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Cavite formulates local tourism crisis management plan

By Ruel B. Francisco

TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite-- More than 60 tourism officers, planning coordinators, disaster risk reduction officers, and tourism stakeholders in the province virtually convened recently for the formulation of the local tourism crisis management plan.

The workshop aimed to address the need for synchronized actions and responses for economic recovery particularly with the tourism industry that

was heavily affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

In behalf of Governor Jonvic Remulla, Provincial Administrator for Community Affairs Alvin Mojica welcomed the participants and urged for a stronger public-private partnership towards business resiliency, especially for the hospitality and service industry.

Resource person Mr. Ramon Tiongo, Jr., Tourism Operations Officer, Planning and Standards Division of the continue to page 3

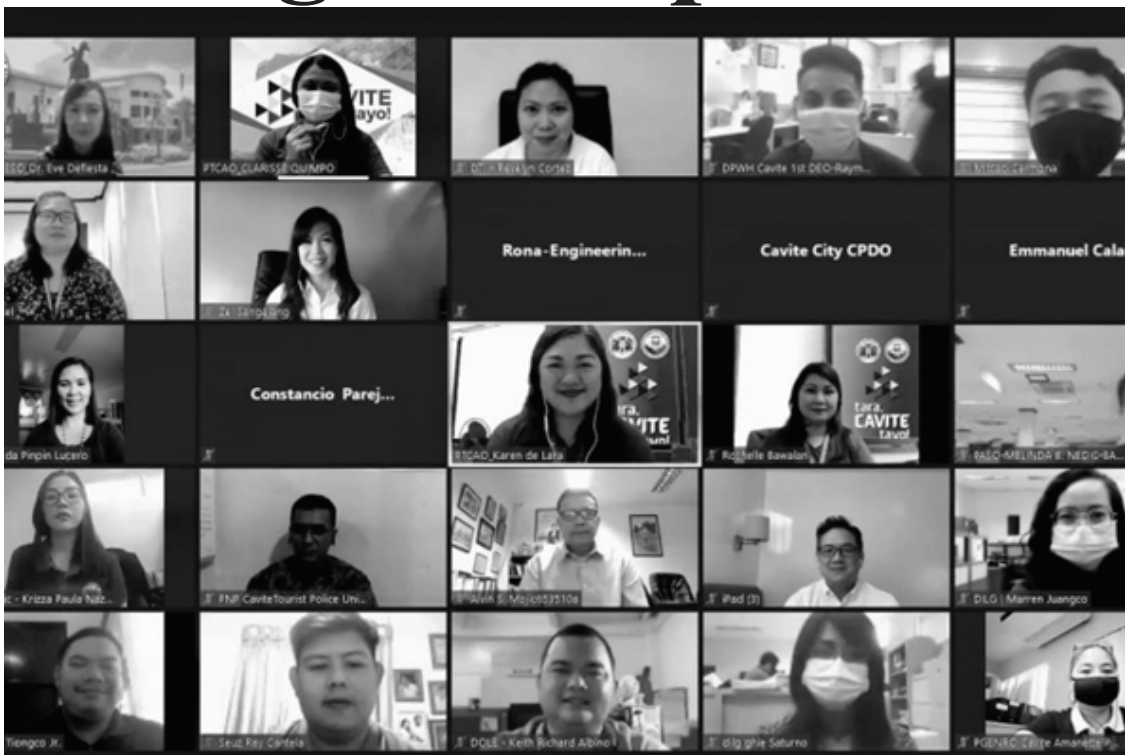


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NNC IV-A holds first Virtual Regional Nutrition Awarding Ceremony

By Kier Gideon Paolo M. Gapayao

SAN JUAN CITY-- The 2020 CALABARZON Regional Nutrition Awarding Ceremony pushes through despite the COVID-19 pandemic albeit virtually this December 10.

The National Nutrition Council IV-A headed by Regional Nutrition Program Coordinator Carina Z. Santiago through the assistance of the Communicators' Network for Nutrition in Region IV-A awards winners of the 2020 RNAC via Zoom and Facebook Live.

RNAC is an annual award wherein local government units (LGU) and regional line agencies (RLA) are awarded for their best practices in promoting good nutrition in CALABARZON. In contrast with the previous awarding ceremonies, the 2020 RNAC continue to page 3

DA CALABARZON namahagi ng 1,900 sako ng fertilizer sa mga magsasaka sa Silang

LUNGSOD NG TRECE MARTIRES, Cavite --Namahagi ng 1,900 sako ng fertilizer ang Department of Agriculture (DA) CALABARZON sa mga magsasaka na appektado ng pagsabog ng Bulkang Taal noong Enero 2020 sa bayan ng Silang kamakailan.

Ayon sa DA CALABARZON, ang ipinamahaging mga sako ng fertilizer ay kinabibilangan ng 1,000 muriate of potash at 900 sako naman ng organic fertilizer. "Ang interbensyong ito ay bahagi ng Quick Response Fund ng regional office para sa mga magsasakang lubhang naapektuhan matapos ang pagsabog ng Bulkang Taal halos mag-iisang taon na," ayon pa sa DA CALABARZON.

Bunga nito, nagpahayag

ng pagpapasalamat sa Silang municipal agriculturist Adelia V. Poblete sa DA CALABARZON lalong-lalo na kay Regional Director Arnel V. de Mesa sa patuloy na suporta sa mga magsasakang naapektuhan ng pagsabog ng Bulkang Taal.

"Nakatakdang tumanggap pa kami ng karagdagang sako ng muriate of potash at organic fertilizers mula sa DA upang maipamigay sa mga magsasaka at farmers associations sa Silang," sabi ni Poblete.

Sinabi ng DA CALABARZON na patuloy ang pamamahagi ng nabanggit na fertilizer, makipag-ugnayan lamang ang mga magsasakang benepisyaryo sa Silang Municipal Agriculture Office upang mabigyan ng tulong. (PIA-Cavite at ulat mula sa DA-4A RAFIS)

DBP bares loan subsidy support program for LGUs

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna-- State-owned Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP) is set to implement the interest rate subsidy program covering loans for local government units (LGUs) that would be utilized for economic and social development projects that seek to mitigate the crippling effects of the pandemic, a top official said.

DBP President and Chief Executive Officer Emmanuel G. Herbosa said that DBP, along with Land Bank of the Philippines, has been allotted P1-billion each under Bayanihan 2 to provide subsidies on loan interest payments on new and existing loans of LGUs as they implement their

respective COVID-19 response and recovery efforts.

"DBP recognizes that LGUs are the fulcrum of countrywide development," Herbosa said. "We are one with them in implementing responsive actions that would hasten COVID-19 response and recovery efforts despite prevailing challenges."

DBP is the seventh largest bank in the country in terms of assets and provides credit support to four strategic sectors of the economy - infrastructure and logistics; micro, small and medium enterprises; social services and community development; and the environment.

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May 1,000 sako ng muriate of potash at 900 sako naman ng organic fertilizer ang ipinamahagi ng Department of Agriculture CALABARZON noong Disyembre 1, 2020 sa mga magsasaka sa Silang, Cavite na appektado ng pagsabog ng Bulkang Taal. (Photo: DA 4A RAFIS)

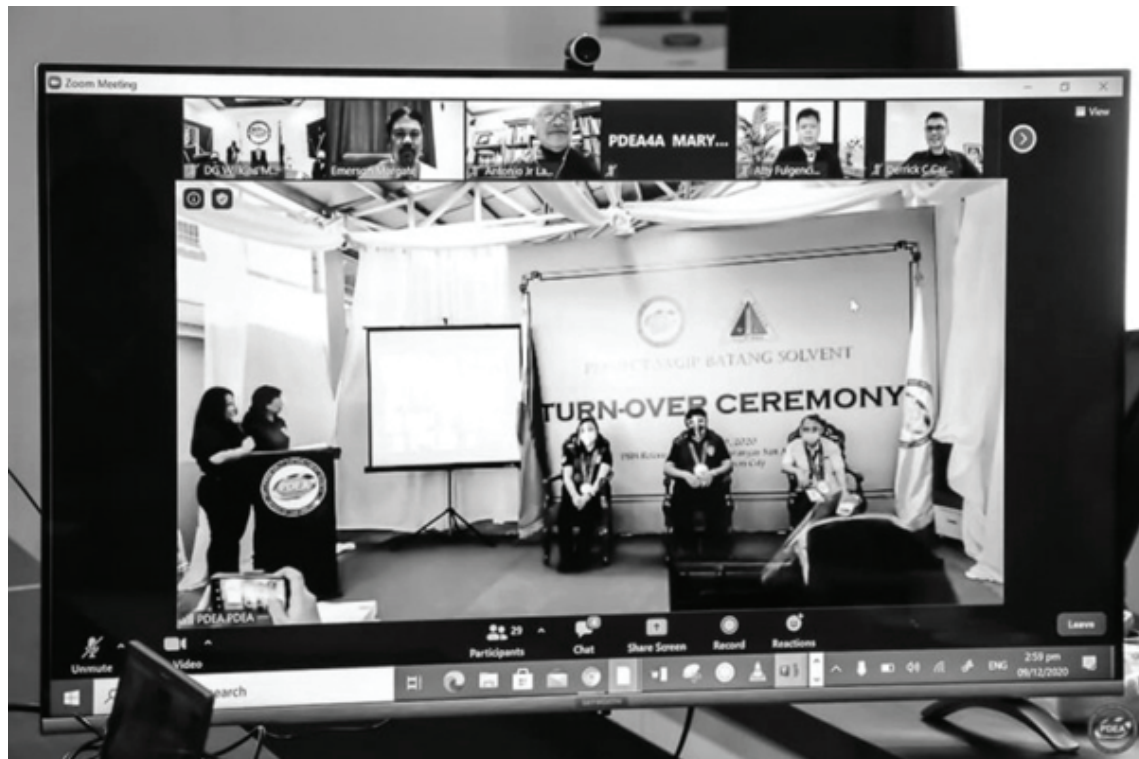


Photo courtesy of PIA NCR

## PDEA turns over management of PSBS reformation center to QC Anti-Drug Abuse Council

By Susan G. De Leon

CALOOCAN CITY --The Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) on Wednesday (December 9, 2020) turned over the administration of Project Sagip Batang Solvent (PSBS) reformation center to the Quezon City Anti-Drug Abuse Advisory Council (QCADAAC) in Novaliches, Quezon City.

The activity was attended by Quezon City Mayor Josefina G. Belmonte who is also Chairperson of QCADAAC, PDEA Director General Wilkins M. Villanueva, PDEA officers and employees.

PSBS aims to provide systematic and reformatory care, and reintegrated interventions like education, counselling, values formation, talent and skills development, livelihood and entrepreneurship training to children hooked on inhalant and solvent abuse.

"There are already 108 children who have completed the reformation program, and PDEA like a proud parent is happy to see these children finished the full route of a 14-week reformation intervention program. All the hard work, time and resources spent made it all worth it," Villanueva said.

The program includes Home Life Skills and Education through the Alternative Learning System (ALS) designed to prepare the children to gain

knowledge equivalent with formal education through the supervision of the Department of Education (DepED)-ALS Mobile Teachers, and assistance of the Quezon City Anti-Drug Abuse Council (ADAC) PSBS resident children took learning classes at least thrice a week at the center. Medical health and dental services are also extended to the children.

The PSBS facility was the pilot reformation center established through a Memorandum of Understanding entered into by PDEA in its Project "Sagip Batang Solvent" and the Local Government of Quezon City on March 25, 2019 in Clemente Subdivision, Barangay San Agustin, Novaliches, Quezon City, and later replicated in different cities and municipalities in the country.

Currently, the facility has 108 reached-out clients, aged 17 years old as the oldest and 9 as the youngest who were identified as solvent users and have undergone the assessment process.

"With the strong support of the local government of Quezon City in our fight against illegal drugs, and care for the youth's future, PDEA is very confident that the PSBS center is in good hands and will continue to extend support to the street children deprived of basic necessities and guidance, and never return to the streets again," the PDEA chief added. (PDEA/PIA-NCR)

## Higher...

200% x 130% x number of hours worked].

If employees work on a regular holiday that also falls on their rest day, they shall be paid an additional 30 percent of their hourly rate of 200 percent [(daily rate x COLA) x 200%] + [30%

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(daily rate x 200%)].

For overtime work on a regular holiday that also falls on their rest day, they shall be paid an additional 30 percent of their hourly rate on the said day [Hourly rate of the basic daily wage x 200% x 130% x 130% x number of hours worked].

However, in line with the existence of a national emergency due to the COVID-19 crisis, establishments that have closed or ceased operations during the community quarantine period are exempted from the payment of the prescribed holiday pay on December 25 and 30, 2020 under the said advisory. (PIA NCR)

## Advocates.....

by mobilizing cities and tourism destinations to fight plastic pollution, pushing for national support to the global treaty on marine pollution and Extended Producers' Responsibility, working with businesses to implement public commitments to reduce or eliminate unnecessary plastics in their operations, and spark conversations and individual actions to address plastic pollution.

"With the participation of various stakeholders, local government units, the national government, legislators and policymakers, and also businesses and the general public, we can definitely achieve a vision of no plastics. So let us unite against single-use plastic," said Constantino.

Arevalo introduced KALIPI, an organization that aims to empower women through community livelihood programs, and advocates against climate change. Their products include

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throw pillows, neck pillows, center table mats, and stuffed toys made from plastic sachets, plastic labo, and styrofoam.

"Lahat kami nagkakaisa sa adbokasiya tungkol sa climate change, at mga clean and green programs especially sa barangay namin. Before tayo lumabas, sa bahay muna tayo magsimula. Tinulungan kami ng WWF at LGU na makagawa ng kakaibang proyekto na pakikinabangan ng kalikasan, at ng kababaihan na magkaroon sila ng livelihood, na 'may pera sa basura'. Hindi lang naging basura yan, mayroon iyang pagkakakitaan," said Arevalo.

Cruz shared the initiatives of the Donsol local government unit on plastic waste reduction such as the plastic smart city initiative, NAKAMOTO program, KALIPI Donsol Entrepinay, bottles exchange to different packages, and "Goodbye plastic, Hello basket" program.

"Ang aming goal sa Donsol ay ang pag-create at pag-maintain ng eco-friendly

destination not just for the Filipinos, but also for everyone. Kahit na marami na kaming nagawa, patuloy na challenge sa amin ay kung paano namin ma-e-encourage hindi lang ang mga taga-Donsol, kundi maging ang mga dadaan dito sa aming lugar na maging eco-conscious sa aming sarili, sa bahay, at sa lahat," Cruz said.

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 Institute for Climate and Sustainable Cities, The Climate Reality Project-Philippines and Mother Earth Foundation. (PIA NCR)

## CCC conducts orientation on Climate Change Expenditure Tagging for DBM regional offices

By Jerome Carlo R. Paunan

CALOOCAN CITY-- The Climate Change Commission (CCC) has conducted a capacity-building session for Department of Budget and Management (DBM) Regional Offices on the process of national and local Climate Change Expenditure Tagging (CCET) as an integral part of the annual budget preparation.

Held during the recent 13th Annual Global Warming and Climate Change Consciousness Week, the orientation aimed to develop a better understanding of the formulation of climate actions and its linkage to the budgetary and planning process.

Likewise, it highlighted the roles and responsibilities of institutions involved in managing the country's response to climate change by identifying, designing,

and tagging climate adaptation and mitigation programs, activities, and projects for inclusion in the General Appropriations Act.

DBM regional officers discussed national CCET policy, government planning and programming processes and entry points for tagging climate change-related programs, activities, and projects, including the use of Quality Assurance and Review (QAR) Form and BP201-F, as prescribed under relevant DBM National Budget Memoranda.

Similarly, the event facilitated discussions on the use of Local Climate Budget Tagging QAR and the Annual Investment Plan template as prescribed under relevant DBM Local Budget Memoranda.

Participants were guided on tagging an agency's budget in the

Online Budget Submission Portal (OBSP). Participants proposed recommendations to strengthen the CCET policy coordination at the national and sub-national level.

Earlier this year in April, the CCC and DBM delivered the annual CCET orientation via the virtual platform to ensure that national institutions are aware and compliant with the CCET requirements provided in the National Budget Preparation for FY2021 memorandum.

The CCET aims to serve as an effective basis for allocating and prioritizing government resources by generating timely statistics and baselines to evaluate the impact of climate public expenditures.

It is mandated by Joint Memorandum Circular 2015-01 between the CCC and the DBM, enabling oversight for the agencies to track, tag, and analyze climate change-related expenditures. (PIA NCR)

## Legarda.....

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nations to contribute to climate change mitigation and adaptation. It is a vehicle towards achieving climate justice as it compels developed nations that have contributed the most to cause global warming and climate change to take deep and significant cuts to their greenhouse gas emissions," Legarda said.

"Developed countries are also expected to mobilize climate finance and channel them through the Green Climate Fund, as well as provide support to developing and vulnerable nations through capacity building and technology transfer. The Agreement is governed by transparency and compliance mechanisms that will ensure continued collective progress towards meeting these ambitious global goals," she added.

In 2015, months ahead of the gathering of world leaders in COP21, Legarda delivered the Manila Call to Action on Climate Change, which was launched during the state visit of French President Francois Hollande in the Philippines.

Legarda, who authored the Climate Change Act and previously chaired the Senate Committees on Climate Change, Foreign Relations, and Finance, worked behind the scenes in pushing for the Philippines'

ratification, explaining the Agreement to Cabinet members, and coordinating with various climate organizations.

The lawmaker also said the Philippines, as chair of the Climate Vulnerable Forum (CVF) during the negotiations in December 2015, was successful in championing the more ambitious climate goal of 1.5°C, compared to 2°C, in the final text of the Paris Agreement.

She noted that the 1.5°C goal, which was backed up by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, is the threshold for survival for developing countries, as well as an opportunity for all countries to transition towards a low carbon and climate-resilient development path.

"We need bold climate action in terms of transformational planning and financing in all sectors, and we need the involvement of all actors in the community, most especially to spur locally led action. For all these, industrialized nations must lead towards the low carbon pathway. Only if the 1.5-degree limit is met can we bring about sustainable industrial development and eradicate poverty," Legarda said. (PIA NCR)

## DOH brings BIDA Solusyon sa COVID-19 campaign at the mall

By Joedie Mae D. Boliver

CALOOCAN CITY– A team from the Department of Health led by Secretary Francisco T. Duque III on Thursday (Dec. 10) visited SM Megamall at the Ortigas Center, Mandaluyong City to promote the health department's BIDA Solusyon sa COVID-19.

BIDA is a behavioral campaign adapting the Minimum Public Health Standards (MPHS) mandated by the Interagency Risk Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID).

BIDA is a contraction that such that B is for Bawal walang mask. I refers to I-sanitize ang mga kamay, Iwas hawak sa mga bagay. D means Dumistansya ng isang metro. Finally, A stands for Alamin ang totoong impormasyon.

Dr. Corazon I. Flores, OIC-Director IV and Dr. Maria Paz P. Corrales, Director III of DOH-Metro Manila Center for Health Development joined the Secretary in his visit.

The DOH team was warmly welcomed by Mr. Steven

Tan, President of SM Shopping Center Management Corporation and Mandaluyong City Mayor Carmelita A. Abalos.

The team checked the enforcement of basic health protocols within the mall wherein they clearly observed that automated thermal scanners are in entrance points and are functional upon entry of the mall-goers.

The number of individuals is also counted so that the mall management will be able to monitor the maximum allowable capacity of the mall at a given time. Advisories for the health protocols are visibly located on conspicuous areas.

Security officers hold placards to constantly remind the shoppers on the health protocols that need to be observed at all times.

Duque also requested the mall management to designate BIDA Bastoneros and Bastoneras who will act as Safety Officers and ensure the strict adherence and sustainability of carrying out the health and safety protocols for COVID-19 prevention in SM Supermalls throughout the country. (DOH/PIA-NCR)



Health Secretary Francisco Duque III conducts a short lecture on basic health protocols during his visit at the SM Megamall in Mandaluyong City to bring the BIDA Solusyon sa COVID-19 campaign at the mall. Also in photo is Dr. Corazon I. Flores, OIC-Director IV (2nd from right) of the DOH-Metro Manila Center for Health Development. (Photo credit: DOH-NCRO HPMRU)

## DBP....

These four strategic sectors will be covered under the DBP Assistance for Economic and Social Development (ASENSO) for Local Government Units (LGUs) Financing Program, the bank's banner program which supports the LGUs' initiatives on market infrastructure development and improvement, social welfare, health care, and other public infrastructure projects that spur local economic activity. It will also serve as the main platform to implement the interest subsidy program of the National Government.

Funding for the Interest Subsidy Fund is an integral part of Republic Act No. 11494 or the Bayanihan to Recover as One Act (Bayanihan 2) which was signed into law by President Rodrigo R. Duterte last September.

Herbosa said with the release of stimulus funds under

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Bayanihan 2, the bank could offer LGUs longer repayment terms of up to 15 years and at a lower interest of 4% per annum, half of which will be subsidized by the National Government's stimulus funds until December 31, 2022.

He said the grant of the subsidy would be on a "first-come, first-serve basis" with the interest rate subsidy cap computed based on the approved loan amount or a P10-million cap for provincial and city LGUs, and P5-million cap for municipalities.

"DBP shall continue to work with the National Government in coming up with these types of interventions that would greatly benefit lower-tier LGUs, as they scale up social and economic interventions for their constituents and boost their resiliency against future economic downturns," Herbosa said.

## NNC....

is composed of a different set of awards in line with the non-conduct of the Monitoring and Evaluation of Local Level Plan Implementation (MELLPI) due to COVID-19.

In line with the recent Taal Volcano eruption, NNC also awards the 2020 Outstanding Response during the Taal Volcano Eruption for LGUs and RLAs.

The City of Bacoor bags the award for the LGU category City Level and the Calaca, Batangas wins the award for the Municipal Level. Meanwhile, the Department of Health wins the award for the RLA category.

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Champion Award for COVID-19 Response, The City of Biñan wins the award for City level while Sariaya, Quezon and the Department of Health win the Municipal level and RLA categories respectively.

The 2020 RNAC also includes the Nutrition Hero Award for COVID-19 Response in five categories namely for the Provincial Nutrition Action Officer (PNAO) Category won by Cavite PNAO Angeles Peñalba; City Nutrition Action Officer (CNAO) Category won by Calamba City CNAO Aleli Catalina Jimenez; District/City Nutrition Program Coordinator (D/CNPC) Category won by

## Cavite ....

Department of Tourism (DOT), with expertise on planning and information management system presented some planning tools and tasked participants to identify programs, projects and activities needed to achieve thematic outcomes or goals for tourism recovery and rehabilitation.

Several output from the tasks include securing livelihood and adequate social services to protect visitors and tourism workers; sustaining business operations to ensure business survival; building a more sustainable and resilient tourism industry through appropriate infrastructure and policy, and restoring the industry's confidence by enhanced marketing and product development.

During the workshop, the participants assessed the risks and came up with recommendations geared for the province's recovery and resiliency such as financial assistance, loan programs, technical and skills trainings, business opportunity plans, and establishment of tourist information centers, quarantine facility and tourism hotline.

Other speakers who

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gave additional inputs include: Provincial Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit Representative Dr. Nelson Soriano, underscored the importance of maintaining a health business operation and having a workplace coordinator for safety while Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Provincial Director Lionel Dalope, highlighted the salient features of the IATF guidelines for tourism businesses. Meanwhile, Department of Trade and Industry (DTI)-Cavite OIC-Provincial Director Revelyn Cortez, presented DTI's online training programs and webinars, including the Small Business Corporation (SB Corp.) loan assistance program that can help MSMEs and small tourism businesses recover.

Provincial Tourism Officer Rozelle Sangalang discussed data on the impact of the Taal Volcano eruption and the COVID-19 pandemic to the tourism industry in Cavite.

Based on the reports and the regional assessment of the DOT, there's really an urgency to build public-private partnerships and linkages for crisis response and recovery management; to

develop guidelines and measures to promptly respond to any crisis situation and minimize the impacts to the tourists and the destinations, thus the crafting of a Tourism Crisis Management Plan for the province.

S a n g g u n i a n g Panlalawigan Chairperson for Committee on Tourism, Culture, Arts and Public Information, Board Member Jeffrey Asistio, expressed his support to regain tourists' confidence and help rebuild the image of Cavite tourism.

Asistio also revealed that he will soon launch his vlog featuring the unique culture and tourist attractions in the province through his Facebook page, Jeff Asistio-Official as a form of content marketing to help Cavite tourism bounce back.

Concluding the online workshop, Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Officer Eloisa Rozul imparted the key components to a sound crisis management plan which include knowing the risks and its impacts, plotting concrete activities, communicating with stakeholders and implementing the response plan. (Rochelle D. Bawalan, Tourism Operations Officer II)

Tagaytay City's Marietta Dogelio; Municipal Nutrition Action Officer (MNAO) Category won by Kalayaan MNAO Cecille Flores-Magana and; Barangay Nutrition Scholar (BNS) Category won by Barangay Mendez Crossing West, Tagaytay City's Barangay Nutrition Scholar Donnabel Lazo.

Webby Awards & other recognitions

For this year's ceremony, NNC IV-A also holds its Webby Awards wherein area awarded for promotion of nutrition information online.

In the LGU Category, the Province of Cavite bags the 2020 Best Social Media Account for Nutrition - Provincial while the City of Bacoor bags the Best Social Media Account for

Nutrition - City.

For the Best Social Media Account for Nutrition - Municipal Category Kalayaan, Laguna is awarded as champion while Magdalena, Laguna and Los Baños, Laguna win 1st runner-up and 2nd runner-up respectively.

The Department of Science and Technology win the Best Social Media Account for Nutrition for the Regional Line Agency Category.

Sariaya, Quezon's Radyo Kaisahan 107.7FM also wins a special award for the 2020 Best External Article Contributor and Calaca, Batangas wins the award for the 2020 Best Practices in Nutrition Emergencies.

NNC IV-A also gave

special recognition to former DOH IV-A Director Eduardo Janairo for his valuable contributions as then-chair of the Calabarzon Regional Sub-Committee on Nutrition from 2018-2020.

For the first time, the 2020 RNAC includes the Service Award for Retired Nutrition Action Officers for their unparalleled service in ensuring good nutrition in their communities.

RNAC 2020 also awards nutrition partners and supporters such as Unilever Philippines, Breastfeeding Ala Eh and National University as well as Regional Cluster member agencies. (GG)

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## EDITORIAL

### We badly need to catch up

A congested curriculum is considered one of the reasons why learners cannot master basic competencies.

Reports that primary school pupils in the Philippines performed poorly in a regionwide assessment of reading and mathematical and writing literacy is indeed disturbing.

The 2019 Southeast Asia Primary Learning Metrics (SEA-PLM) revealed that only 10 percent of Filipino learners have developed the proficiency in reading to allow their transition to secondary education. In Mathematics, only 17 percent, and in terms of writing, only one percent could write cohesive texts with detailed ideas and a good range of appropriate vocabulary.

It also showed that 27 percent of Filipino pupils in Grade 5 were only able to recognize single words, while only 10 percent of them developed reading proficiency to allow their proper transition to secondary education.

A high percentage of Filipino students were also in the lowest bands for mathematical and writing literacy.

The pen-and-paper large-scale assessment, which the Philippines joined in February last year, was also participated in by Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Malaysia and Vietnam.

Conducted by the United Nations Children's Fund, the assessment focused on the reading, writing and mathematical literacy of students in Grade 5, subjects more popularly known as the 3Rs (Reading, 'Riting, 'Rithmetic).

The Philippines' performance in reading literacy showed a glaring difference from some of its neighboring countries, particularly Vietnam.

Eighty-two percent of the 4,837 Grade 5 students from Vietnam made it to Band 6 and above, showing that "they were proficient in understanding, using and responding to texts with familiar structures." The results reinforced the findings of the 2018 Program for International Student Assessment, which showed that out of 79 countries, the Philippines ranked lowest in Reading Comprehension and second lowest in Science and Mathematics.

Although the Department of Education under Secretary Leonor Briones vowed to act on gaps in the basic education curriculum, it remains to be seen whether it can act with dispatch on this issue, considering how its blended learning program alone has been peppered with criticisms for its failure to deliver at this time of the pandemic.

The study, we believe, emphasizes the urgency of rolling out basic education curriculum reforms that would boost the Filipino learners' basic competencies. With most of our students unable to meet the minimum proficiency in reading, writing and mathematics, they are bound to struggle even more in secondary school.

As part of its national reform program, Sulong EduKalidad, the Department of Education is reportedly implementing a streamlined curriculum under the Most Essential Learning Competencies owing to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The DepEd, however, is still conducting its curriculum review, which is to be completed next year.

A congested curriculum is considered one of the reasons why learners cannot master basic competencies. We'd like to think that the goal of a streamlined curriculum is not simply an improved showing in national and international assessments.

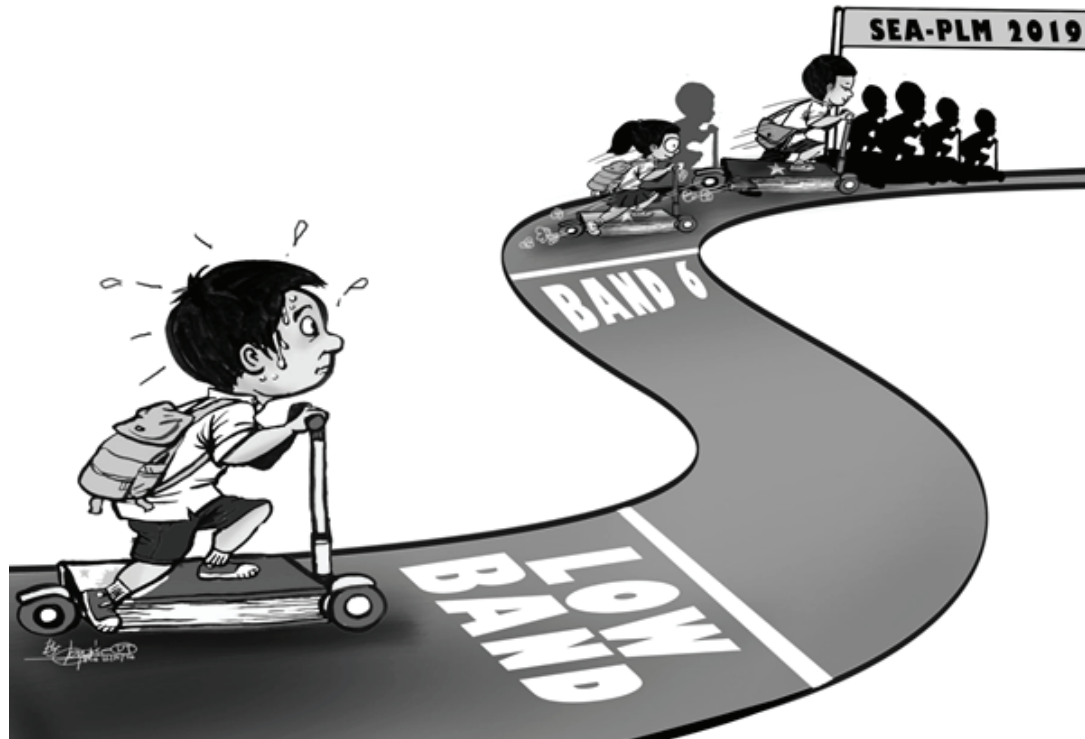
Competencies required under the new curriculum should have a sharper focus on promoting the 4Cs — critical thinking, creative thinking, collaboration and communication.

We should also emphasize the importance of reforming teacher education and training, noting that the quality of teachers and their education are basic inputs to improved learning outcomes.

Coordination between the DepEd and the Commission on Higher Education must likewise be strengthened to improve teacher education and training in the country.

Participating in the SEA-PLM assessment is not enough. The intention to raise the quality of education, as the DepEd itself says, will always be there. But intending to do something is entirely different than doing the actual thing.

The time to act with dispatch is now.



## KAPIRASONG Kritika

Ni Teo S. Marasigan

### Yolanda Isang Taon Pagkatapos

Sa panayam niya kay Jessica Soho, isa sa mga huli bago siya namatay, tinanong si Cory Aquino kung ano ang pinakamababang yugto o lowest point ng kanyang pagkapangulo. Ang sabi niya, ang Mendiola Massacre. May mga namatay raw kasi, bagamat may pahabol siyang may nanggulo doon.

Hindi ko alam kung sinsero ang dating pangulo sa sagot. Hindi ko nasaksihan ang mga pahayag at aksyon niya pagkatapos ng naturang masaker. Ang alam ko, iyung alam ng marami: na nagpakawala siya ng Total War sa mga rebeldeng komunista at nagdulot ng maraming paglabag sa karapatang pantao sa kanayunan.

Pwede rin namang okey sa kanya ang pagpatay, basta hindi sa abot ng kanyang tanaw. Pwede sa malawak na kanayunan, huwag sa kalunsuran.

Naalala ko ang sagot ni Cory sa mga pahayag at aksyon ni Noynoy Aquino isang taon pagkatapos manalasa ang superbagyong Yolanda sa bansa. Sasabihin ko sanang "Yolanda massacre" pero,

hindi tao ang direktang may pananagutan sa maraming namatay, bagamat may pananagutan din ang tao, ang gobyerno.

Pero ganoon pa rin, maraming namatay. Maaaring hindi sa Mendiola o Kamaynilaan, pero hindi rin sa kanayunan. Lantad sa buong bayan ang binagsakan ng mga bangkay – Tacloban City, ang buong Eastern Visayas at mga karatig-rehiyon. Hindi malapit sa paningin ng pangulo, pero hindi rin masyadong malayo.

At ano ang mga aksyon at pahayag ni Noynoy? Umiwas pumunta ng Tacloban City, ang pinakanapinsala ng superbagyo. Pagsasabing mahirap ang kanyang tungkulin. Pagsisi sa lokal na pamahalaan sa mabagal na rehabilitasyon.

Hindi pa rin malinaw ang sagot niya sa mga akusasyon ng kriminal na kapabayaang sa harap ng superbagyo. Hindi siya nag-utos ng malawakang paglilikas bago tumama si Yolanda. Walang rescue na naganap. Napakabagal ng relief. At ngayon, isang taon pagkatapos, wala pa ring rehabilitasyon sa

Eastern Visayas.

Para siguro sa hinaharap ang tala na ito. Kung may tandang pananong kung sinserong nalungkot si Cory sa Mendiola massacre, malinaw ang tandang pasukdol sa kawalan ng lungkot ni Noynoy sa pagkamatay ng sampu-sampung libo dahil sa pananalasa ni Yolanda isang taon na ang nakakaraan. Kahit pakitang-tao, wala.

May nakapagkwento sa akin na sa protesta noong Nobyembre 8 sa Tacloban, may nagtalumpati tungkol sa paglaban, at armadong paglaban pa nga, sa harap ng mga biktima. Naalala ko tuloy ang isang sinabi ni Ho Chi Minh, lider ng rebolusyong Vietnamese, ayon sa pagkaalala ng isang kaibigan.

Sabi raw ni Ho sa sambayanang Vietnamese, "Dahil sa atake ng imperyalismong US, lahat tayo ay namatayan ng anak, asawa, kapatid, magulang o kaanak. Kaya kahit damo ang kainin natin, lalaban tayo." Palitan lang ang salarin ng "superbagyo at kapabayaang ng gobyerno," aplikable ang siping ito.

16 Nobyembre 2014



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
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TRECE MARTIRES CITY

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND,  
Mortgagee,

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-385-17

-versus-

SPOUSES WINSTON C. TUPAZ  
AND CATHERINE E. TUPAZ  
Mortgagors

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed by Mortgagee, HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND, with business address at 12th Floor, JELP Business Solution Center, No. 409 Shaw Blvd., Mandaluyong City, against the Mortgagors, SPOUSES WINSTON C. TUPAZ AND CATHERINE E. TUPAZ, with residence and postal address at LOT 15, BLOCK 25, CHESA ST., FILIPINO, PASAYCITY AND LOT 36, BLOCK 23, PHASE 2 SUNRISE PLACE SUBDIVISION TRES CRUSES, TANZA, CAVITE, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of 29 March 2017 amounts to THREE HUNDRED TWENTY ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FORTY SEVEN PESOS AND 64/100 (P321,547.64), Philippine Currency, including interest, penalties and other charges as of said date but exclusive of all other expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will set at public auction on FEBRUARY 04, 2021 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at the main entrance of the Government Center Building located at the Provincial Capitol Compound, Trece Martires City, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency the following described property with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 057-2013017436

A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 36, BLOCK 23 OF THE CONSOLIDATION SUBDIVISION PLAN PCS-04-024575, BEING A PORTION OF LOTS 2677, (FLS-325), & 2679 (RS-04-002668) ALL OF STA. CRUZ DE MALABON ESTATE AND BLOCK 31, PCS-04-023349, L.R.C. RECORD NO. 6832), SITUATED IN BARANGAY TRES CRUSES, MUNICIPALITY OF TANZA, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON. BOUNDED ON THE NE., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 37, BLOCK 23; ON THE SE., ALONG LINE 2-3 BY LOT 34, BLOCK 23; ON THE SW., ALONG LINE 3-4 BY ROAD LOT 1 (10.00 M. WIDE R.O.W) AND ON THE NW., ALONG LINE 4-1 BY LOT 38 BLOCK 23, ALL OF THE CONSOLIDATION SUBDIVISION PLAN. BEGINNING AT A POINT MARKED "1" ON PLAN xxx CONTAINING AN AREA OF THIRTY FIVE (35) SQUARE METERS xxx

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date and time, it shall be held on FEBRUARY 11, 2021 without further notice.

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

Trece Martires City, NOVEMBER 17, 2020

LUCIO C. ALEJO III  
Sheriff IV

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HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND  
12th Floor, JELP Business Solution Center,  
No. 409 Shaw Blvd., Mandaluyong City

SPOUSES WINSTON C. TUPAZ  
AND CATHERINE E. TUPAZ  
Lot 15, Block 25, Chesa St., Filipino, Pasay City  
Lot 36 Block 23 Phase 2 Sunrise Place Subdivision  
Tres Cruses, Tanza, Cavite

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EJF NO. TG-20-026  
FOR: Extrajudicial Foreclosure of Real Estate Mortgage under Act No. 3135, as Amended

PHILIPPINE SAVINGS BANK,  
Mortgagee,

-Versus -

SPS. CAMILO O. DATU JR. and  
MA. TERESA C. DATU,  
Mortgagor/s.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial foreclosure for sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed by Mortgagee, PHILIPPINE SAVINGS BANK A thrift bank with principal office and place of business at PSBank Center, 777 Paseo de Roxas corner Sedeno Street, Makati City, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Real Estate Mortgage ("MORTGAGE") dated August 29, 2018 that was executed by Mortgagor, SPS. CAMILO O. DATU JR. AND MA. TERESA C. DATU, with given address at (1) Block 2, Lot 8, Phase C, Treelane 2 Subdivision, Bayan Luma 3, Imus, Cavite and collateral address at (2) Unit 0919 9/F Wind Residences, Tower 5, Aguinaldo Highway, Brgy.Salaban, Maharlika West, Tagaytay City (3) 459-C B Estate Apartment, Bayan Luma 3, Bayan Luma Road, Imus Cavite, 4103, Philippines in favor of the Mortgagee, over a real estate property including improvements thereon, described in and covered by Condominium Certificate of Title No. 076-2018001964 of the Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City, in order to satisfy the outstanding loan obligation of the mortgagor in the amount of TWO MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY EIGHT THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED THREE PESO & 41/100 (Php2,538,303.41) plus accruing interest, penalty and other charges thereon from the said date up to the date of foreclosure sale, publication, other foreclosure expenses, attorney's fees and such other additional sums, as of October 02, 2020, the undersigned Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff of the Regional Trial Court of Cavite thru her deputy, Sheriff ALEX E. MARTINEZ, will sell at public auction on January 7, 2021 at 10:00 O'clock in the morning or soon thereafter, at the New Hall of Justice of Tagaytay City, to the highest bidder, for Cash or Manager's Check and in Philippine Currency, the following properties with all its improvements thereon, to wit:

CONDOMINIUM CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 076-2018001964  
Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City

WIND RESIDENCES TOWER 5

FLOOR LEVEL : NINTH FLOOR  
UNIT NUMBER : UNIT-0919  
UNIT TYPE : RESORT RESIDENTIAL UNIT 2  
UNIT AREA : 34.89 SQUARE METERS

In the diagrammatic floor plan appended to the enabling or master deed of the condominium project annotated on TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE 2012004161 which embraces and describes the land located at BRGY. SALABAN, MAHARLIKA WEST V(NOW), CITY OF TAGAYTAY with an area of FIVE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED NINETY SEVEN (5,797) Square Meter is registered in the name of:

Owner: SPOUSES CAMILO O. DATU JR. AND MA. TERESA C. DATU, FILIPINO CITIZENS, BOTH OF LEGAL AGE

Address: 459-C B ESTATE APARTMENT, BAYAN LUMA 3, BAYAN LUMA ROAD, IMUS, CAVITE 4103, PHILIPPINES

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on January 14, 2021 without further notice.

Prospective bidders or buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate and verify for themselves the CONDOMINIUM CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 076-2018001964 the encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

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

Tagaytay City, Philippines, November 23, 2020.

APPROVED:

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

## UPLB lights up campus for Christmas to light up students' world

LOS BAÑOS, Laguna--The traditional Christmas lighting ceremony of UPLB will not be the lighting ceremony we all have been accustomed to.

First of all, in keeping with UPLB's collective goal of a simple yet meaningful ceremony, it will feature only the Nativity Tableau, which is really the reason for the season; unlike in the past years of tall Christmas trees and Christmas villages that were guaranteed to draw the crowds for the opportunity to shoot photos.

Secondly, this year gives UPLB a treat despite being held virtually, with the special performance of "Asia's Songbird," Ms. Regine Velasquez-Alcasid.

Ms. Velasquez-Alcasid leads local performers in providing the UPLB community who may be apart in this time of the pandemic but will be one in spirit in the Christmas lighting ceremony.

Simply entitled "Ngayong Pasko, Tayo ang Magkasama," it is meant to light up the UPLB students' world in the midst of remote learning and spread cheer amidst the pandemic and the recent calamities.

Ms. Velasquez-Alcasid's performance is her way to contribute to the third reason that sets this Christmas lighting ceremony apart from those of Christmases past because this one is all about caring and sharing.

"Ngayong Pasko, Tayo ang Magkasama" is aimed at raising funds for two programs of UPLB: one to help students who are having difficulties in adjusting to remote learning and the other to contribute in efforts to help victims of recent calamities.

UPLB CARES or UPLB Connectivity Assistance for Remote Students aims to provide learning support systems and assistance to UPLB students in their transition to remote and flexible mode of learning.

There are currently 627 UPLB students who need help with gadgets or connectivity for remote learning, of whom only 55 have been provided assistance under the UP System Student Learning Assistance System (SLAS).

SLAS is part of the university's COVID-19 Crisis Action Plan to address the needs of vulnerable students, particularly those who could be at a considerable disadvantage under the flexible and remote modes of learning.

The UPLB Agapay Program is the university's central platform for coordinating response before, during, and after natural calamities and socio-economic distress. It is anchored on UPLB's commitment to public service and volunteerism.

Donations to UPLB CARES and UPLB Agapay Program may be made to the following bank accounts of the UPLB Alumni Association: Philippine National Bank (PNB) for dollar donations (account number 246460028491) or Landbank of the Philippines (LBP) for peso donations (account number 1891011446)

"Ngayong Pasko, Tayo ang Magkasama" can be viewed at UPLB Official's Facebook Page and YouTube Channel. (PIA-4A/UPLB)

ALEX E. MARTINEZ  
Sheriff In Charge

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# Word Search Puzzle

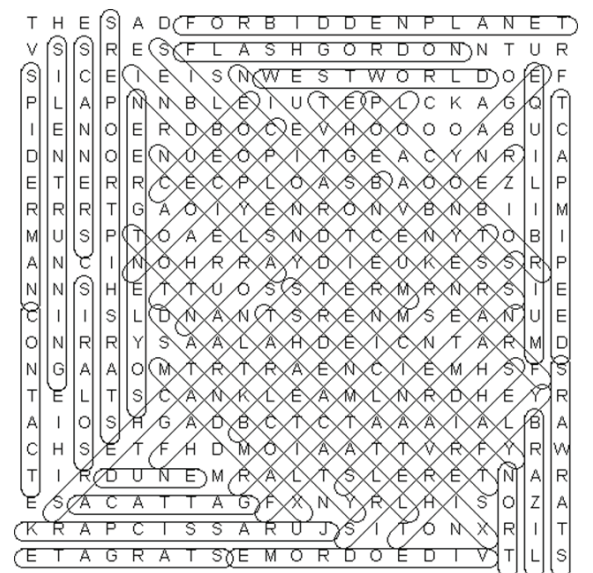
## 60's Songs

Find and circle all of the 1960's song titles that are hidden in the grid. The remaining letters spell the title of an additional 1960's song.

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 R E T H T W I N D Y N F W H H P A G T  
 E T C I E B L U E M O O N Y A T S H R

- BABY LOVE
- BLUE MOON
- BLUE VELVET
- BUS STOP
- CARA MIA
- CHAIN GANG
- CHERISH
- CRAZY
- CRYING
- DIZZY
- DOWNTOWN
- EL PASO
- ELENORE
- FINGERTIPS
- FIRE
- GALVESTON
- GOOD LOVIN'
- GROOVIN'
- HAIR
- HEATWAVE
- HEY JUDE
- HOLIDAY
- ITCHYCOO PARK
- LAST KISS
- MEMPHIS
- MY GIRL
- MY GUY
- PEOPLE
- PUPPY LOVE
- RESPECT
- RUNAWAY
- SHERRY
- SOUL MAN
- SPOOKY
- STAY
- SURF CITY
- TEEN ANGEL
- THE BOXER
- THE TWIST
- THESE EYES
- VALLERI
- VOLARE
- WHITE RABBIT
- WILD THING
- WINDY
- WIPEOUT
- WORDS
- YESTERDAY

## Sagot sa nakaraan



# Sudoku

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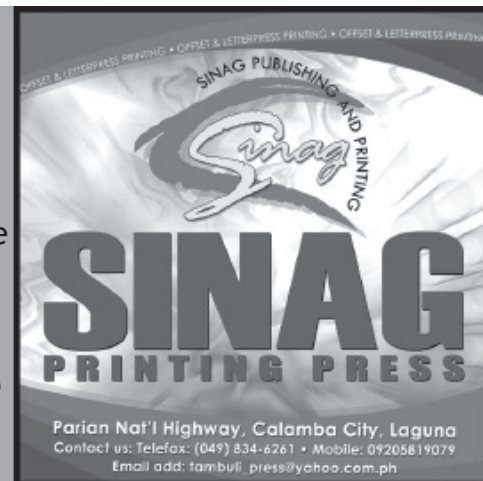
## Sudoku hint

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	37			28	38	29	30	18
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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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# Legarda: Honor 1.5-degree Celsius Climate Goal of Paris Agreement

By Jerome Carlo R. Paunan

CALOOCAN CITY-- House Deputy Speaker Loren Legarda today called on the developed countries to honor their commitments to the landmark Paris Agreement on Climate Change, which primarily aims to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius and urges to mobilize climate finance, technologies, and capacity development for developing countries.

The Paris Agreement was formally adopted five years ago on December 12, 2015 at the 21st Conference of the Parties (COP21) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). It entered into force or became

operational on November 4, 2016, thirty days after at least 55 countries accounting for at least 55% of global greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions had ratified the Agreement. There are 189 countries that have ratified the Agreement.

As senator, Legarda sponsored the Senate Resolution to concur in President Duterte's signing of the Paris Agreement on February 28, 2017. The Senate unanimously approved the resolution on March 14, 2017. The Paris Agreement took effect in the Philippines on April 22, Earth Day, a month after the instruments of accession were submitted to the UN.

"The Paris Agreement establishes the obligations of all

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(Sen. Loren Legarda photo)

## Higher pay awaits workers who will report to work on December holidays

By Lucia F. Bronio

CALOOCAN CITY -- Higher pay awaits private sector employees who will report to work on the declared holidays this month, the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) said today.

In Labor Advisory No. 32, series of 2020 signed by Secretary Silvestre Bello III, there are three special non-working holidays and two regular holidays in December. The special holidays are the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary (Dec. 8), Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, while the regular holidays are Christmas Day and Rizal Day (Dec. 30).

Bello reminded employers to observe the proper payment of wages on said holidays.

The prescribed pay rules for December 8, 24, and 31, 2020, (special non-working holidays) are the following:

For employees who did not work, the "no work, no pay" policy shall apply unless there is another company policy, practice, or collective bargaining agreement (CBA) granting payment on special days.

For work done during the special non-working holiday, the employees shall be paid an additional 30% of their daily rate on the first eight hours of work [(daily rate x 130%) + COLA].

For work done over eight hours (overtime work), the employees shall be paid an additional 30% of their hourly rate on the said day [hourly rate of the basic daily wage x 130% x 130% x number of hours worked].

If the employees work on a special holiday that also falls on their rest day, they shall be paid an additional 50 percent of their daily rate on the first eight hours of work [(daily rate x 150%) + COLA].

For overtime work on a special holiday that also falls on their rest day, they shall be paid an additional 30 percent of their hourly rate on the said day [Hourly rate of the basic daily wage x 150% x 130% x number of hours worked].

For December 25 and 30, which are regular holidays, the following rules shall apply:

If the employees did not work, they shall be paid 100% of their salary for days indicated [(daily rate x cost of living allowance) x 100%], while for work done during the regular holiday, the employees shall be paid 200% of their regular salary for the first eight hours [(daily rate x COLA) x 200%].

For overtime work (work done over eight hours), they shall be paid an additional 30% of their hourly rate [Hourly rate of the basic daily wage x

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## Advocates calls on public to stop plastic pollution, switch to eco-friendly alternatives

By Jerome Carlo R. Paunan

CALOOCAN CITY -- The 29th episode of "Stories for a Better Normal: Pandemic and Climate Pathways" series and part two of the topic, "Uniting Against Single-Use Plastic" featured programs and activities in government and social enterprises aimed at avoiding single-use plastics and promoting eco-friendly alternatives for a plastic-free environment in this period of pandemic and climate crisis.

Deputy Speaker Loren Legarda was joined by Mayor

Josephine Alcantara-Cruz of Donsol, Sorsogon; Jamico Jamlang, Founder of The Bamboo Company; Czarina Constantino, National Lead of the "No Plastics in Nature Initiative" by the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) - Philippines; and Wilma Arevalo, President of Kalipunan ng Liping Pilipina (KALUPI).

Jamlang shared the eco-friendly switch story of The Bamboo Company, which aims to introduce bamboo as an alternative to plastic to help combat global deforestation, mitigate climate change, and provide livelihood

and economic opportunities. Bamboo decomposes easily, grows fast, and can be sustainably harvested. It has also been shown to be effective in sequestering carbon in the atmosphere.

"What we envision is a simple system where almost everything can be made with bamboo. Through this, we sustainably impact the people and the planet," said Jamlang.

Constantino introduced the No Plastics in Nature Initiative which aims to stop the flow of plastics into ecosystems

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**GOODBYE PLASTIC,  
HELLO BASKET**



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