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Bacoor LGU rolls out vax program simulations

By Patricia Bermudez

CALAMBA CITY- The City Government of Bacoor is all systems go for their city-wide COVID-19 vaccination program after the local Inter Agency Task Force rolled out its simulations today.

In a prior meeting with the CALABARZON Local Task Forces Against COVID-19, City Councilor Alde Pagulayan said that they have launched a COVID-19 Electronic

Immunization Registry (CEIR) to ensure a safe and more convenient registration process.

A total of 325 personnel were hired to form 25 vaccination teams to be deployed in all of the city's 16 vaccination sites.

The City Health Office and Private Hospital Workers will be at the forefront of the program, handling the screening, monitoring and administration of the vaccines.

It will also include the *continue to page 3*



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DENR-CALABARZON, nagsimula ng ipasara ang mga 'open dumpsites' sa rehiyon

LUNGSOD NG CALAMBA, Laguna--Nagsimula ng ipasara ng Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) CALABARZON ang mga open dumpsites sa rehiyon alinsunod sa kautusan ni DENR Sec. Roy A. Cimatu na ipasara ang lahat ng open dumpsites sa lahat ng rehiyon bago mag-Marso 2021.

Alinsunod dito, ang DENR CALABARZON, kasama ang Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) 4A ay nag-isyu ng Cease and Desist Order (CDO) sa dalawang open dumpsites sa Batangas, noong nakaraang Enero 25, 2021 dahil sa paglabag sa Batas Republika (RA Ingles) Blg. 9003 o ang Ecological Solid Waste Management (ESWM) Act of 2000.

Ayon sa nasabing batas, ang open dumpsite ay lugar kung saan ang mga basura

ay denideposito ng walang maayos na proseso at maaaring makaapekto sa kalikasan at sa kalusugan. Nakasaad sa BR 9003 ang mahigpit na pagbabawal sa operasyon ng mga open dumpsite para tapunan ng mga basura.

Sinabi ni DENR CALABARZON Regional Executive Director Nonito M. Tamayo na mas paiigtingin pa ang pakikipagtulungan ng Ahensiya sa iba't ibang lokal na pamahalaan para sa mas pinatibay na implementasyon ng BR Blg. 9003. Alinsabay ang patuloy na pagsasagawa ng mga clean-up activity at mga Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) Campaign.

Dagdag pa rito, madiin ding hinikayat ni RED Tamayo ang pakikiisa ng *continue to page 3*

Cavite-Tagaytay-Batangas Expressway Project, Ipinrisinta sa PDC Meeting

INIULAT ng Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation(MPTC) at Metro Pacific Tollways South Corporation(MPTSC) ang Proposed Cavite-Tagaytay-Batangas Expressway (CTBEX) Project sa ginanap na virtual assembly meeting ng Batangas Provincial Development Council, na pinangunahan ni Gov. DoDo Mandanas, noong ika-21 ng Enero 2021.

Ang naturang proyekto ay may habang 50.43 km na mag-uugnay sa Cavite at Batangas at magsisilbing daan upang magkaroon ng mas direktang access ang Batangas Province sa mga bayan ng Cavite, at makatulong sa pagpapaunlad ng mga bayan na babagtasin nito.

Ang proyekto, na may total budget na ₱25.2 Bilyon, ay nahahati sa 3 sections. Ang Section 1 ay may habang 18.10 km, mula Silang, Cavite hanggang Tagaytay Spur; ang Section 2 ay may habang 9.96 km, mula sa Mendez, Cavite hanggang Magallanes, Cavite; at ang Section 3 ay may habang 22.37 km mula Magallanes, Cavite hanggang Nasugbu, Batangas. Sa kabuuan, ito ay may 8 interchanges at 2 Spur roads.

Ang mga barangay ng Kaylaway, Aga, Tumulim, Banilad, Bilaran, Reparo, at Lumbangan sa Bayan ng Nasugbu ang madadaanan ng nasabing proyekto.

Sa oras na makumpleto

ang proyekto, tinatayang mababawasan ang oras na gugugulin sa biyahe ng mga sasakyan. Ang biyaheng Manila hanggang Tagaytay, na kumukunsumo ngayon ng 1 oras at 48 minuto, ay magiging 55 minuto na lamang. Ang biyahe naming mula Manila hanggang Nasugbu, na gumugugol ng 2 oras at 45 minuto, ay magiging 1 oras at 15 minuto na lamang. Dahil sa nabawang oras ng biyahe ay mababawasan ang traffic load sa mga pangunahing daan at *continue to page 3*

COMMEMORATION OF 57TH DEATH ANNIVERSARY OF GEN. EMILIO AGUINALDO

THE nation commemorates the 57th Death Anniversary of Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo, the first President of the Republic of the Philippines, last February 6, 2021.

In a simple celebration held at the Museo ni Emilio Aguinaldo, Cavite Governor Juanito Victor C. Remulla, represented by Provincial Tourism Officer Rozelle

Sangalang, joined the wreath laying activity along with officials from the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP), LGU-Kawit, Office of the Representative of the 1st District of Cavite, DepEd-Cavite, PNP-Kawit, Cavite Tourist Police Unit, IGLPL-Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Lodge No.5, and the Aguinaldo family.





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7 toneladang gulay mula sa Cavite, iniluluwas ng YH MPC sa Kalakhang Maynila

LUNGSOD NG QUEZON-Tinatayang halos pitong (7) toneladang gulay, root crops, at value-added products mula sa lalawigan ng Cavite ang iniluluwas ng Yakap at Halik Multi-Purpose Cooperative (MPC) sa iba't ibang pamilihan/tindahan, restawran, at nayon sa Kalakhang Maynila gaya ng mga lungsod ng Muntinlupa, Taguig, Parañaque, at Quezon; at maging sa Divisoria, dalawa hanggang tatlong beses kada linggo.

Nasa 55 hanggang 60 pamilya ng mga organikong magsasaka, na mga miyembro ng kooperatiba, ang direktang kabahagi sa pagsasama-sama at pagbiyahe ng kanilang mga ani mula sa sarili nitong technology-demonstration/communal/cluster farm.

Sinabi ni G. Gabriel Arubio, chairperson ng kooperatiba, na ang kanilang mga miyembro ay patuloy na nagtutulungan sa pamamagitan ng proyektong KAtuwang sa DIwa at GaWA (KADIWA) ni

Ani at Kita ng Kagawaran ng Pagsasaka upang matiyak na ang kanilang mga produkto ay madaling makakarating sa mga tao o direktang maiugnay sa mga konsyumer o mamimili.

“Ngayong panahon ng pandemya, makakaasa po kayo na ang Yakap at Halik MPC ay katuwang ng Kagawaran ng Pagsasaka sa CALABARZON sa patuloy na produksyon at suplay ng sapat, sariwa, ligtas, at abot-kayang pagkain para sa ating mga mamamayan lalo na sa Metro Manila. Maraming salamat po sa DA sa inyong patuloy na suporta sa aming kooperatiba. At sa lahat ng mga magsasaka, mabuhay po kayo at pagpalain nawa ng Panginoon!” ibinahagi ni G. Arubio.

Ang Yakap at Halik MPC ay nagsusuplay din ng kanilang mga ani at produkto sa ilang marketing and distribution companies, katulad ng Philtycoon International, Co. at SARI ni G. Rodrigo “Jiggy” D. Manicad, Jr. (DA-RFO IVA, RAFIS)

Congress.....

issue isn't just that plastic bags take forever to disintegrate, it is the massive number of plastics Filipinos use and quickly throw away. These plastics are choking the life out of our oceans and forests and polluting our communities,” Legarda said.

Legarda, a three-term Senator and representative of the Lone District of Antique, said that the complete eradication of single-use plastics, a term commonly referring to disposable plastic items that are thrown after one-time use, must be supported as an environmentally-conscious solution to the plastic crisis.

Among the principal authors of various House bills that seek to regulate the use of plastics are House Speaker Lord Allan Jay Velasco, Deputy Speakers Legarda and Rufus Rodriguez, Representatives Bernadette Herrera-Dy, Bienvenido Abante Jr., Lorenz Defensor, Ria Christian Fariñas, Rudys Caesar Fariñas Farinas I, Kristine Alexie Tutor, Manuel Cabochan III, Lawrence

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Fortun, Geraldine Roman, Robert Ace Barbers, Rozzano Rufino Biazon, Greg Gasataya, Luis Raymond Villafuerte Jr., Estrellita Suansing, Horacio Suansing Jr., Jumel Anthony Espino, Precious Castelo, Joy Myra Tambunting, Angelo Marcos Barba, Jose Teves Jr., Florencio Noel, Rodrigo Abellanos, Eric Yap, Paolo Z. Duterte, Josefina Tallado, Ramon Guico III, Jose Antonio Sy-Alvarado, Alberto Pacquiao, Francisco Jose Matugas II, John Marvin Nieto, Aleta Suarez, Anna Marie Villaraza-Suarez, Frederick Siao, and Mark Go.

As the principal author of Republic Act No. 9003 or the Ecological Solid Waste Management Law of 2000, Legarda suggested that instead of “disposable” plastics, ready alternatives can be in the form of reusable ecobags, bamboo or wood utensils, or glass-based containers in homes. She added that companies must change their economic mindset, wasteful production processes and packaging methods, from the

use of seemingly cost-effective plastics into investing in reusable and recyclable products which are more sustainable in the long run.

The Climate Change Commission (CCC), led by its Chairperson-designate Department of Finance Secretary Carlos G. Dominguez, supports the nationwide ban on single-use plastics as a vital component of a low-carbon economy and to advance sustainability, promote biodiversity, ensure food security, and curb pollution.

The climate body stressed that the passage of a legislative measure on this subject matter will further push policymakers to proactively review the implementation of existing environmental laws, such as the Clean Air Act (Republic Act or RA No. 8749), Ecological Solid Waste Management Act (RA 9003), Clean Water Act (RA 9275), and the Climate Change Act (9729) to ensure a more holistic, sustainable, and inclusive recovery of our communities and the environment. (PIA NCR)

BIR....

led to the collection of P607.87 million in taxes.

In 2020, the BIR shut down the operations of two Philippine Offshore Gaming Operators (POGOs) and collected P7.18 billion in taxes, which was 11.71 percent more than the P6.42 billion collected by the BIR in 2019 from these businesses.

The second phase of the BIR's Asset Information Management Program (AIMP) was also implemented in 2020, he said.

This project provides a system that includes an integrated data warehouse and analytics that would integrate information from various agencies with existing Tax Amnesty Returns and Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Networth (SALNs) filed under Republic Act (RA) No. 9480.

Dulay said the BIR rolled out in last year's fourth quarter its ePERA (Personal Equity and Retirement Account

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system, which will conveniently handle the issuance of tax credit certificates (TCCs) to contributors to the PERA and monitor their utilization.

The BIR Strike Team, meanwhile, seized 55 units of cigarette-making machines, 4.89 million packs of assorted cigarette products, and 22.39 million counterfeit tax stamps valued at P1.23 billion in 2020, Dulay said.

Dulay said the BIR also secured ISO certifications for six BIR regional offices and 35 revenue district offices last year, and issued three revenue memorandum circulars (RMCs) to related to improving the ease of doing business.

Among the key accomplishments of the BIR in 2020 was its participation in the Small Business Wage Subsidy Program (SBWS), which proceeded smoothly and delivered financial assistance to over 3 million workers of small businesses promptly owing to the use of computerized processes.

The BIR also issued several revenue regulations and RMCs last year on the tax-related provisions of Republic Act (RA) No. 11469 (Bayanihan to Heal As One Act), and RA 11494 (Bayanihan to Recover as One Act).

Dulay said the BIR hired 897 new employees and promoted 1,170, which brought the personnel strength of the bureau from 9,549 workers in 2016 to 12,449 in 2020.

For 2021, Dulay reported to Dominguez that the BIR aims to increase its collection by 7.23 percent to P2.08 trillion by improving tax compliance among all taxpayers, strengthening its budget management system, speeding up its recruitment and promotion of employees, expanding its computerization efforts, and further intensifying its enforcement activities such as Oplan Kandado, RATE, and tax audits.

Dulay said the BIR plans to roll out its Enhanced Internal Revenue Stamp Integrated System (IRSIS) in the first quarter of this year to further step up its campaign against cigarette

Pagsugpo.....

sa isang daan at dalawampung (120) nasagip noong 2019. Dumami rin ang mga nasagip ng National Bureau of Investigation Anti-Human Trafficking Division (NBI-AHTD) na umabot sa labing-siyam (19) noong 2020 mula apat noong 2019.

“Ang pagdami ng mga akitibidad na may kinalaman sa online sexual abuse laban sa mga kabataan ay naging parang isa na ring pandemya na kailangan nating masugpo. Maliban sa patuloy na pagtugis sa mga gumagawa ng mga krimeng ito, kailangan din nating patatagin ang ating mga batas upang mailigtas natin ang maraming nanganganib na mga kabataan,” ayon kay Gatchalian.

Ayon pa sa senador, kailangan nang madaliin ng Kongreso ang pag-amyenda sa mga batas na may kinalaman sa trafficking. Ang Senate Bill No. 1794 halimbawa, na inihain niya mismo, ay naglalayong patatagin ang Republic Act No.

smuggling.

The nationwide rollout of the Internal Revenue Integrated System (IRIS), which will serve as the BIR's central tool and repository to process taxpayers' information, is expected in the fourth quarter of 2021, along with the pilot implementation of its Electronic Invoicing System, he said.

The Online Registration & Update System (ORUS), which is a web-based system that will provide an end-to-end process for registration and updating of taxpayer registration information, is due for implementation in the fourth quarter, he said.

By the first quarter of this year, Dulay said the BIR expects its Collection Performance Dashboard to be up and running.

This will enable the central office to check the

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9208 (Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2003) na inamyendahan ng Republic Act No.10364 (Expanded Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2012) para sa mas mabisang pagsugpo ng iba't ibang anyo ng human trafficking.

Pagdating sa mga kasong may kinalaman sa child trafficking, layon ng panukalang batas na bigyan ng kapangyarihan ang mga regional trial court na pahintulutan ang mga law enforcers na magtala ng mga komunikasyon at iba pang impormasyong may kinalaman sa mga pinaghihinalang sangkot sa trafficking.

Layon din ng naturang panukala na bigyan ang mga ISP ng mga responsibilidad tulad ng paglalagay ng teknologiya o programang hararang sa ano mang uri ng child pornography. Para sa mga tourism-oriented establishments naman, isinusulong ang pagsasagawa ng mga pagsasanay sa pag-ulat ng mga krimeng may kinalaman sa human trafficking. (PIA NCR)

collection performance of each collecting office/Revenue Region of the BIR against the assigned goal, compare it with the previous year and classify it by type of collection, he said.

The BIR will also allow taxpayers to book online appointments with revenue officers regarding tax-related concerns starting this year, Dulay said.

He said the bureau is targeting to complete its in-house developed One-Time Transaction (ONETT) tracking system this year to allow it to monitor the ONETT transactions from the date the taxpayer secured the services of the revenue officers for the computation of the tax due up to the time of securing the Electronic Certificates Authorizing Registration (eCARs). (DOF)

LGU Ternate imposes P20 Ecological Fee to Kaybiang tunnel visitors

By Ruel B. Francisco

TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite -- The local government of Ternate imposed a P20 Ecological Fee for tourists, motorists, and motorcycle riders who visit the town particularly the Kaybiang tunnel.

Collection of said fee last weekend, February 6 & 7 earned flak and criticisms from the motoring public and local tourists because of the unexpected and unannounced action from the local authorities.

Ternate Mayor Lamberto Bambao through his staff Bryan Novejas explained the collection of said fee is in accordance with Municipal Ordinance No. 5 s. 2014 authored by then Councilor Lorenz Khalil Soberano, Chair fo the Committee on Trade, Tourism, Culture, and Arts during the term of Former Mayor Herminio Lindo.

Also known as the "Ternate Tourism Ecological Fee Ordinance," it was passed to ensure the benefit and enjoyment of the people of the locality, judicious and wise utilization, protection and conservation and management on a sustainable basis of its natural resources with the necessity of maintaining sound ecological balance.

Novejas explained that "to generate funds as a source of revenue to finance the implementation of environmental and tourism plans and projects and to provide the necessary amenities and services out of the collected fee that goes to

peace and order, beautification, livelihood, health assistance."

"This is the way we can meet the needs of the local government to provide for the cleaning of garbage left by riders and tourists on the road or in Kaybiang Tunnel and to be used for the mobility of police for peace and order, rescue by MDRRMO in times of accidents within the vicinity. Saan naman kame kukuha ng funding, we are only a 4th class municipality," added Novejas.

Kaybiang tunnel is a 300 meter long tunnel with 4.85 meter wide vertical clearance completed on July 1, 2013. The tunnel is considered the longest tunnel in the country which serves as an alternate route going to the municipality of Nasugbu. It has been frequented by local tourists, and motorcycle riders even cycling enthusiasts for souvenir photos and access to the beautiful beaches in Ternate and Nasugbu.

Meanwhile, Municipal Treasurer Brendalyn Olano pointed out the ecological fee will be collected on weekends and residents of Nasugbu are exempted upon presentation of proof of residency.

"Kaya po sa mga darating na weekend po, umasa po kayo na ang pamahalaang lokal ng Ternate ay muling maglalagay ng booth para sa nasabing Ecological Fee, ang mga residente ho ng Nasugbu na may kaukulang dokumento na nagpapatunay na sila ay residente dito ay hindi kasali sa fee," said Olano. (Ruel Francisco with reports from Dennis Abrina; Ternate One)



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Bacoor....

Sangguniang Kabataan and the City Information Management Systems, who will handle the registration of the individuals who will be vaccinated, as well as teachers who will join the City Social Welfare and Development Office in providing counselling services.

"Mayroon kaming nilaan na budget para sa pag procure ng equipment para matulungan ang national government sa pag rollout ng vaccination plan. It will be a priority, We will move heaven and earth para ma suportahan ang vaccination program ng national government," Pagulayan assured. [We have allotted a budget to procure the equipment to help the national government in rolling out the vaccination plan. It will be a priority. We will move

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heaven and earth to support the vaccination program of the national government.]

The city government is also working with a private company located in Barangay Longos who will provide the cold facility needed for storing the vaccines the city government procured from drug manufacturers, Pfizer, Astrazenica and Moderna.

Three Ultra High Temperature Freezers in the Southern Tagalog Regional Hospital will also be utilized for storing vaccines to prevent them from spoiling upon reaching city borders.

To recall, Mayor Lani Mercado-Revilla has signed an Executive Order for the establishment of technical working groups who will oversee

the vaccination operations center, database and registry, communication and information dissemination, procurement and finance, and logistics.

Local government offices, such as the City Health Office, MIS, Public Information Office, City Budget Office, and General Services Office, have been tapped to handle the logistics entailed in the vaccination program.

Simulations in the city-wide vaccination plan were done in different venues, such as Bacoor Elementary School (ALIMA), Southern Tagalog Regional Hospital, and Bacoor Coliseum to determine which area will be most conducive--in terms of travel control, logistics and manpower--in facilitating the successful vaccination rollout. (PB)

Cavite....

makatitipid sa operation cost ang mga may-ari ng sasakyan.

Inaasahan din itong makatulong sa employment generation, income growth, increase of property valuation due to future developments, improved tourism, and improved transportation of goods and services. Dagdag pa nila, ito ay sinang-ayunan na ng Sangguniang Bayan ng Nasugbu sa pamamagitan ng kanilang endorsement.

DENR....

bawat isa para mabawasan ang basura na nakokolekta sa mga kabahayan sa pamamagitan ng pakikiisa sa ESWM, katulad ng paghihiwalay, pagreresiklo, at patuloy na pagbabawas ng basura.

Isa pang operasyon ang isinagawa noong 14 Enero sa isang dumpsite sa Sahud Ulan, Tanza, Cavite. Ito ay pinangunahan nina Undersecretary for Solid Waste Management and Local Government Units Concerns Benny Antiporda, Executive Director ng Task Force Nilo B. Tamera, Cavite PENR Officer

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Ayon kay Mr. Benjie Bausas, PPDC/PPMC Chairperson, ang CTBEX project, na inaasahang masisimulan sa Hulyo 2021 at tinatayang matatapos sa taong 2027, ay nagpag-aralan na ng kanilang tanggapan.

Ipinahayag ng gobernador ang kanyang pag-apruba sa nasabing proyekto at inatasan ang konseho na agad itong iendorso sa Regional Development Council. Elfie Ilustre

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Ronita Unlayao, at iba pang opisyal ng EMB 4A.

Samantala, hinihikayat ng DENR CALABARZON ang publiko na magsumbong ng ilegal na gawain na may kaugnayan sakalikahan. Lahat ay maaaring tumawag o magbigay ng mensahe sa 8888 hotline numero 09561825774/09198744369, o ipadala sa email r4a@denr.gov.ph Ang mga retrato, bidyo, at iba pang impormasyon ay maaari ring ipadala sa opisyal na Facebook pagengDENRCALABARZON: <https://www.facebook.com/DENR4AOfficial/>

Kooperatiba, patuloy sa paghahatid ng mga pagkain sa CALABARZON at ilang bahagi ng Kalakhang Maynila

LUNGSOD NG CALAMBA-Tuluy-tuloy ang pagdadala ng Chef José Consortium of Cooperatives (CJCC) ng suplay ng gulay, prutas, itlog, manok, at iba pang produktong pang-agrikultura mula sa CALABARZON patungo sa ilang bahagi ng Kalakhang Maynila.

Ang CJCC ay binubuo ng Batangas Egg Producers' Cooperative, San Jose Workers' Multi-Purpose Cooperative, at Batangas Organic and Natural Farming Agriculture Cooperative.

Nasa halos 2 toneladang suplay ng pagkain ang iniluwas ng mga nasabing kooperatiba noong ika-5 ng Pebrero, 2021 sa mga pamilihan tulad ng Waltermart North Edsa; FarmFetch Restaurant sa Katipunan, Quezon City; Waltermart Makati; at Makati Atrium sa pamamagitan ng proyektong KAtuwang sa

DIwa at GaWA (KADIWA) ni Ani at Kita ng Kagawaran ng Pagsasaka na isinasagawa tuwing Biyernes.

Bukod pa rito, nagdadala rin ang Chef José ng kanilang mga ani at produkto sa Philippine Daily Inquirer, Tech Green sa Parañaque, at All Seasons sa Molino. Mayroon din itong online marketplace (www.yourchefjose.com) na maaaring direktang mamili ang sino mang interesado.

Sinabi ni Gng. Cecille Aldueza-Virtucio, chairperson ng Chef José na katuwang nila ang Kagawaran ng Pagsasaka Rehiyon 4-CALABARZON na nagsisilbing hub. Dito pinagsasama-sama ang mga ani at produkto mula sa halos 700 miyembro ng samahan upang maging bahagi ng KADIWA. Dagdag pa niya, sa pamamagitan ng pagtutulungang ay napapataas ang market value ng kanilang

mga produkto na nagreresulta sa mas mataas na kita ng mga magsasaka at mas stable na presyo para sa mga mamimili.

"Sapat at sigurado po ang suplay ng pagkain sa CALABARZON. Makakatiyak kayo na sa pagtutulungan po namin na mga magsasaka ay patuloy kaming magdadala ng pagkain sa Metro Manila nang makatulong na maging sapat ang suplay ng pagkain para sa lahat," wika ni Gng. Virtucio.

Maliban sa mga lowland at highland vegetables, prutas, manok, at ilog, nagtitinda rin ang Chef José ng mga grocery items, baking product, kape, asukal, at ilang manufactured products gaya ng turmeric tea, sinaing na isda, at iba pa hindi lamang sa Kalakhang Maynila kundi maging sa ilang bahagi ng CALABARZON.

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EDITORIAL

Deal cards squarely

RODY'S successful efforts to win China's trust merely undid the mistakes of Noynoy and Obama that nearly resulted to a point of no return in the maritime conflict.

Under his watch, President Rodrigo Duterte proved:

- It is possible to engage China in deep friendship while tackling the maritime rift.
- The West Philippine Sea posturing is the result of the struggle between two economic powers, which the country can disengage.
- The United States needs the country more than otherwise, which is the reason for the need to overhaul the various military agreements that are tilted heavily toward American interest.

To give United States President Joe Biden leeway in crafting his policy in the region, Mr. Duterte extended a decision to terminate the Visiting Forces Agreement (VFA), the pact signed in 1998 that contained the ground rules on the temporary presence of American troops in the country.

A collateral deal signed during the term of former President Noynoy Aquino called the Enhance Defense Cooperation Agreement (EDCA) allowed the Americans to use Filipino military bases to host soldiers and military equipment.

As a result of the continued interference of American legislators who are caught up in image-boosting ploys prior to the elections last November, Mr. Duterte threatened to scrap the agreement.

Through the instigation of some American senators allied with detained Senator Leila de Lima, their government canceled the visa of Senator Ronald "Bato" de la Rosa allegedly over the war on drugs deaths.

If there will be a review of the military agreements, EDCA should be the first to be placed under the lens, since it was the product of another Democrat who was willingly bootlicked by Aquino.

During a visit of former US President Barack Obama in April 2014, Aquino presented a signed executive deal, which is the EDCA, that allows American forces to have a rotating presence in the country.

Obama then had launched an Asian pivot policy that was meant to contain China, and EDCA was a key component of the program since the Americans will have a guaranteed station for their military forces in the region.

Aquino then had shut out China as he refused to hold any discussion with Chinese officials and instead, on US directives, filed a case with the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) on the disputed maritime regions.

The PCA issued an award that declared invalid the nine-dash line claim, but it was unenforceable since China, insisting on discourse only among nations involved, did not recognize the proceeding.

Noynoy made clear in delivering EDCA that he was with the American pivot policy all the way and even instigated the West Philippine Sea (WPS) standoff to get Obama's back pat.

He sent a Philippine Navy Hamilton-class cutter that was then recently acquired from the US in the disputed area, which China viewed as a militarization of the dispute.

The standoff and Beijing's saturation of the area of conflict with civilian ships were apparently in response to the pressure Obama applied to establish America's Pacific dominance.

China after the assumption of Mr. Duterte encouraged an early conclusion of the Code of Conduct in the WPS that will govern activities, and ensure peace and stability in the disputed territory to undo the mistakes of Noynoy and Obama.

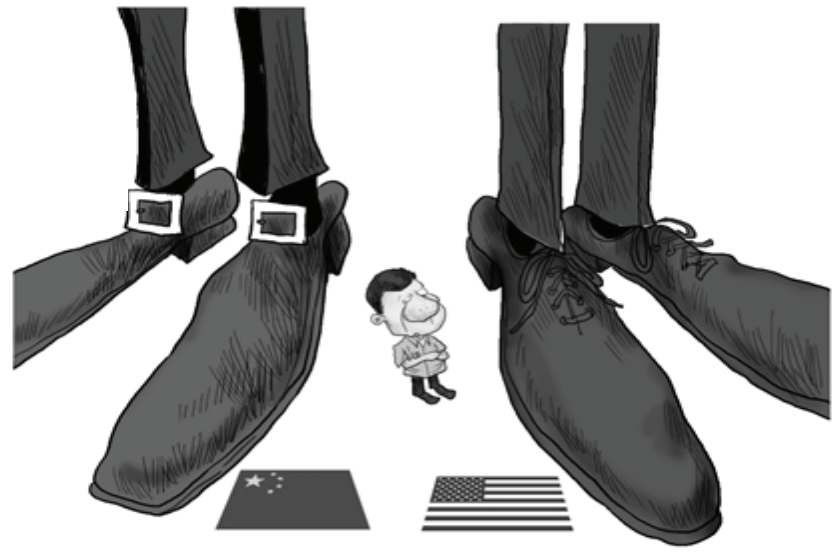
American analysts consider the Asian pivot of Obama as a blunder and his "greatest foreign policy mistake."

Obama referred to himself as the first Pacific president, and the pivot was touted by Obama's defenders as a great success that properly rebalanced America's foreign policy focus away from costly interventions in the Middle East to Asia, which is viewed as the center of the 21st century economic transformation.

The pivot did not contain the rise of China. Instead, China became more aggressive, pressing its claims in the region and the Senkakus where it also has a territorial rift with Japan.

From the start of his term, Rody had realized Obama's mistake in the region that Noynoy religiously followed and crafted his independent foreign policy. Rody's successful efforts to win China's trust merely undid the mistakes of Noynoy and Obama that nearly resulted in a point of no return in the maritime conflict.

As Mr. Duterte had said, the cost to the country of the conflict between the dominant nations is immeasurable and compensation is the least that the United States can do for a fair deal.



KAPIRASONG Kritika

Ni Teo S. Marasigan

Amazing Grade

ISANG paglalantad o pagsisiwalat.

Iyan ang panukala kong pangunahing pagbasa sa viral, kontrobersyal, at probokatibong Facebook status ni Prop. Gerardo Lanuza na kumukwestyon sa ugnayan ng pagkakaroon ng maraming gradong 1.0 at ng pagiging matalino sa hanay ng mga estudyante ng Unibersidad ng Pilipinas o UP. Inilalantad o isinisiwalat niya ang isang reyalidad tungkol sa mga tinatawag na "iskolar ng bayan" na nakakakuha ng matataas na grado mula sa kanyang obserbasyon. Hindi maiaalis sa isang propesor, na nag-aral at nagtuturo ng Sosalohiya at Edukasyon, lalo na't aktibista rin, ang gumawa ng ganitong mga obserbasyon: matatandaan, kahit malayo, ang mga pagsisiwalat ng mga sosyologo sa mababang katayuan sa sistemang pang-unibersidad sa Pransya ng mga intelektwal na Pranses na bantog sa mga kampus sa Estados Unidos.

Matagal nang obserbasyon ng mga estudyante at guro ng UP at iba pang unibersidad ang mga sinabi ni Lanuza kung paano makakakuha ng mataas na grado. Siguro'y tumampok lang ang sinabi niya dahil ginawa niyang publiko ang naturang mga obserbasyon sa isang Facebook post, sa isang panahong umaani ng papuri si Bb. Tiffany Grace Uy, gradweyt ng UP na nakakuha ng pinakamataas na grado pagkatapos ng World War 2. Para sa sinumang pamilyar sa mga progresibong pagsusuri sa sistemang pang-edukasyon, madaling matukoy na ang tinatamaan ng tuligsa ni Lanuza ay ang mga istandard sa paggagrado, na dapat lang kwestyunin at pana-panahong kinukwestyon, kung talagang nagpapalabas at nakakasukat sa talino ng mga estudyante. Hindi mga estudyante, lalo na't isang estudyante, o mga propesor ang tinutuligsa ni Lanuza.

Syempre, pinalabas

agad ni Prop. Sylvia Estrada-Claudio, propesor ng Women and Development Studies sa UP, lider ng Akbayan at kontra-aktibista sa kanyang Facebook status na pinapatungkulan ni Lanuza si Bb. Uy. Ang gusto niya, kabigin ang mga tagahanga ni Bb. Uy sa kanyang panig at laban kay Lanuza. Pinalabas din niya na ang tinutuligsa ni Lanuza ay ang paggagrado ng mga kapwa-propesor sa UP. Ang gusto niya, kabigin ang naturang mga propesor sa kanyang panig at laban kay Lanuza. Malinaw na talagang kinalimutan na, at ayaw man lang ipaalala, ni Claudio ang anumang gunita sa mga progresibo, at may feminista rin, na kritika sa sistemang pang-edukasyon, partikular sa mga istandard sa paggagrado. Na para bang 100 porsyentong kumbinsido ang mga propesor sa mga istandard na ito – palagay na malamang ay tatanggihan nila.

Anu't anuman, interesante ang maraming negatibong reaksyong natanggap ni Lanuza sa kanyang Facebook post. Isang dahilan, tiyak, ang kanyang mapangutyang porma. Madalas kalakasan at minsang kahinaan iyan sa mga Facebook status ni Lanuza: laging kongkreto sa tao, lalo na't sa mga indibidwal, ang pagtuligsa sa mga istrukturang pang-edukasyon, pang-ekonomiya o panlipunan. Isa pa ang pagtatawid niya ng kritika sa sistema ng paggagrado patungo sa usapin, na madalas ihapag ng mga aktibista, ng uring panlipunan na pinaglilingkuran ng mga estudyanteng may mataas na grado. Pero marami nang nagsabi niyan at hindi umani ng katulad na reaksyon. Kaya maituturo rin ang katayuang panlipunan – at masasabi kayang pam-Facebook? – ni Lanuza, na isang propesor at tinitingnan ng marami na kumakatawan sa progresibong pagsusuri.

Pero malinaw na ang humatak ng matinding negatibong

reaksyon ay ang malakas na upak ni Lanuza sa isang ilusyong mahalaga sa sistemang pang-edukasyon sa bansa – ang ilusyong katumbas ng mataas na grado ang pagiging matalino. Mahalagang masuri ang mga kaugnay ng naturang ilusyon – ang kulturang nagbibigay-halaga sa talino sa sistemang pang-edukasyon at sa mga nakapagtapos ng pag-aaral at, mas mahalaga, sa sistemang pang-ekonomiya na mahigpit na nag-uugnay ng taas ng grado at napag-aralan sa taas ng posibleng ranggo sa trabaho at kita. Dahil itinuturing na Numero Uno sa bansa at "world-class" ang UP at pandaigdig ang mga pangarap at pamumuhunan ng maraming estudyante ng UP pagdating sa trabaho, mas malaki ang halagang nakataya, kumbaga, sa pagtatanggol sa isang sentral na ilusyon maging ng edukasyong UP.

Maaaring dalhin ang kritika ni Lanuza sa sistema ng paggagrado sa "pagpapahusay" sa sistemang pang-edukasyon ngayon. Pero bahagi rin ito ng pagkwestyon sa labis-labis na pagpapahalagang ibinibigay sa "katalinuhan" sa edukasyon sa naturang sistema. Bahagi ang pagpapahalagang ito ng isang sistemang pang-ekonomiya na nakikinabang sa ilusyong para umangat sa buhay ay kailangan ng mataas na sweldo at magandang trabahong pampropesyunal. Hindi naibibigay ng sistemang ito ang batayang pangangailangan ng lahat para mapaunlad ang iba't ibang talino ng tao – mula pagsulat ng tula at pagkanta hanggang isports at pagkakarapintero, at marami pang iba. Hindi ito sistema kung saan "ang malayang pag-unlad ng isa ay batayan ng malayang pag-unlad ng lahat," kasama ang malayang pag-unlad ng lahat ng kakayahan ng bawat isa.

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Who should or should not take COVID-19 vaccines?

By Mary Rose delos Santos

IN the 39th installment of the University of the Philippines' webinar series on 5 February 2021 titled, "Stop COVID Deaths: Virtual Grand Rounds," Drs. Regina Berba and Inay Dans from the UP-Philippine General Hospital and Dr. Shelley Ann Dela Vega of the National Institutes of Health from UP-Manila highly recommended getting COVID-19 vaccination as the only way to develop herd immunity.

However, they advised people with specific health conditions to consult their health professionals before inoculation. These

people are:

1. People who will experience immediate allergic reactions to first dose of COVID-19 vaccine or any of its components such as polyethylene glycols (PEG) and polysorbates. If a patient had rashes or severe anaphylactic reaction after injecting the first dose of COVID-19, experts advised not to get the second dose.
2. People who had allergic reactions to other types of vaccines or injected therapy should consult their immunologists for evaluation.
3. Immune-compromised individuals with the following conditions:

- a. severe allergy to a vaccine component;
 - b. history of severe allergy to any vaccine or injectable medication;
 4. People who currently have COVID-19 should wait until they have recovered. If a person had antibody therapy as part of treatment, he/she should wait for three (3) months before getting vaccinated; and
 5. Children below 16 years old, as their case are still being studied.
- Meanwhile, experts from UP-PGH recommend vaccination to individuals with immunodeficiency and autoimmune diseases but advised to consult their healthcare provider

to determine personal risks and benefits and whether to receive the vaccine or not. People who were infected with COVID-19 in the past may still benefit from getting the vaccine. Older

people without allergies to vaccines should get vaccinated since many of them have chronic degenerative diseases that predispose them to COVID-19 complications and death.

Poster of the 39th Stop COVID Deaths webinar series (Social media card from UP)

CAVITEVIEW

For the love of Mother Earth: Break up with single-use plastics

QUEZON CITY-- A waste and pollution watchdog group has offered a timely advice on Valentine's Day to lovers of single-use plastics (SUPs): break up or perish.

The EcoWaste Coalition called on Filipinos from all walks of life to break up with SUPs as this toxic relationship with throw-away plastics is threatening the health of the ecosystems, especially the marine environment.

"We can live without SUPs, but we cannot live sans clean oceans where a big chunk of these disposable plastics, along with their chemical additives, gets dumped every minute," said Patricia Nicdao, Policy Advocacy Officer, EcoWaste Coalition.

"Better quit this toxic relationship before the oceans completely turn into a plastic cesspool," she emphasized. "For the love of Mother Earth, break up with SUPs and fall in love with ecological alternatives."

According to studies, around 50 percent of the

380 million tons of plastic produced per year are for single-use, or used for a few minutes and then thrown away like the ubiquitous plastic bags, drinking bottles, cups, sachets, wrappers, cutlery, straws, stirrers, etc.

Every year, some eight to 10 million tons of plastic and their chemical additives are dumped into the oceans and the results are deeply concerning: one million aquatic animals are killed due to plastic pollution, 100 percent of mussels tested are contaminated with microplastics, and that by 2050, experts warn, there will be more plastics than fish in the oceans.

"Breaking up with SUPs has become an essential and ethical choice for consumers amid the growing plastic pollution crisis that is threatening the health of our oceans and humanity and aggravating climate change," said Nicdao.

To counter the plasticization of the oceans, the EcoWaste Coalition sees the urgency

for global and national policy measures that will reduce and control plastic production, and promote plastic-free alternatives that can be reused, recycled or composted.

Locally, the EcoWaste Coalition, Oceana Philippines and other environmental health groups have been pushing the National Solid Waste Management Commission to identify and consequently prohibit non-environmentally acceptable products and packaging (NEAP) with SUPs on top

of the list. R.A. 9003, or the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act, requires the commission to issue the NEAP list one year after the law took effect, which was two decades ago in 2001.

To bid adieu to our convenient but toxic relationship with SUPs, the EcoWaste Coalition has advised consumers to start a loving and enduring relationships with ecological alternatives to SUPs, including:

1. Bayong, fabric bags and other reusable bags instead of plastic carry or grocery bags.
2. Tiffin carriers, stainless

steel lunch boxes and repurposed bottle jars instead of polystyrene food containers.

3. Water canteens, jugs or flasks, with no lead coatings, in place of plastic water bottles.

4. Washable glasses, tumblers or mason jars in lieu of plastic cups.

5. Glass, porcelain and other lead-free dishware instead of disposable plates.

6. Reusable bamboo and metal straws or, better still, go straw-free and drink straight from the glass or bottle. (Ecowaste Coalition)



(PIA NCR photo)

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE ESTATE OF THE DECEASED BLESILA A. ILANO-SAMANIEGO WITH REPUDIATION OF INHERITANCE

Notice is hereby given that the deceased Blesila A. Ilano-Samaniego, who died intestate on August 28, 2010, and who at the time of her death is a resident of Municipality of Imus (now City of Imus), Province of Cavite, left no debt in favor of any entity or person. That said deceased left real and personal properties as follows:

1. A parcel of land located in Medicion I-D, Imus, Cavite covered by Transfer Certificate Title No. T-259099 of the Registry of Deeds for the Province of Cavite;
2. A single-storey residential house erected on the above-described property, covered by Tax Declaration No. 09-0015-01209;
3. A parcel of land located in Toclong II, Imus, Cavite, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-259908 of the Registry of Deeds for the Province of Cavite and;
4. A two-door apartment erected on the above-mentioned property covered by Tax Declaration No. 09-0021-00385,

and which properties are the subject of the Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate executed by her surviving heirs and acknowledged before Atty. Marianne Jezelle Jem T. Macarilay, Notary Public for and in the City of Makati as per Doc. No. 316, Page No. 65, Book No. I, Series of 2021, on February 10, 2021.

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EJF NO. TG-21-002
FOR: Extrajudicial Foreclosure of Real Estate Mortgage under Act No. 3135, as Amended

BPI FAMILY SAVINGS BANK, INC.,
Petitioner-Mortgagee,

-Versus -

SPOUSES MARLON S. CONSTANTINO
AND MA. CRISTINA N. CONSTANTINO,
Mortgagor/s.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial foreclosure for sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed by Petitioner/Mortgagee, BPI FAMILY SAVINGS BANK, INC., a banking corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the Philippines, with principal office and place of business at 109 Dela Rosa St., corner Paseo de Roxas, Makati City, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Mortgage Loan Agreement ("MORTGAGE") dated July 13, 2012 that was executed by Respondents/Mortgagors, SPOUSES MA. CRISTINA N. CONSTANTINO, FILIPINO AND MARLON S. CONSTANTINO FILIPINO, both of legal, age with residence and postal addresses 1). Lot 3 Blk. 1, Garden Hills, Brgy. Pansin (Sikat) Alfonso, Cavite, 2). Blk. 7, Lot 24, Marigold St., Camella Homes 1, Muntinlupa City and 3). Blk. 17, Lot 24, Marigold St., camella homes 1, Muntinlupa City, in favour of the Petitioner/Mortgagee, over a real estate property including improvements thereon, described in and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. TCT No. 076-2012002077 of the Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City, in order to satisfy the outstanding loan obligation of the Respondents/Mortgagors in the amount of TWO MILLION FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY SEVEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED TWENTY TWO PESOS AND 3/100 (Php2,577,222.03) inclusive of interest, penalties and other charges, as of January 06, 2021, the undersigned Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff of the Regional Trial Court of Cavite thru her deputy, Sheriff Oliver T. Bocacao Jr., will sell at public auction on March 18, 2021 at 10:00 O'clock in the morning or soon thereafter, at the New Hall of Justice of Tagaytay City, to the highest bidder, for Cash or Manager's Check and in Philippine Currency, the following properties with all its improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 076-2012002077
Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in BRGY. OF PANSIN (NOW SIKAT) MUN OF ALFONSO, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, IS OF LUZON, bounded and described as follows

A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 3 BLK 1 OF THE SUBD PLAN PSD-04-102573 BEING A PORTION OF LOT 9-F, PSD-04-095984, L.R.C REC. NO.) SITUATED IN THE BRGY. OF PANSIN (NOW SIKAT) MUN OF ALFONSO, PROVINCE OF CAVITE IS. OF LUZON. BOUNDED ON THE SE., ALONG

LINE 1-2 BY LOT 4 BLK. 1; ON THE SW., ALONG LINES 2-3-4 BY RD. LOT 1 (15.00 M. WIDE); ON THE NW., ALONG LINE 4-5 BY LOT 2 BLK. 1; ON THE NE., ALONG LINES 5-6-7 BY RD. LOT 3 (12.00 M. WIDE) AND ON THE E., ALONG LINE 7-1 BY RD. LOT 2 (10.00 M. WIDE) ALL OF THE SUBD. PLAN. BEGINNING AT A PT. MARKED "1" ON PLAN BEING N. 23 DEG. 03'W., 159 77 M FROM BLBM NO. 2 ALFONSO CROSSING THENCE S. 53 DEG. 24'W., 28.04 M. TO PT. 2; THENCE N. 37 DEG. 53'W., 14. 52 M. TO PT. 3; THENCE N. 34 DEG 16'W., 0.98 M. TO PT. 4; THENCE N. 53 DEG. 24'W., 33. 36 M. TO PT. 5 THENCE S., 47 DEG. 21'E. 15 M. TO PT. 6; THENCE S. 25 DEG. 46'E., 2.25 M. TO PT. 7, THECE S. 14 DEG. 58'E., 13.08 M. TO THE PT. OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING AN AREA OF FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY FOUR (484) SQ. METERS ALL PTS. REFERRED TO ARE INDICATED ON THE PLAN AND ARE MARKED ON THE GROUND BY PS. CYL. CONC. MONS. 15X60 CM.; BERINGS TRUE DATE OF ORIG SURVEY JUNE 27 TO JULY 4, 1996 AND THAT OF THE SUBD. SURVEY APRIL 3 TO JUNE 15, 1997 WHICH WAS APPROVED ON SEPT. 30, 1997.

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

Owner: SPOUSES MARLON S. CONSTANTINO AND MA. CRISTINA N. CONSTANTINO, FILIPINOS
Address: BLOCK 17 LOT 24 MARIGOLD STREET, CAMELLA HOMES I, MUNTINLUPA CITY"

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on March 25, 2021 without further notice.

Prospective bidders or buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate and verify for themselves the TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 076-2012002077 the encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

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

Tagaytay City, Philippines, January 22, 2021.

APPROVED:

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

OLIVER T. BOCACAO JR.
Sheriff In Charge

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EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late JULIUS SANCHEZ MACAWILI, who died on December 27, 2020 leaving a Savings Account with Account Number 243110122985 maintained with Cavite-Rosario-CEPZ branch of Philippine National Bank, in the amount of FORTY THOUSAND FIFTY TWO AND 63/100 Pesos (Php 40,052.63) plus interest accruing has been extrajudicially settled by his heirs as per Doc. No. 177; Page No. 37; Book No. 24; Series of 2021, Notary Public Atty. Christopher P. Columna.

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ASEANoxensymbolizing strength, fragility in biodiversity -ACB chief

By Jerome Carlo R. Paunan

CALOOCAN CITY-- The chief of the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB) has highlighted the crucial role of the wild large-horned mammals belonging to the family of bovine species across the ASEAN region in line with the Lunar New Year observance today celebrating the Year of the Ox.

"Today, we also take the opportunity to highlight the crucial role of the wild large-horned mammals belonging to the family of bovine species across the ASEAN region. While their contribution to the people's nutrition and livelihood are invaluable, the presence of these herbivores contributes to the health and productivity of ecosystems,"said ACB Executive Director Dr. Theresa Mundita S. Lim.

"Apart from adding balance to the food chain as prey for predators, wild ox or wild cattle species help disperse seeds and cycle nutrients in the soil," Lim added.

To recall, the Lunar New Year is widely celebrated in the ASEAN region, particularly in member states where the event is declared a national holiday.

"With optimism and renewed hope for healing and recovery, the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity joins the ASEAN Member States (AMS) in celebrating the start of the Lunar Year of the Ox," Lim said.

"At this time, we couldn't help but think of the forest-dwelling kouprey, or grey ox (*Bos sauveli*) of Cambodia, which is a critically endangered and possibly extinct species. This species remains a mystery as no sightings have been reported since the 1980s. Other bovine species in the ASEAN need not suffer the same fate as the kouprey," she added.

"Wild ox species can still be saved from extinction by implementing species conservation programmes and conservation and protection of the species' natural habitats. Among these notable endangered species are saola (*Pseudoryx nghetinhensis*) of Viet Nam and Lao PDR; dwarf buffalo species, anoa (*Bubalus depressicornis* and *B. quarlesi*), of the Sulawesi and Buton islands of Indonesia; tamaraw (*Bubalus mindorensis*), another dwarf buffalo species endemic to the island of Mindoro, Philippines; and banteng (*Bos javanicus*), which is found across Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia (Sabah), Myanmar, Thailand, and Viet Nam. The largest cattle species in the world, the gaur (*Bos gaurus*) is also found in South and Southeast Asia. However, its population has declined in recent years," the conservation expert enumerated.

Lim said, however, some of the ASEAN Heritage Parks are also home to wild cattles.

"For instance, Mounts Iglit-Baco National Park in the Philippines serves as a refuge for the iconic tamaraws. Gaurs can be seen in Taman Negara National Park in Malaysia and Kaeng Krachan Forest Complex in Thailand. Vu Quang National Park in Vietnam is home to saolas. Kaeng Krachan Forest Complex, on the other hand, hosts a population of banteng," she said.

Lim noted that the ACB and the AMS acknowledge the importance of well-managed protected and conserved areas as critical habitats for endangered species survival and have been supporting the conservation of these species through initiatives under the ASEAN Heritage Parks Programme.

The programme, she said, include assistance in capacity development, patrolling and monitoring, taxonomy, and other work related to ensuring the protection of the region's most representative wildlife and promoting the nexus between biodiversity and well-being.

"This Year of the Ox, may we embrace the strength that the wild oxen of Southeast Asia symbolise in order to weather and recover from the adversities that we are facing. Let us be reminded that part of this strength is drawn from our harmonious relationship with nature," she said.

"From the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity, Gōng xǐ fā cái! Chúc Mừng Năm Mới! Happy Lunar New Year!" she added. (PIA NCR)

Word Search Puzzle

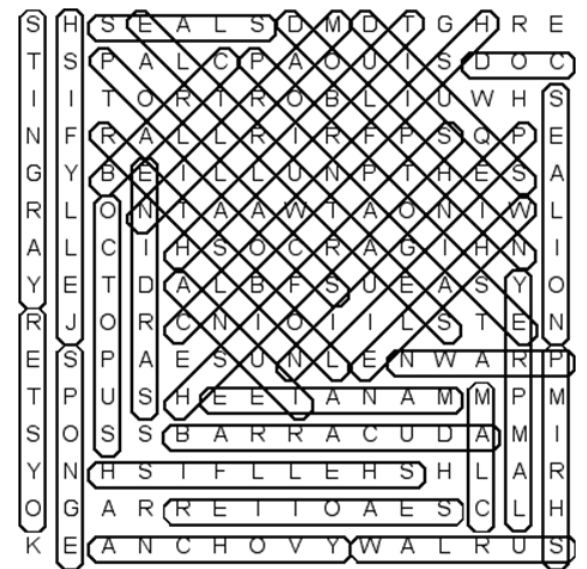
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Find and circle all of the different types of music that are hidden in the grid. The remaining 14 letters spell an additional type of music.

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- BIG BAND
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- HIP HOP
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- INDIE
- JAZZ
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- LOUNGE
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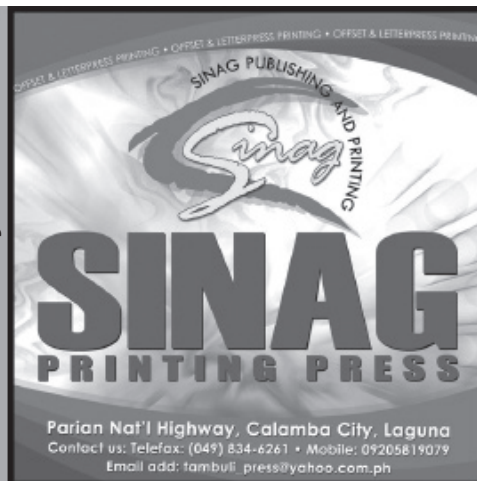
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Sudoku hint

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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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Pagsugpo sa online sexual abuse sa mga kabataan paigtingin, ipagpatuloy -Gatchalian

By Lucia F. Broño

LUNGSOD CALOOCAN-- Hinimok ngayong araw ni Senator Win Gatchalian ang Inter-Agency Council Against Trafficking (IACAT) at Inter-Agency Council Against Child Pornography (IACACP) na ipagpatuloy at paigtingin pa ang mga hakbang ng pamahalaan laban sa online sexual exploitation of children (OSEC).

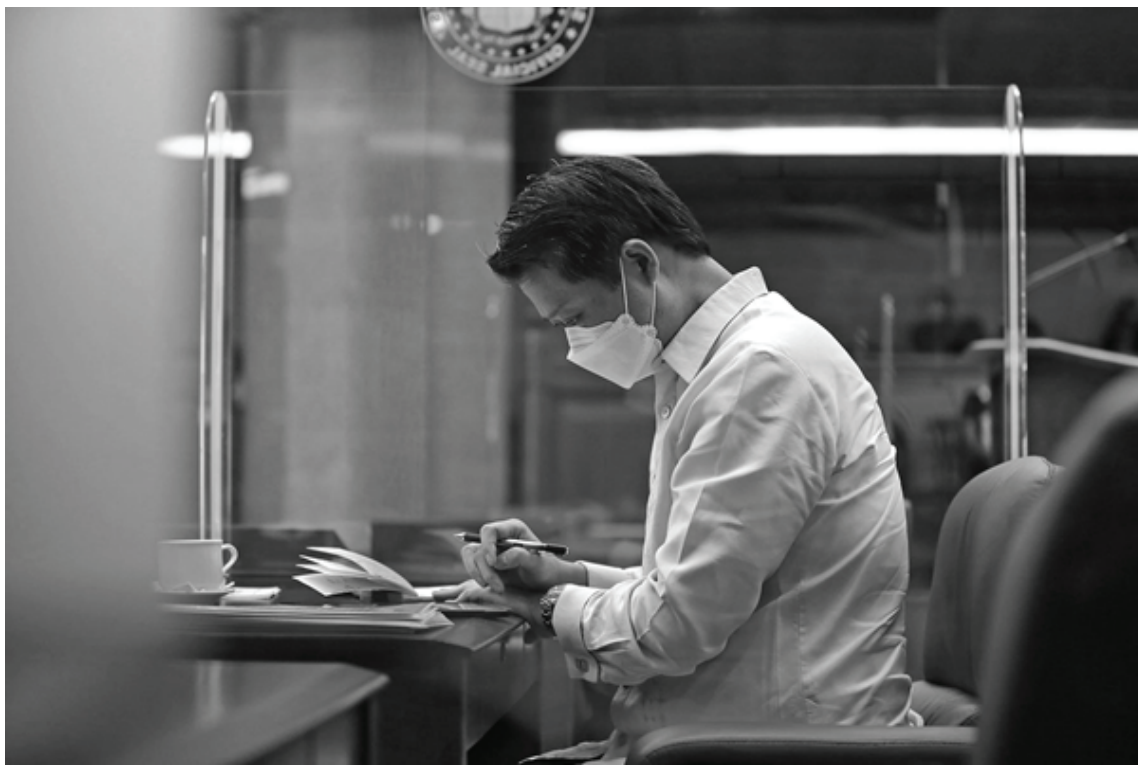
Ito'y sa gitna ng pagdaraos ng "National Awareness Week for the Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation" tuwing pangalawang linggo ng Pebrero.

Ayon kay Gatchalian, bahagi nito ang patuloy na pagsuri sa pagsunod ng mga internet service providers (ISPs) sa Anti-Child Pornography Act of

2009 (Republic Act No. 9775).

Ang mahigpit na pagpapatupad ng naturang batas ay isa sa mga rekomendasyon ng Department of Justice (DOJ) upang masugpo ang pag-akyat ng mga aktibidad na may kinalaman sa OSEC. Sa isang pandinig, ibinahagi ng IACAT na ang mga online tips sa mga pinaghihinalaang kaso ng OSEC ay lumobo sa mahigit isang (1.2) milyon noong 2020, mas malaki ng tatlong beses sa apat na raang libong (400,000) naitala noong 2019.

Dumami rin noong nakaraang taon ang bilang ng mga nasagip na mga biktima. Ang halos isang daan at walumpung (172) nasagip ng Philippine Internet Crimes Against Children Center (PICACC) ay mas mataas
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Senator Win Gatchalian (PIA NCR file photo)

BIR reports 2020 accomplishments, 2021 goals

MANILA-- Internal Revenue Commissioner Caesar Dulay has reported that the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) was able to surpass its collection goal in 2020 through the strict monitoring of tax compliance, topped by making good use of the bureau's Taxpayer Account Management Program (TAMP).

The BIR's strict monitoring of tax compliance also included withholding the remittances of national government agencies, local government units (LGUs), top withholding taxpayers and other private withholding agents, and employing online facilities, said Dulay in his accomplishment report to Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez III.

Citing BIR preliminary data, Dulay said the bureau collected a total of P1.94 trillion in 2020, or 15.14 percent over the revised goal of P1.68 trillion set by the Development Budget Coordination Committee (DBCC) for last year.

Dulay informed Dominguez that the BIR also intensified its collection of delinquent accounts in 2020, with a total of 207 warrants for garnishment, and distraint and levy issued, which led to the collection of P690 million in taxes.

Compromise tax

settlements in 2020 resulted to another P308.96 million in taxes paid to the BIR.

Last year, the BIR was able to heighten its audit and enforcement activities despite the pandemic through the organized issuance of electronic Letters of Authority (LOAs), the prompt issuance of subpoenas, preliminary assessment notices and final assessment notices to delinquent taxpayers, Dulay said. The BIR also launched an information campaign on its tax amnesty for delinquent accounts and estate taxes, and its Voluntary Assessment and Payment Program (VAPP), he said.

Dulay said the bureau collected P5.63 billion in 2020 from delinquent filers and estate taxes, or 97 percent more than the P2.86 billion collected from errant taxpayers in 2019.

Its Run After Tax Evaders (RATE) program led to the filing of 157 cases before the Department of Justice (DOJ) with aggregate tax liabilities of P7.45 billion, and another 24 cases filed with the Court of Tax Appeals (CTA) with total estimated liabilities of P753.75 million, Dulay said.

Under the Oplan Kandado program, 209 establishments were padlocked for tax law violations, which
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Congress moves closer to ban single-use plastics; address waste, flooding

QUEZON CITY -- Sixty one bills in the House of Representatives seeking to phase-out or regulate single-use plastics were tackled recently in a technical working group chaired by Rep. Francisco "Kiko" Benitez under the House of Representatives Committee on Ecology.

"This legislation is a critical, concrete step towards a circular economy. There are products that we can immediately ban. But for products that are not easily replaceable, we must give

manufacturers time to produce alternatives and diversify," Benitez said.

The lawmaker emphasized the need to consult all stakeholders from the sectors that will be affected, in view of the wide range of products to be covered by the bills such as plastic straws for drinks, plastic coffee stirrers, plastic bags of thickness below 50 microns, plastic cups and cutlery, containers of polystyrene, balloons and candy sticks, buntings, and confetti.

Deputy Speaker Loren Legarda, for her part as co-author, also expressed strong support for the immediate passage of the legislative measure regulating and prohibiting single-use plastics.

"We have seen with our own eyes and we have known for some time that single-use plastics have a negative impact on the environment. This is even more problematic in our flood-prone areas, where plastic wastes clog our sewerage systems. The
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