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# LGU Naic turns over new command center to Coast Guard



Photo courtesy of PIA CALABARZON

By Ruel B. Francisco

TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite --The local government of Naic turned over to the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) last March 29, a newly constructed building that will serve as command center of the PCG stationed in the municipality.

Naic Mayor Junio Dualan led the turn over of the P1.3M one-storey, two-room building located within the compound of the Cavite State University (CavSU)-Naic campus in Barangay Bagong Kalsada to PCG NCR-CL Commander, Commodore Leovigildo Panopio.

“Ito pong bagong tanggapan ng Coast Guard-Naic ay pinaglaanan po natin ng budget para sa higit na pagpapalawig ng pagbabantay sa baybay dagat ng ating bayan,” said Mayor Dualan.

(We had allocated budget for this new office of the Coast Guard to further strengthen their surveillance of the coastal areas in our municipality.)

PCG Cavite Provincial Commander Lt. Michael Encina and Naic Councilor Raffy Dualan, Chair of the Committee on Fisheries and Aquatic Resources witnessed the simple ceremony held at the Seaside Resort and *continue to page 3*

## PDIC warns public vs new financial scams amid pandemic

By Jimmyley E. Guzman

PASIG CITY -- The Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation (PDIC) warns public of new financial scams amid the pandemic.

According to PDIC, certain individuals pose as PDIC employees using fake documents to lure victims either to believe that they can help them recover investments lost in the stock market for a fee or tricks victims into paying a sum of money in order to receive funds remitted from another country through the issuance of surety bonds for tax payments.

In another scam, presents a fake document purportedly issued by a bank with forged signatures of officials claims that

international bank transactions require PDIC insurance for a fee.

PDIC advises the public to ignore calls, messages or emails from individuals with “too good to be true” promises or information regarding return of investments, deposit insurance, money transfers or any financial-related transactions.

Likewise, the public is reminded to avoid providing personal and sensitive financial information to any person who claims to be an employee of a financial institution or government agency without verification.

The Corporation encourages the public to visit its website, [www.pdic.gov.ph](http://www.pdic.gov.ph) *continue to page 3*

## 1.5 million Caviteños to get COVID-19 vaccine for free — Gov. Remulla

By Ruel B. Francisco

TRECE MARTIRES CITY – Cavite Governor Jonvic Remulla on Wednesday announced that the provincial government has ordered three million doses of COVID-19 vaccines from US-based biotech firm Novavax to intensify the vaccination program

of the national government.

In a recent Facebook post, Remulla said the the Novavax vaccines will be allotted for 1.5 million Caviteños aged 18 to 59 who are not included in the national government’s priority groups. He added that the vaccines which are expected to be delivered by July will be given to

residents for free.

“We ordered 3,000,000 doses of NOVAVAX (US) para mapabakunahan ang may 1,500,000 na katao sa Cavite ng libre,” Remulla said.

“Ito ay para sa mga edad 18-59 years [old] lang. Ang senior citizens at indigents ang nasa first priority ng national government while ang healthy and productive including 18 [years old] below ay nasa huli pa,” the Cavite Governor added.

Remulla said that a total of P1.8 billion raised by the *continue to page 3*

## Pres. Duterte honors healthcare, essential workers in ‘Araw ng Kagitingan’ message

By Susan G. De Leon

CALOOCAN CITY -- President Rodrigo Roa Duterte today honored healthcare and frontline workers in his Araw ng Kagitingan (Day of Valor) message.

The President likened the fortitude of “selfless and dedicated” pandemic workers to the heroism of Filipino soldiers who defended Bataan and Corregidor in 1942 against Japanese invaders in World War II.

“As we continue to overcome the COVID-19 pandemic, we take a moment to honor the fortitude displayed by our selfless and dedicated frontliners whose unrelenting commitment in this fight reflects the heroism of the warriors of Bataan that continues to inspire in us a greater sense of patriotism and solidarity during these trying times,” said Duterte.

The Chief Executive added that the bravery of Filipinos in the face of suffering brought by foreign invaders serves as a reminder to all of the unyielding determination of the Filipino to prevail over all forms of adversity.

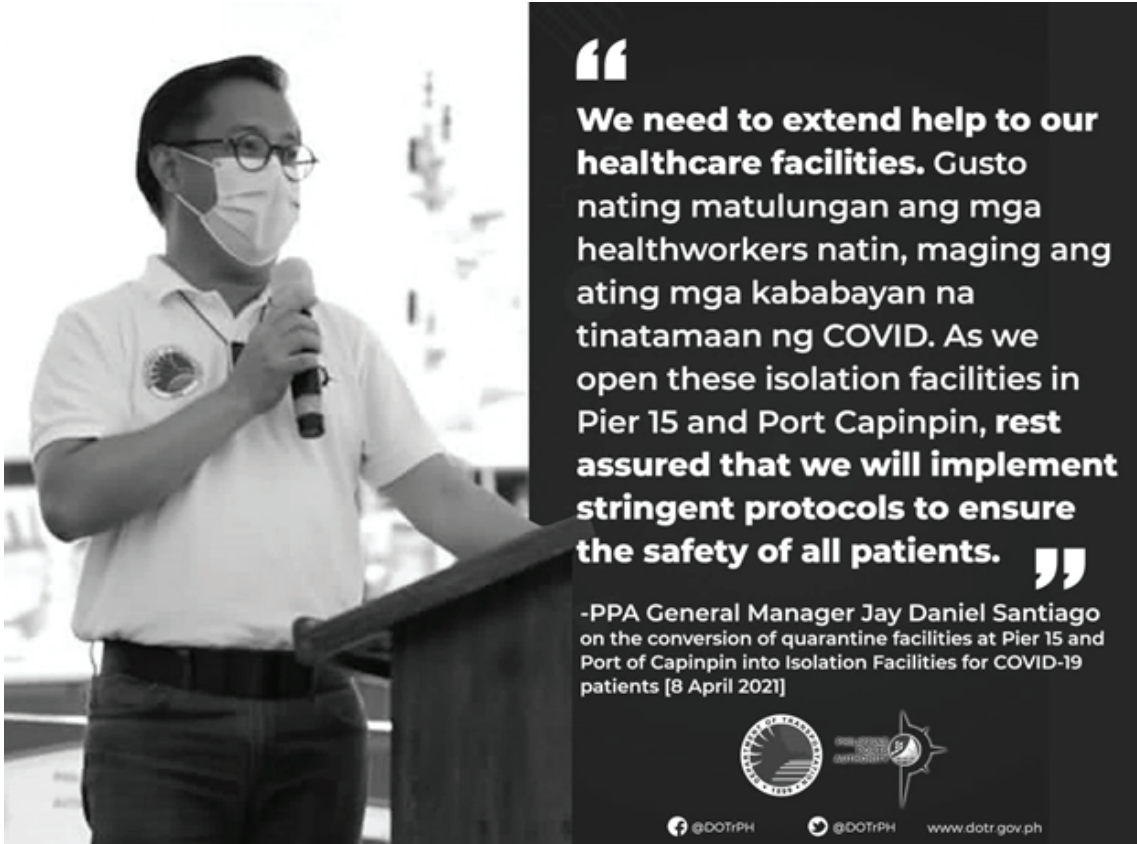
He also lauded how the courage displayed by the freedom fighters paved the way for an independent and democratic Philippines.

“Today, we honor our fallen soldiers whose sacrifice became the bedrock of our resolve to uphold our most cherished liberties. May this awareness resonate among us as we strive to become worthy heirs to the nation that they fought and bled for,” Duterte said.

Today marks the 79th Araw ng Kagitingan with the theme, “Kagitingan ay Gawing Gabay, Pademya ay Mapagtatagumpayan.” (PIA NCR)



Governor Jonvic Remulla, photo courtesy of google.com



“**We need to extend help to our healthcare facilities. Gusto nating matulungan ang mga healthworkers natin, maging ang ating mga kababayan na tinatamaan ng COVID. As we open these isolation facilities in Pier 15 and Port Capinpin, rest assured that we will implement stringent protocols to ensure the safety of all patients.**”

-PPA General Manager Jay Daniel Santiago on the conversion of quarantine facilities at Pier 15 and Port of Capinpin into Isolation Facilities for COVID-19 patients [8 April 2021]



PPA General Manager Jay Daniel Santiago (DOTR Facebook Page)

## PH Port Authority converts facilities into COVID-19 isolation centers

By Susan G. De Leon

CALOOCAN CITY -- Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) General Manager Jay Daniel Santiago today said they will be converted their existing quarantine facilities into isolation facilities for COVID-19 patients amid the recent surge in infections experienced in the National Capital Region and nearby provinces.

“Recognizing the need to augment our current health care system, ..[we] wasted no time to work on the conversion of existing PPA quarantine facilities into isolation centers,” Santiago said.

“Two existing quarantine facilities of the Department of Transportation and PPA shall be converted into Isolation Facilities for patients who tested positive for COVID-19,” he added.

“We need to extend help to our healthcare facilities. Gusto nating matulungan ang mga healthcare workers natin, maging ang ating mga kababayanna tinamaan ng COVID,” he further said.

The Eva Macapagal Super Terminal in Pier 15, which was converted into a COVID-19

Treatment Facility equipped with medical requirements for treatment of COVID-19 patients, has a total of 211 cubicles, distributed in different zones to accommodate patients with mild, advanced, and severe COVID-19 infections.

The facility is also equipped with hospital beds, portable toilets, cargo containers for showers, and open-air dining facilities.

Meanwhile, the Port Capinpin Quarantine Facility in Orion, Bataan has a 124-bed capacity, which encompasses 25 cubicles intended for high-risk individuals, and separated by a fully-equipped Nurse Station.

Further, two rooms with 12 bunk beds each are also allotted for medical frontliners.

The initial commissioning of Eva Macapagal Super Terminal and the Port of Capinpin as quarantine facilities was undertaken through the donation made by the Lopez Group of Companies.

“Slated to be operational by 09 April 2021, with stringent health and safety protocols in place, the isolation facilities are now ready to serve the needs of our kababayans,” Santiago said. (PIA NCR)

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pagdeploy ng meter readers ay makakasigurong tama ang singil sa kuryente ng mga konsyumer.

May 756 na meter readers at 7,306 na line personnel ang Meralco. Samantala, mayroon namang tinatayang 9,680 na linemen at 2,420 na meter readers mula sa iba't-ibang electric cooperatives (ECs) sa buong bansa.

M a t a t a n d a n g nagkaroon ng bill shock ang Meralco noong isang taon dahil

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hindi nakapag-deploy ng meter readers kasunod ng ipinapatupad noong ECQ, bagay na nagbigay ng kalituhan sa electricity bill at nagbunsod ng katakot-takot na reklamo mula sa publiko.

Nauna nang nanawagan ang Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) sa mga lokal na pamahalaan na payagan ang pagsasagawa ng onsite electric meter reading sa kanilang mga nasasakupan matapos na ianunsiyo ang pagbabalik sa ECQ ng mga lugar na nasa ilalim ng

NCR plus bubble.

Pero siniguro na ng Meralco na hindi na mangyayari uli ang bill shock dahil tuloy-tuloy naman daw ang meter reading activities.

“Sila na nasa field work ay nalalagay sa alanganin sa kagustuhang may maiuwing kita sa kani-kanilang pamilya. Sila rin ay dapat ituring na essential workers dahil ang kanilang trabaho ay ang magsiguro ng tuloy-tuloy na serbisyo ng power facilities,” giit ni Gatchalian. (PIA NCR)

## DOST....

OFWs to establish technology-based enterprises so they can literally move forward from being quarantined to returning home and building their own livelihood.

Holistic Support for the Filipino Family

iFWD started within NCR on 2020 and was eventually rolled out nationwide. “Considering that the Filipino ‘family’ is part of the iFWD PH program, the OFWs’ family members can be vital in putting up a technology-based enterprises for them. Subsequently, entrepreneurial activities will materialize for the OFWs and their families,” DOST Secretary Fortunato “Boy” Dela Peña said on his remark.

The Science Secretary, on the same virtual presser, also enumerated some important components of the said project such as the provision of technology training, technology assistance and the likes. In addition, he emphasized that it can help the OFWs understand how the program works, when to use it and what benefits they can actually get from it by saying, “Other OFWs kailangan lang ng briefing. ‘Yong iba may naipon ‘di na kailangan ng financial but technical. ‘Di sapat ang financial. Walang ipon,” setting a mark to those who do not have enough savings yet.

Secretary Dela Peña also highlighted other initiatives of the DOST during the ongoing health crisis which includes developmental kits, natural products, participation of DOST, DOH and UP-NIH together with NUHRA with the WHO’s SOLIDARITY TRIAL: therapeutic regimen to beat COVID-19, and preventive equipment for healthcare workers such as the SBCs and personal protective equipment (PPE); Order including RapidPass.PH and

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Check Pass; Livelihood such as the iFWD PH program; Posterity that involves new institutes and centers like pharmaceutical development centers as well as the education for the youth.

Usec. Edwin Bael of the OPA-OFW who was also present during the online presser said “Kapag sinabi mong ikaw ay matatag at matapat, ikaw ay susulong at uunlad,” just like how our kababayans were described by their employers and co-workers abroad - determined and dedicated - they will do anything with all might to live their dreams. Signing of the Memorandum of Understanding

During the live virtual presser, a memorandum of understanding (MOU) was signed between DOST and the OPA-OFW, in agreement to provide support and opportunities to OFWs and their family to own or manage technology-based enterprises as well as assist and protect their interest and welfare.

Meanwhile, during the question and answer portion, when asked about the difference of this program from other livelihood programs being offered by the other agencies and private companies, Sec. Dela Peña answered, “Ang pwede lang dito ay technology-based na negosyo, -technology ng DOST or other government-funded research output.”

Moreover, another question was raised about the role and contribution of the OPA-OFW, and if there is any counterpart funding. With this, Usec. Bael said, “Our role is to help DOST network with other agencies and with OFW groups all over the Philippines and even abroad. As to the counterpart funds, pu-pwede naming umpisahan na makipag-negotiate sa ibang mga bansa, especially sa Middle East na

bigyan nila ng parang development assistance to provide for the counterparty sa ating mga approved programs, approved projects dun sa iFWD para matulungan ang mga returned OFWs.”

On the query about the network linkages being offered by the DOST, Dir. Patalinjug disclosed, “Isa sa mga ipapakita natin sa programang ito, ipapakilala natin at magse-setup tayo ng mga advisor, mga technology-based entrepreneurship advisors and entrepreneurial advisors kung saan ito’y kinabibilangan ng mga (Small Enterprise Technology Upgrading Program) SETUP Clients natin. Kukuha tayo sa kanila na tututok, tutulong, maga-advise sa mga newbie OFW entrepreneurs.” He also added that the Entrepinoy Volunteers Foundation, Inc. (EVFI) will also help the OFWs by conducting seminars and trainings and that through the latest products and technologies that will be produced, “pwede silang i-pasok sa supply chain ng SETUP projects (natin),” Dir. Patalinjug said. On the query about the network linkages being offered by the DOST, Dir. Patalinjug disclosed, “Isa sa ipapakita sa programa na ito ay ang pagpapakilala natin at pag-setup ng advisors and entrepreneurial advisors kung saan nakabibilangan ng (Small Enterprise Technology Upgrading Program) SETUP clients natin. Kukuha tayo sa kanila ng tutulong at mag a-advise sa mga OFWs.” He also added that the Entrepinoy Volunteers Foundation, Inc. (EVFI) will also help the OFWs by conducting seminars and trainings and that through the latest products and technologies that will be produced, “pwede silang i-pasok sa supply chain ng SETUP projects (natin),” Dir. Patalinjug said. Help On the Way

On a final note, RD Patalinjug excitedly exclaimed, “Parating na ang iFWD para sa ating mga OFW... Abangan!” which Usec. Nazareth seconded by saying, “We’re

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its processes and ensure no delay in fulfilling its mandate amid the ongoing pandemic.

“Tinawagan rin po mismo namin ni Pangulong Duterte si Atty. Gierran para bilisan ang kanilang proseso at mabayaran ang dapat bayaran,” he also shared.

The Senator stressed that PhilHealth must fulfill its financial obligations in a timely manner. He warned that any failure to do so could hurt the stability of the healthcare system.

“Dapat ma-settle on time [ang mga financial obligations] in accordance with our regulations. Huwag natin hayaan na maapektuhan ang operasyon ng mga ospital dahil sa kakulangan ng pondo,” reiterated Go.

Earlier, Go also urged PhilHealth to scale up its response to the pandemic by providing expanded protections against medical costs, particularly for families that are facing the financial strain of the pandemic.

“As the primary health insurance provider of millions of Filipinos, it is important that PhilHealth adapts to the current challenges the country is facing today,” said Go.

ready to FORWARD our assistance.” iFWD will start in the National Capital Region for the meantime but this will eventually be rolled out to the other regions in the country. Those who are in the provinces can still be able to avail of iFWD PH.

Usec. Bael also that the DOST and the OPA-OFW look forward to the participation of the returning and even the retired OFWs because this technology-based projects are going to be multipliers. He said, “Para ito sa ating pagsulong at pag-unlad, upang makatulong

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“Gaya po ng parating sinasabi ko sa inyo, ipaglalaman ko na patuloy ma-implementa ang Universal Health Care Law at maisaayos ang operasyon ng PhilHealth,” Go said, adding that the government, as a whole, must do its best to unburden Filipinos by providing necessary, reliable, and efficient health services in line with the UHC law, especially amid the ongoing pandemic.

In line with President Duterte’s directive, Go stressed that PhilHealth must extend its coverage to patients admitted in tents and makeshift facilities given the limited capacity of hospitals.

“I urge PhilHealth to review and enhance its existing policies. Dapat nilang maramdaman ang serbisyo ng PhilHealth, lalo na sa panahong ito,” Go added.

In a recent statement, PhilHealth said that enhanced guidelines will be issued soon to ensure that adequate financial protection is duly provided to patients without compromising quality of care. PhilHealth also guaranteed that COVID-19 patients are entitled to health insurance coverage for testing, isolation, and treatment for mild to critical cases. (PIA NCR)

nang husto ang ating bumabalik na manggagawa ay maka-reintegrate sa ating bayan.”

Sec. Dela Peña also echoed, “Ang umunlad ang lahat ng ating rehiyon ang susi sa pagunlad ng ating bayan.”

For more information, you may send your inquiries via e-mail addressed to DOST-NCR Regional Director Jose B. Patalinjug III through ncr@dost.gov.ph, and copy furnish ifwdph@ncr.dost.gov.ph and promotions@ncr.dost.gov.ph or call 09666344790. (PIA NCR)

## United Nations PH fully mobilizes to reinforce COVID-19 vaccination program

By Jimmy E. Guzman

PASIG CITY -- The United Nations (UN) in the Philippines, represented by Resident Coordinator Gustavo Gonzalez and heads of UN agencies, met with Department of Health (DOH) Undersecretary Myrna Cabotaje as well as with DOH teams and experts, to declare its full support for the roll-out of the Government's COVID-19 vaccination programme.

The UN is already supporting the Philippine Government's vaccination programme through the COVAX Facility, the international partnership established to ensure equitable distribution of COVID-19 vaccines around the world, especially to low- and middle-income countries. On 4 March 2021, the Philippines received 525,600 doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine, and expects to receive 4,058,400 more doses in the second quarter of 2021.

Gonzalez said that in addition to the support of the World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), he has mobilized all UN agencies to pool capacities, technologies and resources in support of a successful vaccination campaign. The UN is providing logistics equipment like Mobile Storage Units, generators, and/or prefab offices and transport support to move medical supplies. It is

supporting Local Government Units (LGUs) with technical assistance to help ensure equity and inclusion in the vaccination programme.

Committed to leave no one behind, the UN is coordinating with the DOH and the Department of Justice (DOJ) to advocate for the inclusion of internally displaced persons (IDPs) and refugees, especially those belonging to priority vaccination groups, in the national vaccination programme. In the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao (BARMM), the UN is supplying cold chain management equipment including specialized cold chain vehicles, biosafety refrigerators, and ultra-low temperature freezers, among others.

The UN is also providing training to healthcare workers on cold chain management and COVID-19 testing, and is addressing misconceptions about vaccination through intensive and nationwide information campaigns.

Gonzalez said the "vaccination campaign is a core component of the COVID-19 recovery phase and it requires full support from a wide range partners. It also relies largely on full respect for prioritization policies and strong and nimble logistics. The UN is supporting the Philippines on both fronts and making sure that this phase of COVID-19 recovery is a success." (PIA NCR)



United Nations Philippines Resident Coordinator Gustavo Gonzales says the "vaccination campaign is a core component of the COVID-19 recovery phase and it requires full support from a wide range partners" during a Zoom call between officials of the Department of Health and the UN Country Team on 7 April 2021. (Screengrab courtesy of UN PH)

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provincial and local government units will be used for the procurement of the vaccines. The budget, according to Remulla, would also cover the expenses for the logistics, storage, delivery and registration process.

Citing the importance and benefits of the vaccines, Remulla encouraged his constituents to trust the

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government's vaccination program. Countering theories and false information about the vaccines, Remulla stressed that people should believe the medical and scientific evidences instead of relying to false claims and myths about the vaccines.

"We need the vaccine to bring a stop to COVID-19. Wala ring magagawa ang mga 'quack'

na paniniwala. Throughout the modern history, the vaccine has long been proven to be effective in stopping the spread of pandemics," Remulla stated.

"Getting yourself vaccinated will not bring about the end of the world. Rather, it may finally bring about the end of CoViD-19. So let us all choose to be free from this dreaded virus so that all of us can hold hands once again," he added. (RBF)

## DENR launches Climate, Disaster Resiliency Awards

By Ma. Elaine P. Allanigue

QUEZON CITY-- The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), through its Gender and Development (GAD) Office and Climate Change Service (CCS), recently launched "Mga Kwentong KLIMalikasan Tungo sa Katatagan: A Climate and Disaster Resiliency Recognition Awards."

DENR Secretary Roy A. Cimatu said the awards aim to give recognition to Filipino "movers and workers" who have been making change to bolster climate and disaster resiliency.

"This award will be a testament of the zeal and passion of all the people who do not merely talk but labor in the peripherals to bring knowledge and assistance on climate change concerns to those who need them most," Cimatu said.

The Climate and Disaster Resiliency Recognition Awards, which is in support to the Global Good Stories Movement, seek to recognize the stories of individuals, both women and men, and groups on the impacts of climate change and disasters in their communities, and on how they are addressing them through pursuing relevant programs on environmental protection and conservation, climate change, and disaster risk reduction.

The Global Good Stories Movement is a movement of people who share the common belief that "we can change the story of the world by changing the storyline."

"We know there are pockets of good stories and narratives at different levels. As we seek them out, document and publicize them, we hope such can create even more ripples of hope for expanded good stories," said Analiza Rebueltateh, DENR Undersecretary for Finance, Information Systems, and Climate Change, and the Chairperson of DENR National GAD Focal Point System.

The nationwide search is open to good stories about women leadership, community livelihood development, integrated water resources management, and coastal/upland protection.

It is also on the lookout for stories about critical resilient infrastructure, climate and disaster information services, solid waste management, marine conservation, and coastal governance, road sharing and non-motorized mobility, edible landscaping and food gardens.

Stories on eco-governance, environmental legislation, environmental education, arts for the earth, environmental jurisprudence, youth leadership, environmental diplomacy, marine enforcement, renewable energy, cultural

heritage, beach restoration, environmental litigation, water use and recycling, are also welcome.

The initiatives should have been going on at least for the last three years, until to date, or at least, since 2018.

The entries will be judged according to the following criteria: climate and disaster resiliency content (60 percent), visual appeal of the photographs and video (30 percent), and geographical reach of the initiative (10 percent).

The winners of the Climate and Disaster Resiliency Recognition Awards will be awarded P50,000 for first prize, P40,000 for second prize, and P30,000 for third prize.

Consolation prizes of P15,000 each will also be given to seven selected entries.

The winners will be announced and awarded by the end of June 2021 as part of the celebration of the Philippine Environment Month.

Participants must submit their entries and filled-up entry form individually to [cco.denr@yahoo.com](mailto:cco.denr@yahoo.com) and [ccs.denr@gmail.com](mailto:ccs.denr@gmail.com) on or before May 4, 2021.

Entries may also be submitted to the nearest DENR Community or Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office or DENR regional offices. (PIA NCR)

### LGU....

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Lt. Encina in an interview said, "Higit pa po namin papaingtingin ang aming trabaho bilang mga bantay baybaying dagat para sa kaligtasan ng mga mangingisda at turismo sa bayan ng Naic, bilang suporta sa LGU."

(We will further intensify our work as coastal guards for the safety of fishermen

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and tourism in the town of Naic, in support to the LGU.)

During the short program, Mayor Dualan revealed that plans are in the works for the construction of the new building for the PNP Maritime Group office in Barangay Labac and four new sub-stations of the Philippine National Police (PNP)-Naic. (Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite with reports from Dennis Abrina)

### PDIC....

for information and updates on PDIC.

The PDIC also clarified that, as state deposit insurer, its mandate is to protect depositors by way of providing deposit insurance up to the maximum deposit insurance coverage of PhP500,000 per depositor.

Further, PDIC explains that it is not involved in investments or any means to recover loss from any investment, does not provide insurance for international fund transfers, and it is not a surety bond firm that insures the issuance of surety bonds for tax payments. The state deposit

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insurer warned that it shall not be liable for any financial implications resulting from any related act, promise, pledge or guarantee made in PDIC's name by unauthorized individuals.

The public is enjoined to report any information regarding said scams to PDIC's Public Assistance Department at (02) 8841-4141 or tollfree number 1-800-1-888-7342 (outside Metro Manila) during office hours, or through e-mail at [pad@pdic.gov.ph](mailto:pad@pdic.gov.ph), or private message to PDIC's official Facebook account at [www.facebook.com/OfficialPDIC](http://www.facebook.com/OfficialPDIC). (PIA NCR)

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## EDITORIAL

### Poor nations need pandemic debt relief

What these nations refuse to acknowledge is the fact that ending the pandemic rests on inoculating as quickly as possible the world's population.

Reports that the United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has called for greater debt relief and new creative financing to help poorer nations deal with the pandemic and prevent their economic recoveries from falling behind are certainly welcome news for a third world country like ours.

A "new debt mechanism" to provide more options — including debt swaps, buy-backs and cancellations — has been suggested as many nations have been reluctant to add debt during the global health crisis, fearing a hit to their credit ratings.

Guterres called on G20 nations to extend the suspension of debtors' loan payments into 2022, and expand the Common Framework for Debt Treatments to include middle-income countries that request it.

The G20 agreed to suspend debt payments in April last year, but that measure is set to expire at the end of June.

Indeed, rules have to be changed if we are to stem the looming debt crisis. The UN official is right in calling for urgent action from rich nations that attended a high-level meeting of dozens of heads of state as well as International Monetary Fund, World Bank Group and Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development bosses. Old methods, it seems, are no longer working.

While richer nations had spent an unprecedented \$16 trillion on emergency health and economic measures that prevented a downward spiral and setting the stage for recovery, many developing countries cannot invest in such due to financing constraints.

Proof of this is the fact that the world's least developed countries have spent 580 times less per capita on their Covid-19 response than advanced economies.

Guterres cited stark differences in vaccine rollouts in rich and poor nations, and the poorest are facing "painfully slow" economic recoveries that risk becoming a drag on the global economy.

He criticized developed countries for creating a "stockpile" of Covid-19 vaccines, and called on them to share with the rest of the world to help end the pandemic.

"It's in the interest of everybody to make sure that as soon as possible and in a fair way, everybody gets vaccinated everywhere and that vaccines are considered to be a truly global public good," he said.

Now it's not only arms that are being stockpiled. Even the all-important sera meant to arrest this global pandemic are being hoarded by these developed nations, creating vaccine inequality.

The COVAX international system of vaccine aid to disadvantaged countries, according to the secretary general, is having "difficulties" because "there's been a lot of hoarding."

The UN chief criticized the "self-interest" of rich countries for building up vaccine supplies beyond the needs of their populations.

"First, don't stockpile vaccines," he said, adding that it "doesn't make sense."

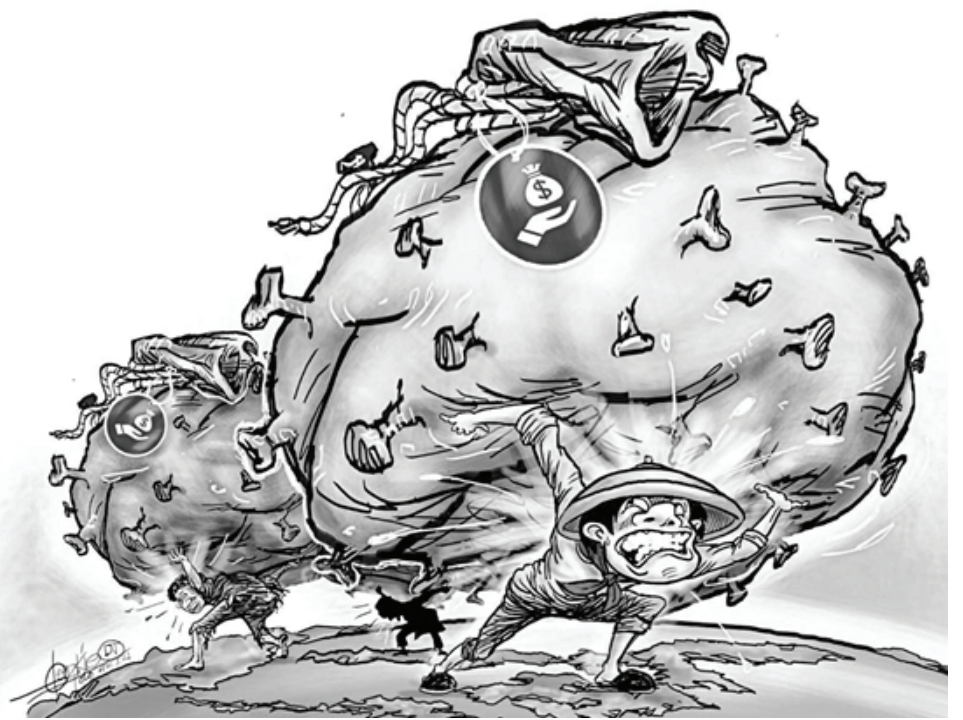
"We have been appealing to developed countries to share some of the vaccines that they have bought and, in many situations, they have bought more than what they need."

What these nations refuse to acknowledge is the fact that ending the pandemic rests on inoculating as quickly as possible the world's population. Only a mechanism powered by the G20 to put in place such a global vaccination plan would seem to be the best alternative.

Six nations, according to the UN official, have already defaulted on loans, and one-third of emerging market economies are at "high risk of fiscal crisis as more than 120 million people were plunged into extreme poverty over the past year due to the pandemic."

"Developing countries need access to additional liquidity to respond to the pandemic, and to invest in recovery," Guterres said.

"The global community must urgently provide the necessary support to all developing countries, otherwise we are in danger of emerging from Covid-19 with a two-speed world."



## KAPIRASONG Kritika

Ni Teo S. Marasigan

### Yakap ng Pagpapakamanhid

NABASA ko ang "What We're Not Saying About Kristel Tejada," isang sanaysay na nakalagay sa Notes sa Facebook ng isang Aya Tantiangco. Nabahala ako na maraming nagbahagi o nag-share ng sulating ito sa Facebook — lampas 3,000 nang makita ko. Hindi ko kilala si Bb. Tantiangco, at may positibo sa ganitong kalagayan: Matutugunan ko ang isinulat niya nang hindi personal, kundi nang itinuturing ang sanaysay niya na kinatawan ng isang kulumpon ng pag-iisip tungkol sa pagpapakamatay ni Kristel.

Una, kulang at paiwas sa impormasyon ang sulatin. Nagpakamatay si Kristel nang ang itinuturong dahilan ay ang kawalan ng kakayahan ng kanyang pamilya na magbayad ng matrikula. Nakagatong ang pagtanggap ng administrasyon ng Unibersidad ng Pilipinas-Manila sa pagsusumamo ng mga magulang niya para pautangin sila. Gayundin ang pagpwersa sa kanyang mag-Leave of Absence dahil hindi siya nakabayad ng matrikula. Lalo na ang pagkumpiska ng UP sa ID niya para hindi siya makapasok sa kampus.

"Dahil lang sa matrikula?" Iyan ang agad na tanong ng iba. Ang ugat ay ang kahirapan ng kanyang pamilya. Drayber ng taxi ang kanyang ama, at masasabi siguro natin: Kahit sinong drayber ng taxi, mahihirapang magpaaral ng anak sa UP. At dahil kahirapan ang ugat, hindi lang ito usapin ng isang-bagsakang pagbabayad sa matrikula. Usapin ito ng kulang na baon, kawalan ng pampa-Xerox ng mga babasahin, pagrenta ng kompyuter para makapagpasa ng papel, at iba pa. Mga problemang mahapdi, mabigat sa araw-araw.

Pinapalabas ng sulatin na itinatangi ng mga aktibista na "depressed" si Kristel kaya nagpakamatay. Baka iniwasan lang nilang maging sikolohiya at hindi sistema ang usapin. Anu't anumang maaaring kilalang na-depress si Kristel. Lahat yata ng nagpakamatay ay dumaan sa ganon. Ang totoo, kausap niya ang kanyang ulirang guro, si Prop. Andrea Martinez, tungkol dito. Ang tanong: Ano ang nagdulot ng depression? Hindi kailangang manghula, maliwanag na nasabi ni Kristel: kahirapan at matrikula.

Mula sa pag-iwas sa mga impormasyon, umalagwa ang sulatin sa mga maling ispekulasyon. Kung nagpakamatay si Kristel dahil bumagsak sa klase, sinipa sa paaralan o kung ano pa, tiyak na iba ang isyu.

Pero kahirapan at matrikula ang itinuro niyang dahilan. Kung nagpakamatay siya nang walang mapagkalingang kausap, magiging isyu rin iyun. Pero mayroon siyang kausap. At dahil mayroon siyang kausap, kailangang kilalang itinuring niya talagang napakabigat ng mga itinuturo niyang problema.

Ikalawa, umiiwas ang sulatin sa mga usaping panlipunan. Bumabagay at sumasalalay ito sa kamangmangan. "Kung magrarali tayo para sa mga bagay na libre, sino naman sa mundo ang magbabayad noon? Ang Diyos?" Kaya naman humahantong ito sa mga kagyat at simpleng "solusyon": Kumplikado raw ang pagpapakamatay pero yakap o hugs lang ang sagot. Dito rin mauunawaan ang mga kontra-aktibistang hirit ng sulatin, dahil mga aktibista ang nag-uugnay ng nangyari sa mga isyung panlipunan.

Batbat ng kontradiksyon ang mga pahayag. Tinutuligsa ang kawalang-pakialam at kawalang-malasaakit ng mga tao sa isa't isa, pero hindi inuunawa ang mga isyung panlipunan na nagpapahirap sa kanila. Ayawtanggap matrikula at kahirapan ang sanhi ng pagpapakamatay ni Kristel at sinabi pang "kumplikado" ang pagpapakamatay. Pero pagdating sa mga aktibista, handang magbigay ng simpleng sanhi: Ginagamit si Kristel sa "krusada," bilang chemplo para sikaping bigyang-katwiran ang mga prinsipyong.

Hindi sapat na patampukin ang mga kontradiksyong ito. Mahalaga ang paalala ng progresibong intelektwal na si Adam Kotsko: Sa pagsusuri sa mga propaganda ng mga konserbatibo, maraming makikitang kontradiksyon, pero ang lahat ng ito, naglilingkod sa isang konsistent na estratehiya. Sa kaso ng konserbatismo, ang "patibayin at, kung kinakailangan, muling igiit ang mga 'tradisyunal' na istrukturang pangkapangyarihan." Huwag magpatali sa detalye kundi tanawin ang pangkalahatang layunin ng propaganda.

At anu-ano ang mga layunin ng sulatin ni Bb. Tantiangco? Ang ihiwalay at ilayo ang pagpapakamatay ni Kristel sa mga isyung panlipunan na mahigpit na kaugnay nito. Ang alisin sa hinagap ang pagiging panlipunan ng mga problemang personal. Ang ikulong ang pakikialam at pagmamalasaakit sa kapwa sa pagharap sa mga problemang personal lang, "malaya" sa pagsangkot sa mga isyung panlipunan. At ang ilihis ang pananagutan sa nangyari

at ang hamon ng pag-aksyon mula sa gobyerno patungo sa karaniwang tao.

Madaling makita ng mga mapanuri at may nalalaman sa pulitika ang mga problema ng sulatin, at ituturing nila itong pag-insulto sa kanilang talino. Pero may yakap dito — ang mga walang pakialam sa mga isyung panlipunan. Pampatulog nila ito, pabalik sa kanilang pagkakahimbing na niyanig ng nangyari kay Kristel. Binibigyan sila nito ng palusot — "Nagmamalasaakit naman kami sa mga mahal namin sa buhay, ah!" — para huwag kumilos, bumalik sa normal nilang buhay ng kawalang-pakialam sa lipunan.

Walang ibang masaya at makikinabang sa sulatin ni Bb. Tantiangco kundi ang gobyernong Aquino at mga naghaharing uri sa bansa. Mulat man siya o hindi, at may batayang isiping mulat siya, binibigyan niya ng armas ang gobyernong Aquino para pahupain ang pagkabigla, pagkabahala, kalungkutan at galit na idinulot ng pagkital ni Kristel sa sariling buhay. Pansinin natin: Ito na ang pinakamalaganap na propaganda na kumontra sa mga tumutuligsa sa gobyerno at sistema kaugnay ng isyu ni Kristel.

Pero hindi mapipigilan ng sulatin ang pagdami ng mga kritikal at galit sa gobyerno at sistema. Taliwas sa pagpapalaganap at paghikayat nito ng kamangmangan, madaling makitang nakaugat ang nangyari kay Kristel sa mga patakaran ng gobyerno — sa edukasyon, empleyo, at ekonomiya. Gayundin ang katotohanang nakaugat sa lipunan ang maraming suliraning personal. Taliwas sa pagpapamanhid nito na nagpapanggap na pagmamalasaakit, ang malasakit sa kapwa tumutungo sa komunidad, uri at bayan.

Nagtatangka ang sulatin ni Bb. Tantiangco na sawatain ang pag-aasam nating mga Pilipino ng mas maunlad na hinaharap para sa ating bayan. "Kulang lang si Kristel ng pagkausap at pagkalinga" — parang nakapako sa kasalukuyan ang paghugsa niya. Pero taliwas sa kanya, ang gusto natin sa hinarahap ay isang maunlad na lipunan, isang masaganang bayan, na magbabalik-tanaw sa nakaraan at walang gatol na huhusgang ang nangyari kay Kristel ay dulot ng bulok at maka-iilang lipunan na kanyang inalpasan.

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## CCP holds successful launch of Ani: 41 literary journal

QUEZON CITY -- The Cultural Center of the Philippines (CCP), through its Intertextual Division (CCP-ID), held a successful launch for the latest edition of their official

literary journal, Ani, on Wednesday, April 7, a report by PTV News said.

The launch was held virtually on Zoom and featured live on the CCP website and the CCP-ID's official Facebook page. Ani is published yearly and features themed works from writers and artists from all over the country. This year's theme is

"Lakbay" (travel), and this is the publication's 41st issue.

CCP Chairperson Ma. Margarita Moran-Floirendo said, in her message for the journal, that Ani is proof that artists can continue to make excellent art under all sorts of conditions, even the most adverse.

"Since its inception in the 1980s, Ani has consistently harvested the best and the most relevant literary works from both novice and veteran creative writers from all the regions in the country," she wrote.

"This journal is proof that art-making is truly unstoppable. The CCP Intertextual Division was in the middle of gathering works when the national lockdown was declared. Conceived amid the social unrest, writers do really fight the virus with their pens."

According to CCP Vice President Chris Millado, "thousands of submissions" were sent in after the call for manuscripts for Ani:41 went out. From among these were chosen seven artworks and 146 multilingual works of poetry and prose, including children's stories.

The volume was edited by award-winning writer and editor Herminio S. Beltran, Jr., with Mia P. Tijam editing the special section containing 13 works contributed by persons with disability and persons affected by disability.

In his message, CCP President Arsenio Lizaso touched

on how books are related to travel and are significant to a full and meaningful life, citing: "Anna Quindlen, author of the book 'How Reading Changed My Life,' wrote: "Books are the plane, and the train, and the road. They are the destination, and the journey. They are home."

Among the writers who contributed to the volume are University of Santo Tomas professors Dr John Jack Wigley and Nerisa del Carmen Guevara; CCP production manager Dominique Garde-Torres; writer and journalist Yvette Tan; literary and cultural critic E. San Juan Jr.; and many other writers from across the regions.

Ani 41:Lakbay is free to download at <http://bit.ly/Ani41Lakbay>.

The launch program featured performances by a talented lineup of artists. Among them were Philip Jose Galit, better known as "Shadow Ace," who staged a puppet shadow play of Paul John Padilla's "Si Gol at ang Gintong Barko," narrated by Posh Develos and Sofia Jaira Manalo, a six-year-old prodigy who stole the show.

Nerisa del Carmen Guevara, one of the country's very few and most noted performance artists, performed her poem 'Chicken Little' along with Stacy Anne Santos of the CCP-ID, while Bacolod-based singer Ma. Margaret gave a soulful rendition of an excerpt from the works "Inertia" and "At Least?!" (PIA NCR)



ANI 41: LAKBAY FREE EBOOK DOWNLOAD LINK: [bit.ly/Ani41Lakbay](http://bit.ly/Ani41Lakbay)

# CAVITEVIEW

## Make lives healthy, sustainable through plant-based diets –Plant-based chefs

CALOOCAN CITY-- Plant-based chefs highlighted sustainable food consumption through cheap and easy-to-do plant-based recipes, and its major opportunities and benefits in terms of human health, environment, and the economy during the 40th episode of "Stories for a Better Normal: Pandemic and Climate Pathways," with the topic "Oh My Gulay!"

The online conversation hosted by three-term Senator, now Deputy Speaker and Antique Representative Loren Legarda, featured sustainable food enthusiasts including Chef Mae Dolonius of Studio Plantmaed; Chef JR Royol, Host of GMA's Farm to Table; and Asha Peri of Ecology of Food.

The guests shared their journey on becoming plant-based advocates, and encouraged the viewers to switch to sustainable and a healthy lifestyle through plant-based diets.

"During this time of the pandemic, may dalawang word akong natutunan na sana maging convincing in transition to plant-based - asymptomatic and essential. One, essential. Alam dapat natin kung ano ang

essential sa buhay natin. Second, asymptomatic. Hindi lang Covid ang asymptomatic, maraming sakit na biglang stage 4 na lang na hindi natin alam, at pwede nating ma-prevent kung sana ia-adopt natin ang plant-based lifestyle. Malaking tulong ito sa lahat ng pamilya natin," said Chef Mae.

"One of the benefits of having this kind of platform or avenue to talk more about the benefits of it is because 'what's in it for them?' When you try to talk about plant-based diet, lalo na 'yung mga vegan dishes, natu-turn off sila, kasi they don't see what they need to change. So we're pointing at the health benefits and environmental impacts. And then, in a day-to-day person's life, yung economical side din 'yung gusto nating i-highlight. Doing a plant-based diet should not be complicated. A plant-based diet should not be uncomfortable," said Chef JR.

"I-encourage na mas i-integrate pa ang plant-based diet kahit hindi 100 percent. Importante po ang plant-based diet, eating more plants for our defense system lalo na ngayong may mga problema sa health,

global crisis, environment, at climate change ay makakatulong talaga ang plant-based diet. At very important ang diversity sa nutrition, kaya pinapa-uso ko itong mga undervalued and forgotten crops kasi andaming nagsa-suffer ngayon sa malnutrition, kung ida-diversify natin 'yung diet natin at kainin

yung mga dati nating nalilimutan, then ito 'yung key sa very good nutrition natin. Hindi lang sa plant-based, but let's also support local industry, organic farmers, NGO movement, and diversify our diet," said Peri.

Legarda then urged the viewers to patronize local, plant-based, and in-season foods, purchase fresh local foods from farmer markets and food supplies from the local market, and to grow fruits and vegetables in our own backyards.

"Sa buong 12 months ng pandemic, actually way before the pandemic, talagang nagtatanim na ako. Talagang praktikal na magtanim sa sariling bakuran, kung may maliit o malaking lupa, sa probinsya man o sa siyudad, mahalagang magtanim. I believe in growing my own food, I believe in sharing the food that we grow, I believe in my law, the Ecological Solid Waste Management Law, which is to segregate garbage at source, recycle and compost, so ang bote, lata, at plastic, ay pwedeng tamnan," Legarda concluded.

As an online discussion to promote health, environmental consciousness, and climate-adaptive practices, "Stories for a Better Normal" aims to change the mindset of individuals, families, and communities by demonstrating ways in which a 'better normal' can be realized within our communities.

This online discussion is organized in partnership between the Office of Deputy Speaker Legarda and the Climate Change Commission, with support from the Department of Education, Philippine Information Agency, Institute for Climate and Sustainable Cities, The Climate Reality Project-Philippines and Mother Earth Foundation.

On the other hand, the Climate Change Commission is the lead policy-making body of the government tasked to coordinate, monitor and evaluate government programs and ensure mainstreaming of climate change in national, local, and sectoral development plans towards a climate-resilient and climate-smart Philippines. (PIA NCR)



Some healthy plant-based treats featured during the 40th episode of "Stories for a Better Normal: Pandemic and Climate Pathways," with the topic "Oh My Gulay!" (Contributed photo)

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Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 as amended by Act 4118 filed by HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (PAG-IBIG FUND), Represented by ATTY. NICOLINA C. MADRID, mortgagee, with principal office at The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City, against JOEBETH A. MAGKAISA, mortgagor, single, of legal age, Filipino citizen, with residence and postal address at Lot 31 Blk. 7 Ph. 6 ACM Woodstock Homes, Alapan I, Imus, Cavite, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of December 27, 2019 amounts to TWO HUNDRED TWENTY TWO THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED TWELVE PESOS and 19/100 (P222,112.19), Philippine Currency, including interest and penalty charges but excluding attorney's fees, sheriff's fees and all other charges incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff IV will sell at public auction on April 20, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. or soon thereafter at the main entrance of the Office of the Clerk of Court, RTC-Imus, Bulwagan Ng Katarungan, Aguinaldo Highway, Imus, Cavite, to the highest bidder, for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all the improvements therein, to wit:

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## CCC on World Health Day: Build a more just, equitable, healthier world

By Joedie Mae D. Boliver

CALOOCAN CITY -- The Climate Change Commission (CCC) on Monday joined the global community in calling for the protection of rights of all people to equal opportunities and adequate access to essential services, in celebration of World Health Day.

April 7th of each year marks the celebration of World Health Day to draw worldwide attention to a subject of major importance to global health, in line with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly Goal 3: Ensure Healthy Lives and Promote Well-Being for All at All Ages.

With the theme, "Building a fairer, healthier world for everyone," this year's celebration highlights the World Health Organization (WHO) principle that "the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health is one of the fundamental rights of every human being without distinction of race, religion, political belief, economic or social condition."

The COVID-19 pandemic has hit all countries hard, but its impact has been harshest on those communities already facing significant risk and vulnerability to sudden systematic shocks. These communities are also less likely to have access to quality health care services and more

likely to experience adverse consequences as a result of measures implemented to contain the pandemic.

In data from the WHO, up to 60 percent of people living in the Western Pacific region, which includes the Philippines, lack coverage in terms of essential health services. More than 1 billion people living in informal settlements or "slums" are facing increased challenges in preventing infection and transmission of the coronavirus.

As of Monday, the country's COVID-19 cases top 800,000. As daily cases continue to break previous records, the government imposed Enhanced Community Quarantine in the National Capital Region and its nearby provinces, affecting the livelihoods of millions.

With this, the CCC joins the call to ensure that everyone has living and working conditions that are conducive to good health, and that all people are able to access quality health services depending on their needs and values within their communities.

Moreover, the Commission encourages all Filipinos across the globe to amplify the importance of breaking all forms of gender, social, and health inequities to ensure inclusive recovery from emerging challenges like COVID-19, as well as increased resilience to disasters and climate-related risks. (PIA NCR)



Clockwise from top left: coastal flooding in Tuvalu, infectious disease risks in urban settings in Sierra Leone, disruption of livelihoods in Scandinavia and Nepal. (Courtesy of World Health Organization)

## Gateway Gallery Pocket Museum features #EndTB Leaf Arts

By Jimmyley E. Guzman

PASIG CITY -- Viral leaf artist Mary Mae Dacanay is one of the featured artists in the Art Flex of Gateway Gallery Pocket Museum.

In the feature, Gateway Gallery highlighted Dacanay's "Make TB a Priority" leaf art which was one of the artist's creation for the #EndTB campaign.

She is one of USAID's TB Platforms' social media influencer who uses Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to deliver important messages promoting awareness for TB as a killer disease that is treatable and curable. Dacanay uses various leaves for her artwork which caught the attention of various local and international press. She has been trending in social media since part of her advocacy arts include promoting the welfare of our frontliners serving both TB and COVID-19 response.

"We are grateful that Gateway Gallery and social media influencer, Mary Mae Dacanay support public awareness campaign for TB using various media platforms. Thank you very much also to all our media partners like Philippine Information Agency for sharing our activities as well as stories of TB

survivors. We hope we can inspire more public and private institutions to support the #EndTB campaign especially during these most challenging times," said Ms. Diwata de Castro-Paredes, Social and Behavior Change Communications Specialist of the USAID's TB Platforms Project.

Gateway Gallery Pocket Museum is now available on the Apple App store. Download it and experience #museumfromhome during this challenging COVID-19 community quarantine.

The Gateway Gallery art museum of Araneta City is devoted to the promotion of culture and the arts. Their programs highlight and celebrate the history, arts, and culture of the Philippines.

USAID's TB Platforms is implemented by the University Research Co. LLC. (URC) and provides technical assistance to the Department of Health National Tuberculosis Control Program through the regional Centers for Health Development in the National Capital Region, Central Luzon and CALABARZON. The project continues to support local government units and health facilities find and treat Filipinos with TB Amid the COVID-19 pandemic. (PIA NCR)

# Word Search Puzzle

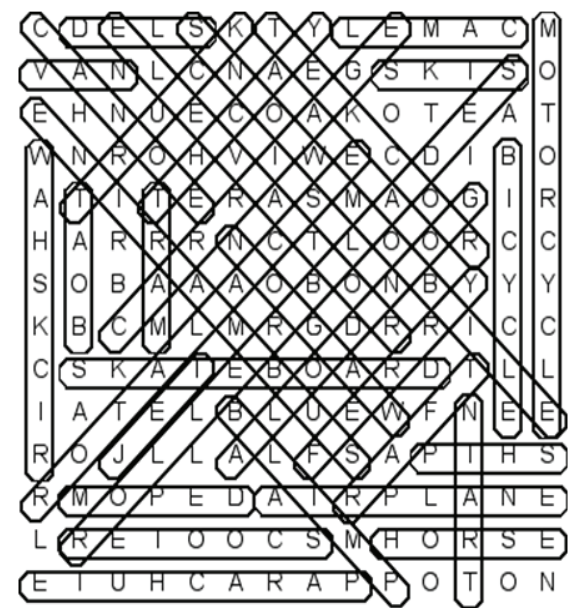
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The remaining letters spell a secret message - a Henry Ward Beecher quotation.

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## Sagot sa nakaraan



## Sudoku

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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.

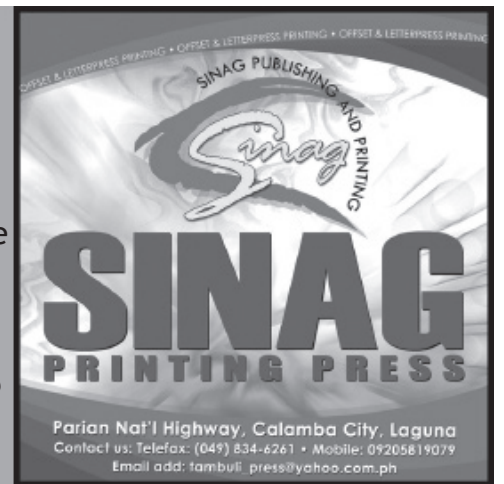
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## Sudoku hint

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# Bong Go to PhilHealth: Ensure unhampered access to healthcare services for Filipinos

By Lucia F. Broño

CALOOCAN CITY -- Senator Christopher “Bong” Go has repeated his appeal to state insurer PhilHealth to expedite payments and settle obligations to healthcare providers and institutions.

Go personally discussed the matter with Philhealth Chair Dante Gierran during his attendance at the blessing and turn-over ceremony of the Department of Health-Quezon Institute Off-Site Modular Hospital in Quezon City on Tuesday.

The senator asked for PhilHealth’s commitment to speed up payments and fulfill obligations particularly to the Philippine Red Cross as well as hospitals with valid claims.

“Nagkaroon ako ng pagkakataon makausap si Atty. Gierran. Sinabi ko na bilisan na ang pagbayad sa mga valid claims ng mga private and government hospitals para mabilis na makaikot ang kanilang cash flow at makadagdag sila ng mga hospital beds for COVID-19 patients,” Go said.

“Nakiusap rin ako na bilisan po ang payment sa Red Cross. Mabilis at nakakatulong po ang COVID-19 testing sa Red Cross at ang iba pa nilang serbisyo sa mga kababayan natin. Kailangan natin sila para ma-achieve ang target na mas maraming testing kada araw,” he added.

Go said President Rodrigo Duterte himself instructed PhilHealth to expedite

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Senator Christopher “Bong” Go and Public Works Secretary Mark Villar and NTF Chief Implementer Secretary Carlito Galvez Jr. inspect the modular hospital built inside the compound of the Quezon Institute in Quezon City on April 6, 2021. (Sen. Go Facebook)

## DOST-NCR fulfills an OFW’s dream thru DOST iFWD PH program

QUEZON CITY-- Amid the pandemic, through the Department of Science and Technology’s (DOST’s) iFWD PH: Innovations for Filipinos Working Distantly from the Philippines program, DOST-NCR under the leadership of DOST-NCR Jose B. Patalinjug III, provides innovation funding support to Bermudez Software Development Services, managed by former overseas Filipino worker (OFW) Mr. Ruel Bermudez, to enhance and market the eBarangayPH.

The project aims to upgrade cloud infrastructure, ensure data privacy, guarantee access reliability, and develop an accompanying mobile application.

Having completed the capability building phase of the iFWD PH Program, Mr. Bermudez, who worked as an IT expert for 20 years and was an OFW in Cambodia, will be staying in the country to manage his own web-based enterprise.

It can be remembered that on 29 May 2020, Science Department launched the said project on a live virtual presser through the DOST-Philippines Facebook page. iFWD PH was conceptualized and implemented by the DOST-NCR and supported by the Office of the Presidential Adviser on Overseas Filipino Workers (OPA-OFW).

According to the Undersecretary for Regional Operations of the DOST, Brenda L. Nazareth-Manzano, this project “will provide them with opportunities to continue what they have started in their journey to building a good and progressive future for themselves and their families.” This initiative

was also coined in anticipation of the number of returning Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The undersecretary also referred to the OFWs as the “modern-day heroes” or “MAKABAGONG BAYANI” because of their contribution to the Philippine economy. She also stated that “we at the DOST will be our OFWs’ big sisters and brothers, ready to lend helping hands so that they will be able to realize their dreams here in our country.”

DOST-NCR Regional Director Jose B. Patalinjug III explains that the general objective of the DOST’s iFWD PH project is to provide support and opportunities for OFWs and their families to establish technology-based enterprises in the country.

On a virtual presser conducted last year, the Regional Director also laid the program framework such that phase 1 will be comprised of capability building and phase 2 will consist of funding support for the establishment of technology-based enterprises.

He also emphasized that part of the program is the provision of technology-based entrepreneurship advisors, technical assistance, use of DOST facilities, and network and linkages with established SETUP beneficiaries.

According to Dir. Patalinjug, OFWs may also form groups of 5 members to form a partnership or corporation, or 15 members to form a cooperative. He also pointed out that the DOST’s goal is to provide opportunities for

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## Electrical linemen, meter readers dapat prayoridad din sa vaccination program -Gatchalian

By Lucia F. Broño

LUNGSOD CALOOCAN -- Inirekomenda ngayong araw ni Senator Win Gatchalian sa Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF) ang pagpapalawak ng priority list sa isinasagawang pagpapabakuna laban sa COVID-19 at isama ang mga electrical linemen at meter readers. Ayon sa senador, mahalaga ang ginagampanan nilang papel sa pagpapanatili ng tuloy-tuloy na suplay ng

kuryente at kabuuang seguridad ng enerhiya sa bansa.

“Katulad ng ibang non-medical frontliners, ang mga linemen at meter readers na nagbabahay-bahay para makapagbigay serbisyo ay nalalagay din sa panganib. Maaari din silang mahawa kung may makasalamuha silang nahawaan na pala ng coronavirus. Kaya sana ikonsidera rin ang pagbibigay prayoridad sa kanila sa mga isinasagawang pagbabakuna,” ani Gatchalian.

Mahalaga, ayon

sa senador, ang pagsama sa kanila sa hanay ng mga nasa priority list dahil ang serbisyo nila ay tumutugon sa mga pangangailangan ng mga konsyumer na may kinalaman sa installation, maintenance, repair works at iba pang technical concerns pagdating sa kuryente sa gitna ng mahigpit na pagpapatupad ng health protocols, lalo na’t nasa enhanced community quarantine o ECQ na naman ang mga lugar na nasa NCR plus bubble. Aniya, ang

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Senator Win Gatchalian