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# DBP pumps up Cavite digitalization efforts



DBP Executive Vice President Jose Gabino D. Dimayuga (in white barong, center) shakes hands with Cavite Provincial Governor Juanito Victor Remulla after the signing of the P590-million agreement between DBP and the Provincial Government of Cavite. Also in photo are (from left to right): DBP Legal Officer/ Atty. Jose Maria L. Villareal; DBP Manager Edward R. Mansion; DBP Senior Vice President Abelardo L. Monarquia; DBP Account Officer Jian April P. Parker; DBP Legal Officer/ Atty. Raquel C. Enriquez; and Cavite Governor Chief of Staff Atty. Hubert V. Gervacio.

MAKATI CITY -- State-owned Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP) signed a P590-million loan agreement with the Provincial Government of Cavite for the establishment of the Cavite Broadband Network (CBN), which is expected to boost the digitalization efforts of the province, a top official said.

DBP President and Chief Executive Officer Emmanuel G. Herbosa said that the project involves the laying of a fully underground fiber optic cable backbone to be installed along Cavite's major roads and highways in 23 municipalities and the Provincial Capitol

Compound, 128 public schools, and 44 public areas.

"DBP's loan assistance to the province solidifies our commitment towards inclusive growth and sustainable development," Herbosa said. "We are honored to be part of the province's effort in enabling ease of doing business through digitization."

The CBN, which is eyed for implementation by the second quarter of 2020, aims to centralize government services and enhance the province's current communication systems, and is an off shoot of the LGU's

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## ADRA Holds PROJECT YOUmanity: Dinner for a Cause

TO create awareness about the activities that ADRA achieved in the past year and to raise fund for the on-going relief operations for the earthquake victims in Mindanao and typhoon victims in Sorsogon and Samar, ADRA (Adventist Development and Relief Agency) Philippines held the "PROJECT YOUmanity: Dinner for a Cause" on December 10, 2019 at Hotel Dominique, Tagaytay City.

A special focus was put on the REAP (Restoring, Empowering and Protecting) Livelihood Project which just concluded its 4-year operations in Northern Iloilo last September. Karl Max Morta, REAP Project Livelihood Officer talked about the achievements of the project as well as the challenges that the

project faced. Glenda Bas, also known as "Nanay Glenda", gave a testimony of how her life and the lives of CBO (Community Based Organization) members changed because of ADRA's work.

"The REAP project spoke right to the heart of ADRA", shared ADRA Country Director Tom Pignon. "Through restoring, empowering and protecting livelihood, ADRA was able to address many of the root causes of poverty and the community's vulnerabilities to disasters," he added.

Project YOUmanity, with its tagline "It takes You to make a better world", is about working together with individuals and organizations who are committed to impacting

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## UPLIFTING THE LIVELIHOOD AND ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRITS OF CAVITEÑOS

TRUE on its commitment to uplift the lives of the Caviteños, the provincial government of Cavite led by Governor Jonvic Remulla, thru the Provincial Cooperative, Livelihood and Entrepreneurial Development Office (PCLEDO) spearheaded by Atty. Kherby Reyes conducted the Forum on Barangay Livelihood and Enterprise Development (B-LED) for the municipality of Magallanes on December 5, 2019 held at the Sangguniang Panlalawigan in Trece Martires City. It aims to capacitate key barangay officials/officers on the

creation and strengthening of livelihood projects and enterprise development in their community. Provincial Administrator for Community Affairs Mr. Alvin Mojica and First District Board Member Romel Enriquez, SP Committee Chair on Cooperatives and Rural Development welcomed the partakers and stimulated the entrepreneurial spirits of the barangay leaders, emphasizing the importance of livelihood and business opportunities in their communities. They have echoed their full support on cooperativism and enterprise development,

inspiring the barangay leaders and conveying their thoughts on entrepreneurship as different projects were being implemented by the province, in coordination with various local and national agencies to enhance the lives of the people and elevate their source of income.

During the forum, Mr. Jose Lito Rozul, Cluster D Head of the Department of Interior and Local Government-Cavite

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## NEGOSYO SERBISYO SA BARANGAY IN AMADEO

To promote awareness and encourage the locals to engage in small business, the Department of Trade and Industry headed by OIC-Provincial Director Revelyn Cortez in partnership with the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) and the Provincial Cooperative, Livelihood and Entrepreneurial Development (PCLEDO) Office facilitated business orientations for the five (5) barangays in the municipality of Amadeo to initiate programs and business assistance services during the Negosyo Serbisyo sa Barangay held on December 17, 2019

at Talon Elementary School Covered Court in Barangay Talon. A total of 400 participants from Barangays Talon, Loma, Buho, Maitim and Salaban were enlightened with the lined-up projects, services and assistance offered to them by the partner agencies to launch their own business. Likewise, Mayor Redel John Dionisio warmly welcomed and thanked the team for their effort in presenting their programs and echoed his commitment to inspire the locals to become an effective entrepreneurs. Intermediate pads and rice were also distributed during the event.







Cavite MSMEs Business Conference

## Caviteño OFs and OFWs Celebrate Balikbayan Day

CAVITE Provincial Government through the initiative of Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office and Cavite Migration and Development Office spearheaded the celebration of Cavite Balikbayan Day in observance of the International Migrants Day on December 18, 2019 at the Provincial Gymnasium, Trece Martires City. Hundreds of Overseas Filipinos, Overseas Filipino Workers and their respective families attended the affair.

Provincial Administration for Community Affairs Alvin Mojica officially opened the program by welcoming the guests and participants of the event. He stressed that the provincial government under the leadership of Governor Juanito Victor Remulla will continuously provide assistance and services to Caviteños especially to the OFWs.

Several topics of interest to OFs were discussed. Ms. Aileen Constantino Peñas, Executive Director of Atikha, Inc. talked about the migration and development regional situation. According to the data, CaLaBaRZon has the biggest share of OFWs in the country with 17.9% of OFWs coming from the region. She also tackled the GEAR UP (Go Earn Achieve Return Uplift Philippines) Reintegration Preparedness Program that focuses on bringing home OFWs and providing them with sustainable jobs and businesses

through social and economic programs such as facilitation of savings, investments and engaging in entrepreneurial activities. Likewise, Ms. Rozelle Carrera, Administrative Officer III of the Commission on Filipinos Overseas discussed the Balikbayan – overseas Filipinos' one stop online portal for diaspora engagement. Mr. Rommel Ramallosa, Supervisor of Pag-ibig Fund – Dasmariñas Branch, explained the Modified Pag-ibig 2 Program and encouraged OFs to save and invest under the MP2 Program. Furthermore, a former OFW, Mr. Roel Pamintuan shared the hardships and trials they went through after leaving the country and returning home as well as their story of success as entrepreneur.

Participants were entertained by the cultural dance presentations performed by the senior citizens from the municipalities of Carmona, Mendeo and Naic and the cities of Bacoor and Imus. Municipality of Mendeo took the first place while Carmona and City of Bacoor got the second and third spot, respectively.

Moreover, certificate of recognition was awarded to the municipalities of Carmona and Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo as well as to Kaysuyo OFW Association of Alfonso, Daine I and II OFW Association and Agus-os OFW Association of Indang for their efforts and initiatives in promoting programs on migration and development in their localities.

## Enforce ...

been successful in their anti-firecracker campaign as reflected in the declining number of firecracker-related incidents since 2016.

DILG Undersecretary Jonathan Malaya says that in accordance with EO 28, the PNP and the BFP have been inspecting fireworks companies and retailers of firecrackers to ensure that illegal firecrackers such as piccolo, watusi, and Judas belt, among others, are completely taken off the market.

Under its provisions, the PNP is also tasked to beef up its force to provide security in identified firecrackers and pyrotechnic zones and firecracker/pyrotechnic displays in respective areas in coordination with appropriate agencies and stakeholders.

The DILG has also directed the BFP to intensify

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its Oplan Paalala/Iwas Papatok Campaign with the battlecry "Sa Halip na Papatok, Pito!" which encourages the public to use the whistle during the New Year revelry instead of firecrackers.

The DILG also urges the BFP to be strict in issuing fire safety clearance for fireworks display and fireworks exhibition to ensure that there will be no untoward incidents during such exhibitions.

Malaya says that based on data provided by the PNP, only 307 firecracker-related incidents nationwide were recorded in January 2019 which is 67 percent lower than the 929 recorded incidents in 2016. In 2018, there were 449 incidents while in 2017, there were 652.

"There has been a steady decline for the past three years and we can sustain that trend if we remain persistent with our efforts

to implement laws and regulations on the use of firecrackers such as Republic Act 7183 and Executive Order No. 28," says Malaya.

Police units are also expected to conduct inspections of the manufacturing complex, warehouse, and processing area of manufacturers and dealers in their respective areas of responsibility to ensure the observance of safety guidelines.

"The PNP is authorized to immediately confiscate illegal firecrackers and make arrests when necessary so the industry is advised to just follow the law," says Malaya.

Among the prohibited fireworks are: Piccolo, Watusi, Giant Whistle Bomb, Giant Bawang, Large Judas Belt, Super Lolo, Lolo Thunder, Atomic Bomb, Atomic Bomb Triangulo, Pillbox, Boga, Kwiton, Goodbye Earth, Goodbye Bading, Hello Columbia, and Goodbye Philippines. (DILG/PIA-NCR)

## BOI...

During the Seminar, it was highlighted that the safety and effectiveness of medical devices and equipment play a critical role in healthcare. The correct use and adequate performance maintenance of such can help reduce adverse events that will improve overall effectiveness of treatment and increase the number of patients who will benefit from the medical products.

"It (international quality accreditation) is not meant to be a marketing badge. Rather, it is an assurance, a validation that a healthcare facility is practicing a culture of quality and excellence, continuously striving to comply with the global standards of patient safety and care. With very meticulous patients placing their lives into our hands, trust in our healthcare system needs to be established through quality certifications as audited by highly reputable and globally-accepted accreditation agency. As a result, we are able to attract international patients, encourage investments, and provide excellent healthcare service to our Filipino people," said Joyce Socao-Alumno, President & CEO of HealthCore.

In his presentation on The Use of Standards in Providing Safe Medical Equipment for Patients and End Users, Dr. Jose Pepito Amores, Chief Operating Officer of MEDEQUIP, stated "we provide maintenance management program for medical equipment aligned with patient focused care which is interdisciplinary,

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safe, and monitored. So we apply our expertise in ensuring our clients are serviced not only to PAB-approved levels but also are compliant with international standards and see to it that patients have a safer and comfortable experience."

Ms. Ma. Carla Naniang, Operations Manager of the PTAHF, shared its decade-long journey in finally being able to grant its first gold seal of certification to FEU-NRMF hospital on January 2019, it being the first home-grown organization accredited by the prestigious ISQUa (International Society for Quality in Healthcare, now the IIEA) at par with global standard organizations such as JCI (Joint Commission International) of USA, ACI (Accreditation Canada International), QHA Trent of U.K., TEMOS of Germany, NABH of India, and others.

"True to its vision and mission, to be a globally recognized, self-sustaining Third Party Accrediting Organization, committed to assist health facilities achieve safe and quality services, PTAHF standards were developed for all types of health care facilities - hospital and clinics - to comply the baseline requirements of an international best practice for quality and safety healthcare standards. At the end of the day, let's patronize our very own. PTAHF Quality Standards, developed by Filipinos for Filipinos," stated Ms. Naniang.

The seminar is part of many initiatives of the BOI to further develop globally competitive industries through its

Industry Development Program (IDP). The Roadmap on Medical Travel and Wellness Tourism was completed in 2015 with the active participation of stakeholders. Among the recommendations in the Roadmap are the implementation of a uniform system of data collection, analysis and dissemination and the development of a brand strategy for the country. The awareness seminar seeks to ensure that the sector, prior to the brand strategy launch, will have the right healthcare facilities that are internationally recognized and accredited that can multiply the people-value the country is known for.

In her presentation on the BOI Investments Priorities Plan (IPP), BOI-Infrastructure and Services Industries Service (ISIS) Director Angelita F. Arcellana said that the ultimate objective of the BOI is for participants to gain actual international accreditation even if the process takes about two years since it is important for these firms to level up and gain the necessary traction of attracting more clients and additional investments. (BOI)

## SSS...

should submit a barangay certification to prove that they reside in a declared calamity area. Ignacio said more than 679,000 paying members and 40,000 pensioners of the pension fund were affected by tropical cyclone Tisoy. SSS allocated some P601.60 million for possible loan exposure and another P12.97 million for possible disbursements for the advanced three-month pension.

"Members who would like to avail of the Calamity Assistance Package are required to be registered in the My.SSS application to facilitate their billing requirements in the future," Ignacio said.

The SSS Chief, however, clarified that members who still have outstanding loans under the Loan Restructuring Program (LRP) and previous CAPs, as well as those receiving pensions for total permanent disability and retirement, and those who

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have availed of the Pension Loan Program (PLP) are not qualified to avail of the calamity loan.

Aside from the calamity loan, members with damaged properties can also avail of the direct house repair and Improvement loan with six months moratorium in amortization and interest payments. Members can borrow up to a maximum of P1 million under this program which will run for one (1) year or until 20 December 2020. To qualify, the applicant must not be more than 60 years old and with at least 24 monthly contributions, of which three contributions were remitted within the last 12-month period prior to the month of filing.

For more information, members and pensioners can visit the nearest SSS branch, contact the SSS Call Center hotline at 1455, or send an email to [member\\_relations@sss.gov.ph](mailto:member_relations@sss.gov.ph). All application forms are downloadable from the SSS website at [www.sss.gov.ph](http://www.sss.gov.ph). (SSS)

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HAPPY NEW YEAR



## Cavite PCPC Launches the First Milk Feeding Program in Trece Martires City

IN accordance with Republic Act No. 11037 or the Masustansiyang Pagkain Para sa Batang Pilipino Act – a law on the establishment of a national feeding program for undernourished children in public day care centers, kindergarten and elementary schools, the Cavite Provincial Council for the Protection of Children launched the first Milk Feeding Program in the City of Trece Martires on December 16, 2019 at Sunshine Ville Child Development Center, Barangay Cabuco.

Selected as pilot LGU of the newest program, Trece Martires City is one of the LGUs with high number of undernourished children due to the transfer of residences of former informal settlers from other cities. The PCPC aims to assist the Child Development Center (CDC) with high incidence of undernourished children by providing the Milk Feeding Program. With the target 100 beneficiaries from Sunshine Ville 1 & 2, the program will benefit the vulnerable group of children aged 2-4 years old.

Mayor Gemma Lubigan in her short message thanked the provincial government and the PCPC for selecting the City in the

program launching. She urged the parents to give their full support to the program to improve the nutritional status of their children. Likewise, Ms. Nora de los Santos, City Social Welfare and Development Officer reminded the parents to avoid giving their children artificial drinks. The City government provided playpen, educational materials, building blocks and rubber mats during the launching. On the other hand, Ms. Brendalyn Salazar, Social Welfare Officer IV of the PSWDO gave a brief orientation of the program from identifying a CDC with high prevalence of underweight children, initial weighing, deworming and monthly reweighing to monitor and evaluate the progress weight of the child. Aside from the supplementary feeding, mothers' class sessions will also be conducted among the guardians and mothers of the recipients. The 120-day MFP will start on January 6, 2020.

Also present in the event were City Councilors, Provincial and City Social Welfare and Development staff, and parents of the children beneficiaries.



### FUN RUN FOR A CAUSE

The Personal Protection Division led by Mr. Alexander Villanueva has organized a charitable event entitled "Fun Run For A Cause" in which the participants have raced ranging from three, five and seven kilometers from Trece Martires City to the entry point in the municipality of Naic on December 14, 2019. The event was initiated for the benefit of the abandoned special children from Bukal ng Kapayapaan in line with the spirits of gift giving for the Christmas season.

## Uplifting....

elaborated the process on how to set up Barangay Development Council and allocating funds for livelihood and enterprise development projects. Likewise, Negosyo Serbisyo sa Barangay and other Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) programs and services were presented by Ms. Revelyn Cortez, OIC-DTI-Cavite, reporting their accomplishments and inspiring the members of the micro small and medium sized enterprises to empower their entrepreneurs and scale up their business. She emphasized the need of the budding entrepreneurs to be educated on the new trends in business and the relevance of identifying the communities which have the urgency to be given business orientations and assistance.

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On the other hand, Mr. Ricky Martin Velasco, Senior Labor Officer of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE)-Cavite discussed how to avail the DOLE Integrated Livelihood Program (DILP) and the DOLE-Funded projects. Ms. Jenelyn Dino, Guidance Counselor and focal person for Special Client of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) – Cavite lectured on TESDA Abot Lahat Project, with focus on community based training program. Department of Science and Technology (DOST) – Cavite Provincial Director Engr. Raul Castañeda has also presented the DOST programs and services.

In the afternoon, programs and services for

agripreneurs were conversed by Mr. Reynato Rozul, Assistant Provincial Agriculturist of the Office of the Provincial Agriculturist (OPA) while business opportunities and trends and other PCLEDO programs and services were conveyed by Ms. Liza Gabatan, Entrepreneurial Division head of PCLEDO. Likewise, Ms. Sheryll Loyola, Livelihood Division head of PCLEDO communicated the guide in starting a livelihood project and explained the importance of cooperative as partner for development.

Capping the program was a question and answer portion that gave the barangay leaders the opportunity to clarify their queries and was thoroughly answered by the speakers and lecturers that enlighten the perception of the attendees.

## ADRA....

the world with positive change and improving the lives of vulnerable communities across the country. It is about harnessing the power of YOU.

ADRA was grateful to everyone who attended numbering closely to 150 and

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donated their time and resources towards the 1st Annual Project YOUmanity Dinner for a Cause. The donations raised will be used to help Typhoon Tisoy victims in Sorsogon and Northern Samar and continue the assistance to the earthquake victims in Mindanao.

## TRAIN revenues exceed January-September estimates -- DOF

PASAY CITY -- Preliminary data from the Bureaus of Internal Revenue (BIR) and of Customs (BOC) show that their combined revenues from the Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion (TRAIN) Law exceeded estimates for the period January to September 2019.

Total revenues from TRAIN reached P91.3 billion in the first three quarters of 2019, outperforming the collections estimate for the same period of P77.3 billion, said Department of Finance (DOF) Undersecretary Karl Kendrick Chua, enabling the Duterte administration to allocate more funds for its aggressive spending on infrastructure and human capital development.

Chua said actual total revenues surpassed the estimates by P14.1 billion, or 18.2 percent above target.

In terms of its share to the full-year estimate, the reported revenue haul is about 80.8 percent of the projected P113.1 billion tax collections this year.

When compared to the actual TRAIN revenues during the same period last year, this year's nine-month haul was more

than twice the estimated amount, or an increase of 107 percent, Chua said.

"This means we are now closer to completing the 2019 estimates, compared to where we were last year when we were trying to reach the 2018 estimates. This is definitely welcome news, especially for the infrastructure and human development objectives of TRAIN," Finance Undersecretary Karl Kendrick Chua said.

Both the BIR and the BOC outperformed the government's estimated collections from TRAIN, as BIR's TRAIN tax haul exceeded estimates by P9.4 billion, while the BOC exceeded estimates by P4.7 billion.

Major gains during the first three quarters of 2019 came from personal income tax (PIT), imported petroleum excise tax, sweetened beverage (SB) excise tax, tobacco excise tax and the documentary stamp tax (DST), whose total take showed an increase of P42.4 billion.

"As you know, one of the most significant provisions of TRAIN was the lowering of PIT.

## DBP...

LINKod Kabitenyo Project, which offers free internet access to approximately 631,700 users through public Wi-Fi in 111 sites. DBP is the eighth largest bank in the country with assets totaling P700.9-billion as of end September 2019. It provides loans to strategic sectors such as infrastructure and logistics, small and medium

Losses from this adjustment were originally estimated at P96.4 billion, but actual losses were lower at P79.2 billion, or a savings of P17.2 billion. This was a result of better compliance, higher employment rate resulting in an increase in registered taxpayers, and lower unemployment and underemployment rates," Chua explained.

"Imported petroleum excise tax collections were above estimate by P14.3 billion, owing to higher-than-programmed volume of imported finished petroleum products, particularly diesel and gasoline. The overperformance is also evident in the overall BOC petroleum excise revenues for the first three quarters at P64.5 billion, which is more than double than the P31.2 billion recorded during the same period last year," Chua added.

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enterprises, social services and community development, and the environment.

Herbosa further said that this partnership is a step towards the fulfillment of the National Government's mandate to improve the country's digital infrastructure through enhanced communications and connectivity.

"Clarity in the implementation of the SB excise tax also improved revenue performance. The issuance of a revenue regulation that provided clear guidelines for the SB excise tax led to better compliance by the industry. The SB excise tax was above the estimate by P1.9 billion with both BIR and BOC exceeding their goals," Chua said.

Meanwhile, the tobacco excise tax take was also above estimate by P4.4 billion, a performance Chua attributed to "better compliance as the government sustained its crackdown on the illicit tobacco trade."

DST earnings were likewise above estimate by P4.7 billion, as a result of "higher transaction value and better collection efficiency," he said.

Shortfalls, however,

The first-class province of Cavite has more than 3.6-million residents as of 2015 census. It has an employment rate of 84.4% with a total of 1,226 industrial establishments, with the electronic and telecommunications sector ranked second in terms of the most number of establishments operating in the province, based on the 2017 Cavite Ecological Report. (DBP)

were seen in the collected excise taxes from automobiles and locally refined petroleum products, with their combined take short of the estimate by P25.2 billion. However, this is lower than the gain from other taxes.

"Automobile excise tax earnings were short by P11.3 billion owing to lower import volume. This was seen, too, in the overall BOC automobile excise tax collections, which totalled P23.8 billion below the estimate and lower than last year's take by 29.4 percent," Chua said.

"The excise tax collections from locally refined petroleum products was short by P13.9 billion because of to the decline in the volume of removals, and the shift to imported finished products," Chua added. (DOF)



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## EDITORIAL

### Let's lay the Grinch to rest

WHAT is clear from this latest incident of truce violations is that the exiled CPP founder no longer has control of his men on the ground. The attacks showed that the NPA no longer listened to Sison.

Like the mean-spirited Grinch who stole Christmas, communist guerillas of the New People's Army (NPA) only made a complete fool of themselves early this week when they attacked policemen and soldiers in separate occasions only hours after the government and the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) separately declared a ceasefire for the holiday season.

A soldier was killed and eight others were wounded in both attacks, treacherous as all other ambushes staged by the discredited group are.

The rebels' contention that the attacks in Camarines Norte and Iloilo were far from each other and therefore could not be interpreted as deliberate violations of the truce simply don't hold water. It's untenable.

It only shows that the rebels cannot be trusted. It has happened in the past and we see no reason why we have to trust them now. Records show that the terrorist group has used past ceasefire declarations to regroup, recruit and restock. It has always taken advantage of a truce to bolster their crumbling movement which has been reeling from government-initiated surrender programs.

Aware of their track record, the military has not recommended a truce with the rebels for the Christmas and New Year holidays, but the government peace panel and the National Democratic Front of the Philippines, the umbrella organization of the local communist movement, have recommended a ceasefire from midnight of 23 December to midnight of 7 January 2020, which President Duterte approved.

The approval went with the reconstitution of the government negotiating panel, which means that there's a big possibility that the stalled peace talks could resume once again.

"It's a last shot at peace," was how the peace panel described the truce declaration, saying it's a confidence-building measure that could lead to the resumption of the peace talks.

But the military tend to disagree, knowing how the terrorist group has violated previous ceasefire agreements.

"I think the record will speak for itself. We have long been saying that we cannot trust the terrorist group NPA," Brig. Gen. Edgard Arevalo was quoted as saying following the attacks. "These incidents only go to show that the terrorist group cannot be trusted."

Nowhere is this distrust more evident than in Davao City Mayor Sara Duterte, the President's daughter, who had even asked the national government to exclude her jurisdiction from the ceasefire agreed upon by both panels, saying it would only mar the ongoing peace initiatives of the local government with the rebels in her area.

What is more revolting, however, was how exiled CPP founder Jose Maria Sison defended the attacks, saying the government had failed to issue immediately the order for the suspension of offensive operations to the military and the police.

"The NPA attacked because it perceived the military and police movements as hostile," he was quoted as saying.

In the absence of a written order to government forces, Sison pointed out that the CPP ceasefire order to the NPA was technically not yet effective.

The gall! No remorse and yet still blaming the government for the attacks? This Sison must be out of his mind. What is clear from this latest incident of truce violations is that the exiled CPP founder no longer has control of his men on the ground. The attacks showed that the NPA no longer listened to Sison.

We still don't know how the President would react to these truce violations. If at all, it only confirmed once more the duplicitous character of the communist guerillas. Here we are trying to give peace one last chance and all we get is this treacherous undermining of all our efforts.

What the terrorist group doesn't realize is that they are answerable to the people for the ceasefire violations. Their accountability is to the people whom they have pledged to serve.

Enough of this double talk, Sison and company. You just unleashed the beast in all of us. Pretty soon, the Grinch would have to be laid to rest.



# KAPIRASONG Kritika

Ni Teo S. Marasigan

## Malay ng Musmos

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TULAD ng marami sa kahenerasyon niyang Aprikan-Amerikano, laki sa hirap at rasismo si Hosea Williams, isa sa mga naging lider ng Kilusang Civil Rights sa US sa maagang bahagi ng dekada '60.

Natatandaan niya kung paano, halimbawa, basta na lang ikinukulung ng mga pulis ang mga Itim para pagkatapos ay pyansahan ng mayayamang Puti sa mga usapang pabulong at malihim. Sasabihan ang Itim na hindi na niya kailangang isipin ang pyansa, basta magtrabaho siya sa sakahan ng Puti. At hindi basta magtrabaho: pupunta ka sa sakahan nang madilim, hindi makita ang sariling kamay at aalis ka sa sakahan nang madilim, hindi makita ang sariling kamay. Kung paanong naglalalakad siya nang dalawa't kalahating milya, araw-araw, sa pagpasok sa eskwelahan – para lang daanan, araw-araw, ng mga batang Puti na sakay ng bus, nambabato, nandudura at nangungutya.

Kaya nagsumikap siya, nagtapos ng pag-aaral, naging propesyunal na chemist sa Bureau of Entomology sa Department of Agriculture sa kanyang bayan ng Savannah, Georgia, at naglathala ng maraming publikasyon. Inilarawan niya ang sarili bilang "social climber", middle-class Negro." Pag-amin niya, "Akala ko, pwede mong takasan ang Itim na Amerika sa pamamagitan ng pagiging edukado at propesyunal at pagiging mayaman..." Nakabili siya ng malaking bahay at bagong kotse.

Nang minsang dinidiligan niya ang malawak niyang hardin, natuklasan niyang kapos ang kanyang nabiling hose, kailangan ng ekstensyon. Dinala niya ang dalawang anak, edad anim at walo, sa isang drugstore. Sa drugstore, may lunch counter, kung saan may mga upuang pwedeng paikutin, at sa panahong iyun ng segregasyon ng Itim at Puti sa Amerika, mga Puti lang ang pwedeng maupo at kumain dito. Naabutan nila ang mga "batang Puti, nakaupo sa mga upuan, nagpapaikut-ikot, kumakain ng hot dog at umiinom ng Coca-cola."

Hiniling ng mga anak niyang bumili ng sandwich at Coke. Pero alam niya, sa kaloob-looban niya, na ang gusto talaga nila ay maglaro sa mga upuang umiikot. Sabi niya sa mga anak, hindi pwede. Umiyak ang isa. Nangako siyang pagdating sa bahay, magluluto ang nanay ng hot dog at bibili ng Coke. Umiyak ang dalawa at naglupasya sa sahig – na bihira nilang gawin. "At naaalala kong yumuko ako at nagsimulang umiyak, dahil naisip kong hindi ko kayang sabihin sa kanila ang totoo. Ang totoo, Itim sila at hindi pinapayagan ang mga Itim na gumamit ng mga lunch counter." Binuhat niya ang mga bata at isinakay sa kotse. "Babalik tayo," pangako niya. Noon siya nagsimulang kumilos at naging bahagi ng Kilusang Civil Rights.

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Sa sanaysay niyang "The Significance

of Theory" [1990], sabi ng Marxistang intelektwal na si Terry Eagleton,

"Sa lipunang makatarungan, hindi na kailangang gumawa ng mga teoristang radikal ng nakakapagod na paglalantad ng mga mekanismong panlipunan kung paanong sistematikong dinodolina ng isang grupo ng tao ang isa pa, dahil magigimbal o hindi maniniwala ang mga tao kapag inisip na posibleng mangyari ito. Ang mga taong tumitingin sa ganitong pananaw na napaka-romantiko o utopyano ay nakakalimot na may milyun-milyong tao sa mundo ngayon na walang pag-unawa sa mga sistema ng pagdomina at masusuklam dito. Ang mga taong ito ay ang mga bata. Ang mga bata ang pinakamahusay na teorista, dahil hindi pa sila nabigyan ng edukasyon para tanggapan ang ating mga nakagawiang praktikalang panlipunan bilang 'natural,' kaya naggigiit na tapatan ang nasabing mga praktika ng nakakahiyaing mga tanong na pangkalahatan at pundamental, tinitingnan ang mga ito nang may pagtatakang distansya (estrangement) na matagal nang nakalimutan nating matatanda. Dahil hindi pa nila niyayakap ang ating praktikalang panlipunan bilang di-maiiwasan, hindi nila nakikita kung bakit hindi natin pwedeng gawin ang mga bagay nang naiiba. 'Saan nanggaling ang kapitalismo, Nanay?' kung gayon ang pinakamagandang halimbawang teoretikal na tanong, na kadalasang nakakatanggap ng masasabing Wittgensteinian na sagot: 'Ganoon lang talaga ang mga bagay, utoy/ineng.' Ang mga batang nananatiling di-kuntento sa mabuway na sagot na pangmagulang na ito ang mas malamang na maging mapagpalayang teorista, hindi kayang pangibabawan ang pagkamangha sa di-pinansin ng iba... Ang punto ng mapagpalayang teorya ay ibalik tayo sa pagkabata... Ang tunay na kahirapan ng teorya... ay nagmumula hindi sa pagiging sopistikado nito, kundi sa kabaligtaran – sa hiling nitong bumalik tayo sa pagkabata sa pamamagitan ng pagbasura sa tila natural at sa pagtanggap mapayapa ng pabagu-bagong sagot ng matatandang may magandang intensyon."

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Kumilos si Hosea Williams sa Southern Christian Leadership Conference sa pamumuno ni Martin Luther King, Jr. Sa nasabing organisasyon, si Williams ang boses ng militansya. Ang gawain niya, "imulat ang mga tao, pumunta sa mga bayan at basagin ang pagsakmal ng istruktura ng kapangyarihan sa mga tao... udyukan silang magmartsa, magpiket, magdemonstrasyon, at magpakulong" – dahil mahalaga ang pagpapakulong sa pilosopiya ng civil disobedience ng Kilusang Civil Rights. Siya mismo, nakulong nang hindi bababa sa 96 na beses.

Pero bago pa man niya makilala si King, namuno na siya sa matagumpay na kilusang civil disobedience sa kanyang bayan. Ang plano, maglunsad ng iba't ibang

porma ng sama-samang pagkilos at paglabag sa batas ng segregasyon, kahit humantong sa pagpapabugbog at pagpapakulong – sa bingit, syempre pa, ng kamatayan

Katakut-takot na aksyon ang inilunsad nila, na nilahukan ng daan-daan at libu-libong tao. Minsan, 400 o 500 estudyanteng hayskul ang kailangang ikulong dahil sa pag-upo bilang protesta sa mga lunch counters na iniyakan ng mga anak ni Williams. Natatawa niyang ikinwento: halos mabaliw ang hepe ng pulisya sa dami ng inaresto at kung ano ang gagawin! Minsan, ikinwadra lang ang mga inaresto sa bakanteng lote na parang mga baka, walang kubeta. Pinapakain sila ng de-galon na pork and beans: bubuksan ang takip ng lata na sasalukan mo ng kamay para makakain.

Hanggang isang madaling araw, inaresto siya. Ang paniwala niya, papatayin na siya. Pinili niyang sumama sa nang-aresto dahil ayaw niyang magkaroon ng alaala ang asawa't mga anak niya ng pagsabog ng sentido at pagkalat ng utak at dugo niya sa bahay. Sa sukalan na lang kaysa sa bahay. Ikinulong siya at pinahirapang makapagpyansa. Samu't saring problema ang naisip niya sa kulungan – na itinuring niyang "pagsubok" sa Kristiyanong pag-unawa niya, para sa naghihintay pang mas malalaking laban.

Gustung-gusto na niyang makalabas sa pitian nang may mayamang Puti na nag-alok sa kanya ng pyansa. Sagot niya rito sa telepono, "G. Lane, kung ilalabas ninyo ako rito ngayon pero may segregasyon pa rin sa mga lunch counter at restawran at iba pa, ibabalik lang din ninyo ako bukas dito dahil mamumuno ako ng isa pang martsa." Tumatawang sabi niya pagkatapos, "Hindi ako naniniwalang gagawin ko iyun kung nailabas ako, pero sinabi ko sa kanya iyun." At naghapag ang mayamang Puti ng plano para sa desegregasyon.

Isang araw, ilang taon pagkatapos, bumalik siya at ang mga anak niya sa drugstore. Nakaupo na silang mag-aama sa lunch counter. Nakapagpaikut-ikot na sila sa mga upuan. Wala nang magawa ang Puting may-ari, dahil nabasag na noon ang segregasyon.

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Galing ang salaysay tungkol kay Hosea Williams sa libro ng kasaysayang oral na My Soul is Rested: Movement Days in Deep South Remembered [1977] na inedit ni Howell Raines. Lumalabas sa ibang artikulo, gayunman, na napariwara sa Kanan paglaon ang pulitika ni Williams. Syempre pa, hindi rin sa desegregasyon natapos ang rasismo kontra sa mga Aprikan-Amerikano; nagpapatuloy ito ngayon sa iba't ibang porma. Hindi namemenos ng mga katotohanang ito, gayunman, ang ambag ni Williams at ang halaga ng tagumpay ng desegregasyon sa US.

Maligaya at mapagpalayang Pasko sa lahat!



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## NDRRMC braces for rainy holidays due to Tropical Storm 'Ursula'

QUEZON CITY -- Tropical Storm "URSULA" continues to intensify as it moves along the Philippine Sea in a North-Northwest direction. Landfall is expected over Eastern Visayas by Tuesday afternoon or evening, bringing heavy rains until Wednesday in Visayas and other areas in Southern Luzon and CARAGA.

According to PAGASA, as of 2 pm today, "URSULA" is located 845 km East of Surigao del Norte with maximum sustained winds of 65 kph. PAGASA warned of the possibility to intensify into a Severe Tropical Storm with

maximum sustained winds of up to 100 kph. Tropical Cyclone Wind Signal #1 has been raised in Bicol Region and Visayas, CALABARZON, MIMAROPA, and Caraga Regions. Due to very rough sea conditions, small sea crafts are advised against traveling over the northern and eastern seaboard in identified areas. Moreover, those with travel plans in the specified regions should reconsider their travel arrangements.

Meanwhile, the tropical storm is expected to bring heavy rains over Caraga, Eastern Visayas, MIMAROPA, Bicol Region, Western Visayas, and

northern portions of Cebu on Tuesday to Wednesday morning. In the same period, intermittent heavy rains are expected over Quezon and the rest of Visayas, Bicol Region, and Surigao del Norte. Further on Wednesday to Thursday, heavy rains are projected over Antique, Mindoro Provinces, Romblon, Northern Palawan including Calamian and Cuyo Islands while intermittent heavy rains over the rest of Western Visayas, Caraga, Davao Region, Marinduque, and portions of Isabela, Aurora, and Quezon.

At least 2,939 barangays in mountainous

areas are highly susceptible to landslide while 3,652 barangays are highly susceptible to flooding which may occur in low-lying areas in Regions CALABARZON, MIMAROPA, V, VI, VIII, Caraga, and BARMM. The public is advised to monitor the weather disturbance for possible flooding and rain-induced landslides in identified affected areas.

Residents in the identified areas should monitor tension cracks, fractured rocks and sediments, sliding slope and active slides, and soil overburden which are common signs of impending landslides. Likewise, residents in low-lying areas or near riverbanks who experience prolonged rainfall should exercise caution and monitor the level of river water considering that heavy rainfall may cause riverbank erosion, shift of river flow direction,

debris flows and artificial damming. The public is advised against travelling to areas where TCWS have been raised.

DSWD has prepositioned 259,975 family food packs across 17 field offices in or nearby areas to be affected. Non-food relief items amounting to Php 612 million are also stored in field offices. Also as part of contingency plans, the NDRRMC has ensured that additional stocks are on standby and ready for dispatch when needed. DILG and DSWD are likewise on alert for possible evacuations especially in affected areas wherein potential evacuation centers have also been prepared.

In anticipation of Tropical Storm "URSULA", the NDRRMC raised its alert status to BLUE to monitor the response actions for the storm's effects. (OCD)

## CAVITEVIEW

### PNP Tumauni gives back to mothers this Christmas

By Mark Djeron C. Tumabao

NOT all being captured by the police are violators of the law, some are caught because a surprise awaits for them.

In Tumauni, Isabela, while almost everybody was busy buying for their noche buena on December 24, the Philippine National Police - Tumauni Police Station thought of something special to treat chosen mothers in time of Christmas celebration.

Dubbed as 'Special Day Off para kay Nanay', Police Major Eugenio L. Mallillin, acting chief of police, conceptualized this project so that in one way or another, the police can give back the love these mothers are showing to their children on putting their all into being the very best mom they can be, finding the fun in each and every day.

The police recognized as well that being a mother is the most important job that it can be the most rewarding and the most exhausting.

"Nagka-idea lang po kami na gawin ito sa mga nanay noong nakita namin ang hirap ng isang ina at kung gaano magmahal ang isang ina," said Police Master Sergeant Don Tumolva, station's junior police community relation. The Mission

The Tumauni Police Station have chosen two mother-beneficiaries who are both vegetable vendors at the town's public market. As early as 6:00 am, the team composed of police personnel, documentors and a

vlogger went immediately to the public market to execute their mission of putting a smile on the faces of these mothers.

Aboard in a police mobile car, their first mission was to look for these two lucky beneficiaries and approach them to have a little conversation with them as if nothing special will happen.

First was Nanay Marcel Tumolva. At her age of 84, she still sells variety of vegetables along the streets. At first, Nanay Marcel was just casually responding to the questions of the police personnel on the prices of her products. Not until the police personnel bought in wholesale the products of Nanay Marcel. At that moment, she was very grateful and knew that she can go home earlier as all her products were bought instantly.

The other one was Nanay Remgia Funay, 82. Just like Nanay Marcel, she has been selling vegetables during market days for long years now. When she was approached by the police, she didn't have any idea what will happen next after the team informed her to put all her products in one bag. Just like Nanay Marcel, she can't help but to cry.

But the real plan was still about to be executed. These two mothers were invited by the team. They were clueless but just receptive on the instruction of the police personnel. But contrary to what is happening on a legitimate police operations, no warrant of arrest was presented to them, instead a 'warrant of surprise' was read to Nanay

Marcel and Nanay Remgia. And the rest was history.

Their day-off starts Who doesn't love a little professional pampering?

Tumauni Police Station recognized that Nanay Marcel and Nanay Remgia need some "me" time. Everyone deserves by the way as we all have our breaking point where we need to get away.

Hence, Nanay Marcel and Nanay Remgia were brought not to the nearest police station for interrogation but to the nearest salon for a free hair cut, free manicure and pedicure, free hair coloring and free make up. They were not requested for 'mug shots' but they were photographed as moments like this is once in a lifetime.

Aside from that, they were treated for a lunch in one of the fastfood chains in the town together with their grandchildren. The team was also generous enough to buy a new blouse, pants and sandals

for them. A complete package as they said.

At the police station, grocery items and cash were handed over to them by donors just in time for their noche buena.

"Nagulat ako noong nasa palengke. Masaya ako ngayon dahil marami kayong naibigay sa akin. Thank you po sa inyong lahat lalo na sa Tumauni police," said Nanay Remgia.

The day ended up with the team personally accompanying Nanay Marcel and Nanay Remgia going back to their homes to meet their family. But just when everybody thought that it ended there, Nanay Marcel was clueless that another gift was about to be presented to her. The team prior the conduct of the activity had known that Nanay Marcel's husband could hardly stand by his own due to old age. This condition limits him to go outside as a result. Hence, they partnered with the barangay council and tapped their assistance through the barangay captain to provide a new wheelchair for her husband. Though her husband was not that as expressive, Nanay Marcel expressed her gratitude to Barangay Captain Jun Balacua and to the rest of the officialdom of Tumauni Police Station.

There is more beyond the project

Police Major Eugenio

L. Mallillin said he have seen mothers of law abiders particularly minors that are weeping and suffering because of the crime committed by their children that pushed them to realize this project.

This project, according to him, will not only remain a project but should be a constant reminder to all of us, their children that we should always love our mother unconditionally.

"We believe that 'winning the heart of the community is the best form of crime prevention'. The Tumauni Police Station wants to win the trust and confidence of the community through this worthwhile program," said Police Major Mallillin.

For his part, Police Master Sergeant Don Tumolva said "Kapag ang kapulisan at mamamayan ay nagtutulungan, krimen ay maiwasan."

On the other hand, Police Major Eugenio L. Mallillin said the station will institutionalize this project as new mother-beneficiaries will soon experience what Nanay Marcel and Nanay Remgia have experienced.

As long as there are mothers, the Tumauni Police Station will always be there not only to protect them but to be everyone's children showing the unconditional love they deserve. (MDCT/PIA-2)



Nanay Remgia (center) can't keep but show how happy she is when personnel from the Tumauni Police Station inform her about the station's project 'Special Day Off para kay Nanay'. (Screenshot photo from the station's vlog)



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT  
City of Bacoor, Cavite

Foreclosure No. 2019-213  
For: Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of  
Real Estate Mortgage

NATIONAL HOME MORTGAGE FINANCE CORP.,  
Mortgagee,

-versus-

VIRGINIA T. BOBILA,  
Mortgagors.

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#### NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extrajudicial for Sale under Act 3135 as Amended by Act 4118 filed by the mortgagee-assignee, NATIONAL HOME MORTGAGE FINANCE CORP., of 104 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Village, Makati City, and against the mortgagors, VIRGINIA T. BOBILA, of # 1653 CatonSt., Vito Cruz Ext., Makati, Metro Manila and/or Camella Homes Springville Heights 4, Blk. 5, Lot 11 Molino, Bacoor, Cavite, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of October 2019, amounts to ONE MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED NINETY FIVE PESOS & 23/100 (P1,715,895.23), Philippine Currency, exclusive of penalty charges, the undersigned or her duly authorized representative will sell at the public at the public auction on January 24, 2020 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter, at the main entrance of the Hall of Justice of Bacoor City, Cavite, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following described properties with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-449006

"A parcel of Land (Lot 11 of the cons./subd. Plan., Pcs-042103-007317, being a portion of Lot 2,4,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,14,16, & 18. Blk. 5, Pcs-04-005285, L.R.C. Rec. No. ) situated in the Brgy. of Molino, Mun. of Bacoor, Province of Cavite. x x x , containing an area of FIFTY SIX (56) SQUARE METERS".

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

"In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on January 31, 2020, without further notice."

Prospective buyers or bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the titles to the said properties and encumbrances, if any there be.

Bacoor City, Cavite, December 16, 2019

ATTY. LIZA D. VICTA  
Clerk of Court VI

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ATTY. DANTE Q. RIZADA  
5th Floor, Filomena Bldg., 104 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Village, Makati City

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Regional Trial Court Of Cavite  
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT  
& EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF  
New Justice Hall, J.P. Rizal Avenue, Kaybagal South,  
Tagaytay City

EJF NO. TG-19-103  
FOR: Extrajudicial Foreclosure of Real  
Estate Mortgage under Act No. 3135, as  
Amended

NATIONAL HOME MORTGAGE  
FINANCE CORPORATION (NHMFC),  
Mortgagee,

-Versus -

CLARITA PASCUA ACEVEDO married to  
ANDRES MANZANO ACEVEDO, in favor  
Of NJR REALTY & DEVELOPMENT  
CORP.  
Mortgagors.

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Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act

3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed by Mortgagee, NATIONAL HOME MORTGAGE FINANCE CORPORATION (NHMFC), a Corporation duly organized and existing under laws of the Philippines with business address at 104 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Village, Makati City, which acquired thru Purchase of Loan Agreement from NJR REALTY & DEVELOPMENT CORP., against Mortgagors, CLARITA PASCUA ACEVEDO married to ANDRES MANZANO ACEVEDO, in favor Of NJR REALTY & DEVELOPMENT 2ORP., with postal address at 2802-B Cailes St., Bangkal, Makati, Metro Manila / Franceville Exec., Homes L14 B3 Bo. Bulihan, Silang, Cavite, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of September 30, 2019 amounts to ONE MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED NINETY SIX THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SEVENTY SEVEN PESOS & 14/100 (Php1,796,777.14), exclusive of interest, penalties and other charges, the undersigned Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff of the Regional Trial Court of Cavite thru her deputy, Sheriff Rhiz Sanel C. Toledo, will sell at public auction on February 13, 2020 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter, at the New Hall of Justice of Tagaytay City, to the highest bidder, for cash or Manager's Check and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all its improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. (T-368445)  
36218  
Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City

"A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 14, BLK. 3, OF THE CONS-SUBD. PLAN, PCS-04-0005492, BEING A PORTION OF THE CONS. OF LOTS 4-A, PSD-04-042371, LOT 5, PSD-59092, LRC REC NO.), SITUATED IN THE BRGY. OF BULIHAN, MUN. OF SILANG , PROV. OF CAVITE. BOUNDED ON THE SE. ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 16, BLK. 1; ON THE SW., ALONG LINE 2-3 BY ROAD LOT 3; ON THE NW., ALONG LINE 3-4 BY LOT 12, AND ON THE NE., ALONG LINE 4-1 BY LOT 13, BOTH BLK. 3, ALL OF THE CONS.-SUBD., PLAN BEGINNING AT A PT. MARKED "1"ON PLAN, BEING S. 50 DEG 09'W., 7298.06M. FROM BLLM NO. 1, BO. OF KABILANG BAYBAY, MUN. OF CARMONA, THENCE S. 22 DEG 41'W., 12.00 M. TO PT. 2; THENCE N. 66 DEG 54'W., 10.00 M. TO PT. 3; THENCE N. 22 DEG 41'E., 5.00 M. TO PT. 4; THENCE S. 66 DEG 54'E., 10.00 M. TO PT. OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING AN AREA OF ONE HUNDRED TWENTY (120) SQUARE METERS. ALL PTS REFERRED TO ARE INDICATED ON THE PLAN AND ARE MARKED ON THE GROUND BY P.S. CYL., CONC. MONS. 15X60 BEARINGS TRUE; DATE OF ORIGINAL SURVEY, JUNE 15, 1943 AND THAT OF THE CONS.-SUBD. SURVEY, NOV 5-29, 1990 AND WAS APPROVED ON JANUARY 29, 1991 is registered in accordance with the provision of the Property Registration Decree in the name of

Owner: CLARITA PASCUA ACEVEDO, FILIPINO, OF LEGAL AGE, MARRIED TO ANDRES MANZANO ACEVEDO

Prospective bidders or buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate and verify for themselves the TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. (T-368445) 36218, the encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on FEBRUARY 20, 2020 without further notice.  
Tagaytay City, Philippines, December 16, 2019.

APPROVED:

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

RHIZ SANEL C. TOLEDO  
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## DOF thanks Congress for ratifying bill on tax hikes for alcohol, e-cigarettes

PASAY CITY -- The Department of Finance (DOF) has thanked the Congress for ratifying the bill increasing excise taxes on alcohol, heated tobacco and vapor products, a reform expected to raise an additional P137.2 billion over a 5-year period to augment funding for the Universal Health Care (UHC) Program.

Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez III said the reconciled version of the bill, which was ratified Wednesday by the Senate and the House of Representatives, will increase funds for the UHC, and at the same time is hoped to deter binge drinking and the use of harmful vaping and heated tobacco products (HTPs), especially among the youth and low-income consumers who are sensitive to price increases.

"We thank the Senate and the House of Representatives for ratifying the bill, which is an investment in the future of our people, and will help President Duterte deliver on his administration's goal of providing a safe, comfortable, and healthy life for every law-abiding Filipino," Dominguez said.

Dominguez also thanked Senator Pia Cayetano, who chairs the Senate ways and means committee, and Albay Representative Joey Salceda, the chairperson of the House ways and means committee, for "painstakingly studying the measure and holding extensive consultations with concerned stakeholders, and spearheading efforts that led to the swift approval of the bill in their respective chambers."

He said Sen. Cayetano and Rep. Salceda both demonstrated their strong advocacy to push for better health care for our people by committing to align the proposals of the Senate and the House to ensure that the ratified version will get approved before the Congress adjourned for the holidays. This gives the President enough time to review the measure and sign it into law, in time for its implementation at the start of 2020.

President Duterte earlier certified the Senate version of this sin tax reform bill as an urgent measure. The House of Representatives approved its version of the measure in August.

Finance Undersecretary Karl Kendrick Chua said that under the reconciled bill approved by the bicameral conference committee, 60 percent of revenues collected from the excise taxes on alcohol products and e-cigarettes, such as heated tobacco and vapor (vaping) products, will go to the UHC, while 20 percent will be spent for medical assistance and health facilities.

The remaining 20 percent will go to programs that will help the government fulfill its commitments under the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

He said the bill is estimated to raise an initial P22.2 billion in the first year of implementation, based on Department of Finance (DOF) estimates.

Over a five-year period from 2020 to 2024, the DOF estimates revenues totalling P137.2 billion.

The ratified bill also includes a provision that would exempt the sale and importation of all prescription medicines for high cholesterol, diabetes, and hypertension from the value-added tax (VAT).

This VAT exemption would then be extended to include medicines for mental illness, cancer, kidney diseases, and tuberculosis by 2023.

Chua said the DOF is studying the revenue impact of these VAT exemptions as preliminary data suggests the projected revenue loss from this tax break can reach P5.2 billion on the first year of implementation or a total of P35.1 billion by the end of 2024. With this, the net incremental revenue of the ratified bill is P17.1 billion in 2020, and a total of P102.1 billion by 2024.

The ratified bill also prohibits the sale of HTPs and vaping products to non-smokers and those below 21 years old.

For fermented liquors, a specific tax of P35 per liter will be imposed in 2020, which will subsequently increase by P2 per liter per year until it reaches P43 per liter in 2024. Thereafter, the rate will increase by 6 percent every year.

Distilled spirits will be taxed with a 22 percent ad valorem tax on top of a specific tax of P42 per proof liter in 2020, which will increase to P47 per proof liter in 2021, P52 per proof liter in 2022, P59 per proof liter in 2023 and P66 per proof liter in 2024. Thereafter, the rate will increase by 6 percent every year. Alcopops will be taxed similar to the rates for distilled spirits.

For wines, both still and sparkling, the specific tax is at P50 per liter in 2020, and will increase by 6 percent yearly thereafter.

HTPs will be taxed with new rates of P25 per pack in 2020, P27.50 in 2021, P30 in 2022, P32.50 in 2023, and 5 percent yearly thereafter.

A tax of P45 per 10 milliliter of conventional freebase vapor products will be imposed in 2020, P50 in 2021, P55 in 2022, P60 in 2023. Thereafter, the rate will increase by 5 percent every year.

For salt nicotine vapor products, the tax of P37 per millimeter will be imposed on the first year, and additional P5 per ml per year until the rate reaches P52 per ml in 2024. Thereafter, the tax will be increased by 5 percent every year. (DOF)

# Word Search Puzzle

## Baby Shower

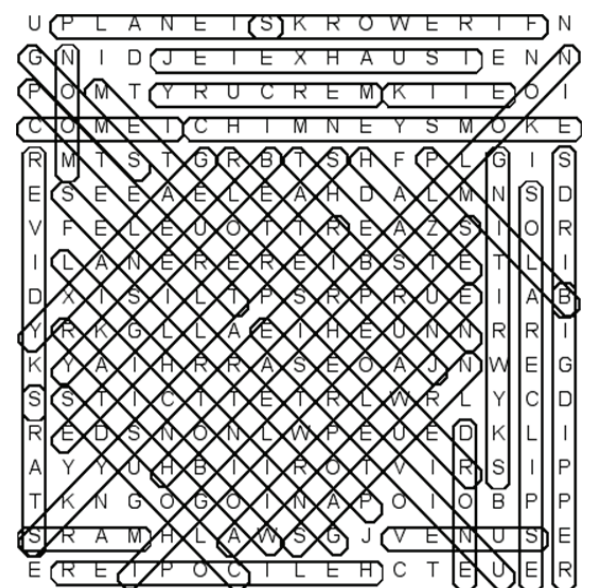
Find and circle all of the Baby Shower words that are hidden in the grid. The remaining 32 letters spell a secret message.

F L F Y O E G S A N D W I C H E S A V  
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 B A I F N I O L I O E E P O I T Y S P  
 B A F E A G A I A N C V T O I S N R P  
 G O N H N S E W T O E H I V O O U E E  
 C R C N S D C R R I E P I T O N S M T  
 R S E E E G S A F R D T O L S E S A I  
 E N S E U R T P K O I A L T V E W E Z  
 B O H E T I A P T E O A R I F B F R E  
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 O T R N L N N N F O R K S E M A G S S  
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 E I E G N I K A B A S N I K P A N A L  
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 S N O C O N F E T T I D S E Z I R P T  
 M I L A D E A R E M A C S E M E H T E  
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- ACTIVITIES
- APPETIZERS
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- BAKING
- BALLOONS
- BANNER
- BIRTH
- CAKE
- CAMERA
- CELEBRATION
- CHAIRS
- COFFEE
- CONFETTI
- DECORATIONS
- EVENT
- FAMILY
- FESTIVE
- FINGER FOOD
- FLOWERS
- FORKS
- FRIENDS
- GAMES
- GIFT OPENING

- GIFTS
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- GREETING CARDS
- GUESTBOOK
- GUESTS
- HOSTESS
- INVITATIONS
- KNIVES
- MOTHER
- MUSIC
- NAPKINS
- PARTY FAVORS
- PLATES
- PRIZES
- PUNCH
- SANDWICHES
- SPOONS
- STREAMERS
- TABLES
- THEME
- TRADITION
- WRAPPING PAPER

## Sagot sa nakaraan



# Sudoku

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	6	2						5
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8						2	3	
		7	5					
				6	2		1	

5	9	1	3	7	2	6	4	8
4	6	2	9	1	8	3	5	7
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1	5	9	2	4	7	8	3	6
2	4	6	8	3	1	7	9	5
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3	1	4	7	2	6	5	8	9
6	2	8	5	9	3	1	7	4

## Hint

29		21			14	15	30	22
56	57	42	43	12			44	45
46			47	31	32	8	33	
34	35	23			3	24	16	17
		6	4	1	2	7		
48	49	36	5			50	37	51
	52	18	38	25	26			20
9	53			13	27	54	39	55
11	40	28	41			19		10

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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# Enforce firecracker laws, DILG orders LGUs, PNP, BFP

By Susan G. De Leon  
QUEZON CITY -- The Department of the Interior & Local Government (DILG) ordered the Local Government Units (LGUs), the Philippine National Police (PNP) and the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) to strictly enforce firecracker laws embodied in Memorandum Circular 2017-105, implementing EO 28 which enjoins the LGUs, the PNP, and the BFP to take necessary actions on the regulation and control of the use of firecrackers and other pyrotechnic devices nationwide. The DILG urged local government units (LGUs) to target zero-firecracker injuries this holiday season by sustaining the implementation of national and local policies regulating the use of firecrackers and other pyrotechnic devices. "Ituloy-tuloy lang natin ang

pagmomonitor at pagpapatupad ng mga batas tungkol sa mga paputok. Ang gusto lang naman natin ay walang mapahamak at maging ligtas at payapa ang pagdiriwang ng Pasko at Bagong Taon," says DILG Secretary Eduardo M. Año.

The DILG Secretary says that it is the mandate of the LGUs to protect their constituents, promote their general welfare, and ensure that their fireworks-related local ordinances, are well implemented and followed by their constituents.

"Ang paglilingkod-bayan ay walang bakasyon, kaya naman kailangang tiyakin ng mga pamahalaang lokal na bagama't nagsasaya ang lahat ay mahigpit pa ring maipatutupad ang batas kagaya ng pagbabawal sa pagpapaputok," he says while acknowledging that LGUs have

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DILG Undersecretary Jonathan Malaya (FILE PHOTO)

## SSS offers calamity assistance to Tisoy victims

QUEZON CITY -- The state-run Social Security System (SSS) on Monday said more than 68,000 members and pensioners affected by the damage made by typhoon Tisoy may now apply for the Calamity Assistance Package (CAP) with a total fund allocation of more than P614.52 million.

SSS President and Chief Executive Officer Aurora C. Ignacio said members affected by (the catastrophic onslaught of) Typhoon Tisoy in Southern Luzon and parts of Visayas region may now avail of the calamity loan, direct house repair and improvement loan and advanced three-months pension for affected SSS pensioners from December 20, 2019 until March 19, 2020, except for direct house repair and improvement loan.

"This is to inform our members and pensioners in calamity-stricken areas that SSS is ready to assist them with their immediate financial needs," Ignacio said.

SSS members and pensioners who are residing in areas declared by the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) as under state of calamity are qualified to avail calamity loan, direct housing

repair and improvement loan and three-month advance pension. Areas under state of calamity are Batangas City; Mabitac, Laguna; Provinces of Quezon, Cavite, Oriental Mindoro, Occidental Mindoro, Marinduque; Corcuera, Romblon and San Fernando in Romblon; and Province of Northern Samar.

The CAP includes a loan assistance program which is a separate loan window from the regular salary loan. Members can borrow up to P40,000 in calamity loan depending on their average last 12 monthly salary credit. The financial assistance is also open to pensioners who can avail three months advance of their monthly pension. Moreover, members can also apply for direct housing repair and improvement loan.

The calamity loan is payable in two years in equal monthly installments with an annual interest rate of 10 percent and one percent monthly penalty for late payments. To eliminate additional expenses on the part of member-borrowers, SSS waived the one percent service fee.

Applicants under the advance three-month pension whose present address differ from the address in the SSS database

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## BOI supports competitiveness initiatives of local healthcare services industry

MAKATI CITY -- The Board of Investments (BOI) is moving to further improve the competitiveness of the country's local healthcare services industry as it recently held (December 13, 2019) an International Certification Awareness Seminar. Held at the Makati Palace Hotel in Makati City, the seminar aims to make the industry prepared not only for the growing needs of the Filipinos but also for the growing opportunities in the medical tourism industry.

"This seminar aims to support and help enable the existing healthcare facilities and services, especially those licensed by the Department of Health (DOH) and/or accredited by the Department of Tourism (DOT), to become better prepared

not only for the growing needs of the local populace but also for the growing opportunities in the medical tourism and wellness travel industry. We hope to make them fully aware of the additional opportunities that a pursuit of international certification can provide," BOI Executive Director Ma. Corazon Halili-Dichosa said during the start of the event.

"The Philippines, with the most hospitable, caring, nurturing, and wonderful people, coupled with the wonderful sights and relaxing places, has a lot to offer to the world. I think we just need to let the world know and while at that, ready our healthcare facilities for an experience that every medical tourist would be proud to share," Executive Director Dichosa said.

On hand to share their knowledge and experiences were officials/representatives from the Department of Trade and Industry-Philippine Accreditation Bureau (DTI-PAB), PAB-accredited Medical Equipment Healthcare Group, Inc. Phils. (MedEquip), Department of Health - Philippine Medical Tourism Program (DOH-PMTWT), Philippine Tripartite Accreditation for Health Facilities, Inc. (PTAHF) and Health Core International. Participants include as far as Iloilo (St. Paul Hospital Iloilo), Dumaguete (ACE Medical Center), Floridablanca-Pampanga (Floridablanca Doctors Hospital) and Lemery-Batangas (Our Lady of Caysasay Medical Center).

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Photo shows speakers and participants of the International Certification Awareness Seminar at the Makati Palace Hotel.