentation of his letter of credence, Lai expressed the warmest greetings and sincere regards of Vietnam's leader to Marcos.

"I look forward to the kind attention and guidance to our bilateral relations," Lai told Marcos.

Vietnam and the Philippines formally established diplomatic relations on July 12, 1976.

Vietnam's relations with other countries are based on the principles of

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Congress can increase unprogrammed funds in 2024 budget: House leader

By Filane Mikee Cervantes

MANILA – A House leader on Tuesday night said Congress can increase the unprogrammed appropriations in the 2024 national budget.

In a statement, House ways and means committee chair Joey Salceda cited the Department of Budget and Management's remarks that the unprogrammed funds are not part of the fiscal program, arguing that only the

programmed appropriations are subject to the constitutional prohibition against increasing appropriations recommended by the President.

Salceda said this in response to Albay Rep. Edcel Lagman's claim that the General Appropriations Act (GAA) of 2024 has a constitutional infirmity due to the PHP450-billion hike in unprogrammed funds in excess of the original recommendation of PHP281.9

billion under the National Expenditure Program.

"At its core, the logic of the Constitutional provision is simple: Congress should not overstep the fiscal deficit programmed by the President," Salceda said.

Salceda was referring to the Article VI, Section 25 (1) of the Constitution, which provides that "Congress may not increase the appropriations recommended by the President

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House ways and means committee chair and Albay Rep. Joey Salceda (Photo courtesy of House Press and Public Affairs Bureau)