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GMA launches integrated, holistic program for drug rehab



Photo courtesy of PIA Cavite

By Ruel Francisco

TRECE MARTIRES, Cavite – The municipal government of General Mariano Alvarez (GMA) headed by Mayor Maricel Echevarria-Torres launched its BUKAS PALAD Program or “Bagong Umaga Kaagapay ang Sarili, Pamilya, Pamayanan at Pamahalaan Laban sa Droga” on Monday, January 23, at the GMA Municipal Plaza during its flag ceremony.

BUKAS PALAD is a multi-sectoral strategy spearheaded by the municipal government and in collaboration with different government agencies such as the Municipal Anti-Drug Abuse Council (MADAC), Peace and Order Council (POC), Philippine National Police (PNP), Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP), Municipal Health Office, Municipal Social Welfare Development Office (MSWDO), Public Employment Service Office (PESO), private organizations and other stakeholders that aim to rid the town of illegal drugs
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Medical-surgical mission benefits 9,000 Imuseños

By Ruel Francisco

TRECE MARTIRES, Cavite – More than 9,000 Imuseños availed of free medical-surgical services in the recent Glendale Korean Seventh-Day Adventist (SDA) Church, and SDA Imus Medical-Surgical Mission at Imus Pilot Elementary School, and Ospital ng Imus (ONI) from January 23 – 27, 2023.

The five-day medical mission gave medical attention in chiropractic, dental, ophthalmology, general medicine, OB-Gynecology, oriental medicine, and pediatrics, including free medicine. The medical team also performed free cataract surgery and cleft-lip surgery.

Vice Mayor Homer

Saquilayan together with Councilor Enzo-Asistio Ferrer – Committee Chair on Health, Nutrition, Population, and Sanitation, City Administrator Hertito Monzon, Dr. Gabriel G. Gabriel of ONI, Dr. Mary Ann Cruz of the City Health Office (CHO), and Dr. Jun Paredes of the City Tourism and Development Office (CTDO) welcomed the Korean medical team led by Elder Young Lee, Dr. Lamber Lee, and Dr. Joseph Kang.

On behalf of the City Government of Imus, Vice Mayor Saquilayan expressed his gratitude to the SDA church for the services and concern they extended to the city residents in need of health services.

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Comelec monitors Cavite poll bets' compliance with campaign rules

By Ferdinand Patinio

MANILA – The Commission on Elections (Comelec) will be monitoring the compliance with campaign rules of the four candidates gunning the seat for the seventh legislative district of

the province of Cavite.

“All four Election Officers (EOs) in the 7th District will be on standby to implement the rules on campaign material posting, common poster areas,” Comelec spokesperson John Rex

Laudiangco said in a statement Wednesday.

While no campaign violations have so far been reported, Laudiangco said one gun ban offense was reported by the Philippine National Police (PNP).

“The said person was arrested at checkpoint in Amadeo with the firearm inside the vehicle in plain view, and was promptly subjected to inquest
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Courier paid P5K to deliver package in Cavite yields P6.8-M shabu

By Rossel Calderon

BACOR CITY, Cavite – A 28-year-old drug suspect was arrested by joint forces of the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) 4A-Regional Special Entrapment Team 1 and 2 in a buy-bust operation Wednesday night along Molino Boulevard, Barangay Talaba 4 in this city.

PDEA operatives identified the suspect as Daryl Julhasan, a resident of Maharlika Village in Taguig City.

Recovered from his possession were more or less one kilogram of suspected shabu, with a standard market value of PHP6.8 million, the boodle money placed inside a paper bag and used as marked money by the operative who acted as poseur-buyer, several identification cards and one unit of an android cellular phone.

During an interview with the Philippine News Agency, Julhasan claimed he

was a courier, but not connected to any courier service company. He denied having knowledge of the contents of a package that he handed out to the poseur buyer. He said that prior to the drug bust, he received a call from a “client” who instructed him to pick up the package somewhere in Las Piñas City and to deliver it to Bacoor City.

“Hindi sinabi nung tumawag kung ano yung laman ng package at hindi rin nya sinabi ang pangalan niya (The caller did not say what the package contained and also did not give his name),” the suspect said.

“Nangako sya na babayaran ako ng PHP5,000 pag nai-deliver ko na yung package (He promised to pay me PHP5,000 after I make the delivery),” he added.

The suspect faces charges for violation of sections 5 and 11, Article II of Republic Act 9165 or the Comprehensive Dangerous Drug Act of 2002. (PNA)



DUBIOUS DELIVERY. Daryl Julhasan (seated) is shown after being arrested by authorities upon his delivery of a package in Bacoor City, Cavite province. The suspect who claimed to be a courier said he was not aware that the package he delivered contained PHP6.8 million worth of suspected shabu. (PNA photo by Rossel Calderon)



Photo courtesy of PIA Cavite

TRB inspects CALAX construction phase

By Ruel Francisco

Trece Martires, Cavite – The Toll Regulatory Board (TRB) on Thursday, January 12 inspected the 14-kilometer operational segment of the Cavite-Laguna Expressway (CALAX) whose construction has reached more than 57 percent.

Once completed, CALAX will be connected to the Aguinaldo Highway expanding the road network to 45 kilometers. CALAX will then be connected to the Manila-Cavite Expressway (CAVITEX) to help decongest the major thoroughfares in Cavite and Laguna, the TRB said.

CALAX stretches from Mamplasan in Biñan, with interchanges at Laguna Technopark, Laguna Boulevard, Santa Rosa-Tagaytay Road, up to Silang East Interchange.

The TRB team led by Officer-in-Charge Josephine Turbolencia checked the expressway's operational system

specifically its technological, safety, and security features, including the Automatic License Plate Recognition (ALPR) cameras and Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) system.

The group also inspected the Silang (Aguinaldo) segment of CALAX which remained at 65 percent-completion due to right-of-way (ROW) issues critical to its construction completion.

Meanwhile, TRB said its government partner Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) is now on full swing with other project completion.

“While we work closely with DPWH to fast-track delivery of right-of-way, especially in the critical area in Silang, we continue to do construction work on areas where ROW has already been granted so as not to further delay the project,” said MPCALA Holdings Inc. President Raul Ignacio. (RBF/PIA-Cavite with reports from MPT South)

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the latter's outstanding track record and long experience as a public servant.

“We know that you're going to do a fantastic job. You've done so well in Valenzuela, we know your public service, your dedication, your diligence, your energy, will translate to further success for the DSWD,” he said.

“Congressman, now Secretary Rex, the loss of Congress is the gain of the DSWD. We wish you the best of luck. So mabuhay po ang DSWD with the assumption of the new Secretary. And we wish Sec. Rex Gatchalian ---a good friend of mine, a classmate of mine in the 14th Congress--- all the best. And for the DSWD, please continue your excellent service to the Filipino people,” Romualdez said.

Cavite 4th District Rep. Elpidio Barzaga Jr. also hailed Gatchalian's appointment, saying the Valenzuela City lawmaker will make a huge difference as social welfare secretary.

In a statement, Barzaga said Marcos made a great choice in appointing Gatchalian as DSWD secretary because of the latter's sterling record both as a local chief executive and a lawmaker.

“Being a three-time mayor of Valenzuela City, his personal touch in attending to the needs of his constituents will be invaluable as he takes the helm of the DSWD. Rex has been my colleague in the House of Representatives where he was elected thrice, so I know his competence and capacity as a public servant and more importantly, I know that he has a heart for the poor,” he said.

“He is a perfect fit for the role because he personally knows and has seen the problems of his poor constituents who are in need of medical assistance, livelihood and other basic services. It is therefore my honest opinion that our friend and colleague will succeed as Social Welfare Secretary not only because of his credentials but because of his genuine desire to serve the poor and uplift their lives,” Barzaga said.

Meanwhile, Manila 6th District Rep. Bienvenido Abante Jr. said Gatchalian's nine years as a local chief executive will serve him well in the DSWD.

“Aside from an excellent track record as Valenzuela mayor, our former colleague has firsthand experience working on the ground, and is familiar with the concerns and challenges involved in implementing national social protection programs that target the poor, vulnerable, and the disadvantaged, such as the 4Ps,” he said in a separate statement.

“It is this kind of experience that the DSWD secretary needs. His understanding of local government dynamics and the considerations in the frontlines will help him address the implementation gaps in the agency's many programs, which require coordination with local governments. I wish Sec. Gatchalian well on his new appointment, and have no doubt that he will be able to lead the DSWD with competence, integrity, and humility,” Abante said.

Senator Nancy Binay also described Gatchalian as “good choice” due to his experience as local executive.

“Plus factor ‘yung kanyang (his) familiarity with the disadvantaged sectors at the grassroots level,” she said. “Being a hands-on local chief executive, he knows how to operationalize the range of social welfare services and mechanisms, at napakalaking bagay sa DSWD ang kanyang experience at exposure sa iba't ibang ground scenarios (his experience and exposure in different ground scenarios is his big advantage).

Gatchalian replaced Erwin Tulfo who failed to get the nod of the Commission on Appointments. Vast experience

Quezon City Mayor Joy Belmonte said Gatchalian's vast experience and outstanding leadership made him fit to lead the DSWD as she personally witnessed how he responded to the Covid-19 pandemic when he was still mayor of Valenzuela.

“I am confident he will do justice to his new role

as our nation's social welfare czar,” Belmonte said in a statement. “These covered the pandemic years. During this period I witnessed then Mayor Gatchalian's outstanding leadership skills, including his progressive views, decisiveness, and hands-on style of governance.”

Under the leadership of Gatchalian, Belmonte said Valenzuela was among the cities with the best Covid response program.

Moreover, his commitment and dedication to public service as a mayor earned for Valenzuela City countless accolades and recognitions including several coveted Galing Pook awards.

At the height of the pandemic, the city managed to launch the first localized mass testing in the country and opened a mega contact tracing center that operated 24/7.

When the enhanced community quarantine (ECQ) was implemented, Valenzuela City immediately started the distribution of food packs targeting especially those in the poor communities. (with reports from Jose Cielito Reganit/Marita Moaje/PNA)

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for International Development) personnel are in the area, and they stand ready to help to provide humanitarian assistance when and where possible. So please don't hesitate to reach out if there's a need,” Austin further told the President. (PIA-NCR)

Beware of scammers offering immigration services on social media

By Susan De Leon

QUEZON CITY –The Bureau of Immigration (BI) warned the public anew of scammers offering immigration services on social media.

The warning comes after Movement for Restoration of Peace and Order (MRPO) Chairperson Ka Kuen Chua testified during a Senate Public Order and Dangerous Drugs Committee hearing that there are offers on social media that charge P1 million to P5 million to lift

immigration blacklists.

“We have observed that this scam proliferates not only on Facebook, but also in other messaging platforms such as WeChat,” BI Commissioner Norman Tansingco, in a statement said.

“There are even some accounts that pretend to be immigration lawyers and legal officers. They create profiles using photos of our employees, their badges, or even the logo of the Bureau,” he added.

A similar warning was issued by the BI in September last year when reports of fake employees offering illegal services surfaced on social media.

“This is a recurring scam that pops up every now and then,” Tansingco said.

“We warn the public not to engage with these scammers. Remain keen to avoid being victimized,” he added.

Tansingco advised the public to immediately report online scams to the Bureau or other law enforcement agencies. (bi/pia-ncr)

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“The Metro Manila LGUs will have to pass their respective ordinances adapting the Metro Manila Traffic Code 2023 on or before March 15 to fully implement the single ticketing system,” he said.

The Metro Manila Traffic Code of 2023, which will serve as the guideline for the system, listed the most common traffic violation penalties which will be imposed uniformly in all Metro Manila local government units, as follows:

- Disregarding traffic signs
- Illegal parking (attended and unattended)
- Number coding UVVPR
- Truck ban
- Light truck ban
- Reckless Driving
- Unregistered motor vehicle
- Driving without license
- Tricycle ban
- Obstruction
- Dress code for motorcycle
- Overloading
- Defective motorcycle accessories
- Unauthorized modification
- Arrogance/Discourteous conduct (driver)
- Loading and Unloading in Prohibited Zones
- Illegal counterflow
- Overspeeding

SPECIAL LAWS:

- Seat Belts Use Act of 1999
- Child Safety in Motor Vehicles Act
- Mandatory Use of Motorcycle Helmet Act
- Children's Safety on Motorcycle Act
- Anti-Distracted Driving Act
- Anti-Drunk and Drugged Driving Act

The MMTC also has provision for the interconnectivity requirements with the LTO's Land Transportation Management System (LTMS).

During the meeting, it was also agreed upon that the MMDA will provide the funds for the purchase of the hardware and I.T requirements needed for seamless and simultaneous rollout of the LGU's integration with the LTMS.

The LGUs will likewise enact ordinances that will adapt standardized fines on the identified common traffic violations and separate ordinance for traffic-related offenses not stated in the traffic code.

The final draft of the Metro Manila Traffic Code was agreed upon by the officials of MMDA and LTO, as well as Metro Manila local traffic enforcement heads last January 19. (mmda/pia-ncr)

Cavite LGUs launch vax drive against influenza

By Ruel Francisco

TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite – The Local Government Units (LGUs) of Noveleta town and Cavite city provide free influenza vaccines to Day Care Center (DCC) students, and residents of their respective localities in their campaign to protect them against influenza virus amid the ongoing CoVid-19 pandemic.

In Noveleta town, the free vaccination of flu vaccines to students of fourteen (14) DCCs in sixteen (16) barangays commenced on January 17 to 26. Mayor Dino Chua said, “This is an offer from the local government of Noveleta, so that our children have protection against the flu, I encourage the parents to bring

their children to the Day Care Centers to be vaccinated.”

According to Municipal Health Officer, Dr. Ma. Hilda Bucu, there are 600 flu vaccines allotted for Day Care pupils, and all barangay healthcare workers are already rotating on the scheduled days of vaccination.

Meanwhile, 150 slots for the free flu vaccines are scheduled to be distributed to DCC pupils in Cavite City on January 21, 2023 at the Cavite City MedCare Facility in Barangay 39.

City Mayor Denver Chua encouraged the city residents to bring their children to the vaccination site early since the vaccination is on a ‘First Come, First Serve’ basis. (RBF/PIA-Cavite)



Photo courtesy of PIA Cavite

DND strongly supports mandatory ROTC

By Susan De Leon

QUEZON CITY-- The Department of National Defense (DND) fully supports and greatly appreciates the enthusiasm of the legislators at the Congress and Senate in pushing for mandatory Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (ROTC).

“We commit to take an active part in the legislative process through our full cooperation and inputs, whenever and wherever they are needed,” Defense Chief Sec. Carlito G. Galvez, Jr., in a statement said.

According to the Defense Chief, the DND and the AFP in coordination with the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and supporting agencies already have the proposed concept on how the ROTC program will be run.

“We can implement this using a ‘phased approach’

wherein we will have pilot and simulation runs in selected universities, while preparing our personnel, logistical and budgetary requirements for its full implementation,” Galvez said.

In a nutshell, the implementation will be done in phases:

1. Preparation
 - a. Curriculum development.
 - b. Selection and training of implementers.
 - c. Personnel, logistics and budget planning.
 - d. Selection of pilot volunteer schools based on results of evaluation of their facilities and capacities.
2. Pilot programs, simulation in volunteered schools
3. Expansion to different regions
4. Progressive Implementation
5. Evaluation and further fine-tuning
6. Full implementation in all

schools.

The projected timeline from enactment of the law to initial implementation is 2-3 years, while full implementation can be done in 5 years.

The DND and AFP also intend to harness the expertise of the Regional Community Defense Groups (RCDGs) of the Philippine Army, Air Reserve Centers (ARCENs) of the Philippine Air Force, and Naval Reserve Centers (NRCENs) of the Philippine Navy all over the country in managing the ROTC program.

“We assure Senator dela Rosa and our distinguished lawmakers that we will be ready to start the program when the law is passed and it will be diligently implemented in coordination with our partner agencies and institutions including the private sector organizations in order to ensure its success,” the DND Secretary said.

Pag-IBIG Fund members save record-high P79.9B in 2022

MANILA – Pag-IBIG Fund members collectively saved nearly PHP80 billion in 2022, setting yet another record for the highest amount saved by members with the agency in a single year, its top officials said.

Last year, the amount collectively saved by Pag-IBIG members totaled PHP79.9 billion -- the highest in the agency’s 42-year history.

The total savings collected last year increased by 25 percent, or PHP16.2 billion, from the PHP63.7 billion collected in 2021.

Forming part of the total savings is the agency’s Pag-IBIG Regular Savings, which also increased by 6 percent from PHP37.71 billion in 2021 to PHP40.06 billion in 2022.

“The sustained growth in Pag-IBIG members’ savings collections has been truly remarkable. It denotes our members’ trust and confidence in our programs, and our capacity to manage each hard-earned peso they have saved with

us,” Secretary Jose Rizalino Acuzar, head of the Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development (DHSUD) and the 11-member Pag-IBIG Fund Board of Trustees, said in a statement.

“And, as our collections remain strong, we remain able to finance and maintain the low interest rates of our loan programs. These are among our many efforts in adhering to the call of President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. towards advancing the welfare of our fellow Filipinos,” he said.

Pag-IBIG Fund chief executive officer Marilene Acosta said the agency’s popular MP2 Savings continues to drive the

growth of its members’ savings.

The voluntary savings program maintained its growth in 2022, as members saved a record-high PHP39.84 billion in the program, an increase of 53 percent, or PHP13.89 billion from the PHP25.95 billion collected in 2021.

“We are happy that we continue to gain the trust of our members, as shown by the record-high amounts that they have saved with us in 2022, as well as in the past years. This shows their growing appreciation of the value in saving with Pag-IBIG Fund. That is why we remain committed in responsibly and prudently managing their savings, so that we can provide them the best possible returns,” Acosta said. (PR)

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and be declared a “Drug-Cleared Municipality.”

According to Mayor Torres, the program is an integrated, and holistic approach to rehabilitating the drug users/dependents in the locality, to help them recover and be reintegrated back to society as a normal and productive citizens.

“Mananatiling ‘bukas-palad’ ang pamahalaang bayan para sa lahat ng mga kababayan dahil malaki ang papel na ginagampanan ng

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isang pamahalaan, pamayanan, at Pamilya sa pagbabagong buhay ng Persons Who Used Drugs o PWUDs,” said Mayor Torres.

(The local government remains ‘generous’ for all the citizens because it is the government, the community, and the family’s responsibility to help and support the PWUDs towards a new and better life.) (RBF/PIA-Cavite with reports from the Local Government of GMA) (Ruel Francisco with reports from LGU GMA)

Medical...

Volunteers from the Samhyook University and Korean Union Conference of SDA, Korea in collaboration with the CHO, ONI, Liga ng mga Barangays,

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and the CTDO of the City Government of Imus also participated in the activity. (RBF/PIA-Cavite with reports from the City Government of Imus FB page)

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investigation,” Laudiangco said. The special polls will be held on Feb. 25 aims to fill the post left by former Rep. Jesus Crispin Remulla who was named Justice Secretary by President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.

The elections will cover the municipalities of Amadeo, Indang and Tanza and the City of

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Trece Martires.

The candidates in the special polls are independent bets Jose Angelito Domingo Aguinaldo, Melencio Loyola De Sagun Jr., Michael Angelo Bautista Santos and Crispin Diego Diaz Remulla.

The campaign and election period for the polls started on Jan. 26. (PNA)

DepEd to probe purchase of overpriced cameras

By Jumalynne Doctolero

QUEZON CITY, (PIA) -- Amid the controversy over the purchase of overpriced laptops, the Department of Education (DepEd) will now investigate the agency’s purchase of expensive cameras in 2021.

According to DepEd spokesperson Michael Poa, the agency’s Public Affairs Service has been instructed to investigate the said allegation by requesting procurement documents in 2019 to verify the type of cameras purchased in the regions.

The DepEd official made such a statement after Bagong Alyansang Makabayan (Bayan) secretary general Renato

Reyes shared the FB post of photographer Jhun Dantes who shared a photo of a Canon DSLR camera allegedly purchased by DepEd.

The sticker of this device has a price tag of P155,929.

The same camera models are also sold for P23,000 online.

According to Poa, DepEd’s Public Affairs Service does not use low-level cameras.

The camera he bought and is currently using is the Mark IV which is not the same as the entry-level camera for sale in the screenshot of the shopping app. (PIA-NCR)

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EDITORIAL

Every Juan caught in superpowers' conflict

EVENTS are fast developing, and there is no doubt that the Americans will get into the fray, using the Philippine landmass as a launch pad.

US Air Force four-star General Mike Minihan, head of the US Air Mobility Command — whose leaked internal memorandum urging his commanders to be fully battle-ready to defend Taiwan against Chinese aggression at the earliest time possible was confirmed by the Pentagon — is convinced the People's Republic of China will attack Taiwan as early as 2025.

Minihan believes the Chinese strike will happen while the US and Taiwanese governments are preoccupied with presidential elections happening in both countries that year.

An indication that the Americans are taking things seriously when it concerns the probability of China waging war against Taiwan by 2025 is apparent in the superpower's moves to reaffirm its influence in the region, in its strengthening of ties with its key partners in this part of the world, and a particular heightening of its military presence in the Philippines — the most strategic of its allies whose committed cooperation is critical if the US were to effectively counter a Chinese assault on Taiwan.

Geographically, among its allies in Asia, Japan, and the Philippines are closest to Taiwan, with the Philippines' northernmost island of Itbayat less than 100 miles away.

According to The New York Times, "American officials have long-eyed access to the Philippines' northern territory, such as the landmass of Luzon, as a way to counter China in the event that it attacks Taiwan."

How important it is for the US to have the Philippines solidly on its side at this particular juncture is underscored by the series of high-level visits by US officialdom to Manila — VP Kamala Harris in November last year, and US Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin three days ago to seal the long overdue Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement or EDCA between the two countries.

At the end of a press conference with Austin and his Philippine counterpart, National Defense Secretary Carlito Galvez, a joint statement was issued revealing plans by both the Philippines and the US "to accelerate the full implementation of the EDCA with the agreement to designate four new agreed locations in strategic areas of the country (Philippines) and the substantial completion of the projects in the existing five agreed locations."

The EDCA was signed in 2014 by both countries to modernize the US-Philippine alliance and better meet shared challenges, particularly in addressing growing Chinese aggression in the South China Sea.

To meet those ends, it was agreed that US troops and military platforms would be allowed access and preposition equipment in certain locations.

In 2016, the Philippines and the US agreed on five military bases in which the US would build facilities, position equipment, and rotate forces, namely: Basa Air Base and Fort Magsaysay in Luzon; Antonio Bautista Air Base in Puerto Princesa, Palawan; Mactan-Benito Ebuena Air Base in Cebu, Visayas; and Lumbia Air Base in Cagayan de Oro, Mindanao.

At yesterday's meeting between DND Secretary Galvez and DOD Austin, it was divulged that four more sites will be added to the existing five.

Secretary Galvez could not yet say where, only that local officials have to be consulted first, but late last year local military officials had indicated that the US was eyeing possible sites — one more in Palawan, two in Cagayan, one in Zambales, and one in Isabela. Isabela and Cagayan are in Northern Luzon, with the latter located right across from Taiwan.

Events are fast developing, and there is no doubt that the Americans will get into the fray, using the Philippine landmass as a launch pad, in the event that a bellicose China makes good on its threat to pounce on Taiwan.

How exactly a Chinese assault on Taiwan will impact Filipinos no one knows for sure. But what is certain is that the country, as host to US forces, will not be spared, one way or the other.

Our military and defense authorities, nay, the President should give us a clear picture of how our allowing an expansion of EDCA, in the face of the two superpowers' probable firing rockets at each other in the near future, will affect those in the middle of the bloody dispute, the Filipino people.



KAPIRASONG Kritika

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PART 1

Bago naging madalas na balita sa rehimeng Arroyo ang pagbansag sa lugal na mga organisasyong progresibo bilang mga "prente" ng Communist Party of the Philippines at New People's Army gayundin ang paninira sa kanila, sa Forum — isang publikasyon sa Unibersidad ng Pilipinas — ay may lagi nang gumagawa ng ganito. Ang pangalan: Patricio N. Abinales o P. N. Abinales o Jojo Abinales, dating guro sa UP na nagtuturo ngayon sa Kyoto University, Japan.

Gusto niyang palabasing "eksperto" siya sa Kaliwa sa Pilipinas, Marxismo, at mga usapin sa Mindanao — mga laging paksa ng mga sulatin niya. Noong nasa kolehiyo pa, may kolum siya sa Philippine Collegian na ang titulo ay "Abinalysis" — patunay ng walang-kahihiyang pagbibida sa sarili. Bilang dating kaibigan at ka-dorm ni Leandro "Lean" Alejandro, dating pangkalahatang kalihim ng Bagong Alyansang Makabayan na pinaslang noong rehimeng Aquino, nagsimula siyang may simpatya sa Kilusan kahit pa kritikal na rin dito.

Pero noong tumagal, naging magaspang na ang mga atake niya sa huli. May libro siya, ang *Fellow Traveler: Essays on Filipino Communism* [2001], na koleksyon ng mga banat niya. Bukod sa isang rebyu sa Kasarinlan, gayunman, wala nang gaanong pumansin dito. May isa pa siyang libro, ang *Love, Sex and the Filipino Communist* [2003] na ibinebenta na ngayon sa National Bookstore nang bagsak-presyo, P100. Bukod sa isang rebyu — sa Kasarinlan pa rin— wala na rin gaanong pumansin dito. Parehong paninira ang mga librong ito sa Kilusan.

May plano ako dating rebyuhin ang unang libro kaya humingi ako sa isang kaibigan. Bakit naman ako bibili? Bilang paghahanda, sinalungguhan ko ang mga diin ni Abinales at kinomentuhan ang sa tingin ko'y mga mali. Kumusta naman? Nangalay ako! Namula ang mga pahina. Tumatama lang si Abinales kapag sumisipi ng mga pahayag ng iba. Sa dami ng mali sa librong ito, na madali lang naman sanang naiwasan, hindi mo maiwasang isiping produkto ito ng matinding pagkasuklam sa Kilusan, lalo na kay Jose Maria Sison.

Noong bisperas ng pagkakapatalsik sa rehimeng Estrada, may magiting na prediksiyon si Abinales: Hindi raw ito mapapatalsik. Magtatagal daw

ang krisis pero babalik din sa normal ang mga bagay. Sa halimbawang ito makikita ang dalawang bagay na hadlang kay Abinales na maging obhetibo sa pagsuri: ang kagustuhan niyang laging kumontra at tumuligsa sa Kaliwa at ang pagiging malapit niya sa mga umalis o pinatalsik na dating kasapi ng Kilusan — na ang maramirami, sa panahong ito, ay nagsisilbi sa rehimeng Estrada.

Ngayon, may kumakalat sa mga e-group na bagong sanaysay niya: "Insurgency Re-examined." Tama ang susing obserbasyon niya kaugnay ng Kaliwa ngayon sa bansa: Mas masigla ang mga aksyong militar ng NPA kumpara sa mga aksyong masa sa lansangan. Pero mali ang analisis niya kung bakit. Tulad ng dati, "abinormal" ang "abinalysis" niya sa lagay ng Kaliwa sa bansa.

(1) Una, hindi totoo na mula sa pagiging malakas noong bago at pagkatapos mapatalsik ng diktadurang Marcos ay humina na ang CPP-NPA dahil sa kilusang pagwawastong inilunsad nito noong simula ng dekada '90. Ganito ang nangyari: Totoong malakas ang CPP-NPanoong bago at pagkatapos mapatalsik ng diktadura. Nakaugat ang lakas na ito sa pagtangan sa batayang mga prinsipyo nito noong itinatag. Pero pumasok sa ulo ng ilang lider nito ang lakas na ito at inakala nilang kaya nang magtagumpay ng rebolusyon.

Kaalinsabay, pumasok din sa ulo nila ang mga teorya ng pagrerebolusyon na halaw sa anti-imperyalista pero petiburgis na mga pag-aalsa sa Latin America na mabilis ding nabigo at nagsi-atras ilang taon pagkatapos. Dahil dito, ginusto at sinikap nilang madaliin ang pagtagumpay ng rebolusyon. Dahil sa pagmamadali sa tagumpay — at narito malamang ang ibinibida ni Abinales na pagiging "maparaan" ng mga dating kadre ng Kilusan — ipinatupad ang tinatawag na insureksyunismong lungsod at adhenturismong militar. Bahagi nito ang maiingay na aksyong masa sa kalunsuran at aksyong militar sa kanayunan — na siyang pinupuri ni Abinales. Pangunahing itinulak ito ng mga dating kadreng ipinagtanggol niya — Romulo Kintanar, Filemon Lagman, Arturo Tabara at maging si Ricardo Reyes, isa sa mga lider ng Akbayan.

Ano ang epekto? Binitawan ang hakbang-hakbang at solidong pag-oorganisa na napakahalaga sa paglakas ng Kilusan simula noong itatag

ito. Mas masahol, nag-imbata ang mga hakbanging ito ng matitinding opensiba ng militar. Natalo ang NPA sa maraming labanan at nalustay ang napakaraming masang sumusuporta, kasapi, kadre, rekurso at armas ng CPP-NPA na ipinundar sa maraming taon. Pinakamasahol, dahil sa paghahanap ng dahilan sa sunud-sunod na pagkatalo ng mga aksyong militar, napalaki nang husto ang banta ng "impitrasyon" ng militar sa CPP-NPA at inilunsad ang barbarikong mga kampanya para tukuyin at patayin ang mga "ahente" sa loob nito. Isa na rito ang sikat na Kampanyang Aho sa Mindanao na pinangunahan ni Reyes at pumatay sa daan-daang kasapi't kadre ng CPP-NPA. (Pamilyar ba sa inyo ang pangalang Nathan Gilbert Quimpo? Laging nagsusulat sa Philippine Daily Inquirer kontra sa CPP-NPA? Hindi niya inaamin, pero responsableng kadre siya sa Mindanao noon.)

Sa tindi ng opensiba ng militar sa Mindanao noon, na hindi kinakaya ng CPP-NPA sa lugar, ginusto ng mga lider nito doon na humingi ng lokalidadong pakikipag-usap na pangkapayapaan sa gobyerno. Sa kilusang masa sa kalunsuran naman, noong pinagdedebatehan sa Senado ang tratado hinggil sa mga base-militar ng US sa bansa noong 1991, iilang libong mamamayan lang ang kumikilos sa lansangan kasama ng mga organisasyong progresibo. Sa harap ito ng isang historikong isyu kung saan naging mahalaga ang papel ng Kaliwa. Sa madaling salita, bago pa man inilunsad ang kilusang pagwawasto, ramdam at kita na ang pangkalahatang paghina at pagbagsak ng Kilusan na idinulot ng mga pagkakamali noong dekada '80 na tinatawag nang "ultra-kaliwa."

Noong inilunsad ng Kilusan ang kampanyang tukuyin at punahin ang malalaking pagkakamaling nagawa nito, lumakas ito. Makikita ang paglakas nito simula noong ikalawang hati ng dekada '90. Kaya nga noong naupo sa poder ang rehimeng Arroyo, itinuring nitong Numero Unong kaaway ang Kilusan at pinawalan nito ang matinding pasistang atake laban sa huli. Kahit si Quimpo, sa isang sulatin noong 2002, ay kumilalang lumalakas ang Kilusan. Ang habol lang niya, nagawa ito ng Kilusan sa pag-abandona sa mga prinsipyong Maoista nito — patunay ng kitid ng pag-unawa niya sa huli. Hindi sila tugma sa suri ni Abinales. Pareho kasi silang upak lang nang upak sa Kilusan.

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CCP PASINAYA's Paseo Museo comes back Feb 4-5

By Alice Sicat

QUEZON CITY -- Cultural Center of the Philippines (CCP) Open House Festival PASINAYA 2023, Paseo Museo is happening this weekend at 13 participating museums and galleries in Pasay and Manila.

The event is one of the festival's main components and CCP has partnered with various galleries, museums and art spaces around the Paseo Museo Loop to put the spotlight on communal artistic spirit and collaborations. These locations are AIMS Museo Maritimo, GSIS Museum, the Philippine Women's University (PWU) School of Fine Arts & Design (SFAD) Jose Conrado Benitez (JCB) Gallery, Adamson University Art Gallery, and the

Manila Clock Tower Museum.

AIMS Museo Maritimo in Asian Institute of Maritime Studies (AIMS) Pasay City put the spotlight on Philippine maritime history, maritime trade routes and the contributions of Filipino seafarers in the global seafaring industry.

On display for the weekend at the GSIS museum in Pasay are some of the retained works of other renowned artists as well as the winning entries of the annual GSIS Art Competition. These pieces are now on display at the GSIS Art Gallery, including the largest mural publicly on display done by Amorsolo entitled "History of Music" that used to adorn the Metropolitan Theater Lobby wall. The Museum still conducts its regular activities like exhibits

for new and established groups of artists, lectures and seminars, special tours, concerts and other performances, among others.

The GSIS Museum ng Sining also handles other artworks and artifacts (antiques, decorative items, pieces of furniture, etc.) from foreclosed and important properties of GSIS such as Puerto Azul, Coconut Palace, and the Metropolitan Theater. Some of these items are also put on display.

First opened in 2012, the PWU's SFAD JCB gallery has mounted visual art exhibitions featuring the works of PWU SFAD alumni, students, and faculty, as well as visiting artists. It enjoins other schools within the university, and visiting cultural producers to engage with the gallery to avail its facilities for exhibitions and scholarly discourse related to

art, culture and heritage.

The Adamson University Art Gallery first opened in September 27, 2005, but was renovated in 2013 following the brutalist design with modernists and de-constructivist elements, by Arch. Sylvester Seño, a faculty member of the AdU College of Architecture. From being a part of the St. Theresa's Auditorium and its surroundings, the art gallery has mounted several arts and photo exhibits and also serves as holding area for special guests of the theater.

The Manila Clock Tower Museum features a variety of multi-sensory exhibits of the historical Battle of Manila highlighted by the Wall of Heroes. Launched in 2022, the museum initiated the adaptive reuse of the Manila City Hall's clock/watch tower. Under the management of the Department of Tourism, Culture and Arts of the Vity of Manila, the museum has five levels, designed and curated by Ohm David and Elba Cruz, with light design by Meliton Roxas, Jr.

Other participating museums and galleries, who

have been PASINAYA's regulars, include: National Museum of Fine Arts, National Museum of Anthropology, National Museum of Natural History, Museum of Contemporary Art and Design, Casa Manila, Museo de Intramuros, Fort Santiago, and Museo Pambata.

Paseo Museo, formerly Museum Mile, is in partnership with the Museum Foundation of the Philippines, who provided shuttles that enables audiences to visit the participating museums and galleries. This year, there will be 15 vehicles that will ferry the PASINAYA Paseo Museo viewers to Routes A, B and C* (*Saturday only).

Paseo Museo is part of the PASINAYA 2023: The CCP Open House Festival, the largest annual multi-arts festival in the country, featuring a wide variety of exciting activities. Audiences can experience-all-you-can, pay-what-you-can with over a hundred shows, workshops, and other various activities in music, theater, dance, visual arts, film, and literature. (CCP / PIA-NCR)

CAVITEVIEW

Reaching the Star: The 4Ps Stories

By Oliver Baccay

THE story of a family from "rags to riches" is no longer extraordinary. It is a common life story to many. But the expected twist of how two families turned their situations into where they are now is unexpected, it is very inspiring!

Cita and Wilson Pamittan started to build their family in a nipa hut in Alibagu, Enrile, Cagayan. They were blessed with eight children whom they raised very respectful, kind, obedient and industrious despite poverty. Cita was a laundry laborer and a domestic worker (kasambahay) while Wilson was a bus conductor.

"We started very poor. We can even see stars in the sky every night when we lived in a nipa hut. Then when our children are growing, we built a bigger house but unfinished and unfurnished," Cita recalled.

Sometime in 2010, the family was qualified to be a member beneficiary of the Pantawid Pamilya Program (4Ps), a poverty alleviation program of the government. With their situation then, in which all of their school-aged children are in school, the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) included them in the program.

The 4Ps, in the beginning, was a controversial program as it triggered a lot of negative impressions and clamors from various sectors of society. Some believed that the

government is spending billions of pesos to teach poor people to become lazy, but the Pamittan family proved them wrong.

As the couple performed their responsibilities as beneficiaries of the 4Ps set by the program conditionalities, they didn't sit on their laurels and lived neither a regal life nor just waited for their financial aid to be withdrawn from their cash cards. They worked harder to augment the financial requirements of children's education.

"We valued every peso we received from the government. We used them wisely. We invested them for our children's education," Cita said.

Wilson also recounted that during the challenging times in their lives, their meager income could not be enough for their children's needs but with the help of the 4Ps program and through the perseverance of their children, they were able to survive it.

"When we receive our salary, it will be immediately spent on our children's needs. No luxury in life as every single cent was very precious to us at that time," he cried as he recalled how they were able to survive the hardships in life.

At present, four of their children have successfully finished their college education. The eldest of them is now working at the Local Government Unit of Enrile, one is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) who is also taking law studies, the other two are now working in private companies, and another

two are expected to graduate this semester. The other two younger children are still in school.

After 10 years as 4Ps beneficiaries, the couple had voluntarily exited as they believe that the assistance must be passed on to other families who need it. Aside from the success of the education of their children, their success is very evident as they now live far from how they started. From a nipa hut to an unfinished house, and now to a 3-storey house.

"We were surprised by our children. I thought they will just build a small house. They also established some businesses for us because they wanted us to stop now as laborers. They want us to just enjoy what we have now," Cita happily said.

Another inspiring story is the family of Eliza Respicio's of Batu, Enrile. She was also one of the pioneer beneficiaries of

the 4Ps in 2011. She served as a parent leader in her barangay.

Her husband is a farm laborer and they have seven children. They also started in a very poor situation, living in a nipa hut too to a lot owned by her mother-in-law.

"We have nothing. We don't have land to till. We only serve as laborers in the rice fields of our neighbors. When we were qualified as one of the beneficiaries, I was very happy because I know that it could help me a lot in sending my children to school," she said.

"I can also recall the times that we have nothing to serve on our table. There were even times that we only eat noodles because that was very affordable back then. When I received our first cash grant, I bought some kilos of palay," she recounted.

Today, one of her children is now serving in the Presidential Management Staff office in Malacañan, one is a Civil Engineer, and one has just graduated college and now looking for a job.

The Respicio family is still active as a 4Ps beneficiary as her other younger children are still in school. It is one among those

at the subsistence level as per the evaluation of the DSWD, but will soon graduate from the program. They also built a bungalow type of house.

The Pamittan and Respicio families are not only thankful for the 4Ps program, but they are also very grateful.

"Without 4Ps, we might not have successful children who are now supporting our family. They are now slowly fulfilling our dreams to improve our living status from survival to self-sufficiency," Cita said.

Both families believe that the 4Ps program must continue. It must cater to others who are living in a survival stage.

"To our co-4Ps beneficiaries, value every peso you receive from the government. You have to be wise in spending them so that you will also be able to achieve your goals to improve your life status. Take note, you will not forever be a 4Ps beneficiary," Eliza added.

The two families are also hopeful that by sharing their life stories, others will be inspired not just to stare but to reach their stars in life through perseverance and discipline. (BME/Oliver T.Baccay/PIA Region 2)



Cita and Wilson Pamittan narrate how they were able to uplift their living status from survival to self-sufficiency.

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IN RE: ISSUANCE OF OWNER'S
DUPLICATE TRANSFER CERTIFICATE
OF TITLE NO. T-261612 OF THE
REGISTER OF DEEDS CAVITE

ANTHONY IAN R. CASTILLO,
Petitioner,

versus LRC-8843-2018-166

THE REGISTER OF DEEDS OF CAVITE,
Respondent.
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AMENDED ORDER

This is a petition instituted by Anthony Ian R. Castillo for the issuance of a new owner's duplicate copy of Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-261612 of the Register of Deeds for the Province of Cavite registered in the name of Antonio C. Castillo married to Wilma R. Castillo.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that said petition is set for hearing on 22 February 2023 at 1:30 in the afternoon. All those interested are cited to appear and show cause why the same should not be granted.

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

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

Furnish copies of this Amended Order the Office of the Register of Deeds of the Province of Cavite and the Register of Deeds - Bacoor City Branch.

Furnish also the Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court, City of Bacoor for the inclusion of this amended order in the raffle of the publication.

SO ORDERED.

GIVEN IN CHAMBERS, this 31st August 2022 in the City of Bacoor.

ROSALINDA E. BELTRAN-KAWADA
Presiding Judge

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How will DOT make PH a tourism powerhouse in Asia?

By Jumalynne Doctolero

QUEZON CITY-- Department of Tourism (DOT) Secretary Christina Garcia Frasco presented the department's steadfast efforts and priority programs to further enhance the country's tourism industry, with an end goal of making it as one of tourism powerhouse in the Asian region.

During the Philippine Development Plan (PDP) 2023-2028 Forum held at the Philippine International Convention Center on Monday, 30 January 2023, Frasco said the DOT is partnering with the Department of Works and Highways to improve roads, bridges, drainage and water systems to enhance the tourist experience in some areas.

In addition to this, Frasco said the department also began to work of establishing tourist rest areas across key destinations. A tourist rest area will comprise a clean and decent restroom that will address the most basic component of any journey.

This tourist rest areas will also have an information center as well as pasalubong center which would help Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in selling their local goods.

Frasco also mentioned that DOT is also partnering with the Department of Transportation (DOTr) in route development. She said some key destinations need more accessibility using airports or seaports. Adding more commercial routes, domestically and internationally. Tourism Digitalization

In terms of digitalization in the tourism industry, DOT has inked a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) which mandates the establishment and improvement of connectivity in at least 94 key destinations across the Philippines, that will commence this 2023.

Furthermore, the agency is also launching a Tourist Life Cycle app that aims to provide the tourists with connectivity in every aspect of their journey, from booking an airline, hotel reservation, transport services, and all other related services. Safety and Security of Tourists

To also ensure the safety of tourists, the DOT is also in the talks in inking a MOA with the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), as well as Department of National Defense (DND), to establish a Tourist Assistance Call Center and tourist concierge to provide a hotline for tourists to report inconvenience and concern.

Equal opportunities for LGUs

To also equalize tourism development across the country, each tourism regional offices are currently working closely with provincial, municipal and city local government units to provide equal opportunities for tourism development and promotion.

Expressing her optimism in the agency's attainment of its programs and plans in the upcoming years through its strong partnership with LGUs and private sector, the Secretary hopes to transform the country into a tourism powerhouse.

"We have a lot of programs and plans in place for the year to come. And we are hopeful that with the partnership of our international partners, in person of the diplomatic community, as well as our private sector, and most especially our local government units, we would be able to give the Philippines a fighting chance at not only reclaiming its position pre-pandemic, but more importantly, into transforming the Philippines into a tourism powerhouse in Asia," Frasco said. (PIA-NCR)

PH debt-to-GDP ratio decreases to 60.9% in 2022

By Elaine Allanigue

QUEZON CITY-- The Department of Finance (DOF) reported that the

country's recorded debt-to-GDP (Gross Domestic Product) ratio is at 60.9% for the end-2022.

The said ratio is lower than the 61.8% target set in the Medium-Term Fiscal Framework (MTFF) according to DOF.

"Our medium-term fiscal plan and exemplary GDP growth have allowed us to outpace our borrowings. This gives us confidence that we can reach our targets by 2025," Finance Secretary Benjamin Diokno stated.

The comprehensive plan MTFF serves as the government's blueprint to steer the economy back to its high-growth trajectory. Through this, the National Government (NG) aims to bring down the debt-to-GDP ratio to less than 60% by 2025 and further down to 51.1% by 2028; reduce the deficit-to-GDP ratio to 3.0% by 2028; and maintain high infrastructure spending at 5% to 6% of GDP annually.

Meanwhile, the NG's total outstanding debt also

took a favorable decrease by 1.7% or P225.3 billion in December 2022 according to DOF. This is because of the rise in the value of the local currency and the net sale of domestic government bonds.

Furthermore, the country's debt management strategy prioritizes the domestic market over external sources to protect the country against foreign exchange risk. Changes in exchange rates could make debt service payments more expensive every time the peso falls.

DOF also stated that out of the P13.4 trillion total outstanding debt as of end-2022, domestic debt accounted for P9.2 trillion or 68.6% of the total debt stock, while external debt made up the remaining P4.2 trillion or 31.4% of the total debt stock.

On the otherhand, the Philippines' total guaranteed obligations went up by P11.1 billion, or 2.8%, Month-over-Month (MoM) to P399.1 billion. This was caused by the net avilment of domestic guarantees and the net effect of currency fluctuations, which increased the value of external guarantees.

In comparison to the end-December 2021 level, the total NG guaranteed debt dropped by P24.9 billion or 5.9%. (PIA-NCR)

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Word Search Puzzle

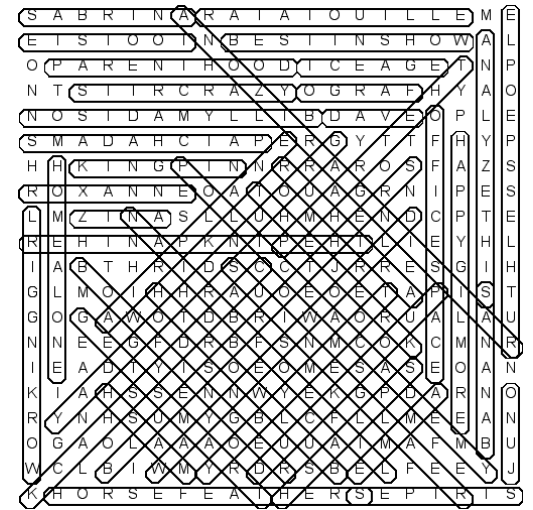
Dance crazes

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Rex Gatchalian's appointment as DSWD chief hailed

By Zaldy De Layola

MANILA – Lawmakers on Wednesday lauded President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.'s move to appoint Valenzuela Rep. Rex Gatchalian as secretary of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD).

House Deputy Speaker Ralph Recto said Gatchalian is the right choice as shown by his performance during emergencies while he was the mayor of Valenzuela City.

"And if being a DSWD head requires the handling of disasters and managing development, he's been there and done that," the Batangas 6th District congressman said.

Recto said Gatchalian is well prepared for one of the

"toughest and thankless" jobs in government.

"For one, he survived the stress test of being a big city mayor during the pandemic, a position which put him in close contact with the people and their problems. As a legislator, Rex is aware of the social causes of poverty which will drive him to focus on its roots, and not just on its symptoms," Recto said.

He said the Valenzuela lawmaker has what it takes to run DSWD which he described as "one gigantic ATM – Ayuda, Tulong Machine."

Excellent choice

Speaker Ferdinand Martin Romualdez also believes that Gatchalian is an excellent choice to head the DSWD, citing

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New DSWD Secretary Rex Gatchalian

Metro Manila Council approves landmark Single Ticketing System

By Jimmyley Guzman

QUEZON CITY -- The Metro Manila mayors approved its implementation during the Metro Manila Council meeting held Wednesday (Feb. 1) at the MMDA's new office in Pasig City.

Local chief executives of Metro Manila have adopted the single ticketing system through the establishment of the Metro Manila Traffic Code of 2023 which provides for a system of interconnectivity among government instrumentalities involved in the transport and traffic management in the metropolis with harmonized fines and penalties.

The standardized fines and penalties will also be endorsed to the Land Transportation Office and local councils for adoption.

Based on the MMDA Resolution No. 23-02, the single ticketing system "will harmonize the existing national and local laws on traffic enforcement to establish effective transport and traffic management in Metro Manila."

Its approval and adoption will also help address different procedures of apprehension; payment of fines; redemption of licenses and plates; as well as

uncoordinated implementation of traffic laws resulting in confusion of the driving public, loss of money and productive hours.

The resolution also stated that it might create chaos if left unattended, to the detriment of the public in general.

MMDA Acting Chairman Atty. Don Artes said that the single ticketing system will give apprehended motorists convenience as they can now pay for their traffic-related violations wherever, regardless of the city they have been caught.

"This is a historic moment for all of us because after more than twenty years, Metro Manila is finally adopting the single ticketing system that will highly benefit our motorists," he said.

"The single ticketing system would help avoid confusion among our driving public, as well as option to pay electronically for their violations. Driver's license will also not be confiscated during apprehension," he added.

MMC President and San Juan City Mayor Francis Zamora expressed his gratefulness to the whole council for passing the historic resolution. He also said that the single ticketing system would be in effect within the first quarter of 2023.

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Pres Marcos receives US defense chief Austin in Malacañang

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MANILA -- President Ferdinand R. Marcos received on Thursday United States Secretary of Defense Llyod James Austin at the President Hall of Malacañang Palace.

The courtesy call to Pres. Marcos comes as both countries seek to strengthen bilateral ties. The meeting would also allow Austin to tackle security initiatives with Philippine government security and defense officials.

According to media reports, Austin's visit also includes the agenda of "speeding up" the implementation of Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement (EDCA), an agreement signed between the Philippines and the United States in 2014.

The 10-year validity period of EDCA is set to end on June 25, 2024, or a little over a year from now.

Likewise, under the EDCA expansion, reportedly to be announced today, the United States will have access to at least nine military bases across the Philippines.

Most of the new bases, also according to media reports, will be in Luzon, one of the main islands of the Philippines, and the closest landmass to Taiwan, where the United States already has access to two sites.

Meanwhile, a report from the Presidential Communications Office said the Chief Executive also received a commitment of support from Austin to provide humanitarian aid to the victims of the Davao

de Oro town earthquake on Wednesday evening.

"And let me begin by saying that we are very sorry to learn yesterday that there was an earthquake down in Mindanao," Austin told Pres. Marcos in their meeting in Malacañang.

"And I'm relieved to hear from my team that the damage was not significant, at least, that's what we understand thus far, and of course, we have not heard of significant injuries being reported as well, but we know how these things develop," the senior US official added.

A magnitude 6 earthquake, which was tectonic in origin, struck New Bataan in Davao de Oro at 6:44 p.m. on Wednesday.

"We stand ready to help in any way that we can. And again I think our AID (Agency

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