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Nutrition status of evacuees in Cavite, a main priority of the health office



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CAVITE Provincial Health Office called for a meeting of the provincial nutrition cluster and all the city/municipal nutrition action officers in Cavite on January 23, 2020 at the Cavite Collaboration Center for Public Health, Trece Martires City to assess the situation particularly the nutrition status of the evacuees affected by the Taal Volcano Eruption in evacuation centers and those fostered by relatives in order to synchronize the actions of the national, the regional, provincial

down to the city and municipal nutrition councils

Dr. Nelson Soriano, head of the Provincial Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit reported the immediate response conducted by the Provincial Health Office through rapid health assessment and needs analysis in evacuation sites and in communities where evacuees are fostered by their relatives. They have provided Vitamin A supplementation and immunization among children

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Spread unconditional love through legal adoption-DSWD

By Lucia F. Broño

QUEZON CITY—In observance of the Adoption Consciousness Week, (Feb. 1-9) this year, the Department of Social Welfare & Development (DSWD) calls on the public, specially adoptive parents to spread unconditional love through legal adoption.

In line with the same theme, "Pagmamahal Palaganapin, Legal na Pag-aampon Ating Gawin!", the DSWD will lead Adoption Consciousness Celebration with the aim of promoting legal adoption as an expression of unconditional love and support to abandoned, neglected, and surrendered children.

The DSWD encourages families to undergo legal

adoption in order to protect the welfare of adopted children. The legal adoption process will also ensure the safety, security, and best interest of the adoptive children.

The celebration will kick off with a motorcade from Quirino Grandstand to Quezon City Memorial Circle on February 1. It will be followed by a gathering of adoptive families and a media forum at Quezon City Experience Hall with DSWD officials, representatives from the Judiciary and the Department of Justice (DOJ), and adoptive parents.

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DILG to LGU's: Create Novel Corona Virus Task Forces to meet world health threat

By Jerome Carlo R. Paunan

QUEZON CITY-- Amid the world health threat of novel Corona Virus (2019 nCoV) and its first reported case in the Philippines, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) has advised all local government units (LGUs) to create their respective Corona Virus Task Forces to help contain the spread of the disease in the country.

"With the declaration of the World Health Organization of a World Health Emergency, Secretary Eduardo M. Año has directed all LGUs to be on a state of preparedness and take all pro-active steps to stop the

spread of this disease. All LGUs nationwide are advised to create their respective task forces to implement DOH protocols and guidelines and extend full cooperation to the DOH and other government agencies to meet the world health emergency," said DILG Undersecretary and Spokesperson Jonathan Malaya in a statement.

He said that the Local Task Force under the direct leadership of the governor or the mayor shall ensure that local health authorities have the necessary equipment and protective gadgets such as masks, goggles, gowns, gloves, etc. The Task Force should also cause the

referral and transport of a nCov suspect to a DOH-designated coronavirus-referral center or hospital, in coordination with DOH and police authorities.

Malaya said that local chief executives must also train their respective health workers on nCov prevention, containment, and control, in coordination with the DOH. He also urged LGUs to conduct city and municipality-wide coronavirus prevention, containment, and control information campaigns to educate the public.

"For LGUs hosting international airports like Manila, Cebu, Davao, Kalibo, Puerto Princesa, General Santos, *continue to page 3*

TRECENOS AVAILED FREE HEALTHCARE SERVICES

ON January 28, 2020, another leg of medical and dental mission was conducted at Capitol Hills Executive Subdivision Village 2 in Brgy. Lapidario, Trece Martires City wherein more than 500 locals availed the free healthcare services sponsored by the Provincial Health Office in partnership with the local government of Trece Martires City. The mission team headed by the OPG-Extension and Provincial Health Office in cooperation with the City Health Office rendered free medical consultation, dental check-up and tooth extraction. Likewise, Multilab Diagnostics and Healthcare Services provided free random blood sugar testing to some 58 patients while 31

residents availed the ECG. The health activity was made possible with the request of Capitol Hills Executive Subdivision Village 2 Homeowners Association through its president, Mr. Wilfredo Salvador and with the assistance of Inocencio Paramedic and Rescue Volunteers (IPARV), barangay officials, barangay health workers and barangay nutrition scholars. Moreover, Mayor Gemma Lubigan, Vice Mayor Bobby Montehermoso together with the Sangguniang Panglungsod Members were present and expressed their gratefulness to the provincial government for always providing health care assistance to Trecenos.





PGC Open door for donation

PGC Opens Door for Donations

WITH the increasing number of evacuees in Cavite following the Taal Volcano eruption, the Provincial Government has opened its doors for donations to help the displaced families from Batangas who fled to different municipalities in Cavite to find temporary shelter and ensure their safety.

Metrobank Foundation Incorporated through its Executive Director, Mr. Nick Torres, together with Metrobank Cavite Area Head Ms. Dianne Sierra, and Metrobank Cavite Purple Hearts Club Chapter President Ms. Mira Ordoñez immediately responded to the call for donations and brought various relief goods to evacuation areas in Alfonso, Mendez and the City of Dasmariñas for the displaced families from Batangas.

The team from Metrobank, as accompanied and assisted by the representatives of PGC distributed relief goods such as food supplies, clothes, hygiene kits, blankets and mats to the 257 evacuee families in Mendez. Afterwards, they proceeded to Alfonso and distributed mats and blankets to 375 families

in Alfonso Central School, 55 families in Alfonso Covered Court, 48 families in Matagbak Elementary School and 98 families in Marahan Elementary School, with a total of 576 families as recipients. Finally, in Barangay San isidro Labrador 2 and Barangay San Manuel 2, City of Dasmariñas, there were still 67 sets of blankets and mats distributed to the evacuees.

Metrobank Foundation Incorporated, the corporate social responsibility arm of Metrobank has been undertaking a wide array of social development programs in key sectors such as education, visual arts and health care. Furthermore, the Purple Hearts Club also known as Gintong Puso ng mga Carerubins, with its various chapters in different areas, has compassionately reached out to indigent communities and provided social welfare assistance for the people.

In behalf of the evacuees, the representatives of the Provincial Government of Cavite as well as the local officials of Mendez, Alfonso and the City of Dasmariñas expressed their gratefulness to the Metrobankers led by its Foundation's Executive Director, Mr. Torres for this very noble activity.

the President has earlier issued a travel ban to Chinese nationals and all travelers coming from the Hubei province of China where the novel coronavirus originated, as well in other places in China where there is a spread of the disease, as officially confirmed by the Chinese government.

"This travel ban should last until there is no more threat to the health and welfare of our people. I support this and other necessary measures to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus in the country," Go said.

Go is also recommending, as a precautionary measure, the implementation of a 14-day quarantine period to all those traveling from other parts of China not covered yet by the temporary travel ban while authorities are still studying the possibility of imposing a temporary travel ban to all passengers coming from China, if necessary.

Go added that a Senate hearing will be conducted on Tuesday next week to discuss and lay down necessary measures to protect Filipinos from the 2019-nCoV ARD. Concerned government officials and health experts on infectious diseases are invited to discuss the matter.

"Nakatutok po ako dito, ngayon kung kailangan batikusin ang kapwa ko kasamahan noon gagawin ko yan para po sa ating mga kababayan basta importante po dito unahin po nila ang kapakanan ng bawat Filipino," he said.

Meanwhile, in an ambush interview during the launch of the country's 61st Malasakit Center at the Mayor Hilario A. Ramiro Sr. Medical Center, Ozamiz City, Misamis Occidental, Go urged Filipinos

not to panic and refrain from sharing fake news.

"Kung ako lang ang masusunod, i-ban na talaga natin kasi natatakot na ang mga tao, but we must be vigilant. Magtulungan lang tayo. Hindi tayo dapat mag-panic at hindi tayo dapat magsiraan. Huwag tayong mag-spread ng fake news," Go said referring to suggestions calling for a travel ban for all travelers coming from China.

He added that the welfare of the Filipino people remains his top priority, saying "huwag lang pong kumalat ang virus. Kalusugan ng bawat Pilipino ang aming uunahin dito. Ako, bilang chair ng Senate Committee on Health, nakatutok ako diyan."

Go also reminded his colleagues in government, especially his fellow Senators, to put the interest of all Filipinos first and not resort to blaming authorities which may just cause more confusion and panic.

"Nakikiusap din ako sa ating mga kasamahan sa Senado na huwag naman po sana natin gamitin ang trahedyang ito para sa personal na pamumulitika. Maski anong partido natin, Pilipino pa din naman tayo lahat, diba? Hindi po ito ang panahon para sa ganitong mga hirit na hindi naman nakakatulong, at lalo lang nakakagulo sa ating mga kababayan," Go said referring to a statement of another senator saying that travelers from China should go straight to Malacañang if a travel ban is not heeded.

"Hindi nakakatulong ang pag-spread ng fake news. Hindi rin nakakatulong ang pagsakay sa pulitika dahil hindi ito ang panahon para sa pamumulitika. Unahin natin ang kapakanan at kalusugan ng bawat Pilipino," he added. (OSGB)

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government and is the commitment of DSWD to the Infrastructure Cluster Performance and Projects Roadmap pursuant to Executive Order 24, series of 2017.

Some P2.3 billion under the 2018 General Appropriations Act (GAA) was allocated for the project covering the construction, rehabilitation, and improvement of the DSWD's centers and residential care facilities in different parts of the country.

It also covers 210 infrastructure projects in 75 centers and facilities nationwide and includes 256 minor repairs and the procurement of 863 items for machineries and equipment,

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including ambulance units, and of 485 items for furniture and fixtures.

As of January 21, DSWD has completed the procurement of all items for machineries and equipment as well as for furniture and fixtures. The Department has also completed 86% of all minor repair projects and 80% of all infrastructure building projects.

The virtual inauguration provides a venue to showcase the major accomplishments of the CRCF project via completed construction projects nationwide.

Among the projects under CRCF is the construction and improvement of 16 Regional Rehabilitation Center for Youth

(RRCY) nationwide. RRCY provides prevention, diversion, and rehabilitation services to help Children in Conflict with the Law (CICL) become socially-functioning individuals.

Also included in the projects is the renovation and construction of new facilities at the Processing Center for Displaced Persons (PCDP) in Zamboanga City, which provides services to deportees or undocumented Filipinos who have been sent home.

The inauguration of Malasakit Building and the CRCF's Infrastructure Projects are highlights of the DSWD's 69th Founding Anniversary. (DSWD/PIA-NCR)

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Bureau (EB) of the Department is currently conducting contact tracing of passengers aboard the flights of the two positive cases. EB has secured the manifestos of the flights and is in close coordination with the concerned airlines. Contact tracing activities are ongoing in Cebu and Dumaguete, and in other places where the patients stayed and traveled to.

"The Philippine Government has already implemented a temporary travel ban for travelers coming from China, Macao, and Hong Kong. DOH is monitoring every development on the 2019-nCoV very closely and is taking proactive measures to contain the spread of this virus

in our country. This health event is fast-evolving and fluid. We are continuously recalibrating our plans and efforts as the situation develops," Duque assured.

"We are providing the public with constant updates and advisories as frequently as possible, so all I ask from the public now is to heed the advisories from official DOH channels and to refrain from sharing unverified and unvalidated information. I assure the public that we will keep you abreast of any information that we have," he added.

Currently, there are no reports of community spread of the virus within the country. However, the public is still reminded to practice prevention measures such as proper hand hygiene and

observance of cough etiquette.

As of 12 NN yesterday, February 1, 2020, DOH has reported five (5) additional patients under investigation (PUIs), bringing the total recorded number of PUIs to thirty-six (36). Twenty-three (23) PUIs are currently admitted and isolated, while ten (10) have been discharged under strict monitoring. DOH also reported a total of two (2) confirmed cases with one (1) mortality. The previously-reported PUI mortality was found to be negative for 2019-nCoV.

"The new developments warrant a more diligent approach in containing the threats of the 2019-nCoV. The Department of Health is continuously improving and scaling up its public health measures and reminds the public to remain calm and vigilant," Secretary Duque concluded. (DOH)

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ang gobyerno," he said.

Go also mentioned that the Philippine government could start their repatriation next week once given permission by the Chinese government.

The Senator emphasized that the priority of the Duterte Administration is the safety of all Filipinos, here and abroad. The government is committed to secure Filipinos who are at risk in areas affected by the virus, but at the same time, ensure that those in the country will not be put at risk.

"Dadaan po sila sa 14-day quarantine period and we will impose necessary measures to ensure na hindi kumalat sa bansa natin ang Coronavirus," he

explained.

"Interes po ng bawat Pilipino palagi ang mangunguna, kapakanan po ninyo lalung-lalo na po 'yung kalusugan ninyo ang ating main concern," he added.

Go, who chairs the Senate Committee on Health, said that the government has already put up measures to prevent the spread of 2019-nCoV ARD even prior to the Department of Health (DOH) confirming the first case in the Philippines.

The Senator added that he has suggested to President Duterte the temporary travel ban on travelers from Wuhan City and even the entire Hubei Province as a safety precaution against the spread of the virus in the country.

"Nagkausap kami

ni Pangulong Duterte para proteksyunan ang ating mga kababayan sa pagkalat ng virus at sumang-ayon naman si Pangulo na iimplementa kaagad ang temporary travel ban sa mga manggagaling sa Wuhan City at entire Hubei," he said.

Additionally, Go said that he has also suggested and is currently studying the possibility of imposing a temporary ban on travelers from other affected areas with confirmed cases of 2019-nCoV ARD.

"We are not discounting the possibility of temporarily banning the travel of those from other areas also affected by the coronavirus," he said.

Upon the recommendation of DOH Secretary Francisco Duque III,

Fire Safety Education for Children in evacuation centers

THE Bureau of Fire Protection-Trece Martires City in partnership with the Provincial Government of Cavite brought the House of Berong, an interactive fire safety education platform, on tour teaching about fire hazards and basic emergency response among children in evacuation sites in Alfonso on January 24, 2020. It provided not just timely fire safety information but also a form of psycho-social support for the young in the aftermath of Taal volcano eruption.

Led by SINSF. Alma Cassandra Gardose, the team of firefighters from BFP-TMC setup the House of Berong in coordination with BFP-Alfonso and the local government and taught the children some basic

first aid lessons during emergency, the common fire hazards at home, safety tips, how to extinguish fire from burning pan while cooking, and the proper way to respond in case of fire by crawling down below the smoke. They also had the chance to experience being little firefighters for a day as the team from BFP demonstrated the use of firehose and let them try using the equipment firsthand.

First stop of the fire safety caravan was at Matagbak Elementary School followed by Marahan Elementary School both in the town of Alfonso. The team from BFP-TMC are also targeting to visit evacuation centers in other LGUs to conduct more education campaign for children.



Fire Safety Education

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warnings on the birth simulation and social media pages facilitating illegal adoption, and information on pending laws related to legal adoption are the main topics that will be discussed during the media forum.

The DSWD, with members of the Association of Child Caring Agencies of the Philippines (ACCAP) will also

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open Adoption Help Desks on selected malls and churches around the country on February 8 and 9.

The DSWD is also inviting the public to join the celebration and promote the legal adoption advocacy in social media through the hashtags, “#adoptionislove” and “#legaladoption” this February. (DSWD/PIA-NCR)

DSWD launches Operations Center

QUEZON CITY -- Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Secretary Rolando Joselito D. Bautista led the launching of the Agency's newly-established Operations Center (OpCen) at the DSWD Central Office in Quezon City as part of the Department's 69th Founding Anniversary culminating activity on Wednesday, January 29.

The establishment of the OpCen, which is the first in the history of DSWD's public service, is timely and an integral part in ensuring quick response from the Department. It provides real time information that will serve as basis in carrying out services for disaster response, assistance to individuals in crisis situations, and provision of support to distressed deported/repatriated undocumented Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) among others.

Some of the services and facilities that will be showcased in the OpCen include operations hub that will serve as monitoring room of all information systems; control server room where reports and data will be generated; communication room where personnel can monitor, collect, categorize, relay, and store information; reception area; personnel's quarters; and a pantry. The Department is certain that the new OpCen will greatly contribute to the achievement of the Department's mandate and goals. It will also improve the delivery of social protection services to Filipinos through state-of-the-art information technology infrastructure and facilities that will allow timely generation and access to data required in the planning, monitoring, and

decision-making process of the Secretary and DSWD Executive Committee members.

DSWD is continuously innovating to ensure its readiness to respond to the challenges of the new decade and be able to provide prompt, genuine, and compassionate service to the people that it is mandated to serve. (DSWD)

Duterte extends temporary ban on travelers from China, HK, Macao

MANILA -- To prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) in the country, President Rodrigo Duterte's temporary travel ban on visitors has been extended to include any part of China and its Special Administrative Regions --Hong Kong and Macao.

On January 31, Duterte issued a temporary travel ban that only prohibited visitors from Wuhan City and the entire Hubei province in China, the epicenter of the deadly virus.

In a statement, Presidential Spokesperson Salvador Panelo said Duterte extended the ban's coverage upon recommendation of the Inter-agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases.

A few moments after the temporary travel ban was extended, the Department of Health (DOH) confirmed a second case of nCoV, a 44-year-old Chinese man who died on February 1.

He was the companion of the 38-year-old woman from Wuhan, China who was the first confirmed case of nCoV in the country. He was the first death outside of China.

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Zamboanga, Laoag, and Iloilo, they must immediately coordinate with the Bureau of Immigration and airport authorities for flights coming from nCov-affected countries so that quarantine procedures may be effected to those suspected of possible infection,” he added.

The DILG also urged LGUs to fully cooperate with the DOH as they conduct contact-

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tracing of all individuals that came into contact with the Chinese national that tested positive of nCov yesterday. “The mayor should immediately inform the DOH should there be reasonable basis to place an individual under quarantine. The DOH needs the support of all LGUs in this important matter and local and police authorities should extend all possible assistance in this

regard,” he said.

LGUs should also post public advisories about the coronavirus as well as precautionary measures that the public can take such as maintaining proper hygiene and regular handwashing. “Local health authorities doing frontline work must exercise extreme vigilance in handling suspected individuals and strictly monitor those possibly infected,” he said. (PIA NCR)

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to provide the necessary interventions.

Nutrition action officers of the different cities and municipalities also reported on the situation of evacuees in their localities and the actions that have been undertaken by the LGUs. Aside from the health and nutritional status assessment, they also help setup mother and baby-friendly spaces, advocated breastfeeding and information dissemination on the ban of infant formula for donations, prepositioned supplies of ready to use supplementary food and continuously monitors the nutrition status especially of children and pregnant or lactating mothers.

Cluster members from the International Institute

for Rural Reconstruction Ms. Kirstein Itliong and Ms. Camille Valdemoro explored the possibility of setting up community kitchen in evacuation areas and setting up of Mother-Baby-friendly and Mother-Baby spaces in partnership with their organization and other donors that may be tapped.

Ms. Carina Santiago, Regional Nutrition Cluster Head summed up the agreements that were made during the meeting including the provision of nutrition supplements and nutrition services, daily submission of reports to the province, relaying of needs to the regional office for linkage and provision and information campaign on EO 51 on the ban of infant formula for donation through the Department of Education.

The temporary travel ban covers all visitors, regardless of nationality, coming from any part of China, Hong Kong, and Macao.

However, the temporary travel ban exempts Filipino citizens and holders of permanent resident visa issued by the Philippine government, directly coming from China, Hong Kong, and Macao.

“For clarity the ban is on the person of any nationality except that of Filipinos particularly specified above, coming directly from the places above-mentioned and arriving in the Philippines, and not of any flight,” the directive read.

In a separate statement, Duterte's former aide, Senator Christopher “Bong” Go, also emphasized that the ban does not “single out” Chinese nationals as it covers all visitors regardless of nationality, except Filipinos.

“This order covers all travelers from China to the Philippines, regardless of nationality. We empathize with China given what they are going through but we are doing this to protect the country and its people. The Philippine government is committed to help China and

other affected countries address this worldwide health concern,” Go said.

The temporary travel ban also covers all visitors, except Filipino citizens and holders of permanent resident visa issued by the Philippine government, who, within 14 days immediately preceding arrival in the Philippines, has been to China, Hong Kong, and Macao.

Filipinos and permanent resident visa holders coming from any place in China, Hong Kong, and Macao who wish to enter the Philippines, however, need to undergo a mandatory 14-day quarantine.

Filipinos are also banned from travelling to China, Hong Kong, and Macao.

Duterte ordered the establishment of a repatriation and quarantine facility.

He will be also presiding the next meeting of the Task Force on Monday, which will be attended by other concerned agencies.

All heads of departments, agencies, offices, and the like were directed to adopt, coordinate and implement guidelines issued by the task force until the threat is over, Panelo said.

The Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), the Philippine National Police (PNP), and law enforcement agencies are all on standby and have been directed to give the necessary assistance to ensure the implementation of this directive to ensure the safety and well-being of everyone, he added. Panelo also said the President also gave the Task Force the authority, if necessary, to ban the entry of travelers from other areas with confirmed 2019-nCoV.

The Palace official, meanwhile, assured all Filipinos that the President's directives and protocols being implemented will last until the danger of the dreaded disease has ceased.

Citing the DOH, Panelo urged the public to strictly observe strictly the measures on personal hygiene like regularly washing the hands and wearing surgical masks when going around crowded areas when one has coughs and colds or has a fever.

Reports showed that nCoV has killed 259 people in China and has infected thousands of others.

The World Health Organization (WHO) has declared the nCoV outbreak a “public health emergency of international concern” on January 30.

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EDITORIAL

We don't need hysteria

“SUCH a drastic solution remains uncalled for the plain reason that health authorities do not see a need for it.

A crisis brings out both the best and the worst in humanity, the worst being the hysteria being stirred mainly by the opponents of President Rody Duterte, blaming him for the first known case of novel coronavirus (nCoV) infection that Health Secretary Francisco Duque III revealed on Thursday.

Doomsayers in both the Senate and the House of Representatives are instigating the isolation of China and not the virus as a solution to the health crisis.

The World Health Organization (WHO) upgraded the crisis status to a global dimension by declaring the outbreak as a global health emergency, which was an acknowledgement of the risk the virus poses to countries beyond its origin in China.

As of Thursday morning, there have been more than 7,800 confirmed coronavirus infections around the world, all but 82 of which were in China. There have been 170 deaths, all in China.

Infections caused by the coronavirus, provisionally called 2019-nCoV, were first reported in December in the central Chinese city of Wuhan, though it's possible the virus was spreading among people there even before then.

WHO, nonetheless, indicated that the best response is a more coordinated international response to the outbreak and not closing down borders as the scaremongers are calling for.

One of the simplistic solutions put forward to supposedly protect Filipinos was to set up a “Great Wall,” which would be a temporary ban on all mainland Chinese including those from Hong Kong from entering any port of the country.

The call is as bigoted as it can get as it will only fuel a spread of anti-Chinese sentiment which is already prevalent in social media.

It is even possible that those suggestions were playing for social media mileage since these were meant to ride on the heightened emotions of those worried by the Department of Health (DoH) announcement.

The Palace took a measured step of restricting travel to the Philippines from Hubei province where Wuhan City is the capital but not the entire People's Republic of China.

Right up the “Great Wall” stupidity was the suggestion to suspend all visa issued to Chinese citizens, which would make the nation stoop to the level of the US Democrat legislators who instigated a ban on Filipino officials to pressure the government to release suspected drug trafficker detained Sen. Leila de Lima.

The opposition senators cited the unequal treatment of the DoH, which quarantines Filipinos returning from China but not the mainland visitors.

While other countries have resorted to closing their borders to restrict the spread of the virus, such a drastic solution remains uncalled for the plain reason that health authorities do not see a need for it.

The Chinese government had taken responsible steps including being totally transparent on the spread of the disease and its implications including a lockdown on affected cities that should soothe fears about a pandemic.

Apparently, the detractors of Rody have found another opening to criticize him and his independent foreign policy that cultivated friendship with China.

When the polio virus was identified to have been resurrected in the country, several nations took the step of requiring medical records from Filipinos that was very painful among the country's migrant workers. The call was for an international response to defeat the health crisis and not to further stoke fears that is already unreasonably disproportionate with what is actually happening.

Rody said that he will meet with medical experts to get a complete picture of the situation amid the nCoV problem.

The public should listen to authoritative voices on the issue since partisan opinions may lead to more serious problems to a worried population.



KAPIRASONG Kritika

Ni Teo S. Marasigan

Unwell Buangcamino

Part 2

Sabi pa ni Buencamino, dapat daw “sumiping” na rin ang Kaliwa kay Gloria. “Kakampi naman nila si Gloria sa impeachment ni Erap at noon election ng 2001. Hanggang noon 2007 sinuportahan pa nila si Joker Arroyo na alam naman nila na number one tigapagtanggol ni Gloria.” Naninira na nga lang si Buencamino, hindi pa ayusin ang pagbaybay sa mga salitang Filipino. Pero palampasin na natin.

Dito, malinaw ang makitid na pag-unawa ni Buencamino. Lakihan natin ang tanaw: Aling pampulitikang pwera sa bansa ang tuluy-tuloy na lumaban sa rehimeng Arroyo at nag-ambag nang malaki sa kilusang masang pinakamahalaga sa pagpapataliksik dito? Alin ang hindi nangimi kahit dinudukot at pinapatay ang mga miyembro't lider nito? Ang mga kolumnistang maka-Noynoy?

Maganda ang punto ni Kenneth Roland Guda sa seksyong komento ng isang entri sa blog na ito: Bakit hindi puntiryahin ni Buencamino ang hayagang pag-endorso at pagkakampanya pa nga ng pamilya Aquino kay Gloria noong 2004? Kasi nga, maka-Noynoy siya. Kusa niyang nililimitahan ang tanaw niya — at ng mga mambabasa niya — pabor sa kandidatura nito. Paggana iyan ng ideolohiya.

Bakit daw sinuportahan ng Kaliwa si Joker noong eleksiyong 2007 kahit maka-Gloria ito? Dahil mahalaga sa pamantayan ng Kaliwa sa panahong ito ang paglaban sa ekstrahudisyal na pagpaslang na ginagawa sa mga miyembro nito. Malamang, hindi pa rin maiintindihan ni Buencamino ang dahilang ito, dahil hindi naman siya nanganganib mapaslang sa kanyang komportableng buhay.

Tatal nasa mga hindi kilalang komentarista na rin lang tayo, isingit na natin si Jesusa Bernardo, na ginamit pa ang pagkamatay ni Kemberly Jul Luna para tuligsain ang Kaliwa sa pagsuporta — o pagkakaroon pa nga ng malaking papel — sa Edsa 2. Normal na ang pagkwestyon sa Edsa 2, lalo na ng mga propagandista ni Erap Estrada. Pero sobra na kapag idinadawit pa ang namatay na gerilya.

Ang katapatan ng Kaliwa ay wala sa anumang paksyon ng naghaharing uri, kundi sa interes ng sambayanan. Nilabanan nito si Erap

hindi dahil kampi ito kay Gloria, kundi dahil iyun ang interes ng sambayanan noon. Nakipagkaisa ang Kaliwa kay Gloria kontra kay Erap pero naging mapagbantay at kritikal ito noong naluklok na si Gloria. Matatag itong lumaban kay Gloria.

Bagamat hindi siya kasing-sahol ni Gloria, hindi pwedeng tawaging “mas progresibo” si Erap dito. Marami ring kabataan ang nagbuwis ng buhay bilang mga miyembro ng New People's Army noong panahon ni Erap. At hindi totoong mas gusto ng Kaliwa ang mas despotikong rehimen. Hangad nito ang mas mabuting rehimen para sa mga mamamayan, pero handa itong lumaban sa mas malupit.

Totoo namang nakakalungkot na naging mas masahol si Gloria kaysa kay Erap. Pero imposibleng mahulaan ito noong 2000-2001. Ang dapat, sinamantala ang kalagayang ito para magpalawak at magpalalim ng pakikisangkot ng mga mamamayan sa mga isyu ng bansa — para sa matagalang pagbabagong panlipunan. At ang gumawa nito ay hindi ang mga maka-Erap, kundi ang Kaliwa.

Malinaw na taktika ng kampo ni Noynoy at maging ni Erap ang pag-atake kay Villar. Sa panig ni Noynoy, resulta ito ng pagdikit ni Villar sa mga survey. Ang problema, hindi makaabante sa propaganda si Noynoy. Paano naman kasi, nakatali lang talaga ang buong pagtakbo at kampanya niya sa dalawang salita: “Mama at Papa.” Paano pa nga ba magpapalawig sa temang iyan?

Tatlo ang panawagan ng maka-Noynoy na blogger na si Caffeine Sparks: (1) Umabante na si Noynoy sa pag-uulit-ulit ng kung sino ang mga magulang niya, (2) ilahad niya ang mga nagawa niya sa nakaraan, at (3) ipaliwanag niya kung paanong maghahatid ng mas magandang kinabukasan ang mga plano niya sa bansa. Nabigo raw si Noynoy na gawin ito, kaya nabawasan ang lamang niya.

Pero paano kung hanggang “Mama at Papa” lang ang kayang propaganda ni Noynoy? Iyun naman talaga ang naging batayan ng mga nagtulak sa kanyang tumakbo, tulad ng kolumnistang si Conrado de Quiros. Hindi siya tampok sa pagiging makabayan at demokratiko, sa paglaban sa rehimeng US-Arroyo,

sa pagtindig nang maka-mamamayan sa iba't ibang isyu, o sa anupamang kabutihan.

Paano kung, gaya ng sabi ni Ina Silverio-Gargar, siya pala ang may pinakakaunting panukalang batas na naisampa sa Senado ngayon? Paano kung, pilitin man ni Manuel Buencamino na pagandahin, talagang hindi pampresidente ang rekord niya sa Senado? Paano kung pinagaganda pa ni Noynoy ang pagdepensa sa masasamang patakaran ngayon, katulad ng kontraktwalisasyon?

Noong minsan, ipinapaliwanag ko sa isang kapwa-aktibista na hindi kontra-Noynoy ang Kaliwa, na si Gloria pa rin ang pangunahing kaaway ng bayan at nagmamaniobra pa nga ito para manatili sa pwesto. Hindi siya tumutol sa ikalawa. Pero sabi niya, “Di mo mapipigilang maging kontra-Noynoy ang ibang kasama.” At binanggit niya ang naging tugon ni Noynoy sa isyu ng Hacienda Luisita.

Higit pa rito, tingin ko. Naalala ko si Eric Hobsbawm, Komunistang historyador sa Inglatera. Sa kanyang memoir na Interesting Times [2002], ipinaliwanag niya kung bakit hindi niya binitawan ang pagiging Komunista kahit noong panahong marami ang kumakalas sa Kaliwa. Ang dahilang niya: ang katangahan ng mga bumabanat sa sosyalismo. Natakot daw siyang mapunta sa panig ng mga ito.

Parang hawig diyan ang nangyayari ngayon. Masyadong hambog ang mga maka-Noynoy sa pagsuporta sa kamilang kandidato at pag-atake sa ibang kandidato at sa mga tagasuporta ng huli. Sa ganyang sitwasyon, talagang iniimbitahan nila ang atake ng mga tagasuporta ng ibang kandidato. At sa halip na makahikayat, nabubwisit sa kanila ang iba, na natatakot na maging kasama't kaisa nila.

Tapos sabi pa ni Noynoy, dapat magpasalamat sa nanay niya para sa kalayaan at demokrasya sa bansa. Sabi naman ni Ballsy, kapatid ni Noynoy, paglago raw ng populasyon ang ugat ng suliranin sa Hacienda Luisita. Ngayon, nangangako si Noynoy na ipapamahagi ang Luisita sa loob ng limang taon. Halatang gimik: pangako rin iyan ni Cory noong tumatakbo siya sa pagkapangulo.

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Calabarzon PNP provides decent burial to deceased NPA fighters

By Fredmoore S. Cavan

CALAMBA CITY – The Police Regional Office 4A has provided burial assistance to the family and relatives of two deceased members of a communist terrorist group who died in the recent combat mission of government troops in different parts of the region.

Police Brigadier General Vicente Danao, Jr., regional director of PRO4A said that the communist rebels, despite being a threat to the region's peace and security still deserve a decent burial.

"Bagaman kalaban natin silang maituturing, sila ay mga kababayan parin nating may karapatan sa isang desenteng libing, kaya kami ay nakipag-ugnayan sa kanilang pamilya at kami na mismo ang nagpalibing sa kanila," Danao said.

He stressed that the communist rebels were only victims of deceptive leftist groups. "Sila ay mga biktima din lamang ng mga kasinungalingan at panlililang ng makakaliwang grupo," the Calabarzon police chief said.

In a statement, PRO4A said some members of the police force together with counterparts from the Armed Forces of the

Philippines (AFP) embarked on a combat mission on January 19 targeting remnants of New People's Army (NPA) operating in Laguna, Quezon, and Rizal.

It said the troops engaged in a firefight against more or less 20 members of the communist group who were identified belonging to Military Regional Guerilla Unit 4, Southern Tagalog Regional Party Committee. At least two members of the identified communist terrorist group were killed at Sitio Balot Kahoy, Brgy. San Antonio in Kalayaan, Laguna, the police regional office said.

The PRO4A added that the government troops recovered one M14 rifle, and one shotgun with numerous ammunition, improvised

explosive devices, bomb components, and various personal documents.

According to PRO4A, the deceased communist rebels were both indigenous people.

One of the members of the tribe (name withheld) told the police that she is thankful to the entire police force for giving proper and decent burial to their deceased tribe member despite the incident.

"Kahit ganyan po ang nangyari sa kanila ay naiayos po nila sa tamang proseso ang kanilang mga bangkay. Nagpapasalamat po kami," she said.

Hard work not in vain

For their meritorious performance of duty during the combat operations, three police commissioned officers and at least 32 non-commissioned officers were awarded the Military Merit Medal by the AFP.

During the Regional Joint Peace and Security Coordinating Council Meeting held on January 24, Danao commended the operating troops in their effort

against communist terrorist groups in the region.

"Your hard work shall not be put in vain. I thank you for your dedication risking your lives in the line of duty," Danao said.

He added that the police force will remain relentless in their operations against communist terrorist group in the region and intensify their programs under the Executive Order No. 70 or the Whole-of-Nation Approach to end local communist armed conflict.

"Makakaasa po ang aming mga kababayan dito sa CALABARZON na kami sa PNP kasama ng lahat ng ahensya ng pamahalaan bilang kasapi ng Task Force ay gagawin namin ang aming makakaya upang sa panahon ng ating Pangulo Rodrigo Roa Duterte ay matuldukan na natin ang mahabang panahong pakikipaglaban sa mga teroristang grupo na patuloy na nambibiktima sa ating mga kababayan," Danao said. (PIA4A with reports from PRO4A)

CAVITEVIEW

ASEAN's wetlands, nature's protectors, need our protection

The ASEAN region is rich with wetlands, and is home to 60 per cent of the tropical peatlands and 42 per cent of mangrove forests in the world.

Wetlands are home to two out of five of the world's species, including some endangered species in ASEAN. Wetlands and their biodiversity offer many benefits, including providing food, clean water, livelihood opportunities, and protecting against flooding, strong winds, and climate change impacts.

Globally, wetlands are under threat, with over 35 per cent already lost. Conservation and restoration of wetlands are essential to maintain and restore their ecosystem services.

The ASEAN region has substantial wetland conservation and restoration efforts. It has 56 Ramsar sites covering over 2.5 million hectares, and more sites for nomination. All ASEAN Member States (AMS) have ecosystem restoration initiatives, among them mangrove reforestation.

A recent initiative in the region is the ASEAN Flyway Network, a virtual network of flyway site managers and other key stakeholders in the ASEAN region that facilitates regional cooperation needed to ensure the conservation of the migratory waterbirds and the wetlands that support them.

The AMS will discuss wetland-related concerns like coastal and marine biodiversity, wildlife conservation, climate change, and business and investments in biodiversity conservation at the biggest biodiversity event in the region this year, the Third ASEAN Conference on Biodiversity (ACB 2020), on 16-20 March 2020 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

The ASEAN region is rich with wetlands, and is home to 60 per cent of the tropical peatlands and 42 per cent of mangrove forests in the world (Fifth ASEAN State of the Environment Report, 2017). While the ASEAN Member States (AMS) have been stepping up efforts to conserve and sustainably manage wetlands, these areas are constantly under threat and need greater attention from governments, concerned organisations, and

members of the private sector.

Wetlands are more than an area covered by water or where land meets water; they are among nature's underrated protectors and providers of ecosystem services. Two out of five of the world's species either live or breed in these ecosystems, according to the Ramsar Convention, or the Convention on Wetlands, an international treaty to which most AMS are parties. Species living in ASEAN wetlands include the endangered Sumatran tiger and Bornean orangutan. Wetlands in the region are also wintering grounds for 50 million waterbirds migrating through the East Asian-Australasian Flyway (EAAF) every year.

Fish, shellfish, and seaweed that thrive in wetlands provide food sources to the people of ASEAN and the rest of the world. Also, healthy wetlands clean the soil of heavy metals and other pollutants, thus supplying clean drinking water to communities. Wetlands and their rich biodiversity play an important role in the economy. Their waters provide irrigation for agriculture. Ecotourism activities like birdwatching, trekking, and boating provide income opportunities to people living off wetlands. Wetland plants like reeds and grasses, on the other hand, are materials for baskets and other crafts. Over one billion people worldwide depend on wetlands for a living.

As the world grapples with climate change, the ASEAN and the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB) recognise wetlands as excellent nature-based solutions against climate change and its impacts. These ecosystems act as buffers against strong winds from storms, and flooding from heavy rain and sea level rise. Mangroves in particular, protect coastlines and coastal towns. Peatlands, meanwhile, are exceptional carbon sinks, storing 30 per cent of the world's land-based carbon.

But our protectors need further protecting. Wetlands and their biodiversity face threats like logging, pollution, and land conversion for construction, agriculture, among others. Worldwide, over 35 per cent of wetlands have been lost, and

25 per cent of wetland species are globally threatened (Global Wetland Outlook of the Ramsar Convention, 2018).

This World Wetlands Day, the ACB highlights the richness of biodiversity in wetlands and the importance of conserving and restoring these ecosystems.

The ACB commends the AMS for placing ecologically important wetlands under protection. The ASEAN list of Ramsar sites, or internationally important wetlands being conserved and sustainably used, is growing, with 25 new designated sites over the past decade. At the moment, the ASEAN region has 56 Ramsar sites covering over 2.5 million hectares, and more sites for nomination.

All the AMS have been engaged in ecosystem restoration initiatives, among these mangrove reforestation projects. Now that we are on the first year of the United Nations Decade on Ecosystem Restoration, efforts like these are timely and relevant. Restoration draws more species and allows them to flourish once again. For example, the restoration of peatlands in a national park in Indonesia increased the population of key fauna species, including orangutans. Generally, mangroves serve as nurseries to

marine species like fish and shrimp, as mangroves' organic matter provide food, while their roots protect from predators. Restoring mangroves, thus, helps increase fish catch for food and livelihood opportunities.

A recent initiative in the region is the ASEAN Flyway Network, a virtual network of flyway site managers and other key stakeholders in the ASEAN region that facilitates regional cooperation needed to ensure the conservation of the migratory waterbirds and the wetlands that support them along the EAAF. The ACB facilitated AFN through the project Improving Biodiversity Conservation of Wetlands and Migratory Waterbirds in ASEAN Region. The project is supported by the Japan-ASEAN Integration Fund and is led by Singapore, through the National Parks Board. From this initiative, we can provide more data from waterbird counts and wetland assessments in selected sites. These are crucial in planning conservation measures in the region.

With greater attention on ASEAN's biodiversity conservation, including wetland-related concerns, the ASEAN and the ACB strive to come up with a unified and stronger voice as the world develops a landmark agreement on biodiversity. The post-2020 global biodiversity framework will guide governments in efforts towards halting biodiversity loss and conserving and sustainably using what is left. The AMS are set to discuss wetland conservation measures, along with wildlife conservation, climate change, and business and investments in

biodiversity conservation, at the Third ASEAN Conference on Biodiversity (ACB 2020) on 16-20 March 2020 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. These discussions are preparations in the development of the post-2020 framework, which is anticipated to be adopted at the 15th meeting of the Conference of Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity in October in Kunming, China. Co-organised by the Malaysian Government through the Ministry of Land, Water, and Natural Resources (KATS), and the ACB, ACB 2020 is the biggest biodiversity event in ASEAN this year.

A key theme at ACB 2020 is mainstreaming biodiversity in the key development sectors of agriculture, fisheries, health, tourism, manufacturing and processing, education, and climate change. The cooperation of stakeholders in these sectors, especially businesses, is essential. Ultimately, the business sector has a huge stake in the conservation, sustainable use, and restoration of ecosystems. We at the ACB see mainstreaming as vital to the success of biodiversity initiatives not just for wetlands, but for all ecosystems.

As the region works to restore, conserve, and sustainably use its wetlands, the ACB is working with the AMS to create a more robust network of wetlands that can substantially contribute to species conservation, ecosystem services, and mitigate against climate change. Through our concerted efforts, wetlands can remain effective providers and protectors. (Dr. Theresa Mundita S. Lim/ACB)



Rich in biodiversity, wetlands are home to two out of five of the world's species. (Photo by Kyaw Kyaw Winn)

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
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FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-326-19

EAST-WEST BANKING CORPORATION,
Mortgagee,
-Versus -

SPS. DARWIN RAMA CURAY AND
LUISA ALMOJUELA CURAY
Represented by their Atty-in-Fact
LEONORA ALMOJUELA DELGADO,
Mortgagor/s.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 as amended by Act 4118 filed by Mortgagee, EAST-WEST BANKING CORPORATION, with business address at East-West Corporate Center, The Beaufort, 5th Ave. cor. 23rd St., Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City against the Mortgagor/s, SPS. DARWIN RAMA CURAY AND LUISA ALMOJUELA CURAY represented by their att-in-Fact LEONORA ALMOJUELA DELGADO, with residence and postal addresses at Kensington 22, Blk. 16, Lot 14, Brgy. Bacao I, Gen Trias, Cavite and/or 2169 B Road 10 NDC Compound, Sta. Mesa, Manila, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of October 30, 2019 amounts to ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED FORTY SEVEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SIXTY PESOS and 07/100 (P1,547,960.07) Philippine Currency, inclusive of interest and penalty charges as of said date but excluding the foreclosure and other necessary expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on April 09, 2020 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at the main entrance of the Government Center Building located at the Provincial Capitol Compound, Trece Martires City, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following described property with all the improvements thereon, to wit.

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 057-2017043309

Lot No.: 14 Block No: 16 Plan No: Pcs-04-028977

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Ang Caviteño
January 27, February 3 & 10, 2020

Philippine Navy adds 2 actors and a former army official as reservists

By Susan G. De Leon

QUEZON CITY -- Two actors and a former army official are now full-pledged navy reservists after Admiral Robert A Empedrad, Flag Officer In Command, Philippine Navy, conferred their respective ranks during the Philippine Navy's Monday flag raising ceremony, January 27 at their headquarters in Manila.

Vice Adm. Empedrad conferred the rank of captain to Capt Manuel Felino V. Ramos PN(RES), the rank of Lieutenant Commander to Lt. Cmdr. Jose Sixto "Dingdong" G. Dantes III PN(RES) and the rank of Petty Officer Third Class to PO3 Raphael Q. Nacino PN (RES).

Capt. Manuel Felino V. Ramos (RES) is a retired Philippine Army officer who was incorporated in the PN Reserve Force, last August 9, 2019. Capt. Ramos is the current Assistant Secretary for Installation and Self-Reliant Defense Posture (ASIS) in the Department of the National Defense.

On the other hand, the actor known for his screen name as Dingdong Dantes, has been enlisted as marine reservist since 2006 and commissioned in the reserve force in 2019. Lt. Cmdr. Dantes (RES) is the Chairman and Founder of Yes Pinoy Foundation. He also holds the position of Assistant Vice Chairman of Logistics Support Group of Front liners Brotherhood Incorporated (FBI) which is affiliated to PN Affiliated Reserve Units (PNARU) program and placed under the Marine Affiliated Reserve Combat Service Support Battalion (MARCSSBn).

Likewise, Rocco Nacino was enlisted as Petty Officer Third Class in the reserve force after graduating in the Basic Citizen Military Training (BSMT) conducted last year. He is currently assigned at Naval Forces Reserve-National Capital Region under Naval Reserve Center.

The family of Dantes, other PN senior leaders and Mrs. Marian Rivera Dantes, who assisted during the pinning of rank insignia to her husband, Dingdong, were also present during the event.

Meanwhile, both Dantes and Nacino were also awarded with a Military Merit Medal for their notable achievement as they participated in the conduct of humanitarian assistance and disaster response during the eruption of Taal volcano.

In his speech, Lt Cmdr Dantes narrates his reason for joining the Navy reserve, "I am a soldier, a reservist, because I would like to volunteer, to help those who help keep my family and my loved one safe. To my mind being a reservist, being a soldier, is about enabling others to pursue their own dreams in a secure and safe environment."

He added, "Nasa gobyerno ka man o pribadong sector, may katungkulan man o karaniwang namamasukan, sundalo man o isang actor, tangan natin ang 'puso' ng isang bayani. So whatever uniform we maybe in today, let's not forget to put our strongest hearts and commit ourselves to be heroes in our own ways."

Empedrad hailed the navy reservists and its vital role played in the accomplishment of the AFP's mission saying the values of volunteerism, patriotism and willingness to serve the country beyond being private citizen is something to be proud of.

"Our reservists are our unsung heroes... they are always there to help our Philippine Navy," Empedrad said.

The Philippine Navy reservists play an important role as force multipliers as they are engaged in medical and civic action program, as well as humanitarian assistance and disaster response aspect of the military. The Command is very grateful for having reservists whose qualities are highly needed, and professionals who put a premium on national interest and well-being of the Filipino people. (PN/PIA-NCR)



Vice Adm. Empedrad confers the rank of Lieutenant Commander to Jose Sixto "Dingdong" G. Dantes III while actress Marian Rivera, wife of Dantes assists in the pinning of rank insignia. (Photo courtesy of PN)



Rocco Nacino was enlisted as Petty Officer Third Class in the reserve force after graduating in the Basic Citizen Military Training (BSMT) conducted last year. He is currently assigned at Naval Forces Reserve-National Capital Region under Naval Reserve Center. (Photo courtesy of PN)

Word Search Puzzle

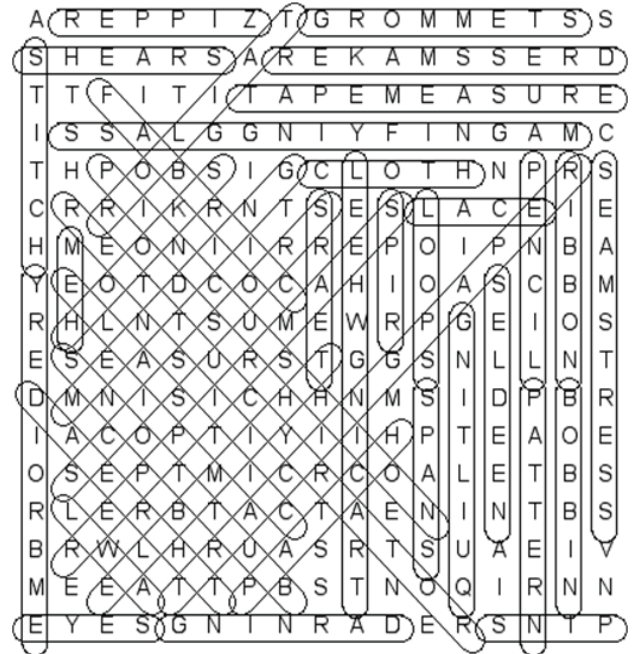
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- EUREKA
- FIRECRACKER
- FLIGHT TEST
- GRAND PRIX
- HANDCUFFS
- HAVE A HEART
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- MELEDA
- MOTHBALLS
- MOUSETRAP
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Sagot sa nakaraan



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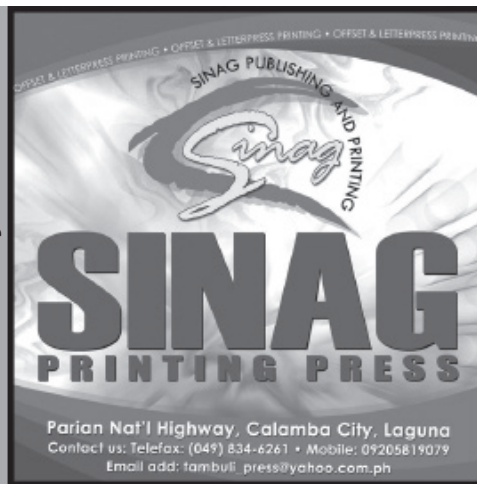
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Fill in the blank squares so that each row, each column and each 3-by-3 block contain all of the digits 1 thru 9. If you use logic you can solve the puzzle without guesswork. Need a little help? The hints page shows a logical order to solve the puzzle. Use it to identify the next square you should solve. Or use the answers pag if you really get stuck.

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Duterte inaugurates DSWD's 'Malasakit Building'

QUEZON CITY-- President Rodrigo R. Duterte on Wednesday (Jan. 29) inaugurated the new office building of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) called the "Malasakit Building" located at the agency's Central Office in Batasan Hills, Quezon City.

Dedicated to the core values of the Department, which exemplifies the "Malasakit sa Pilipino" and "Mapagkalingang Serbisyo," the new building was constructed to enhance its operational capacity by providing additional workspace and a comfortable environment for its clients and personnel.

It will house the DSWD Operations Group implementing the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps), Sustainable Livelihood Program (SLP), Kapit-Bisig Laban sa Kahirapan-Comprehensive and Integrated Delivery of Social

Services (KALAHI-CIDSS), Social Pension for Indigent Senior Citizens (SPISC), and Supplementary Feeding Program (SFP), among others.

The construction of the Malasakit Building was undertaken in partnership with the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) and was completed on December 13, 2019.

President Duterte also witnessed the virtual inauguration of the Agency's completed projects under the Centers and Residential Care Facilities (CRCF) Infrastructure Project.

The CRCF Infrastructure Project aims to provide exemplary structures and services for the protection and rehabilitation of marginalized and disadvantaged individuals, families, and groups. It is one of the priority social infrastructure projects of the

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President Rodrigo Duterte unveils the marker of the newly built 'Malasakit Building' during DSWD's 69th Founding Anniversary on Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2020. Also in photo are DSWD Secretary Rolando Bautista and Senator Bong Go. (Photo courtesy of DSWD)

Gov't will exhaust all efforts to protect Filipinos from the 2019-nCoV ARD outbreak

MANILA -- Senator Christopher Lawrence "Bong" Go said on Friday, January 31, that the Duterte Administration takes the threat of the 2019 Novel Coronavirus Acute Respiratory Disease (2019-nCoV ARD) outbreak seriously and that President Rodrigo Duterte is in constant communication with key officials who are currently assessing the country's situation and readiness as far as the outbreak is concerned.

"We will do what is needed to prevent the spread

of the novel coronavirus. Rest assured that the Duterte Administration takes this threat seriously. I am appealing to the public to cooperate with authorities in order to ensure the safety of everyone," Go said.

Go also said that the government is ready to deploy aircrafts to ensure the safe return of Filipinos in Wuhan, China who have signified their intention to go home amid the 2019-nCoV ARD outbreak.

In a radio interview, Go said that the government

will exhaust all its efforts to ensure the safety of at least 40 Filipinos currently in Wuhan who have volunteered to return to the country once the Chinese government gives its go signal to Philippine authorities.

"So far, 40 have signified gusto na umuwi subalit syempre 'yung bansang China po ang may hawak sa kanila ngayon. Kung pwede na lumabas, the government is ready at handa na silang sunduin... We can send aircrafts, handa pong tumulong

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DOH reveals more negative 2019-nCoV cases; confirms first NCOV ARD death in PH

MANILA -- The Department of Health (DOH) and the Research Institute for Tropical Medicine (RITM) today revealed that as of yesterday, February 1, 2020, twenty-four (24) patients under investigation (PUIs) tested negative for the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) while two (2) tested positive. Samples from four (4) other PUIs are currently being tested at RITM.

The two confirmed cases are the previously-announced 38-year-old Chinese female and her companion, a 44-year-old Chinese male who were both admitted for isolation and supportive treatment at San Lazaro Hospital in Sta. Cruz, Manila. Both patients are from Wuhan, China and arrived in the Philippines via Hong Kong last January 21, 2020. The second confirmed case was admitted for pneumonia last January 25, 2020 after experiencing fever, cough, and sore throat.

DOH also confirmed that the 44-year-old male died yesterday, February 1, 2020. Over the course of the patient's admission, he developed severe pneumonia due to viral and bacterial infections (S.

pneumoniae and Influenza B). In his last few days, the patient was stable and showed signs of improvement, however, the condition of the patient deteriorated within his last 24 hours resulting in his demise.

"I would like to emphasize that this is an imported case with no evidence of local transmission. We are currently working with the Chinese Embassy to ensure the dignified management of the remains according to national and international standards to contain the disease," Health Secretary Francisco T. Duque III said.

DOH is assuring the public that all measures needed to contain the spread of the virus is being strictly implemented and followed. San Lazaro Hospital has implemented rigorous infection control protocols while caring for these patients. Both patients were isolated following strict isolation standards, and all health personnel who came in contact with them practiced stringent infection control measures and wore appropriate personal protective equipment.

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