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# Cavite partakes in the 2022 Children's

# Month Celebration



Photo courtesy of Cavite.GOV.PH

# PBBM keen on more ecozone dev'ts; OKs P91-B ecozone projects administration. two in tourism, one in agro-

By Kris Crismundo

MANILA – The Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA) is optimistic on approving ecozone projects in the coming years as President Ferdinand R. Marcos targets ecozone development as a catalyst for growth in the country.

This year, PEZA told the Philippine News Agency that the agency approved a total of 29 ecozone projects amounting to PHP96.21 billion, 11 of which were registered during the first six months of the Marcos

These 11 ecozones from July to December accounted for 94 percent of the total investment approvals for ecozone development this year, with total project costs of PHP90.65 billion. The PEZA said the largest investment for an ecozone development this year amounted to PHP81.65 billion, which is a mixed-used special economic zone, for manufacturing and

zone for manufacturing and tourism in Pangasinan.

Of the total approved ecozone projects this year, 13 were information technology (IT) parks and centers, 12 were manufacturing ecozones,

### Medical Mission @ Brgy. Poblacion III, General Mariano Alvarez, Cavite

CAVITE Provincial Government through the Office of the Provincial Governor-Extension headed by Ms. Charlene Ann P. Samala conducted a medical mission at Brgy. Poblacion III, General Mariano Alvarez, Cavite on December 2, 2022.

A total of one hundred twenty-seven (127) beneficiaries comprised of children and adults received free consultation as well as prescription medicines, multivitamins and Vitamin C supplements.

Medical team from

General Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital composed of Dr. Arnheim T. Patiño, and Dr. Gem Cyrell M. Peñalba, rendered their services during the medical health mission.

Prior to the conduct of the activity, health screening and antigen swab testing were done by the PESU team to ensure the safety of everyone.

The success of the event was made possible thru the support of Barangay Chairman Christopher Pera and assistance of the Barangay Health Workers.

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industrial and one in mixed-use

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of this administration is to build

more economic zones outside

Metro Manila," said PEZA

deputy director general Aleem

Siddiqui Guiapal in a recent press

"Part of the priorities

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and the Provincial Council for the Protection of Children in celebrating the Children's Month on November 29, 2022 at Brgy. De Ocampo Covered Court, Trece Martires City, Cavite.

The activity was participated by child representatives from various organizations and institutions

Welfare and Development Office

partnered with the Council for

the Welfare of Children (CWC)

Provincial Social

The activity was participated by child representatives from various organizations and institutions in Cavite including Pangarap Foundation, Kanlungan Sa Erma, Gems Heart, Children's Village, Mother Caterina Roncali, Shoreline Kabalikat, Christian

Mission Service Philippines, Saint Anthony Boys Village, Bukid Kabataan, Missionaries of Charity, Rescue Operations Incorporated and Bahay Parola, together with representatives from the 23 Local Government Units.

Cavite Vice Governor Athena Bryana Tolentino delivered the State of Children's Address (SOCA) on behalf of Governor Juanito Victor Remulla.

Hon. Romel Enriquez,
1st District Board member
and Committee Chairperson
on Social Services, Family,
Women, Children and Elderly,
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# Over 1K km of roads constructed, rehabilitated since July: DPWH far constructed, maintained and

By Ferdinand Patinio

MANILA – The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) on Tuesday said it has heeded the directive of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. to construct high-quality and efficient infrastructure through the building, upgrade and rehabilitation of bridges, flood control structures and school buildings.

In its accomplishment report disseminated by the Office of the Press Secretary (OPS), the DPWH said it has so far constructed, maintained and rehabilitated 1,105 kilometers of roads from July to November this year.

Also, it has upgraded and rehabilitated a total of 112 bridges, 650 flood control structures as well as 2,575 school buildings for use of public school students.

In the same period, the DPWH added that it has built some 75 kilometers of farm-to-market roads through funding provided by the Department of Agriculture (DA), which is part of the government's pledge to help farmers transport their

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### **PBBM.....**

mayroon pa rin pandemya nang kaunti, 'yung ekonomiya ay dahan-dahan pa lang bumabalik at kahit papaano ay nakakaraos pa rin tayo, ngunit hindi mangyayari 'yun kung hindi po tayo magtulungan," ayon kay Pangulong Marcos.

Inanyayahan rin ng ni Pangulong Marcos ang publiko na saksihan ang kasiyahan na magaganap sa Palasyo ng Malacañang para sa Pasko.

"Aanyayahan ko rin pala

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kayo binuksan namin ang Palasyo, ang Malacañang para 'yung mga nag-aantay mag-Simbang Gabi pwede mag-standby muna doon sa amin... nakabukas 'yun mula alas-siyete ng gabi, hanggang mga 4:30 (ng umaga) 'pag Simbang Gabi na. So dalhin ninyo doon, basta't makita naman ninyo 'yung Palasyo. 'Yung sinindihan namin ang malaking Christmas Tree, andun. 'Yung mga bata, I'm sure masisiyahan at may konting pakain... Welcome kayong lahat. Bukas na ang Palasyo. Hindi ko

naman bahay 'yan eh, bahay niyo 'yan eh. Kaya binuksan ko na," sinabi ng Pangulo.

Ang ginanap na caravan ay magbibigay ng 'pangkabuhayan' na panimulang kapital sa mga pamilya ng mga batang nakatira sa mga kalye upang masuportahan nila ang kanilang mga anak, upang sila ay mapigilang manatili sa mga lansangan.

Isang katulad na caravan ang isinagawa sa Cebu City noong Disyembre 21 habang isa pa ang gaganapin sa Davao sa Disyembre 23. (PIA-NCR)

### Yearender...

Facility that is blended with the supply produced by the company's La Mesa Treatment Plants before conveyance to Barangays San Isidro and San Dionisio.

The Department of Health -Metro Manila Center for Health Development issued a Conditional Operational Permit to Maynilad after the New Water passed a series of tests that proved its adherence to the Philippine National Standards for Drinking Water (PNSDW) and squarely met the World Health Organization guidelines on potable reuse.

"This is the first time that recycled water will be tapped as an alternative supply source to address water shortages," Maynilad president and chief executive officer Ramoncito Fernandez said in another statement.

Maynilad is also giving a PHP1.7-million worth of rebate this December to some 35,000 Maynilad customers affected by the onslaught of Typhoon Paeng in parts of Metro Manila and Cavite between late October and early November, equivalent to a rebate of around PHP50 in their December 2022 water bill.

The rebate will offset the cost of the water that their customers consumed for their clean-up activities after their homes were flooded.

In response,
Metropolitan Waterworks and
Sewerage System-Regulatory
Office (MWSS-RO) Chief
Regulator Patrick Lester Ty
commended Maynilad's move to
grant a rebate.

"We welcome the

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initiative of Maynilad to assist typhoon-stricken families in their time of need," Ty said in a separate statement. Manila Water

Meanwhile, more than 7.4 million consumers of Manila Water, which services the East Zone of Metro Manila and Rizal, were assured of safe and potable water "24/7" due to the water company's meticulous regular sampling in the year 2022.

In September 2022, the MWSS said the water supplied in Metro Manila and Rizal province by Manila Water continued to pass the stringent parameters of the PNSDW.

The water treatment process involved microbiological, physical and chemical examinations of water samples collected from strategically designated Regulatory Sample Points in Manila Water's source and distribution systems.

The sampling covered 99.85 percent of Manila Water's overall water distribution.

The water firm's Sustainability head Sarah Bergado said they are contributing to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals on Climate Action and the Paris Agreement through the company's climate change adaptation and mitigation initiatives.

"We build our infrastructure to be climate-resilient as we endeavor to implement nature-based solutions such as watershed protection and reforestation to adapt to and mitigate climate change. In partnership with South Pole, an international climate solutions provider, we are developing our net zero and decarbonization

roadmap to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions across the value chain," Bergado said.

Manila Water has also received a "Management B" rating for its 2022 CDP Climate Change and Water Security Disclosures, and has improved its Climate Change rating from Awareness level (C) to Management level (B) while maintaining the management level rating in Water Security.

The CDP, formerly Carbon Disclosure Project, aims to make environmental reporting and risk management a business norm, driving disclosure, insight, and action toward a sustainable economy.

Manila Water's B rating on the CDP Score Report on Climate Change for 2022 is now above the Asia regional average of C and also higher than both the global average and the non-energy utility sector average of C.

The water company also garnered a B rating on the CDP Score Report for Water Security for 2022 which is in the management band.

This is the same as the Asia regional average of B but higher than the non-energy utility sector and global average which are both at C rating.

The B ratings received by Manila Water exemplify the company's strengthened climate actions, a solid testament to the efforts to address risks and opportunities brought about by climate change as well as the firm's steadfast commitment to provide 24/7 water and wastewater services to customers within its service areas.

The CDP Worldwide is a not-for-profit charity that runs a global disclosure system

# NPA rebel, Bicol's most wanted nabbed in Cavite Special Partisan University

By Connie Calipay

LEGAZPI CITY – A member of the New People's Army (NPA) who was tagged as the most wanted person in Bicol has been arrested in Cavite, the Police Regional Office in Bicol (PRO-5) said on Thursday.

In a statement, Lt. Col. Maria Luisa Calubaquib, Police Regional Office-Bicol (PRO-5) spokesperson, said Bicol police and the National Bureau of Investigation-Cavite operatives collared Rey Cueva alias Ka Boklan/Jimbo on Wednesday.

She said authorities arrested Cueva during a manhunt n Barangay Estana Amaya 1, Tanza, Cavite.

She said Cueva, of Sitio Kabikuhan, Barangay Luna, Placer, Masbate, had been hiding in Cavite.

"He is an active member of Luding Tulingin headed by Ka Dadi/ Ka Hernan, Commanding Officer of Platoon 1, Larangan 2, Komite ng Probinsya 4, Bicol Regional Party Committee (BRPC). He also belongs to the Special Partisan Unit of the NPA which carries out high-profile assassination missions against government employees and innocent civilians particularly in the 3rd District of Masbate under the squad of Reynaldo Mollejon or 'Ka RM'," Calubaquib said.

The suspect has two standing warrants for murder dated March 14, 2022, and for violation of Republic Act 11479, the Anti-Terrorism Act of 2020, with both no bail recommended. He is now under the custody of PRO-5 to face the charges against him.

Meanwhile, on Tuesday, authorities nabbed Najib Haron, 26, from Cavite; and Sumaya Saripada Dimatingcal, 32, from Lucena City, were arrested during a buy-bust in Barangay Poblacion, Talisay, Camarines Norte.

Seized from the suspects were 170 grams of shabu worth over PHP1 million.

The two, now under the custody of the Talisay police, and will be charged with the violation of Republic Act 9165, otherwise known as the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002. (PNA)

### Metro....

to all of you, those who have, and will embrace true democracy once again)," he added.

Gen. Estomo said that while he did not agree on the "methodology" of Sison, he expressed his condolences to the family of the communist leader.

"There may be disagreement with the methodology he chose to adopt to institute social improvements, but nonetheless, we show respect for the deceased and offer our profound sympathies to his bereaved family," he said. from page 8

"We look forward for the Party of Communist Philippines (CPP) to find a new 'guiding light' who will steer it away from annihilation, hate, and violence and towards our common vision of a safe, orderly, peaceful, progressive and above all, UNITED nation," he added. The Communist Party of the Philippines announced the death of the self-exiled Sison last December 17 after a two-week confinement in an undisclosed hospital in the Netherlands. Sison was 83. (PIA-NCR)

### 55 dating rebelde, nagbalik-loob sa pamahalaan kasabay ng anibersaryo ng CPP Rodolfo Azurin Jr.

By Susan De Leon

LUNGSOD CALOOCAN, (PIA) -- May 55 dating miyembro ng Communist Terrorist Group na CPP-NPA ang nagbalikloob sa pamahalaan kasabay ng anibersaryo Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) kahapon, Disyembre 26.

Pinangunahan ni National Capital Region Police Office (NCRPO) Director, P/ MGen. Jonnel Estomo ang pormal na pagbabalik-loob ng mga sumukong dating rebelde sa headquarters nito sa Camp Bagong Diwa sa Taguig City na sinaksihan ni Philippine National Police (PNP) Chief, P/Gen. Kasabay na isinuko ng mga dating rebelde ang kanikanilang mga armas na pawang may matataas na kalibre gayundin ang iba pang kagamitang pandigma.

Sa pahayag ni Estomo, sinabi nitong patuloy ang kanilang panghihikayat sa mga nananatili pa rin sa kabundukan na sumuko at talikuran na ang armadong pakikibaka, sa halip ay mamuhay na sa isang sibilisadong lipunan.

Kasunod nito, muling binigyang diin ni PNP Chief Azurin na mananatiling bukas palad nilang tatanggapin ang mga dating rebelde at tulungan silang makapagsimulang muli. (pnp/piancr)

for companies to measure and manage their risks and opportunities on climate change, water security and deforestation, and is a valued partner of the United Nations in collecting data in relation to efforts done towards its Sustainable Development Goals.

Meanwhile, Manila Water has completed more than 750 "Tubig Para Sa Barangay" (TPSB) projects benefiting close to two million customers from urban poor communities, including informal settlers and low-income households, as of Oct. 27.

Besides the "24/7" water supply, the TPSB program has weeded out illegal connections which were very rampant before the takeover of Manila Water of the operations of the MWSS preprivatization. (PNA)

### PDEA destroys P7.2-B illegal

### drugs in Cavite

By Christopher Lloyd Caliwan

MANILA – The Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) on Tuesday destroyed over PHP7.2 billion worth of various dangerous drugs, controlled precursors and essential chemicals (CPECs) at the Integrated Waste Management Inc. (IWMI) facility in Trece Martires City, Cavite.

Destroyed were a total of 1.4 million grams of dangerous drugs and a total net volume of 101.8 milliliters of drug evidence seized from anti-drug operations by PDEA and other law enforcement agencies.

Based on the consolidated report of the PDEA Laboratory Service, the illegal drugs included 1.06 million grams of shabu worth PHP7.2 billion, 317.4 kilograms of marijuana worth PHP38 million; 230.4 grams of cocaine worth PHP1.2 million; 9,169 grams of ecstasy worth PHP15 million; 1,037.8 grams of ketamine worth PHP4.04 million, among others.

In a statement, PDEA noted that the seized dangerous drugs were destroyed through thermal decomposition or thermolysis which involves breaking down chemical compounds with the use of tremendous heat.

"At 1,000 degrees Centigrade, all dangerous drugs are totally decomposed or broken down," it added.

The destruction of the dangerous drugs is in compliance with the guidelines set on the custody and disposition of seized dangerous drugs under Section 21, Article II of Republic Act 9165, or The Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002, and Dangerous Drugs Board Regulation No. 1, Series of 2002.

Representatives from the Department of Justice, the Department of the Interior and Local Government, local officials of Barangay Aguado, Trece Martires City, the Philippine National Police and other law enforcement agencies, non-government organizations and media partners together with key PDEA officials witnessed the activity.

Meanwhile, PDEA handed over cash rewards amounting to PHP11.2 million to four informants on Monday at the PDEA National Headquarters in Quezon City.

PDEA top officials commended the informants identified through their codenames -- Mala, Denver, Dream and Mambo -- for providing information that led to the successful antidrug operations, seizures of voluminous amounts of illegal drugs and arrest of high-value targeted drug personalities under the PDEA "Operation: Private Eye".

The Operation Private Eye Rewards Committee, composed of members from the academe, non-government organizations, law enforcement, religious and business sectors approved a resolution granting the monetary rewards to the four qualified informants for the 4th Quarter of CY 2022 after careful deliberation.

The largest reward - a total of PHP6 million - was received by informant "Mambo" who provided information to the PDEA Intelligence Service in three separate instances, all resulting in successful anti-drug operation.

"Operation Private Eye" is PDEA's long-standing citizenbased information collection program designed to encourage the active participation of private citizens to report illegal drug activities in their communities. The OPE is credited for providing key intelligence in many of PDEA's high-impact operations. (PNA)

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### PBBM....

conference.

Most of the ecozone projects registered in 2022 will be located in Calabarzon (Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal and Quezon provinces), with eight ecozone development.

This is followed by the National Capital Region and Central Luzon with three ecozone projects each; three projects in Central Visayas; two each in Ilocos Region, Soccskargen Region and Caraga Region; and one each in Western Visayas, Eastern Visayas, Northern Mindanao and Davao Region.

Guiapal said PEZA launched its "3E strategies" to attract more investments in ecozones. These include engaging new markets, expansion of existing markets and emerging markets, especially engaging with the Gulf countries for halal hubs and Islamic financing. Rationalizing requirements

To boost investment approvals and ecozone

development in PEZA, the investment promotion agency said it will push for amendments to the PEZA law, which is already a 27-year-old legislation.

Part of the proposal of PEZA is the rationalization of requirements for ecozone proclamation.

"We want rationalization of requirements for ecozone development because only PEZA that goes through a Presidential proclamation process. In the case of AFAB (Authority of the Freeport Area of Bataan), TIEZA (Tourism infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority), they can designate areas as ecozones without having to go through Presidential proclamations," PEZA officer-in-charge director general Tereso Panga earlier said. Since its inception in

1995, PEZA has established 421 ecozones across the country that were approved through Presidential proclamations. Of the total, 300 are IT parks



DESTROYED. Representatives from PDEA and other government agencies lead the destruction of over PHP7.2 billion worth of illegal drugs in Trece Martires City, Cavite on Tuesday (Dec. 20, 2022). The seized dangerous drugs were destroyed through thermal decomposition or thermolysis which involves breaking down chemical compounds with the use of tremendous heat. (Photo courtesy of PDEA)

#### Over...

harvest to public markets.

Major infrastructure projects

The DPWH's major infrastructure projects include the Cavite-Laguna Expressway, North Luzon Expressway (NLEX-SLEX) Connector Road, Central Luzon Link Expressway, Cagayan de Oro River Flood Management project, Samar-Pacific Coastal Road and the Mindanao Growth Corridor Road Sector Project.

Likewise on the DPWH's list are road network development projects in conflict-affected areas in Mindanao, Laguna-Lakeshore Road Network, Bataan-Cavite Interlink Bridge, Panguil Bay Bridge, Samal Island-Davao City Bridge and the Davao City Bypass Construction project.

The agency's key priority programs under the administration's eight-point from page 1

socioeconomic agenda include a traffic decongestion program through the construction of high-standard highways and expressways, bypasses, diversion roads, flyovers and interchanges.

Disaster response

The DPWH has also played an active role in disaster response.

In its report to Malacañang, the DPWH said it deployed more than 7,000 personnel as the government responded to several disaster areas brought about by earthquakes and the successive typhoons that hit the country this year.

Aside from personnel deployment, the DPWH also dispatched 1,711 pieces of equipment and cleared 168 road sections in multiple provinces from Luzon to Mindanao.

Other major projects

The DPWH is also actively involved in the

Integrated and Seamless Transport System Program such as improving the Daang Maharlika, construction of inter-island linkages and mega bridges, and connecting gaps

along national roads.

Through its Rural Roads Convergence Program, it will construct and upgrade access roads leading to tourism destinations, industry and trade corridors, roll on-roll off (RORO) ports, airports and railway stations.

To support the government's Agri-infrastructure Support Program, farm-to-market and farm-to-mill roads will be built, based on the DPWH program.

The DPWH is also implementing programs on flood management, water management and basic social infrastructure support that will create more livable, sustainable and resilient communities. (PNA)

### Cavite...

conveyed the provincial government's continuous support to the programs and services for children and families in Cavite. He then added that the Committee on Family and Children is always ready to respond to the needs of children, particularly in times pandemic.

Meanwhile, Mr. Alvin S. Mojica, Provincial Administrator for Community Affairs, assured the availability of funds for children and youths in Cavite, as well as ongoing projects and programs to uphold their rights and development.

During the program, the provincial government of Cavite through the PSWDO recognized and awarded Child-Friendly Cities and Municipalities from 2019 to 2022 including Carmona, City of Imus, Mendez, Naic, Maragondon, Rosario, Bacoor,

and centers, 78 manufacturing ecozones, 23 agro-industrial ecozones, 17 tourism ecozones and three medical tourism ecozones.

Around 4,346 locators have invested inside these PEZA zones in the past 27 years. (PNA)

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Magallanes, Carmona, and Tagaytay City.

Insightful talk then provided by Ms. Rio G. Gan, Guidance Counselor III at Emiliano Tria Tirona Memorial National Integrated School, who gave a creative yet informative lecture on Resiliency and Common Problems of Children and Teens Today. It was followed by the discussion of the National Children's Month theme and Child Participation by Ms. Florida F. Radam, RSCWC IV-A Regional Coordinator of the Council for the Welfare of Children.

Ms. Radam also facilitated the group activity and workshop wherein child representatives were divided into four groups, each focusing on survival rights, development, protection, and participation.

Ms. Dana Charmaine Dela Rea and Ms. Jean Claude Magdaong who served as the event's hosts, shared their experiences throughout their journey as Provincial/Regional child representatives.

The event highlighted the election of the next child representatives. After the casting of votes, Jusper Velasco and Leanna Canaga, both from the Municipality of Carmona, were elected.

Best practices of Cavite Provincial Council for the Protection of Children (PCPC) was also displayed in a video presentation.

The celebration was jam-packed with fun and interesting activities for children and teens. There were booths for children to explore, such as a photo booth, an ice cream booth, and a medical consultation corner. At the end of the program, different giveaways were handed to the child representatives.

9 am with you always, even unto the end of the world - Matthew 28:20



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### Nothing to sneeze at

The skyrocketing increase in new infections in Japan may be parallel with what's happening in China which its government seemed determined to keep hidden from the world.

The Christmas 2022 celebrations we've had represent the first time since 2019 that Filipinos got to enjoy the relative easing of Covid-19 restrictions as we celebrated the birth of Jesus Christ.

Nonetheless, at malls teeming with shoppers, churches during Mass, and in many other places of convergence like public transport terminals, most Pinoys still keep their masks on even if their wearing has been made optional by the government.

We can expect the same in the coming New Year's Eve revelries on Saturday with more people going to parties, upbeat about the coming 2023 as economies across the globe pick up under the new normal of hybrid if not full in-person work.

For those fully vaccinated and, more so, those with booster shots against Covid-19, the virus is already being seen more like the common cold and not the deadly scourge that has killed over a million people worldwide.

But has the world licked Covid and its many mutations since it was first detected in Wuhan, China in December 2019?

Have populations already received from the many vaccines developed by big pharmaceutical firms ironclad protection not from contracting the virus per se, but from getting deathly sick because of it?

Filipinos having seemingly acquired the habit of mask-wearing and social distancing, whenever possible, may be the reason why the Department of Health has not expressed grave concerns about Filipinos going to that Eraserheads concert and celebrating Christmas en masse at the Rizal Park, for example.

Elsewhere in the world, Covid seems to be making a vicious comeback with China censoring the statement of a senior health official that in one city alone, about half a million new Covid cases are being logged

The numbers coming out of Japan are also sobering and may force governments to rethink their intention to fully open their borders and economies in the coming year.

Tokyo on Friday reported 371 Covid-related deaths across Japan for that day, the highest daily fatality figure since the pandemic started. Japan, according to its health authorities, is experiencing its eighth wave of infections.

The death toll in the previous high was 347 recorded on 2 September during the seventh wave. Since 1 January 2022, 36,600 people had died from Covid in Japan, bringing the daily average to over 100 dead

If the 371 who died from Covid in Japan on Friday was shocking, consider that on the same day, the country registered 174,079 new infections, up by 20,000 from the same day the previous week.

Japanese authorities said there were 24 deaths in Tokyo, 25 in Hokkaido, and 28 in Kanagawa Prefecture, near the capital. New cases numbered 17,332 in Tokyo, 10,938 in the Aichi Prefecture, and 10,537 in Osaka Prefecture.

The skyrocketing increase in new infections in Japan may be parallel with what's happening in China which its government seemed determined to keep hidden from the world. Over the weekend, the United States called on Beijing to be more transparent with its Covid-19 numbers.

After the celebrations have died down, governments of the world, including President Ferdinand Marcos Jr.'s administration, must reassess Covid-19 intervention policies, especially when it comes to reinvigorating our seemingly stalled vaccination program.

We cannot wait for the protection provided by the vaccines to wane off before acting. We should boost as many people as possible and seriously consider that proposal to bring in bivalent Covid vaccines. Covid-19 is nothing to sneeze at even to this day.



### APIRASON ritika Ni Teo S. Marasigan

### **Berlin Wall: Tatlong Tanaw**

#### LAST PART

Matagal sinasabi nang ni Zizek pangamba ang kasalukuyang niyang ang Tsina, na tinatawag niyang kapitalismo" "awtoritaryang ang hinaharap ng mga bansa Makabuluhang mundo. pangamba ito, dahil kahit naman ang demokrasya sa mga bansang kapitalista ay pinalawak – mulat man o hindi - ng mga pakikibaka ng mga mamamayan sa pamumuno ng Kaliwa sa mundo. Kaya nga may pagka-pesimista ang pagsusuri niya, na para bang wala siyang natatanaw na paglakas ng mga kilusang Kaliwa sa daigdig. O baka naman nang-aalarma lang siya sa pwedeng kasadlakan ng sangkatauhan kung mananatili ang mga kahinaan sa Kaliwa na pinupuna niya.

Pero ngayon ko lang nabasa ang matatag niyang pagendorso sa "Sosyalismong may mukhang makatao (Socialism with a human face)." Kung babalikan pala sa kasaysayan, islogan ito ni Alexander Dubcek na naging lider ng Czechoslovakia noong 1968-1969 at nagsikap maglunsad ng mga reporma sa bansa niyang sosyalista. Sinupil ang mga pagsisikap niya ng pamunuan ng Unyong Sobyet, na sa panahong ito'y pinapamunuan na ng mga modernong rebisyunista. Ang problema ko rito, malamang na ang itinuturing na kalaban ng ganitong klase ng sosyalismo ay ang tinatawag ng mga maka-Kaliwang Europeo-Amerikano na "Stalinismo" – diktadoryal, awtoritaryan, mapanupil.

Laging sinasabi ni Zizek na ang Leninismo ay

imbensyong Stalinista. Pero ang Stalinismo, sa kalakhan, ay imbensyon ng mga modernong rebisyunista at anti-komunista. Labis nilang pinalaki ang mga pagkakamali ni Stalin sa pagharap sa mga kontradiksyon sa pagitan ng mga mamamayan, ang mapanupil at burukratikong mga paraang ginamit niya. Ito, sa tingin ko, ang pag-unawa kay Stalin na laging kasama ng katagang "Stalinista" – na, ang kakatwa, ay ginagamit din sa mga modernong rebisyunistang kontra-Stalin pero mapanupil. Tinuligsa rin si Stalin ni Mao Zedong sa puntong ito, pero hindi niya iniendorso ang ganitong lahatang pagbasura kay Stalin.

Sabi Zizek, ni "Nalinlang ng Komunismo ng ika-20 siglo at nadisilusyon sa kapitalismo ng ika-21 siglo, wala tayong magawa kundi mag-asam ng mga bagong Kravchenkos - at ng mas masayang wakas nila. Sa paghanap sa katarungan, kailangan nilang magsimula wala..., mag-imbento kanilang sariling mga ideolohiya." Kakatwang panawagan ito mula intelektwal na malawak at malalim ang kaalaman sa pilosopiya at iba pang larangan kaalaman. Magsimula sa wala? Taliwas ito kahit sa pagbabalik-aral niya sa kasaysayan ng komunismo sa daigdig. O sinasabi ba niyang walang anumang mapupulot ang mga progresibo sa kasalukuyan sa kasaysayang inaral niya?

Mas malamang, eksaherasyon lang ito ni Zizek. Baka mas gusto lang niyang idiing kailangan ang pagaaral sa kasalukuyan ng mga progresibo, sa halip na ang palaging pagbabalik-tanaw sa nakalipas. Pero problematiko rin kahit ang ganitong pagunawa. Kailangan ang pag-aaral sa kasalukuyan, at ang pag-aaral din sa nakalipas. Kung tutuusin, ang mga takot na makikita sa Kaliwa sa ibang bansa – takot sa organisasyon, sa dahas, sa mahirap na pakikibaka at pagbubuo ng sosyalismo, halimbawa - ay nakaugat sa hindi masinsing pag-unawa sa kasaysayan ng Kaliwa sa mundo. Sa panahong pinapawi ang progresibong alaala sa nakaraan, mas mahalaga ang ganito.

Hindi man nila gusto, ipinapakita ng mga sanaysay nina Chomsky, Ali at Zizek ang mga kahinaan ng Kaliwa sa Kanluran at iba pang bansa: ang pagkakasya sa pagtuligsa sa sistema, lalo na sa pinakabulok na aspekto nito, bagamat makabuluhan ang pagtuligsa at bago ang mga punto; at ang pangkalahatang pag-unawa sa kasaysayan ng kilusang progresibo sa mundo, na nauulapan pa ng mga pagsusuring Trotskyista. Sa tingin ko, kailangang idagdag sa mahusay na pagaaral sa kasalukuyan ang pangangailangan sa mahusay ding pag-aaral sa kasaysayan para wastong matukoy ang mga kahinaan at pagkakamali, at mahango ang mga paglilinaw na kailangan ngayon.

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# **TOWN in FOCUS**

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### A Filipino Christmas: Traditions then & now

By Maria Viktoria Viado

QUEZON CITY -- Filipinos celebrate the longest Christmas season, the earliest, it starts in September – decorations are put up, Christmas lists are starting to fill up, and Christmas songs are heard everywhere. The holiday breeze kicks in as soon as the Christmas bells ring and the choirs sing. It ends whenever the parties and giftgiving are over.

For as long as I can remember, Filipinos are very much into Christmas and a lot of traditions are still practiced up until today. Even though the pandemic hit hard in the Philippines, Filipinos had enough resilience and optimism to celebrate.

This year as the restrictions

started to loosen and things began to go back to normal, these traditions are still alive, however, Filipinos sought alternatives to make things safer and more convenient to keep the usual celebrations.

"Namamasko po!"

These words are often heard during Christmas, this phrase is used to imply that you are asking another person for a "pamasko" which is either a gift or money. In the province, it is normal for kids to go from one house to another to get their gifts from their ninong and ninang (godparents), wrapped in colorful papers or sealed inside an ampaw. Kids kiss their godparents' hands first before receiving the much-awaited aguinaldo.

Carolers also say this phrase after their Christmas caroling.

Today, gift-giving is still practiced. Big or small, Filipinos find ways to give something to their loved ones, family, friends, and colleagues. But unlike before when you have to find time to meet people at your home, almost everything now is online. GCash or any online wallet, and the use of QR Codes are the most convenient way to give and receive a cash gift.

Also, the way people choose their gifts is also easier, there are a lot of items available online. Instead of being stuck in traffic due to the Christmas rush and being tired from walking the whole time at the mall, people place their purchases online and have them delivered in the comfort of their own homes. Making it almost 10x more efficient especially for busy bees

Noche Buena

Another Christmas tradition is the gathering around the dinner table when the clock strikes midnight on December 24. Filipinos always ensure they have at least a dish on their tables during Christmas. Despite the rising prices of food products, people are still flocking to supermarkets to stock up on their pantries for Christmas salosalo.

But others have their own plans. Ever since the pandemic hit, food delivery has been popular, it was also a chance for local entrepreneurs to be popular. Grab Food, Food Panda, and other local delivery applications have a lot to offer. They cater to a wide range of options allowing everyone to enjoy potluck Noche Buenas.

Another great way to be free from the rush during Christmas and sometimes if you are into numbers, having your food prepared by others and delivered to your doorstep is a bit more cost-effective than having it homemade especially if you are celebrating Christmas alone or just with a few people.

But at the end of the day, Filipinos love to celebrate and they can still find ways to enjoy a scrumptious Noche Buena. Family Reunions to gather and celebrate, family reunions are common during the holiday season. It is their way to catch up with family members who came from abroad or have been away from home for quite a while. Similar to Filipino households, companies also find ways to gather workers and give them a break from the everyday workload. There are often raffle prizes, Christmas presentations, and exchange of gifts.

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However, the pandemic halted these gatherings for a while but it is making a comeback this year. There are parties here and there, tons of gifts to be wrapped, and a full-packed schedule during the Christmas week.

Christmas rush is evident on the roads and inside shopping malls but at the end of the day it feels fulfilling for those who spend their time and money picking gifts for their loved ones.

It was quite a year for the Filipinos, a year of adjustments and changes but during this holiday season, it is seen that the Pinoy Christmas tradition is still alive. The spirit is there and one thing is for sure Filipinos will celebrate Christmas in their own little way. (MVV, PIA-CPSD)

# CAVITEVIEW

### Home is where the heart is

By Pamela Joyce Fumero

GUNSHOTS. She could have sworn she heard gunshots. People were screaming and running. Panic settled over the market like a hurricane on a July day, except it wasn't July. It was May, and as much as she hopes she was wrong, she was pretty sure they were under attack.

It was supposed to be another typical day in Padian (market) for Sorayda Sultan when distant gunshots caught her attention. People were in hysteria, screaming warnings about "ISIS" and how they had to get away while they still could. As real as the danger was - evident by the mass chaos that was heading their way - many were still in denial, Sorayda included.

Surely they weren't talking about "The" Islamic State of Iraq and Syria, right?

"Sabi namin 'hindi naman 'yan. Basta 'wag ka lang lalabas (we just thought everything would be fine as long as we stayed indoors)," she confessed.

Many still refused to believe that they were actually terrorists and simply thought they were armed citizens.

"Nakapag-overnight pa kami actually sa mga bahay namin kasi hindi namin in-expect na talagang mag-evacuate kaming lahat (we even got to stay one more night in our homes because none of us expected that we'd be forced to evacuate)," she said.

Later that night, however, the power went out and they watched in horror as Marawi's City Jail suddenly caught fire and went up in flames. It was then that they finally realized that maybe this wasn't as "light" of a situation as they initially thought.

"Natakot kami para sa mga babies (we were scared for the babies). May mga babies kasi na bagong kapapanganak palang talaga (there were babies who were just born then)," Sorayda said.

The sound of gunfire surrounded them, and the family went and sought refuge in their neighbor's concrete house because it offered more protection compared to their wooden "Yung sister-in-law ko kapapanganak lang niya noon, three days ago lang. Dala-dala niya yung baby niya dun (my sister-in-law had just given birth three days ago and she carried her three-day-old baby with her to their neighbor's house)," she further said.

They returned to their homes the following day despite the ensuing firefight. Some of their neighbors were already starting to pack and the Sultan family followed suit. Still, there was a little part of them that believed that things would be settled over negotiations between the government and the terrorist group within two weeks tops.

The family planned to evacuate to Patani village on their Russi motorcycle but only five of their eight children could fit in it. Thinking of what would best benefit their children, Sorayda and her husband agreed that he should go ahead and secure their youngest children's safety and come back for them later. He also arranged for someone to get his mother, Sorayda's mother-in-law, who couldn't walk. His mother was retrieved not too long after he left, but little did they know that the terrorists were beginning to block all entrances and exits to area and once her husband got out, he couldn't get back in.

While they were waiting for her husband to come back for them, Sorayda couldn't shake the sinking feeling in her chest. A few of her neighbors who were also waiting for their families to come back and get them apparently also had the same feeling because they began suggesting that they begin walking because who knew how long they would be waiting if they didn't make a move now. Dead bodies littered the streets and canals. No one dared to stare at them for too long for fear that it might turn out to be someone they knew.

They were finally reunited with her husband at Patani's border and he explained how he tried to go back for them but was blocked by the terrorists.

"So natakot din siya kasi baka kunin siya o kunin yung motor kasi that time, nang-aagaw sila ng mga vehicles (he was worried that they might take either him or the motorcycle because they were known for taking vehicles at that time)," Sorayda said.

They stayed in Patani for about two to three days with nothing but the clothes on their back and their important documents before they decided to return to their hometown in Masiu. Even then, when they were already evacuating, they still believed that they could still return for their things in Marawi after a few weeks. But they didn't even get to stay in Masiu for a week before they had to evacuate again because some terrorists had allegedly made their way there as well.

So the family made their way to Iligan City where they stayed with a relative for a year. During that time, they enrolled their children in a nearby school but most refugees in Iligan also had children going there and Sorayda could see that the school had not anticipated the sudden surge of students. As a public teacher herself, she volunteered her services both to help the children and to get her mind off of her own problems. They moved back to Masiu the year

after Marawi was officially liberated from the terrorist's control where Sorayda continued to work as a teacher, making daily committees from Masiu to Marawi.

One faithful day though, one of her coworkers called to tell her that her name was on the list for some sort of housing program and that she had to get to city hall right away. Once she got there she was introduced to UN-Habitat, an international nongovernmental organization, and their program, Rebuilding Marawi through Community-driven Shelters and Livelihood where they coordinated with local government agencies like the National Housing Authority (NHA) and the Technical Education and Skills Development Agency (TESDA) to give internally displaced persons (IDPs) permanent shelters and develop their skills for their livelihood program.

Sorayda and her fellow beneficiaries formed a Home Owner's Association (HOA) within their community, each with around 46 to 48 members. Unfortunately, because of land complications, a good portion of the construction was delayed and not everyone could receive their homes at the same time. She was one of the last 25 members of their HOA to receive permanent shelter.

"Sabi ng asawa ko nung nanggaling siya sa NHA, 'Wow! Ang ganda!" (All my husband could say when he came back from the NHA was "wow! It's beautiful!)

Before it was even officially turned over, the family already started living in their new home. With one living room, one kitchen, and three bedrooms - one for her and her husband and two separate rooms for her sons and daughters), Sorayda described it as a mini-mansion compared to their old wooden house by the lake.

The community they built within their village is a testament to how far they have come since the siege. The people of Pamayandeg sa Ranaw Residence of Dansalan are slowly adjusting to their new lives and putting the trauma of the siege behind them. Progress may be slow, but it is evident - with each day that passes that the children of their village can run around and play, hope latches on stronger, and stability is restored in their lives. Five long years after the siege, they still have a long way to go before they can fully heal, and maybe it will take a lifetime before they can continue as if the siege never happened. But they have come so far. "Although maliit pero namang maliit sa isang bahay kung magkakasundo ang mga nakatira doon (it might be small but what matters is that we get along). So I can call our house not just a house, but a home," Sorayda shared.



Sorayda Sultan shares her family's journey during the 2017 Marawi siege up to the time they got their own permanent home in Pamayandeg sa Ranao Residences at Dansalan through the Rebuilding Marawi through Community-driven Shelters and Livelihood of UN-Habitat. (Jason Casas/PIA-10/Lanao del Sur)



Republic of the Philippines Fourth Judicial Region REGIONAL TRIAL COURT BRANCH 89

City of Bacoor rtc2bcr089@judiciary.gov.ph/09084163855

IN RE: PETITION FOR RE-ISSUANCE OF OWNER'S DUPLICATE COPY OF TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE (TCT) NO. T-851053

LRC-8843-2022-158

HOUSEHOLD DEVELOPMENT CORP. as represented by ENGR. JEAN KAY G. MENDOZA,

Petitioner,

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**ORDER** 

This is a petition instituted by Household Development Corp. as represented by Engr. Jean Kay G. Mendoza for the reissuance of owner's duplicate copy of Transfer Certificate of Title (TCT) No. T-851053.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that said petition is set for hearing on 15 February 2023 at 1:30 in the afternoon. All those interested are cited to appear and show cause why the same should not be granted.

Let this Order be published once a week for three consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the Province of Cavite.

The Sheriff of this Court is ordered to post copies of this Order in three conspicuous places in the City of Bacoor where the subject property is situated.

Furnish copies of this Order and petition the Registries of Deeds of the City of Bacoor and the Province of Cavite.

SO ORDERED.

GIVEN IN CHAMBERS this 22nd day of November 2022 in the City of Bacoor.

(Sgd.) ROSALINDA E. BELTRAN-KAWADA Presiding Judge

Copy furnished:

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Registry of Deeds of the Province of Cavite – Trece Martires City, Cavite

Registry of Deeds of the City of Bacoor

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## DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF JUSTO EGUIZABAL BALLINAN

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late JUSTO EGUIZABAL BALLINAN who AFP Health Service Command, V. Luna Medical Center Quezon City on November 4, 2019, leaving a parcel of land covered by TAX DECLARATION OF REAL PROPERTY NO. 18-0020-00611 located at Blk. 138, Lot 1, AFP Housing, Brgy. Bulihan, Silang Cavite, TAX DECLARATION OF REAL PROPERTY NO. 18-0020-10754 Residential Building has been extrajudicially settled by his heirs as per Doc. No. 246; Page No. 51; Book No. I; Series of 2022, Notary Public Atty. Maria Ediliza Margarita C. Ramilo.

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### EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late PROSPERO PALMEJAR PALMA who died intestate on January 24, 2019 leaving a parcel of land located at 46 Basa St., PH 1, Bahayang Pag-asa Subd., Molino 5, Bacoor City Cavite has been extrajudicially settled by Doc. 3169; Page No. 15; Book No. 5; Series of 2022, Notary Public Betsy Arvesu.

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#### REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION REGIONAL TRIAL COURT Branch 90 DASMARIÑAS CITY, CAVITE

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (Otherwise known as PAG-IBIG Fund), Petitioner/Mortgagee,

-versus

MARIE CARMEL M. NEALEGA married to ANTHONY M. NEALEGA.

Respondent/Mortgagor.

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File No. FC-DC-0501-22 EXTRA JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT 3135, AS AMENDED BY ACT 4118

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118 filed by the petitioner/mortgagee, HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (Otherwise known asPAG-IBIG Fund), a government financial institution duly organized and existing under and by virtue of Republic Act No. 9679, with postal address at The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City against respondents/mortgagors, MARIE CARMEL M. NEALEGA married to ANTHONY M. NEALEGA with postal address at (1) Lot 45 Block 6, Phase 3, Mary Homes Subdivision, Molino IV, Bacoor, Cavite; (2) Lot 42 Block 8, San Marino Classic Subdivision, Brgy. Salawag, Dasmari?as, Cavite and for the satisfaction of the mortgaged debt which as of SEPTEMBER 15, 2022 amounts to SEVEN HUNDRED THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED NINETY ONE PESOS AND 45/100 (Php 700,191.45), exclusive of all legal fees and expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on JANUARY 24, 2023 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter in the Court Room of Branch 90, Regional Trial Court, Ground Floor, Dasmariñas Community Affairs (DASCA) Building, Congressional Road, Burol II, Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite to the highest bidder and for CASH or CERTIFIED CHECK, in Philippine Currency, the following described real property together with all the buildings and other improvements existing thereon, to wit:

Transfer Certificate of Title No. 057-2013023363

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in BRGY. OF SALAWAG, MUN. OF DASMARIÑAS, PROV. OF CAVITE, IS. OF LUZON, bounded and described as follows: A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 42, OF THE CONS-SUBD. PLAN PCS-04-025885 BEING A PORTION OF LOTS 1 TO 48, BLOCK 8 PCS-04-200727) SITUATED IN THE BRGY.

OF SALAWAG, MUN. OF DASMARIÑAS, PROV. OF CAVITE, IS. OF LUZON. BOUNDED ON THE SE., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 43 OF THE CONS.-SUBD. PLAN; ON THE SW., ALONG LINE 2-3 BY ROAD LOT 7, PCS-04-200727 (8.00 M. WIDE); ON THE NW., ALONG LINE 3-4 BY LOT 41 AND ON THE NE., ALONG LINE 4-1 BY LOT 37 BOTH OF THE CONS.-SUBD. PLAN. BEGINNING AT A PT. MARKED "1" ON PLAN BEING N. 58 DEG. 51'W., 3643.16 M. FROM MON. NO. 167, IMUS ESTATE, THENCE S. 75 DEG. 20'W., 10.00 M. TO PT. 2; THENCE N. 14 DEG. 40'W., 4.00 M. TO PT. 3; THENCE N. 75 DEG. 20'E., 10.00 M. TO PT. 4; THENCE S. 14 DEG. 40'E., 4.00 M. TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. CONTAINING AN AREA OF FORTY (40) SQUARE METERS.

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

Owner: MARIE CARMEL M. NEALEGA MARRIED TO ANTHONY M. NEALEGA BOTH OF LEGAL AGES, FILIPINOS Address: BLK. 6 LOT 45 MARYHOMES SUBD., MOLINO IV, BACOOR, CAVITE

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

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

In the event that the public auction should not take place on the said date and time, it shall be held on FEBRUARY 07, 2023, at the same time and place without further notice.

Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite, December 15, 2022.

ARLYN P. BARCELON Sheriff IV

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

Copy furnished:

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (Otherwise known as PAG-IBIG Fund)

The Petron Mega Plaza Bldg., No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Ave., Makati City

MARIA VICTORIA D. CAPIRAL C/O ATTY. NELSON I. GETIGAN

Rm. 209, Megastate Bldg., No. 737, G. Araneta Ave., Tatalon, Quezon City

MARIE CARMEL M. NEALEGA married to ANTHONY M. NEALEGA

1. Lot 45 Block 6, Phase 3, Mary Homes Subdivision, Molino IV, Bacoor, Cavite;

2. Lot 42 Block 8, San Marino Classic Subdivision, Brgy. Salawag, Dasmariñas, Cavite

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# PEZA investment pledges back to prepandemic level

By Kris Crismundo

MANILA – The Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA) reported Tuesday that investment pledges for 2022 are back to pre-pandemic level.

In a statement, PEZA said it approved a total of PHP140.7 billion investment pledges this year, more than double from the PHP69.3 billion approvals in 2021.

This year's investment approval is also the highest in five years.

In 2018, PEZA-registered projects reached PHP140.2 billion.

PEZA officer-in-charge Tereso Panga said these investment approvals came from 198 projects.

"Despite the 29.85 percent decline in the first semester of the year 2022 compared to the first semester of 2021, we never lost hope that we will recover. With the big-ticket investments that were prequalified by the Board for endorsement to the FIRB (Fiscal Incentive Review Board), we were able to record a positive increase in investments in 2022," Panga said.

PEZA's target for this year is to grow by 6 to 7 percent at end-2022.

Earlier, PEZA reported that investment pledges from January to November this year was only at PHP57.05 billion.

During the PEZA board meeting last Dec. 15 led by Trade Secretary and PEZA Chairperson Alfredo Pascual, the investment promotion agency (IPA) approved 13 projects amounting to PHP83.65 billion.

Bulk of these newly approved investment pledges were from three economic zone development projects worth PHP83.02 billion, four manufacturing projects worth PHP502.98 million and six information technology (IT) service projects worth PHP125.17 million.

These projects are expected to rise in Taguig City and the provinces of Pangasinan, Cavite, Batangas, Laguna, Cebu

"At the rate we are going now, PEZA has achieved this year the level of annual investments approved in 2018. That means that the country's ecozones and high-performance investments are back to the pre-pandemic, even surpassing the 2018 level. Indeed, the economic and political climate are improving under the PBBM (Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.) administration and we hope to sustain very good performance as we prepare for the upturn in the economy and our transition to upper-middle income status," Panga added.

Meanwhile, exports in PEZA zones reached USD54.24 billion while employment within ecozones rose to 1,850,842 as of October 2022.

"PEZA remains committed to performing its sworn mandate and attracting the much-needed strategic and big-ticket investments to the country and contribute to PBBM's goal for the country's transition to the upper middle-income economy within his term," Panga said. (PNA)

### DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH WAIVER

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late ELY BONITO TIBATIB who died on November 3, 2022 at West Hills Hospital Medical Center 7300 Medical Center Drive, West Hills City, Los Angeles, California USA 91307 leaving a Savings Bank Account has been extrajudicially settled by Doc. 298; Page No. 61; Book No. XCIV; Series of 2022, Notary Public Atty. Andres Jose M. Alba.

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## Word Search Puzzle

### **Classic Toys**

Find and circle all of the toys that are hidden in the grid. The remaining letters spell a quote by G. K. Chesterton.

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# Sudoku

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3-by-3 block contain all of the digits 1 thru 9.

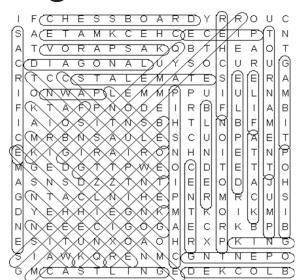
If you use logic you can solve the puzzle without guesswork.

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.

BALLOON **BARBIE** BEACH BALL BOP BAG CAP GUN CHATTY CATHY EASY BAKE OVEN ETCH A SKETCH FINGER PAINT FLATSY DOLL **FRISBEE** G.I. JOE **GUMBY** GYROSCOPE HOT WHEELS **JACKS** KALEIDOSCOPE **KAZOO KEN** LEGO LITE BRITE LITTLE PEOPLE MATCHBOX CAR **MECCANO** MR POTATO HEAD NERF BALL

PADDLE BALL PLAY-DOH **PLAYMOBIL POGO STICK POKEY** POP GUN RADIO FLYER RUBIK'S CUBE SILLY PUTTY **SIZZLERS** SKIPPING ROPE **SLINKY** SOCK MONKEY SOMA CUBE **SPIROGRAPH** SUPER BALL **TEDDY BEAR** TINKERTOY TIN SOLDIERS **TONKA TRUCK** VIEWMASTER WATER PISTOL **WEEBLES** WIFFLE BALL WIZZZER YO-YO

### Sagot sa nakaraan



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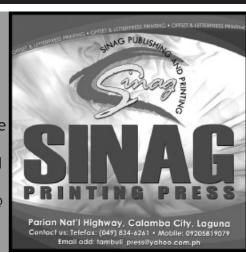
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# PBBM: Ang Pasko ay para sa mga

bata

By Alice Sicat

LUNGSOD OUEZON "Ngayon sabi ko nga, 'yung Pasko, lagi kong sinasabi para sa mga bata talaga 'yan. Dahil siyempre lahat ginagawa natin para sila'y magsaya. Eh papaano naman, sabi ko itong mga, aking mga, ibang mga kababayan, eh papaano magsasaya 'yung bata kung hindi kahit papaano magcelebrate naman 'yung mga pamilya."

Ito ang tinuran ni Pangulo Ferdinand Bongbong Marcos sa kanyang mensahe sa kanyang pagdalo sa caravan ng Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) ngayong araw na pinamagatang "Pangkabuhayan at Pamaskong

Handog ng Pangulo Unang Ginang Marcos at ng Sambayanang Pilipino para sa mga Indigenous Peoples at Street Dwellers" na ginanap sa Open Ampitheater, Luneta Park sa Lungsod ng Maynila.

Dito pinangunahan ng Pangulo ang pamimigay ng hygiene kits at food packs sa 574 pamilyang benepisyaryo gavundin ang mga regalo sa 400 na mga bata na naglalaman ng mga laruan, aklat at damit.

Pinuri rin ng Pangulo ang mga tauhan ng DSWD na walang tigil na nagtatrabaho sa gitna ng lahat ng mga sakunang dumaan sa bansa gaya ng lindol at bagyo.

Muli, nanawagan ang Pangulo ng pagkakaisa sa patuloy na pagbangon ng bansa.

"Kahit papaano, kahit na naghihirap tayo ngayon, kahit continue to page 2



(RTVM screenshot)

### Yearender: Water firms to sustain service improvements in 2023

By Perfecto Raymundo, Jr

MANILA - Water companies providing water to Metro Manila and nearby provinces have committed to improving their services in the next few years by ensuring clean and potable water is readily accessible in light of the effects of climate change and population growth.

Maynilad Water Services Inc. (Maynilad), which serves the West Zone of Metro Manila and Cavite province, is planning to spend some PHP163 billion beginning 2023 until 2027 for infrastructure projects, PHP101 billion of which will be allotted for water projects while the rest of the amount will be spent for wastewater projects.

The improvement plan of Maynilad seeks to enhance water security, environmental sustainability, service expansion and disaster resiliency.

bulk of the "A investment will go toward developing more water sources, building more pumping stations and reservoirs and replacing old pipelines so we can deliver more water supply in response to the growing demand," Maynilad chief operating officer Randolph Estrellado said in a statement.

Estrellado noted these projects are important because

some customers in the West Zone have yet to be provided with 24hour water service.

"We have already built 20 wastewater facilities since 2007, and we plan to build six more in the next five years so we can sustain sewer coverage expansion," he added.

Mavnilad has also allocated some PHP9.9 billion to replace 639 kilometers of old and leaky pipes in Manila, Parañaque, Pasay, Muntinlupa, and Las Piñas beginning 2023 until 2027 to upgrade the distribution system and reduce water losses.

"Our goal is to provide 100% of our concession area with 24-hour supply at appropriate water pressure," Estrellado said.

Once completed, these pipe replacements, along with Maynilad's leak repair and network diagnostic activities, will allow for the recovery of some 66 MLD (million liters per day) of water, which is enough to supply the water needs of almost 340,000 people.

Maynilad has started the piped-in distribution of its "New Water" in Paranague City on Nov.

Maynilad's PHP450million "New Water Treatment Plant" produces 10 million liters of treated water daily from its Parañaque Water Reclamation continue to page 2

#### Metro cop chief hopes Joma's death marks lasting peace for PH nagkabukod-bukod ng simulain

By Jerome Carlo Paunan

MANILA -- National Capital Region Police Office (NCRPO) chief Major General Jonnel C. Estomo on Saturday, Dec. 24, expressed hope that the death of Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) founder Jose Maria "Joma" Sison will usher in unity among Filipinos and bring just and lasting peace in the Philippines.

"Panahon na para madugong wakasan

rebolusyon at mahigpit kaming nanawagan sa ating kapwa Pilipino na tayo ay magkaisa sa layuning mapaunlad at maitanyag muli ang ating bansa sa buong mundo (It is time to end the bloody revolution and we strongly call on our fellow Filipinos to unite in the goal of developing and making our country renowned again in the world stage)," Estomo said, reiterating the call of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. for unity to reign in the country.

"Ilang dekada na tayong

at paniniwalang maiangat natin ang bansa sa pamamagitan ng radikal na pamamaraan ngunit sa halip ito ay naging balakid sa ating hangarin na matupad ito. Bukas ang NCRPO sa inyong lahat gaya ng nauna nang mga bumalik na at yumakap na muli sa tunay na demokrasya (For several decades we have been divided by the principle and belief that we can lift the country through radical methods, but instead it has become an obstacle in our desire to fulfill it. The NCRPO is open

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Photo shows the voluntary surrender and laying down of high-powered firearms by 10 reported members of the CPP-NPA to National Capital Region Police Office Director Jonnel Estomo and National Intelligence Coordinating Agency Regional Director Dennis Godfrey Gammad on September 21, 2022 at the Lupang Pangako, Phase 2, Covered Court in Barangay Payatas, Quezon City. (PIA-