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# Cavite Prov'l Gov't celebrates 2023 Women's Month

By Ruel Francisco

TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite – The Cavite provincial government capped off the celebration of this year's women's month with a day full of activities in honor of the remarkable role of women in society.

The Cavite Gender and Development Focal Point System and the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office spearheaded the celebration held on March 29 at the provincial gymnasium.

The program offered various medical services and activities for all women

participants such as eye and general check-ups, breast examinations, health risk assessment and nutrition counseling, family planning services, HIV counseling and testing, HPV vaccination, and oral prophylaxis.

Vice Governor Athena Bryana Tolentino who graced the event also presented the Provincial Gender and Development (GAD) Code to enlighten the public on the programs and projects of the provincial government geared towards empowering women.

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## PH rowers get ready for World Beach Games Asian qualifying event

By Jean Malanum

MANILA – The Philippine rowing team is undergoing a three-week training in Cavite preparing for the World Beach Games Asian qualifying tournament in Thailand this month.

Tokyo Olympian Cris Nievarez (CM1X), Feiza Jane Lenton (CW1X), Edgar Ilas and Joanie Delgado (CMIXED2X), Zuriel Sumintac and Christian Joseph Jasmin (CM2X), Amelyn Pagulayan and Kristine Paraon (CW2X), and Kharl Julianne Sha Bengco (CW2X) have been training at the Ternate Rowing Academy Center since March 29, aiming to be battle-ready when they see action in the April 25-30 competition at the Ambassador Hotel in Pattaya

City.

“We have a bigger chance in the Asian qualifying. First, because of the short distance. Second, we train here on the beach,” said head coach Ed Maerina in an interview on Thursday.

He and coach Nick Jasmin will join the trip to Thailand.

Also part of the rowing team coaching staff are Ma. Concepcion Fornea and Uzbekistan's Shukhrat Ganiev, who has a one-year contract that will expire in December.

The coastal rowing beach sprint course covers 600 meters -- 50 meters to start and finish the race with an on-water distance of 250 meters from the beach to the farthest turning

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## DOLE to spearhead Labor Day with gov't aid, Kadiwa, nationwide job fairs

By Susan De Leon

QUEZON CITY--In celebration of the 121st Labor Day, the Department of Labor and Employment has lined-up three major activities to honor the Filipino workers – the Kadiwa ng Pangulo Para sa Manggagawa, the awarding of government assistance to workers, and the conduct of nationwide simultaneous job fairs.

The activities will be held on May 1 in 16 regional sites, with the National Capital

Region (NCR) as the main event site.

In partnership with the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) and the Department of Agriculture (DA), the labor department will host the Kadiwa ng Pangulo Para sa Manggagawa to help workers access commodities at lower prices.

Kadiwa, which is spearheaded by DA, enables the farming community to sell goods directly to consumers without the trader-intermediaries, allowing them to reap higher profits while

still offering quality products at an affordable price to consumers.

The labor department will also lead the payout of assistance/salaries to beneficiaries of the Tulong Panghanapbuhay sa Ating Disadvantaged/Displaced Workers (TUPAD) program, Special Program for Employment of Students (SPES), and Government Internship Program (GIP) across the regions.

Meanwhile, to facilitate employment, simultaneous job fairs will be conducted in *continue to page 3*

## Taxi drivers caught refusing passengers will be fined up to P15K

By Susan De Leon

QUEZON CITY-- Taxi drivers who are caught refusing passengers in Metro Manila will be fined from P5,000 to P15,000.

This, according to the Land Transportation Office (LTO) National Capital Region after it announced that its “Oplan Isnabero” will be implemented because thousands of people will be returning to Metro Manila after the Holy Week break due to the relaxed restrictions.

The implementation

of Oplan Isnabero program will last until April 14, 2023 as stated in Regional Office Order No. 54, which will arrest taxi drivers who refuse or pick passengers on their way home from bus stations.

The Oplan Isnabero has deployed LTO enforcers at bus terminals to ensure that drivers who refuse to pick up passengers are punished.

Meanwhile, the agency also reminded taxi drivers to take their responsibility to the public seriously in response to the request of the transportation service. (PIA-NCR)



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## Pres Marcos honors WWII veterans

By Jerome Carlo Paunan

MANILA -- President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. on Monday, April 10, honored the heroes of World War II (WWII), and urged Filipinos to imbibe positivism by trusting that tomorrow will bring good vibes amid life's daily challenges.

"We are here to once again remember the heroism, valor, and sacrifice of the countless heroes who—with every ounce of their being and often with their passing—have made this hallowed ground," said Pres. Marcos in his speech commemorating the 81st "Araw ng Kagitingan" or Day of Valor at the Mount Samat National Shrine in Pilar, Bataan.

He said Filipinos have once again shown the ability to face overwhelming odds, but never losing hope.

"Many dismiss the commemoration of the Bataan Siege as ill-advised simply because it had ended in the most agonizing defeat. We lost great men and women during that time, ending with the Death March,"

Marcos said.

"Our most important triumph, though, was that we kept on fighting and that we never lost hope. For although we lost the battle, the Fall of Bataan marked the beginning of the Filipinos' resurgence as a fighting force to defend and to take back the land of their forefathers," he added.

The President also expressed his heartfelt gratitude to all the Filipino heroes who "fought and died" in Bataan, adding that they "exhibited" how to be the best citizens of the Republic.

Heroism, Marcos said, can be seen in war veterans who were willing to give up their lives in order to give hope to future generations of Filipinos.

He also said that while every Filipino labors and makes sacrifices everyday to feed their families, help their communities and serve their country, he added that these undertakings should be celebrated to keep the spirit of patriotism alive.

It can be recalled that last year, Marcos signed Proclamation No. 90, s. 2022, moving the celebration of the Araw ng Kagitingan to April 10. (PIA-NCR)

## Survey.....

Basic ROTC program in higher education institutions and technical-vocational institutions for students enrolled in at least a two-year undergraduate degree, diploma, or certificate program.

"Kaya naman patuloy nating isusulong ang ating panukalang muling magkaroon ng ROTC sa kolehiyo hanggang sa maisabatas ito. Sa pamamagitan ng ROTC, maituturo natin sa mga kabataan ang disiplina, pagmamahal sa bayan, at kahandaang tumulong lalo na sa panahon ng mga sakuna (That is why we will continue to push this measure to have ROTC in college. Through ROTC, we will be able to teach our youth discipline, love of country, and the readiness to help during times of disaster)," Gatchalian said in a statement.

As for the 75 percent that think ROTC would increase cases

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of abuse, harassment, and hazing, Gatchalian said the measure has safeguards, such as a Grievance Board in every unit that would receive complaints and conduct investigations.

The bill includes the provision of one free uniform, including combat boots.

Senator Ronald dela Rosa said despite the implementation of the National Service Training Program (NSTP) over the past two decades, it has not achieved its purpose in nation-building.

"Maganda sana ang purpose niyan pero siguro sa implementation (NSTP has a good purpose but maybe [the problem lies in] its implementation)," dela Rosa said during a previous hearing. "The State shall also inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs. Kaakibat po ng pagtataguyod sa bansa ang pagtatanggol nito (Part

of nation building is defending it)."

President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. previously said the return of ROTC would help bolster the country's capability in dealing with disasters.

"Mas marami rin tayong maihahanda na sibilyan para sa mga ganitong disaster response sa pamamagitan ng ROTC program dahil hindi lang naman national defense ang tinuturo sa kanila kundi disaster preparedness and capacity building para dito nga sa tinatawag na risk-related situations (We will be able to prepare more civilians for disaster response through ROTC. National defense will not be the only thing to be taught but also disaster preparedness and capacity building on so-called risk-related situations)," he said after a magnitude 7 earthquake rocked Northern Luzon in July 2022. (With reports from Leonel Abasola/PNA)

## Filipinos...

Veterans Week (PVW) which falls from April 5 to 12 this year.

The PVW's theme for this year is "Kagitingan ng mga Beterano, Pundasyon ng Nagkakaisang Pilipino."

Meanwhile, the Philippine Veterans Affairs Office (PVAO) on Sunday urged all Filipinos to observe "Araw ng Kagitingan" with a "grateful heart and a pressing yearning to honor our forefathers for all that they have sacrificed for us."

"Though Bataan fell on April 9, our veterans persisted, and for 93 days of unending barrage, they displayed an unconquerable spirit. That their bodies were tired and bloody, they fought the invading enemies with their heads unbowed," PVAO administrator Undersecretary Reynaldo Mapagu said in a statement.

As the nation commemorates this fateful day, he urged all Filipinos to continue to carry the legacy of "our forefathers and continue the courage they have upheld in their fight for freedom and liberty."

In a separate statement, Department of Budget and Management (DBM) Secretary Amenah Pangandaman enjoined Filipinos to continue to recognize and salute the heroic defenders of

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the country.

"Today and always, we owe them our profound gratitude and highest respect," she said.

She also enjoined Filipinos to remember that the first Day of Valor was a day when Filipinos stood ground and fought until the end.

"May we continue to honor the story of heroism and extreme sacrifice laid down 81 years ago by forging unity and solidarity with one another toward nation-building," she said.

House Speaker Martin Romualdez said Araw ng Kagitingan is a reminder that Filipinos will always fight on, move forward and prevail with unity.

"Today, as we commemorate Araw ng Kagitingan nationwide, we honor and recognize the gallantry of our fallen heroes, who willingly laid down their lives so that we can enjoy the blessings of freedom today," he said.

"As we look back into the dark day that we call the 'Fall of Bataan,' we must never forget the sacrifices of Filipino resistance fighters who stood up against the might of foreign invaders in World War II, which gave the rest of our nation the inspiration and strength to fight on," he added.

Romualdez said the

country's bout with the Covid-19 pandemic is proof of the Filipinos' fortitude.

"We suffered, we fought and we prevailed," he said. "We will always prevail as long as we are united, and as long as we continue to draw our strength from the virtues of our heroes," he said.

"This day is a testament to Filipino courage and bravery, a fighting spirit that comes to the fore as we face adversity after adversity. This day reminds us of a priceless legacy: that the same courage and bravery our heroes displayed in the crucible of war—in the Fall of Bataan—run in our blood, through our veins," he added.

Department of Budget and Management Secretary Amenah Pangandaman, meanwhile, enjoined Filipinos to continue to recognize and salute the heroic defenders of the country.

"Today and always, we owe them our profound gratitude and highest respect," she said in a statement. "May we continue to honor the story of heroism and extreme sacrifice laid down 81 years ago by forging unity and solidarity with one another toward nation-building." (with reports from Priam F. Nepomuceno/Zaldy De Layola/PNA)

## AFP....

defense cooperation, military-to-military collaboration, and mutual commitments, which are all aimed at promoting our shared goals of a more secure global community," the AFP chief added.

He noted that gains made in the 2022 exercise reflect the two nations' determination and commitment as both were able to enforce full implementation of the "Balikatan" exercises after two years of non-conduct of this important activity due to the pandemic.

"Given the success and lessons from the 2022 'Balikatan Exercise,' there were enough reasons to put a framework together for this year's Exercise that would build on all that had been previously achieved," Centino said.

Biggest 'Balikatan' in history This year's "Balikatan," he said, is the largest in history with a total of 17,680 Filipino, American, and Australian participants.

"The 38th Philippines-US 'Balikatan' iteration, will have a total of 17,680 participants, making it the largest-ever exercise of the AFP and the US Armed Forces, as well as our counterparts from the Australian Defense Force," Centino said.

He also said the AFP has also taken the initiative to expand this year's Exercise by inviting military observers from partners in the region and other nations, under the International Observers Program (IOP).

"We believe that 'Balikatan' is also an opportunity to deepen our collaborations that would enable appropriate and timely actions whenever and wherever needed. On this note, let me welcome our exercise observers from our ASEAN neighbors, friends, allies, and partners. Your presence today makes this event a collaboration that goes beyond borders," Centino said.

He also said "Balikatan" 2023 is another defining moment as the magnitude of this year's Exercise is a testament to the deepening alliance between and among our countries.

Centino said major events planned for this year's exercises include the command post exercise,

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cyber defense exercise, field training exercise, and the humanitarian civic assistance.

"All these major events are intended to ensure the achievement of the end state of our Balikatan 2023 Exercises: to further develop mutual defense capability; to enhance cyber defense operations; and strengthen the country's maritime security and domain awareness, among others," he said.

Long-standing defense relationship

Centino also said the Philippines on Monday commemorated the "Araw ng Kagitingan" (Day of Valor), which is a defining part of Philippine history.

"We commemorated the heroism of those who fought in Bataan 81 years ago. While the battle on that fateful day led to the fall of Bataan, the heroic event showcased the valor and patriotism of both the Filipino and American soldiers who fought side by side to defend our motherland," he added.

Centino said these heroic events should serve as a reminder and inspiration to everyone.

"Hence, today embodies our fervor to continue working on the enhancement of our training 'side-by-side' and 'shoulder-to-shoulder' to defend our country," he added.

Centino also said no better words than "shoulder-to-shoulder" could describe the Philippine and US alliance.

"We have stood together over the years, strong and unwavering, to address our vulnerabilities and ensure that both of our Armed Forces are primed to promptly and effectively respond to any situation, crisis or emergency, under all circumstances," he added.

Centino said as collaboration and partnerships of the two nations grow in strength and reach, they not only amplify and upgrade the interoperability of the two armed forces for mutual defense, humanitarian assistance, and disaster response but "just as importantly, contribute to the peace and stability of the Indo-Pacific Region in a definitive manner." (PNA)



## Cavitex, C-5, CALAX gear up for long weekend traffic influx

By Ruel Francisco

TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite – The Metro Pacific Tollways South (MPT) is gearing up for the influx of motorists for the upcoming five-day long weekend holiday from April 6 to April 10, 2023.

The toll road operator said it anticipates a 10% to 15% increase in traffic volume along its high-speed road networks, from an average of 160,000 daily travelers in the Manila-Cavite Expressway (CAVITEX), 16,000 in CAVITEX C5 Link, and 34,000 in Cavite-Laguna Expressway (CALAX) during the said holiday break.

According to MPT South, it will operate on ‘high alert’ and reactivate the “Safe Trip Mo, Sagot Ko” (SMSK) assistance program from 6 AM of April 5 to 6 AM of April 11, 2023, across its road network. Services such as additional workforce for on-ground services to aid in traffic management and toll collection, standby emergency medical services, and incident response teams to help motorists will be provided, including free towing for CLASS 1 vehicles (up to the nearest exit only).

Mr. Raul L. Ignacio, President and General Manager of MPT South encourages motorists to avail of the free Easytrip RFID and ensure sufficient load

balance in their Easytrip RFID for smoother travel.

“This makes toll transactions quicker, more efficient, helping reduce traffic congestion especially now that we are almost at the pre-pandemic level and more cars are seen traversing the roads,” said Mr. Ignacio.

He also reminded all motorists that Easytrip RFIDs can now be used on all toll roads in Luzon by enrolling their Easytrip RFID to Auto sweep to be able to use it on non-MPTC toll roads.

Easytrip services in Customer Service Centers of CAVITEX C5 Link and CALAX will be open during the holiday on a regular schedule (Reloading-24/7, Installation and Auto sweep Enrolment- 5 AM to 10 PM), and 24/7 in CAVITEX Customer Service Centers-Manila and Cavite bound (except Good Friday- until midnight only).

Furthermore, the motorists’ assistance is also made available through the following channels: 24/7 Customer Service Centers, 24/7 Customer Care Hotline 1-35000, and 24/7 social media (Facebook: fb.com/cavitexpressway, fb.com/Official CALAX, and Twitter accounts: twitter.com/cavitexpressway, twitter.com/Official CALAX) during this period.



Photo courtesy of PIA Cavite

## DND maintains EDCA not ‘gross violation of PH sovereignty’

By Priam Nepomuceno

MANILA – The Department of National Defense (DND) shrugged off claims that the Philippines’ Enhanced Defense Cooperation (EDCA) with the United States does not constitute a “gross violation of our national sovereignty”.

“The EDCA, which is an offshoot of the MDT (Mutual Defense Treaty) was deemed constitutional by the Supreme Court. The EDCA Agreed Locations are not permanent basing facilities for the US but will be jointly operated by the two sides, and their use by our treaty ally is subject to our permission and mutual agreement,” DND spokesperson Arsenio Andolong said in a statement over the weekend.

He also stressed that the EDCA sites primarily consist of storage facilities, which require minimum use of utilities since they will only be utilized during exercises and emergencies, and improvements on existing facilities owned and operated by the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP).

“In addition, the US is funding the construction and development of the EDCA Agreed Locations and, in doing so, is creating jobs and boosting the local economies of the communities where the sites are located,” Andolong said.

He also noted that improvements on EDCA sites are part of the efforts to enhance the capability of the Philippines to ensure its security.

“The DND reiterates that access to and use of EDCA Agreed Locations by US personnel is by invitation of the Philippines and is by no means ‘unhindered’ or ‘unimpeded.’

swimming (5km), beach tennis, beach volleyball 4x4, beach water polo and beach wrestling.

Coastal rowing is included in the 2026 Commonwealth Games in Victoria, Australia and the 2026 Youth Olympic Games in Dakar, Senegal. (PNA)

The Philippines retains sovereignty and responsibility over EDCA Agreed Locations,” the DND spokesperson stressed.

The Philippines earlier named Naval Base Camilo Osias in Sta. Ana, Cagayan; Lal-lo Airport in Lal-lo, Cagayan; Camp Melchor Dela Cruz in Gamu, Isabela; and Balabac Island in Palawan as additional EDCA locations.

The proposal to add additional EDCA locations was announced by the Philippines and US defense departments last February.

These new locations add to the five EDCA locations earlier picked by Manila and Washington D.C. -- Cesar Basa Air Base in Floridablanca, Pampanga; Fort Magsaysay Military Reservation in Nueva Ecija; Lumbia Airfield in Cagayan de Oro City; Antonio Bautista Air Base in Puerto Princesa City, Palawan; and Benito Ebuena Air Base in Cebu. The DND spokesperson added that these EDCA sites are vital to defending the country’s territories, responding to calamities and securing Filipino fishermen making their livelihood in the country’s vast waters.

“We call on the public to approach and understand the issue beyond the myopic perception that strengthening the military’s capabilities means inviting war or conflict. Time and again, the AFP’s assets and facilities have been utilized to respond to various threats to the security and safety of the Filipino people,” he said.

Andolong also stressed that allocating resources for the development of the country’s defense capabilities and the enhancement of the skills of its troops is a part of the functions of a state such as the Philippines.

He also assured the public that the DND and AFP are exercising judicious use of the funds allocated for the country’s defense posture as this will allow the military to perform its mandate.

“Furthermore, Philippines-US activities, including efforts facilitated through EDCA, are intended to enhance the partnership between the Philippines and the US. These are not directed against any particular country but to modernize our alliance with the US and maintain a peaceful, free and prosperous Indo-Pacific,” Andolong noted. (PNA)

## DOLE....

various SM and Robinsons malls nationwide, with the main job fair site in NCR.

This early, the Department is encouraging jobseekers to be ready with their application requirements, such as resume or curriculum vitae, certificate of employment for those formerly employed, diploma, and transcript of records.

Other government agencies, such as the DTI, Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), Professional Regulation Commission (PRC),

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Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), and Department of Migrant Workers (DMW); and pre-employment service agencies, like the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), National Bureau of Investigation (NBI), Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR), Social Security System (SSS), Pag-IBIG, Philhealth, and Philippine Postal Corporation will provide services during the event.

This year’s Labor Day is observed with the theme, “Pabahay, Bilihing Abot-Presyo, Benepisyong Matatag na Trabaho Para sa Manggagawang Pilipino.” (dole/pia-ncr)

## PH...

buoy.

The distance between each of the three big buoys is 80 to 85 meters.

The race begins with the rower sprinting along the beach, climbs into the boat and rows slalom for 250 meters, then makes a turn at the third buoy, rows back to the beach and sprints back to the finish line.

It will be the third time for the Philippines to compete in an Asian-level tournament, having joined the 2016 Asian Beach Games in Danang, Vietnam and the 2019 Asian Beach Games in China where Ilaas pocketed the bronze medal.

“In Asia, the strong teams are Thailand, Indonesia, Hong Kong and China,” said Maerina, who competed at the 1988 Seoul Olympics two years

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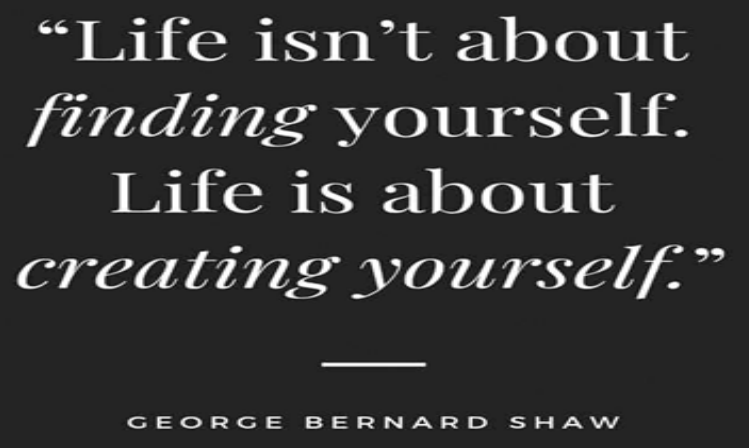
after he joined the national team.

He was a full-time athlete until 1997, a playing coach from 1998 to 2001 and was appointed head coach in 2002.

The Association of National Olympic Committees organized the first World Beach Games in Doha, Qatar in 2019 with more than 1,200 athletes from 97 countries participating.

This year, the World Beach Games will be held on Aug. 5-12 in Bali, Indonesia which hosted the inaugural Asian Beach Games in 2008.

The World Beach Games features aquathlon, air badminton, 3x3 basketball, beach handball, individual Kata, kite foil, beach soccer, beach sprints, surfing (longboard and shortboard), open water



## Cavite...

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Office head Ms. Felipa Servañez acknowledged the efforts of the people behind the successful Women’s Month celebration.

“Tunay pong di matatawaran ang papel ng ating mga kababaihan sa lipunan. Kaya salamat po sa inyong anging katapangan, pagpupunyagi sa sakripisyo para sa aming lahat,”

said Servañez.

The event which carried the theme “We for gender equality and inclusive society” aimed to continuously support the promotion of gender equality and women empowerment towards the goal of a harmonious and fair society. (Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite with reports from PICAD)



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## EDITORIAL

### Calm resolve

The country's Official Gazette states that Executive Order 203 issued in 1987 declared every 9th of April as "Araw ng Kagitingan." Proclamation 466, series of 1989, on the other hand, designated 5 to 11 April of each year as Philippine Veterans Week.

Both celebrations had been utilized by the government to honor the many heroes the country had during World War 2 when the Japanese occupied the Philippines from 1942 to 1945. The date commemorates the Fall of Bataan on 9 April 1942.

The EO and the proclamation sought to "promote, preserve and memorialize the principles, ideals, and deeds of the Filipino war veteran as a means to enhance patriotism and love of country, especially among the youth of the land."

Still, "Araw ng Kagitingan" and Philippine Veterans Week are not exclusive to those who fought and died or who lived through the horrors of WW2, acknowledged as the deadliest military conflict so far with 70 to 85 million people dead, representing about 3 percent of the world's 2.3 billion population at the time.

The measures were intended to recognize and remember all Filipinos who rendered military service in defending the country both in times of war and peace.

"This is to gratefully acknowledge their contributions in preserving our sovereignty and defending our national security," the OG said.

This year, "Araw ng Kagitingan" coincided and fell under the shadow of Easter Sunday during which Christians, especially Catholics, celebrated the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead to underpin God's promise of eternal life to all people.

President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. has signed a resolution that declared today, 10 April, a nationwide holiday in view of the Day of Valor. The move was most welcome as it gives Filipinos who spent the Holy Week in the provinces an extra day to go back to their jobs or schools or residences in the cities.

For Marcos, Filipinos can show the valor and heroism of their forebears not just during times of war, but also in peaceful but trying times that call for resolve and an "indomitable spirit." In a way, the President lent his Day of Valor message to the nation with a touch of Easter joy by urging Filipinos to honor the lives of heroes by showing kindness to one another.

Against challenges that would have buckled those made of weaker stuff, Marcos said that the country has "stood tall and proud, guided by the principles of justice, truth and democracy."

"As the legacy of our heroes and heroines came at a great and hefty cost, may we also re-examine our values and honor their lives by speaking up against discrimination, extending help to those in need, and working towards a better future," he said, adding that the country's future rests on what the present generation of Filipinos would work hard for.

Mr. Marcos said to move forward, present-day Filipinos must make "wise and sound decisions" toward developing a "more humane, fair and progressive society that allows our citizenry to relish liberty and achieve their individual and collective aspirations."

Conspicuous about the President's "Araw ng Kagitingan" message is that it did not touch on the ever-worsening threat being posed by China in the Indo-Pacific region with its present conduct of military exercises in the Taiwan Strait.

This is not an ordinary military exercise by Beijing as it has always considered Taiwan a part of its territory which Chinese its President Xi Jinping said they would take back, "using military force if necessary."

The Philippines itself has been at the receiving end of what is being seen as China's expansionist moves, with our Coast Guard and Navy patrols being harassed and bullied in the West Philippine Sea, parts of which had been acknowledged by a 2016 arbitral ruling as our exclusive economic zone.

But valor does not equate to having the predisposition to go to war at the slightest provocation, thus the President's "Araw ng Kagitingan" message can be described as being in line with what world leaders should be guided with having — calm resolve and an openness to talk to resolve conflicts instead of resorting to arms like the brutes of yesteryears and warmongers of today like that madman of the Kremlin, Vladimir Putin.



# KAPIRASONG Kritika

Ni Teo S. Marasigan

## Walang Manggagawa sa Midya

### PART 1

PARA sa pagdiriwang ng Mayo Uno ngayong taon, plano ng militanteng kilusang paggawa sa bansa, sa pangunguna ng Kilusang Mayo Uno, na kondenahin ang mahigit siyam na taong paghahari ng rehimeng US-Arroyo — partikular ang matinding pag-atake nito sa sahod, trabaho at karapatan ng mga manggagawang Pilipino. Igigiit nito ang pagparusa kay Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo para sa malulubhang krimen niya sa mga manggagawa at sambayanan — tampok ang pagpapatupad ng mga patakarang nagdulot ng malawakang kahirapan at kagutuman, pagdambong sa kabang-bayan, paglulunsad ng ekstrahudisyal na pagpaslang at pagdukot sa mga aktibista, at iba pa.

Ayon kay Michael Parenti, manunuring pampulitikang Amerikano, malinaw ang pagkiling ng midya ng US sa malaking negosyo o business. Wastong-wasto rin ang mga obserbasyon niya sa tinatakbo ng midya sa bansa: "Walang seksyon hinggil sa paggawa ang pinakamalalaking dyaryo... kaakibat ng seksyon nila para sa negosyo. May buubuong staff silang nag-uulat ng balitang negosyo pero may nag-iisang labor reporter lang, kung mayroon man. At kadalasan, ang mga 'labor' reporter, batay sa mga nakilala ko, ay hindi nagpapakita ng partikular na paggagap sa mga pakikibaka ng mga manggagawa o ng pagiging sensitibo sa mga isyu nila. Kung ipakita man nila iyan, hindi sila tatagal sa assignment at mahuhugahan pang 'masyadong napapalapit' sa pinapaksa nila."

Dagdag pa niya, "Regular na iniulat ng mga panggaging balita ng mga network ang Dow Jones average pero hindi sila nagbibigay ng lingguhang

kwenta ng tanggapan, aksidenteng industriyal, at matagalang sakit dulot ng trabaho. Kapag mahusay ang araw para sa stock market, itinuturing itong magandang balita para sa ating lahat sa kung anong kadahilanan. Bihirang pansinin ng press ang pulitiko-ekonomikong kapangyarihan ng mga korporasyon. Inilalarawan ang ekonomiya bilang pinapatakbo ng gobyerno at negosyo, habang nakakaladkad lang ang organisadong paggawa bilang napakaliit at madalas na magulong kaakibat." Sabi pa niya, "Kapag hindi nakawelga, halos naglalaho na ang mga manggagawa at mga unyon sa pambansang midya."

Sabi pa niya, "Tinatrato ng midya ang mga alitang paggawa-negosyo bilang mga hiwa-hiwalay na insidenteng walang kaugnayan sa mas malalaking pwersang pang-ekonomiya." Dagdag pa niya, "Itinuturing ang mga welga bilang aberyang panggulo sa normal na buhay, hindi sistemikong tunggaliang likas sa industriyal na kapitalismo." Ang gobyerno, sa kabilang banda, "ay nyutral na tagapamagitan na kumikilos para sa 'pambansang interes'... Ipinagpapalagay na pinakamahusay na napaglilingkuran ang interes ng publiko sa pag-iwas sa mga welga o pagpapabalik sa mga welgista sa trabaho, sa pinakamabilis na paraan, nang walang pakialam sa mga kondisyon ng pagkakaayos." Hindi rin inilalarawan ang mga aparato ng Estado bilang "mga tagapagtanggol ng pag-aari ng mga korporasyon at bodyguard ng mga eskirrol."

Sabi pa ni Parenti, "Hindi na dapat ikagulat ang pagkiling na kontra-paggawa ng midya. Ang mga may-ari ng midya mismo ang ilan sa pinakamapagsamantala, kontra-unyong mga employer at tagabuwag ng mga welga." Lagi raw sabi noon ni Katharine

Graham, tanyag na may-ari ng Washington Post: "Nakakasagka ang mga unyon sa kalayaan sa pamamamahayag." Hindi malaya ang midya kung makamanggagawa?

Sa Pilipinas, may nakapagsabi sa akin ng trato ng malalaking estasyong pantelebisyon sa isang bungkos ng mga usaping pangmanggagawa: "Masyadong pribado" raw ang maraming isyu, lalo na iyung kaugnay ng Collective Bargaining Agreement o CBA sa loob ng isang kumpanya. Ayaw raw "manghimasok" ng mga estasyon sa ganito, kahit mga alitan sa CBA ang siyang madalas na ugat ng mga welga ng manggagawa. "Pero ibang bagay na kapag may mga manggagawang pinapatay at bumubulagta..." Parang masamang biro sa mga manggagawa at kakampi nila: kung gusto mong lumabas ang isyu ng mga manggagawa, ang mga welga nila, sa midya, kailangang may mamatay.

Pero minsan, kahit sa mga pagkakataong may namatay, hindi pa rin maayos ang pagbabalita ng midya. Nang paslangin noong 2005 si Diosdado "Ka Fort" Fortuna, presidente ng unyon ng mga manggagawa sa Nestle, ni hindi binanggit ng balita sa telebisyon at malalaking dyaryo ang pangalan ng kumpanyang pinagtrabahuan niya, tinawag lang siyang "lider-manggagawa." Hindi ito mapapalampas dahil mainit pa ang welga ng mga manggagawa ng Nestle noon, at si Ka Fort na ang ikatlong presidente ng unyon sa Nestle na pinaslang. Dahil sa dami ng patalastas na ipinapasok nito sa midya, nagagawa ng Nestle na kontrolin ang huli. Kaya hindi man lang nabanggit ng midya ang ngalan nito, na mahalagang impormasyon sa pag-unawa sa pagpatay kay Ka Fort.

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## Dolly De Leon, Soliman Cruz, and Martika Escobar to receive the Annual Achievement Award in FDCP's "Parangal ng Sining"

QUEZON CITY- To recognize their invaluable contribution to the Philippine Film Industry, the Film Development Council of the Philippines (FDCP) is set to give the Annual Achievement Award to actors Dolly De Leon and Soliman Cruz and filmmaker Martika Escobar at the Parangal ng Sining which will be held on April 23 in Seda Hotel.

"Parangal ng Sining" (Honor of the Arts) is FDCP's initiative to recognize Filipino filmmakers, artists, and institutions who continue to achieve and work for excellence, leading to acclaim in international film festivals across the globe.

With her breakout performance in Cannes-winning film "Triangle of Sadness," Dolly De Leon has been recognized in various film festivals and prestigious award-giving bodies around the world,

one after another.

Among the most notable were the Best Supporting Actress nominations she received from the 80th Golden Globe Awards and British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA), making her the first-ever Filipina to receive such nominations.

Before being recognized locally and abroad, De Leon has been in the industry for decades playing small roles in television shows and movies. Her rise to fame may have come at a later point in her career but there are no signs of stopping yet as she has recently been cast in an upcoming action-comedy film alongside Hollywood stars John Cena, Awkwafina, and Simu Liu.

For proudly representing the Filipino as an artist, standing side by side with a multinational cast in an international production—and

delivering a performance not only noteworthy but memorable to the point of being historical in its time and place, the FDCP will recognize De Leon as one of the Annual Achievement Award recipients of this year's Parangal ng Sining.

With a filmography of films, television shows, and stage plays, Soliman Cruz has become a household name in the entertainment industry as one of the most prolific Filipino character actors.

In the Romanian film "To The North," the feature film debut of Mihai Mincan, Cruz played the lead character for the first time in his career.

The Soliman Cruz-starrer made its world premiere in one of the most prestigious film festivals in the world—the Venice International Film Festival—where it won the Premio Bisato D'Oro 2022, awarded by the independent film critics of Venice.

His breakthrough performance, along with fellow Filipino actor Bart Guingona, has received standing ovations from festival goers, a proof of the Filipino talent that goes beyond international borders.

For being the embodiment of the consummate actor of both film and stage, providing inspiration to an entire generation of young actors as to what is meant by dedication and professionalism to the art and the craft, the FDCP is recognizing Soliman Cruz as one of the first recipients of the Annual Gawad Lente for his contribution to Philippine cinema in the year 2022.

In 2022, director Martika Escobar made history as the first-ever Filipino director to win at Sundance Film Festival, the largest independent film festival in the United States.

After eight long years of development and production, Escobar's feature film debut "Leonor Will Never Die" finally made its world premiere at Sundance, marking the comeback of the Philippines in the festival's competition section 16 years after the country's last entry.

Since its world premiere, "Leonor Will Never Die" has been screened in numerous international film

festivals from all over the globe such as the Toronto International Film Festival, Karlovy Vary International Film Festival, and Berlin International Film Festival.

For proudly representing the new generation of filmmakers, breaking ground on the world stage and making known the potential of the Filipino cinema artist in weaving original works that are native to the culture but universal in theme, the FDCP honors Martika Escobar as one of the first recipients of the Annual Gawad Lente for her contribution to Philippine Cinema in the year 2022.

Through "Parangal ng Sining," the FDCP aims to encourage and motivate the creatives and stakeholders of the Philippine Film Industry, including the filmmakers, artists, workers, distributors, cinema owners, and audiences to come together and continue celebrating the role and importance of cinema in distilling the nation's cultural identity, and our own identity as Filipinos.

The awarding ceremony, an invitation-only event, will be held on April 23 in Seda Vertis North. (FDCP)

## CAVITEVIEW

### Lenten 2023: A time for reflection and repentance

By Maria Viktoria Viado

QUEZON CITY – Catholicism is one of the many influences of the Spaniards during their colonization hundred years ago and today it covers a large population in the Philippines.

The commemoration of Holy Week is one of the significant seasons for Filipino Catholics. It is a time to reflect, repent, and express their faith.

This religious tradition starts on Ash Wednesday which signals the beginning of the lent season. This tradition of wearing ashes on the forehead symbolizes the dust from which God made his people. This continues on Palm Sunday, Holy Monday, Holy Tuesday, Holy Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Black Saturday, and ends on Easter Sunday, the time when Jesus has finally resurrected.

Filipinos are big on traditions and common practices, thus, aside from fasting, abstinence, and having a prayerful and reflective season, Filipino Catholics also developed a variety of practices across different provinces and through the years gained popularity as a unique Holy Week commemoration Visita Iglesia

One of the most common practices during Holy Week is Visita Iglesia (visiting churches). Filipino Catholics dedicate a day during the lent season to visit at least seven churches where they pray the rosary and do the Stations of the Cross.

The goal of Visita Iglesia is to pay homage to the Blessed Sacrament and to seek penance for one's sins. Catholics believe that if they visit at least seven churches and complete the Stations of the Cross, their wishes and faith requests will come true. Penitensiya

Another tradition across many provinces in the Philippines is penitensiya (penance). On Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, people re-enact the hardships of Jesus Christ by self-inflicting wounds and wearing of the crown of thorns. While hitting themselves on the wounded parts of their bodies, these individuals say their prayers and seek forgiveness for their sins. For some, this has become a yearly devotion.

In Pampanga, they have their own unique take on penitensiya as well as senakulo (passion play). Kapampangans yearly prepare an act where they depict the crucifixion in a live

audience. For devotees, having a chance to be nailed on a cross similar to Jesus Christ is their way of expressing their faith and their way of repentance.

Pabasa ng Pasyon

Another elderly tradition is the Pabasa ng Pasyon (Reading of the Passion). This is a common generational practice for Filipino Catholic families because it can be done in churches or at home. Pasyon are chanted in a certain tone and mostly it is done non-stop with some having to do

it overnight, thus, it requires dedication and consistency to properly do this practice.

Procession

Catholics are known to immortalize their faith through images or human-sized figures that they can touch and whisper their prayers. In Paete, Laguna – Carving Capital of the Philippines, they show their faith and visualize Catholicism by creating Bible characters into actual images and yearly, these are paraded across the town. During the procession, devotees walk while praying the rosary as their way of sacrifice.

Moriones Festival

Different from the solemn activities during the Holy Week across the country, people in the Province of Marinduque have a unique take. During the

celebration of the Moriones Festival, performers wear masks and helmets or moriones, symbolizing Roman soldiers as the festival is a celebration of Longinus, a Roman centurion who is said to have converted at the foot of the cross in the province.

The Philippines practices different traditions and beliefs. Aside from Catholicism, it is also a home of other religions – Muslim, Protestant, Buddhism, and others but what matters most is the respect we give to each other on our beliefs and how we express our faiths.

Despite the differences in practices, this Lent Season, let us give our Catholic brothers and sisters the freedom to reflect and repent. (MVV, PIA-CPSD)



(Photos by PIA-NCR)



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**BRANCH 4**  
**Imus City, Cavite**  
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**Tel. No. (046) 4181948**

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE JUDGE

IN RE: PETITION FOR  
 APPOINTMENT AS A NOTARY PUBLIC  
 FOR AND IN THE PROVINCE OF CAVITE,

NP Case No. 00310-23

ATTY. PETER EMMANUEL LARA,  
 Petitioner.  
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NOTICE OF HEARING

The petitioner's Compliance, dated March 21, 2023, is NOTED.

Pursuant to Section 5, Rule III, A.M. No. 02-8-13-SC 2004 Rules on Notarial Practice, notice is hereby given that a summary hearing on the petition for notarial commission of ATTY. PETER EMMANUEL LARA, shall be held on April 28, 2023, at Branch 4-Family Court, Imus City, Cavite at 8:30 a.m. Any person who has any cause or reason to object to the granting of the petition may file a verified written opposition thereto, received by the undersigned before the date of the said hearing.

In consonance with the above-mentioned rule, Atty. Lara is hereby directed to publish this notice of summary hearing once in a newspaper of general circulation, as may be chosen by raffle. The Clerk of Court, Office of the Clerk of Court, is directed to post this notice in a conspicuous place in the offices of the Executive Judge and of the Clerk of Court.

SO ORDERED.

Imus City, Cavite, March 23, 2023.

ADELIZA H. MAGNO-GINGOYON  
 Executive Judge

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**EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS**

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late Narciso Nuestro who died intestate on September 24, 1987 at Indang Cavite, leaving a parcel of land covered by Tax Declaration of Real Property No. 10 0019 00783 located at Brgy. Caytambog, Indang Cavite and Tax Declaration of Real Property No. 10 0019 00600 located at Brgy. Caytambog, Indang Cavite has been extrajudicially settled by his heirs as per Doc. No. 337; Page No. 77; Book No. CXX; Series of 2022, Notary Public Atty. Enrique G. Baustista Jr.

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**DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE**

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late CLARITA DIAZ DALUSAG AND VICTORINO JAVIER DALUSAG who died on October 5, 1995 at Mandaluyong City and September 10, 1993 at General Emilio Aguinaldo Cavite respectively, leaving a parcel of land covered by TAX DECLARATION OF REAL PROPERTY (TD) NO. AA-06-0011-00164 located at Lot 1821, Brgy. Kaypaaba Poblacion General Emilio Aguinaldo Cavite has been extrajudicially settled by their heirs as per Doc. No. 72; Page No. 16; Book No. 3; Series of 2023, Notary Public Atty. Maria Ediliza Margarita C. Ramilo.

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**AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION**

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late PETER EVERETT BROWN who died on May 25, 2022 leaving a foreign Currency Savings Deposit at Bank of Commerce 017-Bel-Air Petron Bank under the name of BROWN, PETER EVERETT WITH BANK ACCOUNT NUMBER 017-000835-7 USD has been extrajudicially settled by his heirs as per Doc. No. 136; Page No. 29; Book No. 10; Series of 2023, Notary Public Atty. Justine Joyce Chua.

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 April 03, 10 & 17, 2023

**Republic of the Philippines**  
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**OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT**  
**City of Bacoor**  
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**Telephone No. 09273707489**

PHILIPPINE NATIONAL BANK,  
 Mortgagee.

-versus-

SPS. FERDINAND C. VALENZUELA and LEA L. VALENZUELA,  
 Mortgagors.

Foreclosure No. 2023-44  
 For: Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of  
 Real Estate Mortgage  
 X----- X

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, at PNB Financial Center Pres., Diosdado Macapagal Boulevard, Pasay City, Metro Manila, and against the mortgagors, SPS. FERDINAND C. VALENZUELA and LEA L. VALENZUELA at 768 Bohol St., Brgy. Pitogo, Makati City and Lot 6 Blk. 3 Lessandra Bacoor, Phase 5, Salinas, Bacoor, Cavite, to satisfy the mortgagee indebtedness which as of January 31, 2023, amounts to FIVE MILLION THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY NINE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY NINE PESOS & 70/100 (P5,379,989.70), Philippine Currency, inclusive of interest, penalties and other charges, the undersigned or her duly authorized representative will sell at the public auction on April 27, 2023 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. 167-2017004956

"A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 6 BLOCK 3 OF THE CONS.-

SUBD. PLAN, PCS-04-027088, BEING A PORTION OF THE CONS. OF LOT 63, BLOCK 15 AND LOT 4, BLOCK 16, PCS-04-025873, PSU-180901 AND II-855, L.R.C. RECORD NO. 11396 & N-1998), SITUATED IN THE BARANGAY OF SALINAS, MUNICIPALITY OF BACOR, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON. X X X, CONTAINING AN AREA OF SEVENTY SEVEN (77) SQ. M."

"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 May 4, 2023, 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, March 20, 2023.

MELY C. HERMOSURA-VISTA  
 OIC-Clerk of Court IV  
 By:  
 ARTHUR T. SAN MIGUEL  
 Sheriff IV

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PHILIPPINE NATIONAL BANK  
 PNB Financial Center Pres., Diosdado Macapagal Boulevard,  
 Pasay City, M.M.

SPS. FERDINAND C. VALENZUELA and LEA L. VALENZUELA  
 -768 Bohol St., Brgy. Pitogo, Makati City  
 -Lot 6 Blk. 3 Lessandra Bacoor, Phase 5, Salinas, Bacoor,  
 Cavite

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

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BOJIE MANUFACTURING CORPORATION  
 Lots 1-8, Phase 3, Golden Gate Business Park  
 Buenavista II, General Trias Cavite, Philippines 4107  
 Telephone Number: (046)-484-9634

## HIRING!

### DEPUTY SECTION PACKAGING DEPARTMENT

#### QUALIFICATIONS:

- Female
- Knows how to speak Mandarin
- With expertise in manufacturing of Christmas / Wedding / Halloween Lights
- 3-5 years of related experience
- Gaining or has attained full proficiency in a specific area of discipline
- Works under moderate supervision

#### RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Examine and inspect boxes, materials, and products in order to ensure that packing specifications are met.
- Record product, packaging, and order information on specified forms and records.
- Remove completed or defective products or materials, placing them on moving equipment such as conveyors or in specified areas such as loading docks.
- Measure, weigh, and count products and materials, mark and label boxes, tags, or products, using marking tools; Securely packaged items by gluing, tying, stapling or attaching fasteners.

For those interested kindly send your resume at [mj.bojiemfg@gmail.com](mailto:mj.bojiemfg@gmail.com)

Prepared by:

**Marjorie Miranda**  
 HR / Admin Staff

**REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION  
BRANCH 4-FC  
CITY OF IMUS, CAVITE**

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND  
(PAG-IBIG FUND),

EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF  
Mortgagee, REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER  
ACT 3135 AS AMENDED BY ACT 4118

-versus-

FC Case No. 17745-23

ROLANDO V. OBAR married to  
ESTER JENNIFER F. OBAR,  
Mortgagors.  
X -----X

**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, with principal place of business at The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City, against ROLANDO V. OBAR married to ESTER JENNIFER F. OBAR, mortgagors, with residential and postal address at 2133 Rd 15 Fabie Estate, Sta. Ana, Manila 1009 and/or Lot 2, Block 2, Sunset Meadow Marulas, Kawit, Cavite, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of November 11, 2022 amounts to SIX HUNDRED TWENTY THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED ELEVEN PESOS AND 60/100 (Php623,511.60), Philippine Currency, including interest and penalties, but excluding attorney's fees, sheriff's fees and all other charges incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned will sell at public auction on April 25, 2023 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter at the main entrance of the Office of the Clerk of Court, RTC-Imus Hall of Justice, Aguinaldo Highway, Imus City, Cavite to the highest bidder, for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all improvements therein, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE No. 057-2011002084

"A parcel of land (Lot 2 Block 2 of the consolidation-subdivision plan Pcs-04-024461, being a portion of Lot 470 cad-203, Kawit Cadastre & Lot 3-C, Psd-68831, LRC Record No. ), situated in Barangay of Marulas, Municipality of Kawit, Province of Cavite, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the SW., along line 1-2 by Lot 3-B, Psd-68831; on the NW., along line 2-3 by Lot 3, Block 2; on the NE., along line 3-4 by Road Lot 2 and on the SE., along line 4-1 by Lot 1, Block 2 all of the cons.- subd. Plan. X x x containing an area of THIRTY SIX (36) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS. 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, it shall be held on May 2, 2023 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning without further notice.

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

City of Imus, Cavite, Philippines, January 31, 2023

EMMANUELLE H. FRANCISCO  
Sheriff IV

APPROVED

ARMIE A. FRANCISCO  
Clerk of Court VI

COPY FURNISHED:

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (PAG-IBIG 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

ROLANDO V. OBAR married to ESTER JENNIFER F. OBAR  
2133 Rd 15 Fabie Estate, Sta. Ana, Manila  
Lot 2, Block 2, Sunset Meadow Marulas, Kawit, Cavite

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**REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT  
DASMARIÑAS CITY, CAVITE**

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

-versus-

SPS. GRACE R. DELA CRUZ &  
ALFREDO I. DELA CRUZ,  
Respondents/Mortgagors.

File No. FC-DC-0589-23  
EXTRA JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE  
OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE  
UNDER ACT 3135, AS AMENDED  
BY ACT 4118  
X-----X

**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE**

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118 filed by the petitioner/mortgagee, NATIONAL HOME MORTGAGE FINANCE CORPORATION (NHMFC), a government owned and controlled corporation created under P.D. No. 1267, with postal address at 104 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Village, Makati City against respondents/mortgagors, SPS. GRACE R. DELA CRUZ & ALFREDO I. DELA CRUZ with postal address at Golden City Dasma 3, Lot 27 Blk. 40, Brgy. Salawag, Dasmariñas City, Cavite and 35th Camarilla St., Murphy, Quezon City and for the satisfaction of the mortgaged debt which as of February 28, 2023 amounts to FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY THREE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY NINE PESOS & 88/100 (Php563,749.88), exclusive of all legal fees and expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on May 04, 2023 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter in the Court Room of Branch 90, Regional Trial Court, Ground Floor, Dasmariñas Community Affairs (DASCA) Building, Congressional Road, Buro I, Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite to the highest bidder and for CASH or CERTIFIED CHECK, in Philippine Currency, the following described real property together with all the buildings and other improvements existing thereon, to wit:

Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-492913

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in the Mun. of Dasmariñas Province of Cavite bounded and described as follows:

A parcel of land (Lot 27 Blk-40 of the consol/subd. Plan Pcs-042106-008379 being a portion of the consolidation of Lots 5777-C-3-A, 5777-C-3-B & 5777-C-3-E Psd-042106-066093, Lots 5768-A, 5768-B, 5768-C & 5768-D, Psd-29504 & Lot 43 Blk-10, Pcs-042106-008016, L.R.C. Rec. No. ), situated in the Brgy. Salawag, Mun. of Dasmariñas, Prov. Of Cavite, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the SE., along line 1-2 by Lot 28; on the SW., along line 2-3 by Lot 25 both Blk-40; on the NW, along line 3-4 by Road Lot 7; & on the NE., along line 4-1 by Lot 29 Blk-40 all of the consol/subd. Plan. Beginning at a point marked "1" on plan, being, S. 20 deg. 17'E., 1051.61 m. from Mon, 171, Imus Estate; thence S. 78 deg. 10'W., 3.75 m. to point 2; thence N. 11 deg. 50'W., 9.50 m. to point 3; thence N. 78 deg. 10'E, 3.75 m. to point 4; thence S. 11 deg. 50'E., 9.50 m. to the point of beginning, containing an area of THIRTY FIVE SQ. METERS & SIXTY TWO SQ. DEC. (35.62). All points referred to are indicated on the plan and are marked on the ground by PS cyl. conc. mons 15x60 cm; bearings true; date of original survey; Jan. 12-13, 1948 and that of the consol/subd. Survey; Oct. 3-Nov. 30, 1993 and was approved on March 25, 1994. is registered in accordance with the provisions of the Property Registration Decree in the name of

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

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

In the event the publication auction should not take place on the said date and time, it shall be held on May 18, 2023 at the same time and place without further notice.

27 March 2023, Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite.

RODRIGO C. ESTOGERO, JR.  
Sheriff IV

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

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

SPS. GRACE R. DELA CRUZ & ALFREDO I. DELA CRUZ  
Golden City Dasma 3, Lot 27 Blk. 40, Brgy. Salawag, Dasmariñas City, Cavite and 35th Camarilla St., Murphy, Quezon City.

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**REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT  
DASMARIÑAS CITY, CAVITE**

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

-versus-

SPS. ROSARIO D.C. RAÑA &  
SAMSON R. RAÑA,  
Respondents/Mortgagors.

File No. FC-DC-0586-23  
EXTRA JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE  
MORTGAGE UNDER ACT 3135, AS AMENDED BY ACT  
4118  
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**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE**

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118 filed by the petitioner/mortgagee, NATIONAL HOME MORTGAGE FINANCE CORPORATION (NHMFC), a government owned and controlled corporation created under P.D. No. 1267, with postal address at 104 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Village, Makati City against respondents/mortgagors, SPS. ROSARIO D.C. RAÑA & SAMSON R. RAÑA with postal address at Diamond Village – Dasmariñas, Lot 27 Blk. 22, Brgy. Salawag, Dasmariñas City, Cavite and 25 San Francisco St., Las Piñas City and for the satisfaction of the mortgaged debt which as of February 28, 2023 amounts to THREE MILLION NINE HUNDRED SIXTY TWO THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED TWENTY TWO PESOS & 57/100 (Php3,962,922.57), exclusive of all legal fees and expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on May 04, 2023 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter in the Court Room of Branch 90, Regional Trial Court, Ground Floor, Dasmariñas Community Affairs (DASCA) Building, Congressional Road, Buro I, Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite to the highest bidder and for CASH or CERTIFIED CHECK, in Philippine Currency, the following described real property together with all the buildings and other improvements existing thereon, to wit:

Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-498802

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in the Mun. of Dasmariñas Prov. Of Cavite bounded and described as follows: A parcel of land (Lot 27 Blk. 22 of the cons./subd. plan Pcs-042106-0080 being a portion of the cons. Of Lot 5777-C-2, Psd-04-02106-059852 & Lots 577-C-3-C & 5777-3D, Psd-042106-066093, L.R.C. Rec. No. 8843), situated in the Brgy. Salawag, Mun. of Dasmariñas, Prov. Of Cavite. Bounded on the SE., along line 1-2 by Lot 5777-C-3-A, Psd-042106-066093; on the SE., along line 2-3 by Lot 28 Blk. 22; on the NW., along line 3-4 by Rd. Lot 12; & on the NE., along line 4-1 by Lot 26 Blk. 22 all of the cons./subd. Plan. Beginning at a pt. marked "1" on plan being S. 35 deg. 08'W., 762.73 m. from Mon. 171; Imus Est. thence S. 36 deg. 11'W., 8.00 m. to pt. 2; thence N. 53 deg. 49'W., 11.00 m. to pt. 3; thence N.36 deg. 11'E., 8:00 m. to pt. 4; thence S. 53 deg. 49'E., 11.00 m.to the pt. of beginning, containing an area of EIGHTY EIGHT (88) 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 July 27, 1905-June 11, 1908 and that of the cons./subd. Survey April 20-June 20, 1993 and was approved on Jan. 6, 1994. is registered in accordance with the provisions of the Property Registration Decree in the name of

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

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

In the event the publication auction should not take place on the said date and time, it shall be held on May 18, 2023 at the same time and place without further notice.

27 March 2023, Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite.

RODRIGO C. ESTOGERO, JR.  
Sheriff IV

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

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## Recto: Update El Niño response strategy to protect agriculture

By Jose Cielito Reganit

MANILA – House of Representatives Deputy Speaker Ralph Recto on Tuesday called on President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. to consider upgrading the “Roadmap to Address the Impact of El Niño” (RAIN) as a measure to prevent the weather phenomenon from seriously harming the country’s food, electricity, and water supply.

In a press statement, Recto pointed out that RAIN was a comprehensive strategy paper drafted by the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), which guided the whole-of-nation’s response during the 2015-2016 El Niño event.

“Meron nang blueprint sa ganitong emergency. Kailangan lang ay (There is already a blueprint for this kind of emergency. All that’s needed is) to dust it off and brush it up, so it will be attuned to the unique characteristics of the 2023 version of El Niño,” said the lawmaker from the 6th District of Batangas.

He said President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.’s concurrent role as agriculture secretary should be one big motivating factor for him to commission an El Niño response strategy.

Recto emphasized that the agriculture sector, which is already saddled with the high cost of fuel and fertilizer, should not be burdened further by the scarcity of water caused by the weather phenomenon.

“Scarcity in water leads to scarcity in food. This is not an alarmist statement. It is a fact because, without water, you cannot grow food,” he said.

He also pointed out that the lack of water also shrinks planting areas, delays planting seasons, and cuts crop yields.

Recto warned that El Niño also harms livestock and poultry, as high temperatures can cause heat stress on animals.

Water is also needed to keep farms clean and prevent the spread of diseases, such as African swine fever, he said.

According to the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration, there have been seven severe El Niño events since 1980, with the last one lasting from 2015 to 2016 that inflicted an estimated USD327 million in agricultural losses.

To address the 2015-2016 El Niño episode, the administration of then president Benigno Aquino III crafted RAIN, which focused on ensuring food security, health, energy security, and safety in 67 impacted provinces, plus Metro Manila.

“The Marcos government should have a whole-of-nation response of its own, and I believe that the BBM version will be a superior one because it can draw from a wealth of previous experiences,” Recto said. (PNA)

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Regional Trial Court Of Cavite  
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New Justice Hall, J.P. Rizal Avenue, Kaybagal  
South, Tagaytay City

PHILIPPINE NATIONAL BANK  
Petitioner-Mortgagee,

EJF NO. TG-23-009  
FOR: Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of  
Real Estate Mortgage, under Act No.  
3135, as Amended

-versus-

SPS. NIELBERT P. SALMASAN and  
JAHANAH F. SALMASAN,  
Respondents-Debtors/Mortgagors.

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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 Petitioner/Mortgagee-Assignee, PHILIPPINE NATIONAL BANK, a universalbanking corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, with principal office and place of business at Philippine National Bank, Financial Centre, Pres. Diosdado Macapagal Blvd., Pasay City, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Loan and Mortgage Agreement (“MORTGAGE”) executed and notarized on January 29, 2016 by Borrowers/Mortgagors, SPS. NIELBERT P. SALMASAN and JAHANAH F. SALMASAN, of legal ages, Filipinos, with residence and postal addresses at (1) Block E13 Lot 4 Brgy. San Mateo Area C, Dasmariñas, Cavite; (2) Lot 8 Block 20 Phase I, Kohana Grove, Paliparan-Silang Road, Brgy. Sabutan, Silang, Cavite; (3) 9017 Ricarte Bahayang Pag-Asa, Phase 10, BA, Cavite, represented by JAHANAH F. SALMASAN as per Special Power of Attorney executed and notarized on March 20, 2015 in favor of the Mortgagee-Assignor, PNB SAVINGS BANK, which assigned its loans by virtue of Deed of Assignment in favor of the Petitioner/Mortgagee-Assignee, over a real estate property including improvements thereon, described in and covered by TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 076-2018005066 of the Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City, in order to satisfy the outstanding loan obligation of the Mortgagors/Borrowers in the amount of FOUR MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FOUR PESOS AND 18/100 (Php4, 775,604.18) inclusive of interest, penalties and other agreed charges, as of December 31, 2022, 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 May 8, 2023 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. 076-2018005066  
Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City

“IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in the BARANGAY OF SABUTAN, MUNICIPALITY OF SILANG, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON, more particularly bounded and described as follows:

APARCELOF LAND (LOT 8, BLK. 20 OF THE CONSOLIDATION-

SUBDIVISION PLAN PCS-04-028109, BEING A PORTION OF LOTS 2651-A, 2651-B, 2651-C, 2651-D, 2651-E, 2651-F, 2651-G, 2651-H, 2651-I, 2651-J, CSD-04-028969-D ), SITUATED IN THE BARANGAY SABUTAN, MUNICIPALITY OF SILANG, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON. BOUNDED ON THE NW., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 5, BLOCK 20; ON THE NE., ALONG LINE 2-3 BY LOT 9, BLOCK 20; ON THE SE., ALONG LINE 3-4 BY ROAD LOT 22 AND ON THE SW., ALONG LINE 4-1 BY LOT 7, BLOCK 20 ALL OF THE CONSOLIDATION-

SUBDIVISION PLAN. BEGINNING AT A POINT MARKED “1” ON PLAN, BEING N. 25 DEG. 57'E., 4187.09 M. FROM BLLM NO. 1, CAD 452-D, SILANG CADASTRE,

THENCE N. 02 DEG. 39' E., 9.00 M. TO POINT 2;

THENCE S. 87 DEG. 21' E., 10.00 M. TO POINT 3;

THENCE S. 02 DEG. 39' W., 9.00 M. TO POINT 4;

THENCE N. 87 DEG. 21' W., 10.00 M. TO THE POINT OF

BEGINNING, CONTAINING AN AREA OF NINETY (90), SQUARE METERS. ALL POINTS REFERRED TO ARE INDICATED ON THE PLAN AND ARE MARKED ON THE GROUND BY P.S., CYL. CONC. MONS 15740

CMS; BEARINGS TRUE; DATE OF ORIGINAL SURVEY: DEC. 7, 1973 TO DEC. 4, 1975 AND THAT OF THE CONSOLIDATION-SUBDIVISION SURVEY EXECUTED BY AIBRAHAM O. MALING, GEODETIC ENGINEER, ON SEPT. 19 - OCT. 27, 2012 AND WAS APPROVED ON MARCH 25, 2013.

is registered in accordance with the provision of Section 103 of the Property Registration Decree in the name of

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

BABY LEEM B. MARISTELA  
Sheriff-In-Charge

WARNING :

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represented by JAHANAH F. SALMASAN Borrowers-  
Mortgagors,

(1) Block E13 Lot 4 Brgy. San Mateo Area C,  
Dasmariñas, Cavite

(2) Lot 8 Block 20 Phase I, Kohana Grove,

Paliparan-Silang Road, Brgy. Sabutan, Silang, Cavite

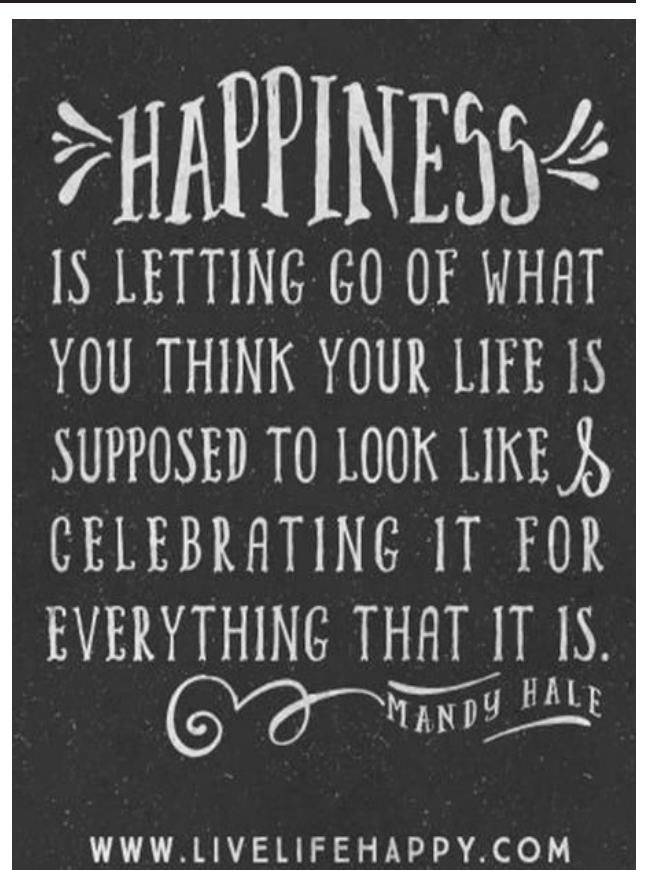
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# Word Search Puzzle

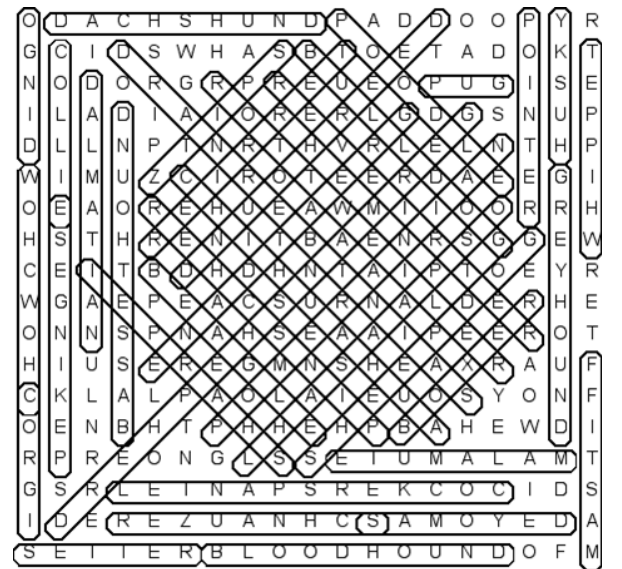
## Electronics

Find and circle all of the Electronics related terms that are hidden in the grid. The remaining letters spell the name of a common electronic component.

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- TINNING
- ELECTRODE
- TRANSFORMER
- ELECTRON
- TRANSISTOR
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- IMPEDANCE
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## Sagot sa nakaraan



# Sudoku

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## Sudoku hint

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Fill in the blank squares so that each row, each column and each 3-by-3 block contain all of the digits 1 thru 9. If you use logic you can solve the puzzle without guesswork. Need a little help? The hints page shows a logical order to solve the puzzle. Use it to identify the next square you should solve. Or use the answers pag if you really get stuck.






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# Survey shows rising support for mandatory ROTC

MANILA – Filipinos in favor of the mandatory Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) in college think students would develop discipline and responsibility, according to a Pulse Asia survey conducted on March 15 to 19 and released by Senator Sherwin Gatchalian's office on Tuesday.

Seventy-one percent of those who favor ROTC believe it would make young people more disciplined and responsible; 60 percent think they could defend the country when the need arises; and 59 percent said leadership skills would be enhanced.

An overwhelming majority of the 1,200 respondents in the National Capital Region (77 percent), Balance Luzon (72 percent), Visayas (80 percent),

and Mindanao (92 percent) favor the implementation of ROTC in college.

The survey likewise showed broad support for ROTC across socioeconomic classes – 81 percent of Classes ABCE and 78 percent from Class D.

“Malinaw ang boses ng ating mga kababayan sa pagsuporta sa pagbabalik ng ROTC sa kolehiyo (The voice of the people is clear in their support for the return of ROTC in college),” Gatchalian said in a news release.

He is co-author and co-sponsor of Senate Bill 2034 or the ROTC Act.

SB 2034 seeks to institutionalize the mandatory

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(File photo)

## Filipinos urged to strive toward more humane, progressive society

By Azer Parrocha

MANILA – President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. on Sunday enjoined Filipinos to join hands in creating a more “humane, fair and progressive” society.

In his message on the commemoration of Araw ng Kagitingan (Day of Valor), Marcos reminded Filipinos to reflect on the sacrifices made by war heroes to protect and restore Philippines' freedom.

“As we recollect the sacrifices of our forebears who fought long and hard to defend our nation's freedom, let us also bear in mind that our actions today determine the future of our country, including the succeeding generations,” he said.

“Together, let us strive towards developing a more humane, fair and progressive society that allows our citizenry to relish their liberty and achieve their individual and collective aspirations,” he added.

Marcos called on Filipinos to “re-examine” the values and honor of our forebears by “speaking up against discrimination, extending help to those in need, and working towards a better future,” adding that the legacy of our heroes and heroines came at a great and hefty cost.

He likewise urged the public to learn to make “wise and sound decisions” so that we may address our country's pressing problems with compassion and concern for others.

Marcos said the Philippines has faced numerous challenges that tested faith yet showed the world the “indomitable spirit” of every Filipino -- from the battles fought in the trenches of World War II to the struggles against insurgent forces.

He, however, said the country emerged as a nation that “stands tall and proud,” guided by the principles of “justice, truth, and democracy.”

“We have staunchly proven time and again that we are never the same after each adversity for we always rise to meet every challenge head-on with grit, grace and determination,” he added.

Day of Valor celebrated every April 9, marks the annual commemoration of the Fall of Bataan on April 9, 1942, and the bravery shown by the Filipino and American soldiers against invading Japanese forces during World War II.

The date also commemorates the Bataan Death March, where exhausted Filipino and American prisoners of war (POW) were forced by their Japanese captors to walk some 112 kilometers from Mariveles, Bataan to Capas, Tarlac under the scorching sun with no food and water for days.

This year, Marcos declared April 10 as a non-working holiday in observance of Araw ng Kagitingan.

Incidentally, the country is also observing Philippine

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## AFP to highlight modern weapon systems, doctrines in ‘Balikatan’

By Priam Nepomuceno

MANILA – This year's “Balikatan” exercise will allow the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) to use its most modern weapons systems and newly-developed doctrines in projecting the so-called credible defense posture, the country's military chief said Tuesday.

“For the AFP, in particular, this year's ‘Balikatan’ Exercise is most timely, as we fast-track the enhancement of our capabilities for maritime security and domain awareness, as well as our employment concept of newly acquired equipment and weapon

systems under our modernization program and application of newly developed doctrines – with the end-in-view of projecting a credible defense posture,” AFP Chief of Staff, Gen. Andres Centino, said during the opening of the 38th iteration of the “Balikatan” drills at Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City.

AFP assets to be used in this year's “Balikatan” include the newly-acquired ATMOS 155mm self-propelled howitzers, 105mm howitzers, S-70i “Black Hawk” helicopters, Embraer A-29 “Super Tucano” attack planes, FA-50 jet fighters, T-129 “Atak” helicopters, SF-260 light bombers, AW-109, and

MD-520MG light attack helicopters, fast frigate patrol ships, and landing docks.

The annual exercise aims to optimize the use of the AFP joint training areas under the Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement, as well as strengthen inter-agency collaboration.

Centino said these are part of the “exercise goals” that they believed would make for a dynamic and relevant iteration of this year's “Balikatan.”

“The annual Philippines-United States “Balikatan” Exercise is one of the long-standing activities between our two countries that has paved the way for an enhanced

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