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Diaz receives Olympic incentives in Tagaytay

By Patricia Bermudez

TRECE MARTIRES CITY - Following her successful campaign at the Tokyo Olympics, weightlifter Hidilyn Diaz is expected to move into her new home in Barangay Kaybagal Central, Tagaytay City.

Aside from a brand new 13-seater Foton Transvan, gold medalist Diaz also received a 220 square meter house and lot as part of her incentives from the Philippine Olympic Committee.

With an estimated worth of P5-M, the two-storey property includes three bedrooms and an estimated 180 square meter total

floor area.

“Sobrang thankful ako sa unexpected blessings na ibinigay sa amin. As an athlete, goal talaga namin manalo ng gold para sa Pilipinas,” said Diaz, who bagged the country’s first Olympic Gold after dominating the 55-kg women’s division.

[I am very thankful for the unexpected blessings given to us. As an athlete, our goal is to win for the Philippines.]

Diaz’s triumph at the Olympics is predicted to attract more interest in weightlifting as a sport, which prompted talks of its inclusion in the Department

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Photo courtesy: PIA CAVITE Tokyo Olympics gold medalist, weightlifter Hidilyn Diaz

Cavite Provincial EO, sets limitations on funeral rites

By Ruel Francisco

TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite --Cavite Provincial Governor Juanito Victor C. Remulla on Friday, August 20,

2021 signed Executive Order No. 48 S. 2021 providing the guidelines for funeral rites during the Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine (MECQ) status in the province until August

31, 2021.

This is in the wake of the alarming increase in the number of CoViD-19 cases, and the detection of the more transmissible Delta variant in the province with gatherings for necrological and funeral rites cited as a venue for local transmissions.

The said order declares that wakes and necrological services for family members who died from causes other than

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Naitala, pangatlong kaso ng Delta variant sa Silang, Cavite

By Ruel Francisco

LUNGSOD NG TRECE MARTIRES, Cavite --Inihayag ni Silang Mayor Corrie Poblete sa pamamagitan ng kanyang FB Page na naitala kahapon ang pangatlong kaso ng COVID-19 Delta variant sa kanilang bayan.

Ayon sa post ni Mayor Poblete, ang pasyente ay na-confine sa isang ospital sa Maynila noong buwan ng Hulyo. Napag-alaman ng lumabas ang resulta ng swabtest ay nagpositibo sa RTPCR Covid Test at verified ng genome test bilang Delta variant. Nakauwi sa Silang ang nagpositibo noong ika-11 ng Agosto at kasalukuyang nasa isolation upang mag-quarantine habang tinatayang siyam (9) na close contacts nito ang nagpositibo rin at kasalukuyang naka-quarantine na.

“Agad ko pong ipinag-utos na magsasagawa ng vaccination drive ang ating mga

rural health unit (RHU) nurses katuwang ang aking tanggapan sa Barangay Ulat sa lalong madaling panahon dahil sa patuloy na pagtaas ng kaso ng sakit sa nasabing lugar,” ayon pa kay Poblete.

Kasabay nito, nagsagawa rin ng mass testing sa iba pang close contacts ng pasyente at sa may sintomas na nararamdaman.

“Patuloy ko pong pinapakausap na mag-ingat at huwag po tayong mag-panic dahil agaran po natin itong inaakusyunan. Panatilihin ang pagsusuot ng face shield, facemask at magkaroon social distancing upang hindi na kumalat ang sakit. Palagi ko pong paalala na manatili na lamang po tayo sa bahay kung hindi naman kinakailangan!” paalala ni Poblete sa mga residente.

“Keep safe and God Bless mga ka-Silangueños,” (RBF, PIA Cavite at ulat mula sa Corie Poblete FB Page)

Panukalang batas ni Gatchalian layong maabot ang ‘zero illiteracy’ sa bansa

By Jerome Carlo Paunan

MAYNILA -- Naghain si Senator Win Gatchalian ng panukalang batas na layong pabilisin ang pag-abot ng “zero illiteracy” sa bansa.

Sa ilalim ng Senate Bill No. 2348 o ang “National Literacy Council Act,” ang Literacy Coordinating Council (LCC) na nabuo dahil sa Republic Act No. 7165 ay magiging National Literacy Council. Isinusulong din ng panukalang batas ang pagkakaroon ng three-year roadmap upang makamit ang zero illiteracy.

“Sa isinusulong nating panukalang batas, mahalaga ang magiging papel ng parehong ALS at ng ating mga lokal na pamahalaan upang

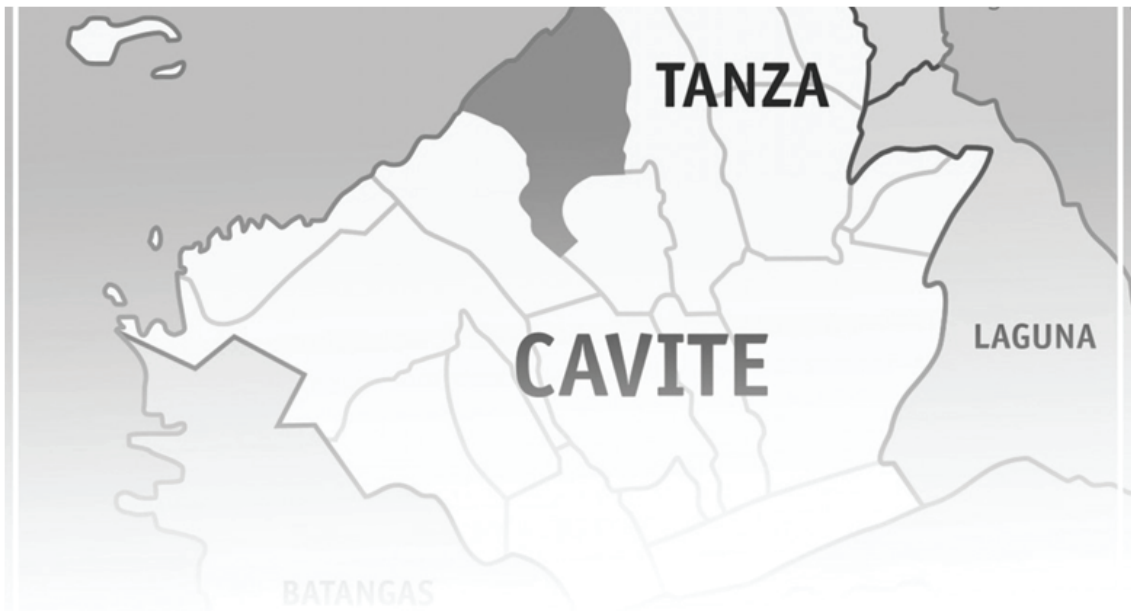
makamit ang zero illiteracy sa ating bansa. Ang pag-abot ng zero illiteracy ang isa sa mga unang mahalagang hakbang upang matiyak na wala tayong kababayang mapagkakaitan ng magandang kinabukasan,” ani Gatchalian, Chairperson ng Senate Committee on Basic Education, Arts and Culture.

Sa pagsugpo sa illiteracy sa bansa, mahalaga ang magiging papel ng Alternative Learning System (ALS) habang ang mga Local School Boards (LSBs) naman ay magsisilbing de facto local literacy councils. Ang ALS ay isang sistema ng non-formal education na nagbibigay ng oportunidad sa mga hindi nakapag-aral o hindi nakatapos sa ilalim ng pormal na sistema. Layunin din ng ALS

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size, data showed that those with deposit balances greater than P100,000 up to P500,000 grew the fastest. From 4.8 million accounts in March 2020, these accounts grew by 7.1% to 5.1 million accounts in March 2021.

These were followed by deposits of P100,000 and below which surged by 6.8% from 68.5 million accounts as of March 2020 to 73.2 million accounts as of March 2021.

Deposit accounts exceeding the maximum deposit insurance of P500,000 also grew at almost a similar rate. From 2.5 million accounts as of March 2020, this deposit group increased by 6.6% to 2.7 million accounts as of March 2021.

In terms of amounts, deposits with balances of above P500,000 posted the biggest growth at P13.3 trillion as of March 2021, an upturn of 8.2% from P12.3 trillion registered as of March 2020. Deposits more than P100,000 up to P500,000 posted the next fastest year-on-

year growth at P1.2 trillion as of March 2021 or an increase of 7.2% compared with the P1.1 trillion recorded in the same period last year.

Deposits of P100,000 and below posted a 1.6% year-on-year growth to P540.9 billion as of March 2021 from P532.3 billion as of March 2020.

Collectively, savings and demand deposit/NOW accounts accounted for the lion share in total domestic deposits at 77.3% or for P7.3 trillion and P4.3 trillion, respectively. Time deposits and LTNCDS represented the balance of 22.7% at P3.4 trillion.

The economic impact of the pandemic on many Filipinos may have put liquidity at the forefront of many depositors' priorities. This is evident in the 11.3% year-on-year contraction in the total time deposit and LTNCDS balances, and in the growth rates for savings and demand/nw deposits at 15.3% and 14.9%, respectively.

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that are subject of investigations pertaining to fraudulent, unethical acts, and/or abuse of authority".

According to PhilHealth Spokesperson Shirley Domingo, the decision to put the circular on hold was a result of the talks last August 23 between the PhilHealth management, the Department of Health, and hospital associations.

Prior to the suspension of the said circular, Go personally reached out to PhilHealth President Dante Gierran, Executive Secretary Salvador Medialdea and Secretary Carlito Galvez, Jr. to recommend solutions to issues raised by the hospital associations. Following his appeal, a 'fruitful' dialogue transpired among parties concerned.

The Senator also urged hospitals to follow proper processes and be genuine in their claims, particularly given the current circumstances. He then asked PhilHealth to keep moving forward with the settlement of unpaid reimbursements, even if it means hiring more staff, in order to avoid jeopardizing health services, particularly in these

From the previous P3.8 trillion total balance as of the end of March 2020, the combined amount of time deposits and LTNCDS declined to P3.4 trillion. Meanwhile, total savings deposit amounts grew to P7.3 trillion by the end of March 2021 from P6.4 trillion as of March 2020.

Demand deposit/NOW account balances also went up, reaching P4.7 trillion as of March 2021 from P3.7 trillion in the same period in 2020.

The PDIC is an active member of the Financial Sector Forum composed of Philippine financial regulators and staunchly encourages saving through banks. It also strongly advocates financial literacy and financial inclusion as its corporate social responsibility program to promote its mandate of depositor protection and financial stability.

Information on the PDIC and deposit insurance are available in its website at www.pdic.gov.ph and official Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/OfficialPDIC>. (PDIC/PIA-NCR)

times of difficulty.

"At ako naman po, umaapela ako sa leadership ng PhilHealth at ng mga hospital groups, na sana tuloy-tuloy ang harmonious and closer coordination. Iisa lang naman po ang hangarin natin dito. Kabutihan po ng lahat, kalusugan at buhay po ng bawat Pilipino po ang inuuna natin dito," said Go.

"Sabi nga ng Pangulo, gamitin ninyo ang pera basta nasa tama. You should maximize our resources especially in a health emergency. Dapat walang natutulog na pera at walang nasasayang na panahon," he added.

As the country is still in a public health emergency, Go said that government agencies need to be more flexible so they can prioritize what Filipinos need at this time.

"Yung mga mapatunayang may fraudulent claims, iyon ang kasuhan. 'Yung mga maayos naman, tulungan natin silang magampanan ang tungkulin nila sa komunidad lalo na ngayon na napaka-importante ng mga ospital dahil tumataas na naman ang kaso ng mga

DAR Farm Business School to give vegetable price stability

TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite --The Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) here offered a Farm Business School to help the local farmers of Tanza town grow vegetables, and address the price instability of farm produce in the public market.

This is in response to the recent increase in prices of vegetable produce that was observed in the past few days causing a slump in sales at the Tanza Public Market.

According to a vegetable vendor of the said public market, prices of several vegetables increased after the recent weeks of rains. The prices of cabbage, tomatoes, and garlic increased by

P30 per kilo while chili is sold at P200 from the previous price of P80 per kilo.

DAR-Trece Martires City Agrarian Reform Officer I Ms. Corazon Peji said, "Price increases are affected by changes in weather, as well as the amount of produce, if vegetables produced are less then prices go up but if farmers produce more the prices go down."

The Farm Business School aims to teach the local farmers how and when to grow certain varieties of vegetables as well as the proper pricing of their farm produce to be able to avoid the irregular changes in prices of vegetables in the local markets.

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relevant to the implementation of the BE-LCP.

In support of the BE-LCP, there are seven areas of priority identified for the research; (1) Most Essential Learning Competencies; (2) Implementation of multiple learning delivery modalities/improved learning environment; (3) Preparing teachers and school leaders/ teacher upskilling and reskilling; (4) Health standards in school and workplace; (5) Reconfiguration of annual opening activities and partnerships; (6) Finance, procurement, and delivery; and (7) Monitoring, evaluation, and adjustments.

"In this call for national research, we would like to specifically invite everyone [to conduct] research on specific areas that were identified in our call for proposals," Planning Service Director Roger B. Masapol noted during the virtual orientation for the research proposals held on July 29, 2021.

To be eligible for the grant, applicants, whether teaching or non-teaching personnel, should hold a regular job position in the Department, should not have any pending

administrative cases, and should not have yet availed the grant for the current year. Each team can only have a maximum of three (3) members.

"We hope everyone will participate and submit their proposal. The intention will be to help DepEd build the evidence so that we can further craft better policies that will address the pressing problems that we are currently facing," added Dir. Masapol.

DepEd's Policy Research and Development Division has encouraged personnel from different field offices and DepEd Central Office to cultivate more inclusive research, drawing from the grassroots of the Department to improve the quality of education in all corners of the country.

Submissions of the soft copy of the proposals are until August 29, 2021.

For more information on application procedure, fund guidelines, and provisions of the program, participants can refer to the DepEd Order No. 16, s. 2017: http://www.deped.gov.ph/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/DO_s2017_016.pdf. (DepEd/PIA-NCR)

Police, Navy personnel reach out to Manila communities

By Jimmyley Guzman

PASIG CITY -- Team National Capital Region Police Office (NCRPO), Navy Support Group (NAVSG), along with the Ateneo Community reached out to communities of Manila by distributing food packs to families in need in this time of pandemic. This after NCRPO received around 8,000 tons of food packages from partners and stakeholders of Ateneo.

The food packs were distributed to residents of Barangays 101 and 128 in Tondo, Manila.

nagkakasakit," Go said.

"Huwag nating hayaan na mailagay sa alanganin ang buhay ng mga Pilipino dahil iyon ang pangunahing konsiderasyon

A total of 1,600 families benefitted from the food packs from benevolent donors.

NCRPO chief PMGen Vicente Danao continue to leads his team in reaching out to the most vulnerable sectors of the community.

"Magpapatuloy ang aming Serbisyong TAMA: Tapat, may tapang at MAlasakit para sa Mamamayang Pilipino (We will continue providing our brand of service that is exemplified by courage and concern for the Filipino people)," said Danao. (NCRPO/PIA-NCR)

natin palagi. Sa lahat ng aksyon at desisyon ng gobyerno, dapat balanse para hindi makompromiso ang serbisyo na dapat matanggap ng bawat Pilipino," he ended. (OSBG)

Bong....

na repormahin ang kanilang sistema para maproteksyunan ang pondo ng bayan laban sa mga nananamantala, isaalang-alang rin dapat natin ang mga maaapektuhang ordinaryong mamamayan na walang matatakbuhan at nangangailangan ng tulong lalo na pagdating sa kalusugan," he said earlier.

He further urged PhilHealth and concerned hospitals to work together to validate legitimate claims while ensuring unhampered delivery of public health services particularly amidst the ongoing public health emergency.

"Ako naman po, bilang Committee on Health Chairman, interes ko po na magkaroon ng solusyon at hindi makompromiso ang kapakanan at kalusugan, lalung-lalo na po 'yung mga ordinaryong Pilipino na nakasalalay po sa PhilHealth," Go expressed.

On Sunday, August 29, the state insurer reported that it was suspending the implementation of its Circular No. 2021-0013 which halts the "payment of claims

STRH at full bed capacity

By Ruel Francisco

BACOOR CITY, Cavite --The Southern Tagalog Regional Hospital (STRH) here is operating at full bed capacity as corridors are being converted into treatment facilities and ER tents have to be put up to accommodate the influx of patients.

STRH Information Officer Eden Purugganan said they were taken by surprise as more patients were waiting in their cars just to be treated. Even those who are waiting in the Triage Area are waiting to be accommodated.

Hospital records show that the 70 beds allotted for COVID-19 patients are already occupied, as more people are waiting at the Emergency Room to be admitted in the ward.

Meanwhile, four nurses from the Maria L. Eleazar Memorial General Hospital in Tagkawayan, Quezon arrived last August 18, to serve as augmentation force for the CoViD-19 response of the

province.

“This is a good practice, the augmentation of health workers from medical facilities/hospitals in areas with low COVID-19 cases to assist LGUs needing extra help,” said STRH Medical Center Chief Dr. Ruby Ephraim Rubiano.

The nurses wholeheartedly accepted the assignment and welcomed the challenge of serving CoViD-19 patients in the neighbouring province.

“Ang mga nurse ay parang isang sundalo. Kung nasaan ang giyera, nando’n ang laban,” said Nurse Marietan Beniegas.

[Nurses are like soldiers. Where the war is, the fighting is there.]

The Southern Tagalog Regional Hospital is one of the hospitals in the province that are already at full-bed capacity and are extending their facilities to accommodate more patients in the wake of the spread of the contagious Delta variant.



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Cavite....

CoViD-19 is limited to two days only.

Said gatherings are limited to immediate members of the family aged 18 years and above. They may be members of the same household, or being

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the wife, parents, grandparents, grandchildren, siblings, and any other relatives such as the in-laws: parents, brothers/sisters. No food and drinks are allowed to be served during gatherings, as well as during funerals and strict compliance with the minimum

health protocols is advised to be followed at all times.

The local authorities such as the LGUs, PNP, and the barangays are advised to monitor these activities for the strict implementation of the guidelines provided under the provincial mandate.

Diaz....

of Education-led Palarong Pambansa.

“Syempre sobrang saya,” Diaz said of this development. “But we have to think long term [kung] paano i-program ito dahil hindi pwede isasama pero walang programa. We have to think long term upang ma-sustain at maipasok ang weightlifting sa Palarong Pambansa.”

[Of course, I’m very happy. But we have to think long term because we cannot include it [in Palarong Pambansa] without a program. We have to think long term in order to sustain and include weightlifting in the Palarong Pambansa.]

The weightlifting champion’s new Tagaytay home is just one of the few properties given by the Philippine Olympic

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Committee.

Soon, Diaz will be neighbors with other Filipino Olympians--boxers Nesthy Petecio, Eumir Marcial, and Carlo Paalamsehtyjrwho witnessed the groundbreaking for the construction of their own homes in nearby Barangay San Jose.

For the community, the possibility of having world class athletes for neighbors is a welcome sight after witnessing the turn over ceremony for the weightlifting champion’s new home.

“We are very honored [to have her] dahil mayroon na akong kapitbahay na first time gold medalist para sa Pilipinas,” said resident Roger Camacho.

[We are very honored to have her because I now have a neighbor who is a gold medalist.] (PB)

Panukalang...

na linangin ang literasiya ng mga mamamayan.

Sa ilalim ng panukalang batas, ang technical secretariat ng Council ay ililipat sa Bureau of Alternative Education (BAE) para sa administrative at technical support. Sa ilalim ng Republic Act No. 11510 o ang ALS Act, ang BAE ay itinatag upang pamunuan ang pagpapatupad ng mga programa para sa ALS.

Ang pagpapakilos sa mga LSBs naman ay sang-ayon sa pagpapatupad ng Republic Act No. 11315 o Community-

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Based Monitoring System (CBMS) Act. Binibigyan ng CBMS Act ang mga lokal na pamahalaan at mga komunidad ng kakayahang gumawa ng sarili nilang database para sa mas mabisang pag-disenyo, targeting, at impact monitoring ng mga programang pangkaunlaran at laban sa kahirapan.

Ayon sa 2019 Functional Literacy, Education and Mass Media Survey (FLEMMS), anim (6) sa isang-daang (100) Pilipinong may edad na lima (5) pataas ang hindi pa rin maituturing

na “basically literate”. Ibig sabihin, may anim (6) na milyong mga Pilipino ang hindi makapagbasa at makapagsulat na may pag-unawa sa mga simpleng mensahe.

Sa parehong taon, walong (8) porsyento ng mga Pilipinong may edad na sampu (10) hanggang animnapu’t apat (64) ang lumalabas na functionally illiterate. Ibig sabihin, halos pitong (6.7) milyong Pilipino sa age group na ito ang walang sapat at angkop na kakayahang makilahok sa mga pang-araw-araw na gawain gamit ang wikang panulat. (OSWG/PIA-NCR)

Apat na nars sa MLEM general hospital sa Tagkawayan, ipinadala sa STRH sa Bacoor

LUNGSOD NG LUCENA, Quezon --Apat (4) na nars sa Maria L. Eleazar Memorial General Hospital sa bayan ng Tagkawayan ang ipinadala ng Department of Health (DOH) sa Southern Tagalog Regional Hospital (STRH) sa Bacoor City sa lalawigan ng Cavite.

Ayon sa Tagkawayan Teleradyo FB Page, nagdesisyon ang DOH na humiram ng mga medical health workers (MHW) sa mga lugar na may mababang kaso ng COVID-19 tulad ng Tagkawayan para matugunan ang pangangailangan sa karagdagang MHW sa mga lugar na may mataas na kaso ng COVID-19.

Ang bayan ng Tagkawayan ang isa sa mga bayan sa rehiyon na may mababang bilang ng kaso ng COVID-19

dahil sa mahuhusay na MHW dito na walang sawang tumutugon sa kanilang tungkulin, ayon pa sa Tagkawayan Teleradyo FB Page.

Samantala, ayon sa COVID-19 Update ng Bacoor City as of August 17, may 134 bagong kaso ng COVID-19 na naitala sa lungsod, may 78 na gumaling na, habang isang lalaki na 67-taong gulang ang naitalang namatay mula sa Barangay Salinas 1.

Sa kabuuan, may 13,314 na ang naitatalang kaso ng COVID-19 sa Lungsod ng Bacoor kung saan nasa 1,920 ang aktibong kaso, may 10,975 ang naka-recover na at may 419 naman ang mga namatay dahil sa virus. (CPC, PIA-Quezon at ulat mula sa Tagkawayan Teleradyo FB Page/Bacoor LGU FB Page)

Metro Manila, mananatili sa MECQ hanggang Set. 7

By Jimmyley Guzman

LUNGSOD PASIG -- Mananatili sa ilalim ng modified enhanced community quarantine (MECQ) ang Metro Manila o National Capital Region (NCR) simula Setyembre 1 hanggang Setyembre 7, 2021.

Ito ang inanunsyo ni Presidential Spokesperson Secretary Harry Roque nitong Sabado ng umaga na inaprubahan na ng Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases ang patuloy na pagsailalim sa MECQ ng Metro Manila sa mga nabanggit na petsa.

Ayon kay Roque, maaaring magkaroon ng pagbabago sa mga quarantine guidelines sa mga darating na araw.

Samantala, isasailalim din sa MECQ ang mga naturang lugar:

- Apayao
- Ilocos Norte
- Bulacan
- Bataan
- Cavite
- Lucena City
- Rizal
- Laguna
- Aklan

- Iloilo Province
- Iloilo City
- Lapu-Lapu City
- Cebu City
- Mandaue City
- Cagayan de Oro

Narito naman ang mga community quarantine classificaitons sa ibang mga lugar simula Setyembre 1 hanggang sa Setyembre 7, 2021.

Mga lugar na isasailalim sa general community quarantine (GCQ) with heightened restrictions:

- Ilocos Sur
- Cagayan
- Quezon
- Batangas
- Naga City
- Antique
- Bacolod City
- Capi
- Cebu Province
- Negros Oriental
- Zamboanga del Sur
- Misamis Oriental
- Davao City
- Davao del Norte
- Davao Occidental
- Davao de Oro
- Butuan City

Idinagdag pa ni Roque na ang NCR, Bataan at Laguna ay may “added restrictions” sa dining, personal care services, at

religious activities dahil sa banta ng COVID-19 infection.

“Bawal pa po ito bagamat nasa MECQ na tayo.” Mga lugar na isasailalim sa general community quarantine (GCQ):

- Baguio City
- Santiago City
- Quirino
- Isabela
- Nueva Vizcaya
- Tarlac
- Puerto Princesa
- Guimaras
- Negros Occidental
- Zamboanga Sibugay
- Zamboanga City
- Zamboanga del Norte
- Davao Oriental
- Davao del Sur
- General Santos City
- Sultan Kudarat
- Saranggani
- North Cotabato
- South Cotabato
- Agusan del Sur
- Agusan del Norte
- Surigao del Norte
- Surigao del Sur
- Dinagat Island
- Cotabato City

Samantala, ang mga lugar naman na hindi nabanggit ay isasailalim sa modified general community quarantine (MGCQ). (PIA-NCR)

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EDITORIAL

Our cry of defiance

"Dates and exact locations may be of secondary importance to contextual accuracy.

Sa paligid ng pook na ito, si Andres Bonifacio at mga isang libong Katipunero ay nagpulong noong umaga ng ika-23 ng Agosto, 1896 at ipinasyang maghimagsik laban sa pamahalaang Kastila sa Pilipinas. Bilang patunay ay pinagpunit-punit ang kanilang mga sedula na naging tanda ng pagkaalipin ng mga Pilipino. Ito ang kauna-unahang sigaw ng bayang api laban sa bansang Espanya na pinatibayan sa pamamagitan ng Paggamit ng Sandata. — National Historical Commission of the Philippines marker at Pugad Lawin Shrine, Quezon City.

For as many lawyers, as many interpretations of the law; and for as many historians, as varied and downright contentious are the retelling of history.

The nation commemorates today, 30 August 2021, National Heroes Day, the start of the Philippine Revolution against Spanish rule over the country that lasted four centuries.

The date and location when and where the Katipuneros led by Gat Andres Bonifacio met and issued their cry declaring open revolt while tearing their cedulas (residence certificates) have been and will always be the subject of many debates.

Lt. Olegario Diaz, an officer of the Spanish guardia civil, claimed the cry happened on 25 August 1896 in Balintawak. In 1927, a son of Mariano Alvarez of the Magdiwang faction of the Katipunan said the revolt started on 24 August in Bahay Toro, also in Quezon City at present.

A Bonifacio confidant, Pio Valenzuela, recalled in 1948 that it happened in Pugad Lawin on 23 August; while the historian Gregorio Zaide countered in his book published in 1954 that the cry actually took place in Balintawak on 26 August.

Not to be outdone, the chroniclers Ramon Villegas, Milagros Guerrero and Emmanuel Encarnacion claimed the cry resonated from Tandang Sora's barn in Gulod, Barangay Banlat, also in QC.

The places cited in Quezon City may well be still part of Caloocan when the cry happened, but even on that point accounts have differed. Well, the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) marker in Pugad Lawin cited above should settle the issue.

Dates and exact locations may be of secondary importance because while historical accuracy is always desirable to counter revisionists, they should play second fiddle to contextual accuracy.

Students of history at present should not be asked to memorize dates, but rather their minds awakened as to why tyrants fall and why nations cannot forever be held in bondage by colonizers and despots.

The youth of today, called by Jose Rizal as the hope of the future, should be reminded that the freedom and democratic space we enjoy represent the blood, sweat and tears of the many heroes of this country.

Those were the heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice before the altar of democracy to drive away the Spaniards, the Americans and then the Japanese during World War 2.

Yet, the worst tyrants may not always come from abroad but may be homegrown, so much so that the call — okay cry — for heroism is a never-ending one. One need not be a soldier fighting terrorists to be a hero; one need only look at what one can do for his fellow men and for his country.

As the assassinated US President John F. Kennedy famously said in his inaugural address on 20 January 1961, "Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country."

During this pandemic, in fighting a virus that doesn't know defeat, every Filipino must be a Lapu-Lapu, a Bonifacio, a Rizal, a Mabini, a Gabriela Silang, or a Melchora Aquino.

Heroism runs in the Filipino's veins and it is the kind that shines through in war or peacetime. Make no mistake about it, we are at war and this is a cry — not of defeat — but a cry of defiance and resolution.

There is no breaking the Filipino spirit.



KAPIRASONG Kritika

Ni Teo S. Marasigan

Panayam sa Sarili hinggil sa 'Sakada' ni Behn Cervantes

PART 2

Sinabi rin ni Mao na gaano man katalas ang linyang pampulitika ng isang likhang-sining, hindi ito magiging epektibo kung kapos sa isang antas ng kasiningan. Puwede ba tayong pumasok sa usaping ito? Ano ang masasabi mo sa pagiging likhang-sining ng Sakada? May kakayahan ka bang sumuri sa pagiging likhang-sining nito? Sa porma nito?

Sang-ayon ako sa sipi mo kay Mao. Duda ako kung may kakayahan akong magsuri sa pagiging likhang-sining ng Sakada, pero susubukan ko. Tingin ko, hindi mababawasan ang kadakilaan ng pelikula at mga gumawa nito kung sasabihin kong sa pangkalahatan, marahil, sumasapat ito sa pamantayan ng kasiningan ng isang panahon, ng panahong iyon. May pag-iingat ng "marahil" dahil pagtaya pa rin ito sa pamantayan ng kasiningan ng panahong iyon. Walang dudang uniiiral at malaganap pa rin ngayon ang piyudal na pagsasamantala at pagkabusabos na ininugan ng pelikula — at magpapalalim ako rito mamaya. Pero duda ako, halimbawa, sa hypothetical na proyektong palaganapin ito bilang CD sa mga komunidad ng maralitang tagalungsod, mga pabrika, o maging sa mga sakahan. Hindi ako sigurado kung magkakaroon ito ng "dating" o "kagat" na katulad ng ibang pelikula o bidyo-dokumentaryo ngayon. Ang dahilan, sa tingin ko, ay ang klase ng kasiningan na nagamit nito. Huwag ipagkamaling pagmaliit ito sa pelikula, kumpara halimbawa sa "unibersal" na mga likhang-sining — wala namang ganoon. Pagtaya ko lang ito sa kontemporaryong pagtunghay ng sinasabi kong karaniwang mga manonood.

Ano ang ibig mong sabihin? Puwede ka bang magpartikularisa sa mga aspekto ng pelikula?

Ikukumpara ko ang pelikula sa pagtaya ko sa namamayaning mga kulturang biswal — hindi lamang pampelikula — ngayon sa panahon ng MTV,

YouTube, DVD, at todong Hollywood. Una, bihira na ngayon ang porma at dalas ng pagpapakita ng sidhi ng damdamin na nakita sa pelikula. Hindi ko alam kung sa porma ng pag-arte ito, pagdirehe o kung ano. Pero para sa mga kabataan ngayon, halimbawa, kinutya na ang ganoong klase ng pag-arte ng seksiyong "Bahaw" ng comedy show na Tropang Trumpo. Ikalawa, bihira na rin ang porma at dalas ng ganoong klase ng dumadagundong, tila historikal, na tugtog. Lumang mga pelikula, lalo na ng mga Tsino, ang naaalala. "Musical score" ba ang tawag dito? Ikatlo, may mga eksenang parang teatro na kinuhanan ng kamera — mga artista ang gumagalaw sa harap ng nakatutok na kamera. Ikaapat, bukod sa ganoong lalim ng wika — na maipagpapalagay na — bihira na ang ganoong klase ng mga palitan ng salita, na parang nagpipilosopohan sa klase. Ikalima, bagamat maliit na punto lamang, nakakaapekto sa inisyal na panonood ang pag-apuhap sa maiiugnay na artista ngayon sa mga artista sa pelikula: Anak ni Rosal si Toni Rose Gayda, ni Magallona si Francis M., ang rapper, at ni Marquez ang mga komedyanteng sina Joey at Melanie.

Ibig mong sabihin, wala nang kuwenta ang pelikula? Wala ba itong kabuluhan ngayon?

Hindi sa walang kuwenta. Ang ibig ko lang sabihin, baka hindi na maging kasing-epektibo ang pelikula — kumpara noong unang inilabas ito, at kumpara sa ibang pelikula — kung papanoorin ng kontemporaryong mga manonood. At narito, sa tingin ko, ang isang kabuluhan ng Sakada kung porma nito ang pag-uusapan. Dito ko rin tinatawag ang pansin ng mga nakapag-aral at eksperto sa larangan ng pelikula. Produktibo, sa tingin ko, na itanong: Bakit hindi na magiging kasing-epektibo ang Sakada kung ipapalabas ngayon? Ano ang sinasabi nito tungkol sa namamayaning mga kulturang biswal sa bansa? Tungkol sa mga manonood? Anu-ano ang mga pagbabago mula noong 1976 sa mga larangang ito? Mahalagang

maging malay sa nararamdaman nating pagiging "luma" ng pelikula para makapag-ambag ito sa paggawa ng progresibong mga pelikula at sining ngayon. Halimbawa, kumpara sa "bagal" ng Sakada, ano ang sinasabi patungkol sa mga kulturang biswal o pang-araw-araw na buhay ng mga tao ng madalas-sabihing "bilis" ng mga imahen at ikli ng atensiyon ngayon? Kumpara sa grandiyosong musical score nito, ano ang sinasabi ng pagiging uso ng mga kanta ngayong parang bugtungan ng mga batang naglalaro ang tunog? "My umbrella, ella, ella, eh, eh."

Okey. Ano ang pagtingin mo sa nilalaman ng pelikula, partikular sa naratibo nito? Puwede kang magsimula sa tinitingnan mong mga kahinaan?

Sa isang eksena, iniyyakan ni Alonso ang asawa niyang si Arevalo sa mesa ng bahay, dumadaing na puro unyon na lang ang inaasikaso ng huli. Nagalit lamang si Arevalo, sininghalan ang asawa at pagkatapos ay pasagasang lumabas ng bahay. Naiwang umiyyak si Alonso. Pagkatapos, walang kaabug-abog, kasama na si Alonso sa pag-aalsang pinamunuan ng asawa niyang mainitin ang ulo. Paanong nangyari ito? Ganoon ba ang mainam na paraan ng pagkabig ng isang lider-unionista sa pamilya? O napuwera lamang si Alonso? Sa isa pang eksena, matatag si Magallona sa pagtutol sa paggigiit ni Arevalo at ng mga kasamahan nito ng mga kahilingan at panawagan ng unyon. Pero sa harap ng mga stockholder ng asyenda, lalabas na nahila si Magallona nina Arevalo pabor sa daing ng mga manggagawang bukid at sakada. Na para bang petiburgis ang panginoong maylupa — pabagu-bago ng isip at pabaling-baling pabor sa interes ng mga nagsasamantala at ng mga pinagsasamantalahan. Bagamat inilantad nito ang demokrasya sa hanay ng mga panginoong maylupa na diktadura laban sa masang anakpawis, nabago rito ang konsistent na pagbuo sa tauhan ni Magallona.

Itutulong

DBM submits P5.024 Trillion FY 2022 National Expenditure Program to Congress

MANILA -- The Department of Budget and Management has submitted the Duterte administration's last full-year budget on August 23, 2021 to Congress for scrutiny and approval. With the theme, "Sustaining the Legacy of Real Change for Future Generations", the FY 2022 National Expenditure Program (NEP) amounts to P5.024 trillion, which is equivalent to 22.8 percent of GDP and is higher by 11.5 percent than this year's national budget.

By Expense Class

Bulk of the budget, in the amount of P1.456 trillion or 29.0 percent of the FY 2022 NEP, will go to Personnel Services expenditures to cover the hiring of healthcare workers and teaching personnel, the implementation of the third tranche of the Salary Standardization Law V, and the requirements of the 2018 Military and Uniformed Personnel pension arrears, among others.

Capital Outlays are pegged at P939.8 billion while Maintenance and Other Operating Expenditures will reach P777.9 billion next year. Debt burden amounts to P541.3 billion, which corners 10.8 percent of the FY 2022 NEP and is lower by 3.4 percent year-on-year. The support to Government-Owned and -Controlled Corporations, composed of National Government subsidies and equity, sums up to P178.0 billion while Tax Expenditures remain the same with this year's level at P14.5 billion.

Finally, the allocation to Local Government Units (LGUs) will amount to P1.116 trillion. This includes the P959.0 billion National Tax Allotment share of LGUs, consistent with the Supreme Court ruling on the Mandanas-Garcia case.

By Sector

The Social Services sector will continue to receive the biggest chunk of the FY 2022 NEP with P1.922 trillion, which is higher by 15.2 percent compared to this year's national budget. This will fund health-related services such as the continued implementation of the Universal Health Care Act, purchase of COVID-19 vaccines, procurement of personal protective equipment, and others. Education-related programs, including the implementation of the Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education, will also be prioritized.

This is followed by the Economic Services sector, which will receive P1.474 trillion or 29.3 percent

of the proposed budget. This inched up by 11.4 percent compared to the FY 2021 budget and will largely support flagship programs under the Build Build Build Program.

The General Public Services sector is allocated with P862.7 billion (17.2%), the Debt Burden with P541.3 billion (10.8%), and the Defense sector with P224.4 billion (4.5%).

By Top Ten Departments

The education sector covering the Department of Education (DepEd), State Universities and Colleges and the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), shall receive the highest allocation with P773.6 billion, higher by P21.9 billion or 2.9 percent compared to its share from the FY 2021 budget.

This is followed by the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) with P686.1 billion, Department of the Interior and Local Government with P250.4 billion, Department of Health and the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation with P242.0 billion, Department of National Defense with P222.0 billion, Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) with P191.4 billion, Department of Transportation (DOTr) with P151.3 billion, Department of Agriculture (DA) and National Irrigation Authority (NIA) with P103.5 billion, The Judiciary with P45.0 billion, and the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) with P44.9 billion.

In total, the budget of the top ten departments amounts to P2.71 trillion and comprises 53.9 percent of the FY 2022 NEP.

Spending Priorities

The FY 2022 NEP was carefully crafted to provide the necessary funding requirements to support the country's resilience against the COVID-19 pandemic, to sustain the trajectory of economic growth, and to continue the legacy of infrastructure development.

Building Resilience Amidst the Pandemic

The government will continuously support the implementation of the National Health Insurance Program, with a budgetary support of P80.0 billion, to subsidize the health insurance premium of 13.2 million indigent families and 7.3 million Senior Citizens.

To combat the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the intensified roll out of the Prevention, Detection, Isolation,

Treatment and Reintegration (PDITR) strategy will be prioritized through the procurement of 758,700 complete sets of personal protective equipment (P819 million) and 11 million GeneXpert cartridges (P5.1 billion). Meanwhile, P17.0 billion will also be allotted for the continuous hiring and deployment of health service professionals through the Human Resources for Health Program.

On the other hand, to further strengthen the capacity of the healthcare sector and improve medical infrastructure, P19.6 billion is allocated for the construction and upgrading of health facilities and purchase of medical equipment and ambulances under the Health Facilities Enhancement Program. Of this amount, P1.4 billion will be used to cover the requirements for newly established government hospitals while P106 million will be set aside to ensure the efficient health facility referral system of the One Hospital Command Center.

The government will also continuously invest in medical research and development (R&D) by allocating P1.3 billion to support the COVID-19 R&D efforts of the Department of Science and Technology. This includes P983 million allotted for the establishment of the Virology Science and Technology Institute of the Philippines and P140.0 million for the conduct of biosurveillance and immune-biosurveillance of COVID-19 variants under the Philippine Genomic Information and Resource Hub.

Finally, about P45.4 billion is provided under the proposed FY 2022 Unprogrammed Appropriations to cover the COVID-19 booster shots of 93.798 million fully-vaccinated Filipinos.

Sustaining the Momentum Towards Recovery

Recognizing the consequences brought by the imposition of community quarantine measures on the most vulnerable groups of the country, the National Government packaged the FY 2022 NEP to provide essential funding support to foster socioeconomic recovery.

Hence, to safeguard and support displaced workers affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, P21.0 billion is allotted for the Tulong Panghanapbuhay sa Ating Disadvantaged/Displaced Workers (TUPAD) Program of the DOLE. Meanwhile, budgetary support will also be provided under the Emergency Repatriation Program (P11.2 billion) and Reintegration Services Program (P52.7 million) to assist our repatriated OFWs.

Social protection programs of the DSWD such as the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (P115.7 billion), Protective Services for Individuals and Families in Difficult Circumstances (P18.0 billion) and Sustainable Livelihood Program (P4.9 billion) will also be supported to safeguard the poor and the vulnerable.

As for the education sector, P49.7 billion is allocated for the programs of the CHED and TESDA under the Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act. The government has also provided budgetary support for the DepEd's banner programs, such as the Basic Education Learning Continuity Plan (P15.1 billion) to cover the development, reproduction, and delivery of 924 million learning modules, and the Computerization Program (P11.6 billion) to cover the procurement of 108,177 packages of ICT-related equipment.

The NIA's irrigation services and DA's National Rice Program shall also be allocated with P21.8 billion and P15.7 billion, respectively.

Continuing the Legacy of Infrastructure Development

The National Government aims to boost economic recovery and provide a modernized public transport system by continuously investing in the Build, Build, Build Program.

Of the FY 2022 NEP, P1.180 trillion is provided for the infrastructure budget. This is equivalent to 5.3 percent of GDP and shall be allocated for the major programs of the DPWH and DOTr, such as the Network Development Program (P128.1 billion), Flood Management Program (P113.5 billion), Rail Transport (P110.9 billion) and Land Public Transportation Program (P13.9 billion).

Overall, the FY 2022 NEP is anchored on the priorities of the national government as enshrined in its collective long-term ambition of building a life that is matatag, maginhawa, at panatag for every individual. It is geared towards sustaining the legacy of the current Administration that will benefit the future generations of Filipinos. (DBM)

Linggo ng Kabataan features talks on teens' mental health

CALOOCAN CITY -- In the observance of "Linggo ng Kabataan," the Department of Health (DOH), Commission on Population and Development (POPCOM) and National Youth Commission (NYC) have joined together to enable conversations among Filipino youth centered on pressing issues currently affecting them, particularly those concerning teenage pregnancies, sexually transmitted infections (STIs), and mental health problems.

The celebration, which culminated in a joint virtual event on Thursday, Aug. 19, served as a platform for Filipino adolescents and youth to engage with each other, along with experts and medical professionals, in accessing appropriate health information, training, and services enhancing their abilities to come up with informed decisions on their health and other development concerns. It also focused on the following priority areas and messages:

Kalusugan ng kabataan pangalagaan; Safe sex, pag-usapan!

Despite the decreasing trend of registered births among those 15 to 19 years old, the adolescent birth rate in the country remains high, as it exceeds the Asia Pacific average of 35 and comes close to the global average of 50, according to the United Nations Population Fund.

Given this, the State recognizes that engaging young people into discussions on Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health (ASRH) will make them more involved in related programs and initiatives. It can enhance their knowledge on Sexual and Reproductive Health towards practice of safe sex, better health-seeking behaviors and access to ASRH services without discrimination.

Teenage Pregnancy, wakasan; Isulong EO 141!

In a Senate hearing last year, Undersecretary for Population and Development Juan Antonio Perez III disclosed that almost 500 Filipino youths gave birth daily in 2019. These include about 40 of those 10 to 14 years old every week. On average, he said there are around 64,000 minors, or those who are below 18 years old, who give birth annually.

Recognizing its far-reaching implications, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte signed Executive Order No. 141 declaring as an urgent national priority the implementation of measures that address the root causes of adolescent pregnancies, and calling for a whole-of-government approach.

Linggo ng Kabataan creates the opportunity to raise awareness among the stakeholders and the public

in general on the important role of every individual and institution in addressing this complex phenomenon besetting young Filipinos.

As a manifestation of its support, the NYC approved a Resolution creating a Strategic Nationwide Plan to address teenage pregnancy in the country as a "National Social Emergency."

According to Chairperson Ryan Enriquez, the proposed plan is envisioned to augment the implementation strategies of the Philippine Youth Development Plan 2017-2022, specifically on the thrusts of the identified Health Center of Youth Participation that ensures the practices of healthy lifestyle, as well as responsible sexual and reproductive health.

"The NYC, as the agency mandated to protect the welfare of the youth, cannot just monitor the glaring statistics, but would rather support the implementation of relevant plans to curb the rising percentage of teenage mothers, and to promote activities that would encourage the youth to think twice before engaging in risky sexual behaviors," Enriquez said.

HIV-Free Pinas For You(th) and Me!

As of January 2021, 25% of HIV cases reported were among Filipino youth 15 to 20 years old. There is also a "condom lag" in the same age bracket, as reported in the HIV Strategic Plan of 2020.

The country's HIV reactivity rate, or a reconfirmation of HIV infection tests, continues to increase within the young key populations, making the youth vulnerable to other forms of STIs as well.

In most cases, HIV education usually starts after the age of 20. Stirring ethical and inclusive HIV discussions and engaging the youth in pursuit of an "HIV-Free Pinas" will open safe spaces that provide HIV services and information specific to the young key population.

You(th) Matters: Care for Yourself, Care for Others.

Adolescents going through a crucial phase of transition from childhood to youth deal with various changes within themselves and the environment they live in.

Physiological and psychological changes expose them to threats and risks of unhealthy mental conditions that affect their total wellbeing.

As of 2020, there are 3.6 million Filipinos who suffer from mental, neurological, and substance abuse disorders. Engaging adolescents into healthy and productive discussions and activities enables them to channel their energies into positive dispositions and behaviors. Moreover, seeking appropriate help and referrals ensures their mental health. (DOH/PIA-NCR)

EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late ELEUTERIO L. GUIJO who died on June 5, 2021 at Ligdong I, Rosario Cavite leaving Savings Account at Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP) at Dasmarinas, Cavite Branch with Account Number 00-5-07143-650-9 amounting to ONE HUNDRED THIRTYONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED THREE AND FIFTY EIGHT CENTAVOS (Php 131,203.58) has been extrajudicially settled by his heirs as per Doc. No. 238; Page No. 49; Book No. XXIX Series of 2021 Notary Public Atty. Arnel D. Naidas

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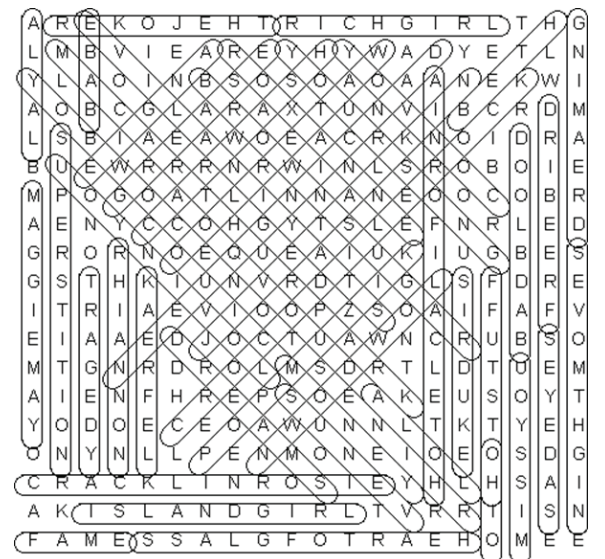
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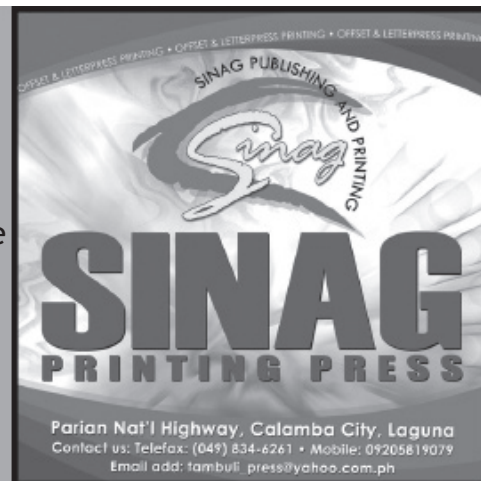
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Basic Education Learning Continuity Plan proposals called

By Jerome Carlo Paunan

MANILA -- To boost its Basic Education-Learning Continuity Plan (BE-LCP), the Department of Education (DepEd) has announced a call for research proposals in line with the theme Supporting and Assessing Learning Continuity and Mother Tongue-Based Multilingual Education Materials and Development.

“As we are nearing the opening of our School Year 2021-2022, we need to reinforce and strengthen our current BE-LCP. Research is vital for us to keep moving forward and evolving. This initiative will help DepEd address pressing issues that we are encountering, especially

in relation to the delivery of quality of education,” Education Secretary Leonor Magtolis-Briones said.

DepEd, through the Policy Research and Development Division (PRDD) under Planning Service (PS), has opened its submission of research proposals to reinforce the link of research to education processes through utilization, dissemination, and advocacies.

The chosen proposal will be given a grant of up to P500,000, which will be distributed in three (3) tranches, under the Basic Education Research Fund (BERF). The initiative aims to improve the policies, programs, and activities

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96.7% of all bank deposits fully protected by insurance

By Jerome Carlo Paunan

MANILA -- As deposits in the Philippine banking system continued its growth during the pandemic, fully insured deposits likewise increased, rising by as many as 5 million accounts by the first quarter of this year compared to the same period in 2020.

The latest data released by state deposit insurer Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation (PDIC) showed that as of March 31, 2021, it fully insured 96.7% or 78.2 million of the 80.9 million total deposit accounts maintained in 528 banks nationwide.

This represented an increase of 6.8% or 5 million fully insured deposit accounts compared to the 73.3 million deposit accounts recorded in the same period in 2020.

The state deposit insurer also reported that total insured deposits grew by 5.9% to P3.0 trillion as of the end of March 2021 from P2.9 trillion as of March 2020.

Of the total insured deposits, 55.8% or P1.7 trillion were fully covered by deposit insurance as of the end March 2021 while 44.2% or P1.3 trillion were partially insured up to the maximum deposit insurance coverage of P500,000.

Fully insured and partially insured deposits

accounted for 11.3% and 9.0%, respectively, of the P15.0 trillion total deposits in the system.

Total deposits in the Philippine banking system expanded to P15.0 trillion as of the end of March 2021, 7.8% more than the P13.9 trillion recorded in the same period last year.

The growth mirrored the increase in deposit accounts to 80.9 million in the first quarter of 2021, or by 6.8% from 75.8 million as of the end of March 2020.

“The current deposit data augur well on depositor confidence in the Philippine banking system despite the pandemic as backdrop. We are optimistic that the depositing public will continue trusting banks and for bank deposits to sustain their steady growth to help fuel the economy,” PDIC President and CEO Roberto B. Tan said.

“The PDIC, as a financial safety net, will always remain committed to its pursuit of depositor protection and in promoting financial stability in the country through responsive and effective services,” Tan added.

Breaking down the year-on-year growth in the number of accounts based on deposit

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Bong Go says PhilHealth, hospitals must keep working together to ensure unhampered services while safeguarding funds

PASAY CITY -- Senator Christopher “Bong” Go praised the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation for positively responding to his earlier appeal and heeding the calls of many stakeholders not to implement at this time the circular they previously issued that will stop payments to hospital of claims under investigation.

“Nagpapasalamat ako sa PhilHealth dahil pinakinggan nila ang ating apela na bigyan muna ng

palugit ang mga ospital para hindi naman maapektuhan ang serbisyo sa mga ordinaryong Pilipino na umaasa sa tulong at serbisyo ng PhilHealth at mga ospital lalo na ngayon na nasa public health emergency pa tayo,” Go said.

“Iba ang sitwasyon ngayon dahil nasa gitna nga tayo ng pandemya. Kung totoo talagang may mga fraudulent claims, eh ‘di kasuhan kaagad. Pero itong mga may problema lang sa papeles na wala naman

intensyon na manloko ay bigyan ng palugit,” Go earlier appealed.

Go clarified that he supports PhilHealth’s goal of ensuring only legitimate claims are paid but appealed that such mechanisms to safeguard public funds must not put at risk the stability of the healthcare system especially amid the ongoing pandemic.

“Bagamat sang-ayon ako sa hangarin ng PhilHealth

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