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Multi-sector agencies partner for OTOP hub launch

By Ruel Francisco

BACOR CITY, Cavite – The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), the city government of Bacoor, and the Office of the 2nd District of Cavite Representative partner to initiate the launching of the One Town One Product (OTOP) hub located at the 2nd Floor Main Square Mall, Molino Boulevard last February 14.

Together, DTI Secretary Alfredo Pascual, Mayor Strike Revilla, and Congresswoman Lani Mercado-Revilla led the ceremony together with

Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) Regional Director Lionel Dalope, DTI-Calabarzon OIC Regional Director Marissa Argente, Congressman Bryan Revilla, DTI-Cavite Provincial Director Revelyn Cortez, and Vice-Mayor Rowena Bautista-Mendiola.

This is the second OTOP hub in the province that aims to provide a venue for market access to OTOP products that help Micro, Small, and Medium-scale Enterprises (MSMEs) in the city to sell and promote their

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DENR Calabarzon recognizes private sector's role in advancing environmental causes

By Christopher Hedreyda

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna — The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) IV-A continues mobilizing the private sector to help the government in its re-greening, reforestation, and cleanup efforts. In an interview during the Usapang PIA radio program, DENR IV-A Regional Executive

Director Nilo Tamoria said that they recognize the corporate social responsibility of the private sector in the region in protecting the environment by conducting sustainable environmental programs.

According to Tamoria, they have signed numerous memorandum of agreements with companies to adopt the National Greening Program sites piloted

by the department and to be monitored and sustained by the private sector for years to come.

He also believes that the reforestation, tree planting activities, and clean-up drives being organized by various organizations in the region would help the government in minimizing the effects of climate change and global warming.

Tamoria said: "Sa ating *continue to page 3*

Bacoor City TODA train for disaster preparedness

By Ruel Francisco

TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite – The Bacoor Disaster Risk Reduction & Management Office (BDRRMO) held another Disaster Preparedness Orientation for registered participants of the city's Tricycle Operators and Drivers' Association (TODA) on February 17, 2023 at the Strike Gymnasium.

Around 160 members of the TODA participated in the said training workshop which was a continuation of the previous orientation of the city's BDRRMO conducted for 1,590 employees of the city government.

Life-saving skills such

as resuscitation of individuals in an emergency or disaster situations, as well as a quick response in incidents of choking of adults and babies, were demonstrated.

The program aimed to support the approved City Ordinance NO. 248-2022 also known as the "Bacoor Emergency Response Training Ordinance" and to intensify the practice of Malasakit Sa Bawat Residente of Mayor Strike Revilla.

Mayor Strike Revilla inspired the participants to learn well and be able to apply the skills acquired to serve during times of emergency and disaster. (RBF/PIA-Cavite with reports from the City Government of Bacoor)

DTI e-Sigaw to increase consumer awareness and protection

By Ruel Francisco

TRECE MARTIRES, CAVITE – The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI)-Cavite recently launched its e-Sigaw (e-Share Information, Gain Awareness) website this February 9 via Zoom.

DTI 4-A OIC-Assistant Regional Director Revelyn Cortez explained, "Aside from the desire to deliver innovative services, the initiative to reinvent the e-SIGAW project stems from the observed increase in the number of online inquiries from clients, especially those pandemic-born businesses and other aspiring entrepreneurs who want to avail the services of DTI."

Through the program, information is accessible to

consumers to increase their awareness and protect them from online fraud and other unconscionable sales acts and practices.

E-SIGAW is an internet site that features the following services and contents: e-ANGAT MSMEs, an online mentoring facility that provides MSMEs an easy access to local mentors, private organizations, and government agencies for their business development and information needs; e-BIDA ang LOKAL, a business-to-business commerce site to promote products of Cavite MSMEs, particularly those that have undergone product development through the One Town, One Product (OTOP) Next Generation Program; *continue to page 3*



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DA-ATI holds 2-day work ethics and accountability training

By Ruel Francisco

TRECE MARTIRES, CAVITE – Around forty staff of the Department of Agriculture (DA) – Agricultural Training Institute (ATI) – CALABARZON participated in the two-day seminar-workshop on Public Service Ethics and Accountability held on February 8-9, 2023.

The activity was initiated thru DA-ATI's Administrative and Finance Unit with guest speakers and discussants from the Civil Service Commission Regional Office IV, Ms. Melania Guanzon, and Attorney Henry Pablo.

Topics discussed during the program were the importance of public service values such as Patriotism, Integrity, Excellence,

and Spirituality (PIES), the responsibility of officials and employees under the "Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officials and Employees," and ways to fight corruption.

The activity also allowed the participants to conduct self-assessments through various workshops and accompanying activities.

At the end of the program, TCS II/ Center Director Rolando V. Maningas, Ph.D. emphasized that 'being a public servant requires responsibility and accountability' and expressed hope for the participants to uphold high ethical standards in delivering efficient services in the region. (RBF/PIA-Cavite with reports from DA-ATI Calabarzon)

Tap.....

Before the passage of Republic Act No. 11908, the DSWD was already implementing the PES as an intervention to parents of children inside the child development centers. These patients are oriented on the modules of parent effectiveness service.

The DSWD is also currently leading the crafting of the law's implementing rules and regulations.

Gatchalian, however, pointed out that reaching out to at least 20 million parents is quite a challenge, which could be

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addressed by tapping PTAs.

"You can ride on the existing network of DepEd because they already have the PTA. That is the fastest way of accessing our parents. If you have the modules, just partner with the DepEd because the parents are already there. All you need to do is work with the DepEd to mandate the parents to join in the Parent Effectiveness Service," Gatchalian told DSWD Social Welfare Officer IV Cheryl Mainar during the hearing.

Based on the National Baseline Study on Violence

Against Children in the Philippines conducted in 2015, about three in five or 66.3% of respondents experienced several forms of physical violence during childhood. The study added that 60% of these cases happened at home.

Based on the results of the 2018 Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA), 65% of 15-year-old Filipino learners reported experiencing bullying at least a few times a month. Compared to 78 other countries, the Philippines has the highest incidence of bullying in schools. (Office of Sen WIN Gatchalian/pia-ncr)

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many groups and departments will help here, hopefully, before 2027, we are able to capacitate them)," Sec. Pangandaman continued.

In January, the DBM issued the National Budget Call, which defines the budget framework for drafting the 2024 budget. It calls for the incorporation of the provision of funds for capacity-building programs for LGUs. It highlights that the 2024 budget shall provide funds for agencies' regional programs which are responsive to the needs of the disadvantaged and lagging LGUs.

"Nandirito pa rin po ang DBM para magbigay sa kanila ng guidance kung anong klaseng mga proyekto ang pwede nilang sundin. Meron na tayong Philippine Development Plan, so we're hoping they will follow... para alam nila kung ano 'yung mga strategies para umunlad 'yung kanilang mga lugar (DBM is still here to give them guidance on what kind of projects they can follow. We now have the Philippine Development Plan, so we're hoping they will follow... so they know what the strategies are to develop their areas)," Sec. Pangandaman said. (DBM / PIA-NCR)

Garcia....

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Davao Region, Northern Mindanao, Zamboanga Peninsula, Eastern Visayas, Central Visayas, Western Visayas, Bicol Region, Mimaropa, Calabarzon, Cagayan Valley, Cordillera Administrative Region, and Ilocos Region.

Only the barangay ballots for two regions, Central Luzon and National Capital Region, have yet to be printed.

Meanwhile, only SK ballots from Metro Manila have yet to be printed.

Garcia, meanwhile, said they are looking to print additional official ballots in March once the Election Registration Boards (ERBs) have approved the applications submitted during the voter registration activities, which concluded last month.

"This coming March, we intend to print the ballots for the additional numbers from the recent voter registration activities," he said.

The poll body has received a total of 2,506,321 applications including new registrants, those applying for transfer of registration, reactivation among others during the resumption of voter registration period from Dec. 12, 2022 until Jan. 31, 2023.

The applications have to be approved by the Election Registration Boards (ERBs) by conducting hearings, before an applicant can be considered regular voters and youth voters. Each city and municipality have their own ERBs, which is

composed of the city/municipal election officer, a public school official, and the local civil registrar.

Of its PHP5.7 billion approved 2023 budget, the Comelec chief said PHP1.250 billion was allotted for the construction of their building which is not enough.

Garcia estimated that they will be spending more or less an additional PHP2.8 billion which will be sourced from the Commission's savings.

"We're going to still wait for the report of our field personnel for the project of the precincts. Doon po namin malalaman (We will know from there) if we're going to add precincts and/or ilan yung mga (how many) voters per precinct.

Before it was postponed, some PHP8.449 billion budget was approved for the conduct of BSKE to be conducted supposedly last December 5, 2022.

"We reserve the right to respectfully ask our Congress for additional budget as the need arises simply because at this point, we can just estimate but we cannot particularly pinpoint how much we're going to need simply because although there [are] additional 1.6 million registered voters from December 12 to January 31, hindi pa po sina-submit ng mga tao namin from the field kasi meron pa pong (our people from the field have not submitted yet) [the final

numbers] because we will still be conducting [a] registration board hearing by March," Garcia noted saying by that time, the final number of additional registered voters and voting precincts will be determined.

"That being the case, may I reiterate, request that the budget and the funding sources be submitted to this committee so that in the little time left we are able to access the funds in time as well as be clarified that no undue influence will be exercised by the local and other politicians involved," Marcos responded.

Garcia assured that the poll body will not be asking for any help from any local government unit as it is strictly prohibited except during the conduct of plebiscites.

Automated pilot testing

Responding to a House resolution filed by Cavite Rep. Elpidio Barzaga Jr. calling for the Comelec to conduct an automated elections for BSKE, Garcia said they are planning to have a pilot testing in a barangay in Quezon City and another one in the City of Dasmariñas, Cavite.

Although the Comelec En Banc has yet to decide on its final date, the Comelec chief explained to senators that the automated BSKE in these two barangays will have a manual uploading of the results.

"Based on our time and motion study, if you're going to conduct manual elections, if we are to finish the voting by 6

p.m., we are going to complete to counting by more or less 9 p.m. to 10 p.m. If we are going to automate just like our previous experience, by 6:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. if the voting is to end by 6 p.m., then we will have the result already by the precinct," he added, assuring that they will prepare the highest security arrangement in the two barangays during the pilot testing.

Before the Secure Digital (SD) cards will be transmitted, Garcia also clarified that all of the candidates' representatives and watchers will have their own copies of the elections returns as it will be printed by the machines after the voting process.

In his resolution, Barzaga said he found it time consuming to do the BSKE manually especially in big barangays.

However, Garcia said they disagreed to the suggestion insisting that the Comelec cannot conduct the automated elections in the entire country.

"At this point, we have no budget and resources. We cannot procure necessary documents and materials for purposes of the BSKE. We have only 98,000 machines, presently. We will have to lease the additional machines in the event that there will be an automated BSKE," he said.

Own building

To give Comelec and its field offices the chance to have their own buildings and offices, Senator Marcos suggested to create a multi-year plan so the national government and the lawmakers can gradually allocate funds for its construction.

"Daing tayo nang daing pero yung actual plan year-on-year baka kayanin PHP1.2 [billion]. Baka kayanin ng PHP2 billion, malay mo di ba? Eh unti-unti, maisisingit natin sa (We always ask for it but maybe the actual plan year-on-year like PHP1.2 billion is feasible. Like we can do it for PHP2 billion, you'll never know, right? Gradually, we can insert it in the) GAA [General Appropriations Act]," Marcos said in which the representatives from the Department of Budget Management, who were also present in the hearing agreed.

Garcia said they have a plan in place and assured that they will submit it to the committee.

The Comelec is currently renting various buildings, including several floors at the Palacio del Gobernador in Intramuros which caught fire in July last year.

Upon his reappointment last year, Garcia vowed to push for the creation of the office building which costs around PHP8.2 billion. (with Ferdinand Patinio/PNA)

Final VCM testing, sealing for Cavite special poll ‘successful’

By Ferdinand Patinio

MANILA – The Commission on Elections (Comelec) said the Final Testing and Sealing (FTS) of the 426 vote-counting machines (VCMs) to be used in the Feb. 25 special election for the representative of Cavite’s 7th District was a success.

John Rex Laudiangco, Comelec spokesperson, said the machines functioned well during the FTS on Sunday.

“Based on the general report, all 426 worked well and counted correctly. No VCMs or SD (secure digital) cards failed. The only observed issue is the paper jam that is immediately remedied simply by correcting the position of the VCM over the ballot box so that the ballot exit slot matches the entry receptacle,” he said in a statement.

“At 11:15 am, FTS was reported to be over in most of the 75 voting centers, while others were just carrying out the corresponding administrative procedures,” Laudiangco added.

There will be 75 voting centers in 116 villages of Trece Martires City and the towns of

Amadeo, Indang and Tanza for Saturday’s automated special election.

Former Trece Martires City mayor Melencio de Sagun Jr., Cavite 7th District Board Member Crispin Diego Remulla, Jose Angelito Aguinaldo and Michael Angelo Santos are the candidates to replace Jesus Crispin Remulla, who was appointed Justice Secretary shortly after the May 2022 polls. Crispin Diego Remulla is the son of the Justice chief.

After the FTS, the final process in the preparation, the VCMs were returned to their boxes and redeposited in the storage rooms of the schools that are part of the special poll.

Each storage room is closely guarded by staff of the Department of Education in collaboration with the Philippine National Police.

Nearly 1,300 members of 426 electoral boards participated and ensured that their kits were complete with the sealed VCM, main and backup SD cards and other paraphernalia, including thermal paper rolls, marking pens and documents and checklists. (PNA)



ALL SET. Commission on Elections Commissioner Nelson Celis (left) and chair George Garcia participate in the final testing and sealing of vote-counting machines at Amaya Elementary School in Tanza, Cavite on Sunday (Feb. 19, 2023). The special election on Feb. 25 will be for the representative of Cavite’s 7th District, vacated by Justice Secretary Jesus Crispin Remulla. (Courtesy of the Office of Comelec Chairman)

PGCEA elected officers take oath of office

By Ruel Francisco

TRECE MARTIRES, Cavite (PIA) - The first set of elected officers of the Provincial Government of Cavite Employees Association (PGCEA) for 2023 to 2025 formally took their Oath of Office on January 31 at the Ceremonial Hall, Provincial Capitol Building.

Provincial Administrator for Internal Affairs, Mr. Renato A. Abutan sworn in the PGCEA elected officers: Ms. Michelle S. Osorio – President, Mr. Joseph M. Avecilla – Vice President, Ms. Angelica Joy A. Balanquit – Secretary, Mr. Paul Mark M. Feranil – Assistant Secretary, Ms. Myrachel P. Cuadra – Treasurer, Ms. Karen Dela Cruz – Assistant Treasurer, Ms. Josefina M. Ayon – Auditor, and Mr. Walter

M. Pereña and Ms. Genevieve B. Rogado – Public Relations Officers.

After officiating the oath-taking ceremony, PA Abutan thanked the interim officers for their efforts and dedication to pursuing the objective to form a reliable and credible employees association.

“I am immensely delighted as it was his dream to organize an employee association in the Provincial Government of Cavite,” Abutan said adding his pledge for his full support to the organization.

PGCEA Interim President, Ms. Maricel S. Bernal led the turnover activity to the new officers by handing over the ceremonial key to symbolize the opening of new roles and responsibility, the gavel that

signify authority and order, and the constitutional by-laws that serve as the guide of the organization.

In her acceptance speech, President-elect Michelle S. Osorio expressed their gratitude for the trust and confidence delegated to them and asked for her fellow employees’ continued support and guidance.

“Simulan na natin itong challenge na ito, itong trabahong ito at kakayanin natin ito sa tulong ng ating mga co-member,” Ms. Osorio said.

In support of the PGCEA, PA Abutan generously donated seed fund for its operation as the new officers take on the challenge for the welfare of the PGC employees. (RBF/PIA-Cavite with reports from PGCEA)



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mga kababayan, huwag po nating hayaan na ang responsibilidad na para masawata ang (climate change) ay sa pamahalaan lamang. Tayo po bilang mga mamamayan, bilang indibidwal ay mayroong kayang-kayang gawin sa pang-araw araw nating buhay. Basta sa maayos na pagse-segregate ng ating mga basura, sa pagtulong sa pagsita sa mga naoobserbahan nating paglabag sa batas, at hanggang sa pagtulong sa adbokasiya, sa pagpapaliwanag, sa aktwal na pagtatanim, at sa pag-participate.”

The regional executive also pointed out that public-private partnership and participation has become more essential since the changes in the environment affect everyone.

“In-encourage ko po

ang lahat na sana lumawak ang ganitong adbokasiya, at ganitong process. Ang environmental conservation protection and development ay maging bahagi na po ng ating pang-araw araw na buhay natin kasi kagaya ng sinasabi namin palagi, Ikaw, Ako, Tayo ang Kalikasan. Ang ating laban para sa kapaligiran at likas na yaman ay laban natin para sa buhay,” he added.

Strengthening the implementation of environmental laws to combat climate change is just one of the main priorities of DENR IV-A for 2023, which includes realignment of the provisions of Executive Order No. 23, s. 2011, to form a multi-sectoral environmental protection committee, and the monitoring of activities in 19 protected area landscapes in the region. (CH/PIA-Laguna)

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e-KONEK NEGOSYO, a directory of Cavite MSMEs, particularly beneficiaries of the Shared Service Facilities (SSF) Program, Kapatid Mentor Me (KMME) Program, and OTOP NextGen Program; e-TRAIN to LEARN, a calendar of activities and training to be conducted by DTI Cavite and access to e-learning materials; and e-CONSUMER CORNER, an information hub that features the programs and services offered by the DTI Cavite Consumer Protection Division, which include the Bagwis Program, Consumer Advocacy, accreditation and issuance of business licenses, permits, registration, and authorities, and monitoring and enforcement of

Fair Trade Laws.

The e-CONSUMER CORNER also serves as a gateway in airing consumer complaints and posting the latest information about consumerism such as updated DTI-Department Administrative Orders/guidelines, Suggested Retail Prices, etc.

Likewise, the program would greatly benefit micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) and consumers by sharing timely and relevant information for business development.

The public can access the e-Sigaw website through the link: esigaw.dti.gov.ph. (RBF/PIA-Cavite with reports from DTI-Cavite)

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Bacooreño brand products and services.

“I believe that giving opportunities to micro small enterprises will stabilize the local economy not only in the city of Bacoor, it will also provide a livelihood to those who make products, and give a higher level to the product

that can be export,” said ASEC Dominic Tolentino Jr.

This project was first planned by the then mayor of the city and now Congresswoman Lani Revilla and was pushed to implementation by Mayor Strike Revilla in collaboration with the City Livelihood and Negosyo Center.

“This is not just a

personal achievement but a collective achievement of all sectors,” stated Congresswoman Lani Revilla.

Likewise, in full support of the city government’s efforts to reach more constituents of Bacoor City, Filinvest housed the OTOP hub at the Main Square Mall, one of its Lifemalls. (RBF/PIA-Cavite)

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EDITORIAL

Education's deep fake

Thus, educators should draw the line when it comes to the use of AI chatbots. Students should be told: You use ChatGPT and you flunk. It should be as simple as that.

Shame on those self-proclaimed "thought leaders," especially those from the academe, who insisted during a recent media forum that artificial intelligence, or AI, chatbots writing essays for students should be accepted as part of the evolution of technology and education.

If the speakers were not heads of educational institutions, it would have been easy to dismiss their nonsense as something that ChatGPT (Chat Generative Pre-trained Transformer) would have written in its defense. Pity their students, especially those aiming to become journalists.

A president of one such school sees a future where students would be able to write documents easily using AI technology, saying: "The world is now a new classroom and AI is the new teacher."

"Will AI control us and convert us as god or make AI as our servant and not as saints?" That's a verbatim quote from that university president. No further comment is needed for such gibberish.

The point in all this is that technology in general and AI, in particular, can be used as tools of education, but not to the extent of students being allowed to use AI to write documents.

The fact is that many universities and colleges in America have banned the use of AI-writing tools like ChatGPT precisely because they see students using them to go around doing actual school work while passing their courses through AI.

"We can use ChatGPT as a case study or have students assigned to write an essay using ChatGPT, then look at the essay, and ask them is it good enough for you? If you are not pleased with it because it is not up to par, then you can write your own. In that way, it teaches students to think critically."

That's another quote from that forum — one so out of touch with the reality that most students nowadays have gotten so lazy to even read, much less judge, revise, or rewrite an AI-written document.

What critical thinking could come out of that?

Before the advent of ChatGPT and the like, the challenge for teachers and professors who read the output of their students is how to detect plagiarism and other forms of cheating by students.

Tech has helped in outing "word-for-word" plagiarism, but that other kind of plagiarism — of having another person ghost-write, or letting AI collate data, draw conclusions from and write a piece for you — is next to impossible to detect.

Thus, educators should draw the line when it comes to the use of AI chatbots. Students should be told: You use ChatGPT and you flunk. It should be as simple as that.

ChatGPT, one resource person said, should not be seen as an avenue "for cheating and plagiarism." How can the use of AI chatbots to write a report not be cheating?

As it is difficult to detect plagiarism in AI-written pieces, its use by students — and soon enough by lazy or incompetent professionals — can only result in the further deterioration of the quality of students and the workforce.

"Among sermon writers," the Associated Press reported, "there is a fascination — and unease — over the fast-expanding abilities of AI chatbots."

"For now, the evolving consensus among the clergy is this: Yes, they (AI chatbots) can write a passable, competent sermon. But no, they can't replicate the passion of actual preaching."

Preachers interviewed for the article said they see those among them, the young being too lazy and the old being too tired, being tempted to use AI chatbots to write their sermons.

And why not. The AI chatbots are so good now that it would be safe to say they can write better than 95 percent of the world's population.

A Christian website administrator, in that AP report, said he was floored when ChatGPT produced a piece on "Luke's birth narrative, with quotations from Karl Barth, Martin Luther, Irenaeus of Lyon and Barack Obama."

The New Testament scholar said that ChatGPT more than met his criteria and that the sermon it produced was "better than several Christmas sermons I've heard over the years."

"The AI even seems to understand what makes the birth of Jesus genuinely good news," he said, although he said the sermon lacked soul. "The preaching of AI can't convincingly sympathize with the human plight."

It's scary how well ChatGPT could evolve and, with it, its potential of being education's version of social media deep fakes. And yet, some of our educators want students to use it?



KAPIRASONG Kritika

Ni Teo S. Marasigan

Abinormal

LAST PART

Natural, gayunman, na may negatibong epekto ang pasistang atake — ang panghahas, ekstrahudisyal na pagpaslang, at pagdukot sa mga lider at miyembro ng progresibong mga organisasyon, at ang takot na nalilikha ng mga ito — ng rehimag Arroyo sa hayag na kilusang masa. Siguro, isa ito sa maituturong dahilan kung bakit mas malalaki ang mga aksyong masa sa kalunsuran sa nakaraang mga taon kumpara ngayon. Siguro, isa rin ito sa maituturong dahilan kung bakit mas tampok ngayon ang mga taktikal na opensiba sa kanayunan kumpara sa mga aksyong masa sa kalunsuran.

Pero bago magdiwang si Abinales, ang AFP, at ang mga tagapagtanggol ng sistema, kailangang idiin na nagpapatuloy ang mga aksyong masa sa kalunsuran. Masasabi sigurong napapabalag pa ngayon ng pasistang atake ang pagsulong nito — "pa ngayon" dahil ipinakita na ng kasaysayan na kayang umangkop at lumakas ng Kilusan kahit sa harap ng pinakamapanupil na mga hakbangin ng Estado, noong Batas Militar halimbawa. Pero napapabalag lang, hindi napapatigil. At makabuluhang pahayag na ito: Patunay ng tatag ng Kilusan na hindi ito sumusuko, bagkus ay patuloy na nagsisikap, sa harap ng patraydor na pasistang mga atake ng Estado. Patunay din ito ng posibilidad ng muli at mas malakas na pagsulong nito sa hinaharap.

(5) Ikalima, humihina at umaatras ngayon ang mga organisasyong itinayo ng mga dating kadre ng CPP-NPA noong matapos nilang mapatalsik sa huli.

Ayon kay Abinales, "humihina" ang Kilusan dahil pinatalsik nito noon ang mga kadre nito. Pero kumusta ba ang mga organisasyong itinatag ng mga dating kadreng ito? Humihina sila at umaatras, malayo sa antas ng Kilusan ngayon.

Iyung mga nagyayabang na nagbibigay sila ng importansya sa parlamentaryong pakikibaka, hindi nakikitang mamuno sa malalaking mobilisasyon sa lansangan. "Lumalanding" lang sila sa midya kapag gumagawa ng mga

aksyong dramatiko o ma-gimik. Iyun namang mga nagsusulong pa rin ng "armadong pakikibaka," hindi lumalawak ang teritoryong saklaw, nakikipagkutsabahan sa militar kontra sa NPA, at nakikipagkutsabahan sa mga panginoong maylupa kontra sa masa.

Makikita ang paghina ng mga organisasyong ito maging sa mga personalidad nila. Sa kabila ng ipinagamalaking lakas ng Akbayan, si Risa Hontiveros-Baraquel ang kongresista nito — isang sosyal-demokratang ni hindi tumampok sa kahit anong pakikibakang masa sa nakaraan at minsan pang umupo bilang kinatawan ng gobyerno sa usapang pangkapayapaan sa National Democratic Front. Kahit anong pagpapapansin — tampok ang paglahok sa pagkilos sa Manila Peninsula ni Sen. Antonio Trillanes IV, na palpak ang pagkakaplano — hindi pumapatok sa midya o madla sina Atty. Argee Guevara at Atty. JV Bautista ng Sanlakas. Bihira ring lumabas sa midya si Rep. Renato Magtubo ng Partido ng Manggagawa — at hindi lang siguro dahil sa dating ng apelyido niya.

Sina Joel Rocamora at Mon Casiple, pana-panahong lumalabas sa midya bilang mga "manunuring pampulitika," hindi bilang mga teorista o tagapagsalita ng mga kilusang masa. Tila mas komportable sila sa mga institusyon at NGO na nabubuhay sa suporta ng mga dayuhang funding agency at hindi lubog sa kahit anong kilusang masa. Si Quimpo ay matagal nang nagbubuhay-akademiko sa ibang bansa at minsang nalalathala, kapag bumubukas ang masmidya sa mga banat niya sa Kaliwa. Si Reyes, siya na mismo ang sumigaw noon sa Kongreso para sa ekstensyon ng CARP — patunay ng kaliitan o kawalan ng baseng masa.

Naalala ko tuloy ang paglalarawan ni Ka Barry (aka Quimpo) sa tunggalian sa loob ng Kilusan noong maagang bahagi ng dekada '90. Nasa isang banda, aniya, ang bagamat malakas ay unti-unti nang humihina dahil sa dogma nito (ang CPP diumano). Sa kabilang banda, aniya, ang bagamat mahina ay unti-unti nang lumalakas dahil sa bagong mga prinsipyo (ang mga pinatalsik sa CPP). Mahigit 15 taon matapos, walang patunay na tama

ang mga prediksiyon niya. (6)


Batay sa mga nabasa kong sulatin niya, hindi kalabisang sabihing magandang halimbawa ang huling sanaysay ni Abinales ng mababang kalidad at magaspang na atake ng napakaraming sulatin niya kontra sa Kilusan. Kung hahalaw nga sa isang kritiko, dalawang milya ang saklaw — at minsan, pati haba — ng mga sulatin ni Abinales tungkol sa Kaliwa, pero dalawang pulgada lang ang lalim.

Hindi siguro pinapaniwalaan ng mga gumagawa ng mga taktika at estratehiya na kontra sa rebolusyon ang mga isinusulat ni Abinales — dahil puro pang-aasar ito at hindi kumikilala sa kalakasan ng Kilusan, kahit mayroong dapat kilalanin. Pero nakikinabang sila sa gamit ng mga sanaysay niya: Ang panatilihang payapa ang konsensya ng mga nasa panggitnang uri na "kritikal" sa gobyerno at sa pagiging "kritikal" din sa Kaliwa ay walang magawa kundi magdeklarang gusto ring baguhin ang naghaharing sistema sa bansa — habang sa aktwal ay mabuting mga mamamayan ng mapanupil at mapagsamantalang neo-koloniyal na Estado.

Dahil pag-atake sa Kilusan ang palaging laman ng mga sulatin niya, na napakahalaga sa pagpapangatili ng katayuang akademiko niya, hindi kalabisang sabihing pinagkakakitaan ni Abinales ang pagtuligsa sa Kilusan. At kumita na nga siya. Masarap ang buhay niya: Nagtuturo at may posisyon sa isang unibersidad sa Japan, nakakadalaw sa Pilipinas kapag gusto. Mula sa ganitong buhay niya isinusulat ang mga tuligsa sa Kilusang ayaw niyang magtagumpay.

Pero ibang bagay pa kung bibigyang-halaga ang mga sulatin niya ng mga Pinoy na intelektwal, kabataan at mamamayan sa hinaharap. "Pinakamahusay na mauunawaan ang unggoy," ayon kay Bertolt Brecht, Marxistang Aleman, "mula sa tao." Mula sa isang lipunang karapat-dapat sa tao, paano kaya babalikang-tanaw ang mga isinulat ni Abinales? Katulad ng mga pagsisikap ng unggoy na unawain ang tao? Malapit na siguro ang ganoon, pero insulto iyun sa unggoy.

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
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BEVERLY TICMAN ET.AL.
--VS--
-Complainant-

NLRC CASE NO. RAB IV-11-01966-19-C
(CONSOLIDATED CASES)

GRACE VAN GEMERT, DOING BUSINESS UNDER
THE NAME AND STYLE CALL CENTER SOLUTION FOR YOU ET.AL.
-Respondent-

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

WHEREAS, by the virtue of the WRIT OF EXECUTION issued by the HONORABLE LABOR ARBITER ALMA E. MAGDARAOG-ALBA in NLRC CASE NO. RAB IV-11-01966-19-C wherein BEVERLY TICMAN ET.AL. is/are the complainant(s)/claimant(s) and GRACE VAN GEMERT, DOING BUSINESS UNDER THE NAME AND STYLE CALL CENTER SOLUTION FOR YOU ET.AL. is/are the respondent(s) for the recovery by way of distraint the sum of P 4,340,675.60 with interest, and costs, etc., levy was made on OCTOBER 6, 2021 by the undersigned Sheriff of this Commission upon the real property(ies) of GRACE VAN GEMERT registered under the name of GRACE VAN GEMERT which is/ are more particularly described as follows:

xxx "TCT No. T-2019034589 A parcel of land, situated in BLOCK 45 LOT 18, PALLAS ATHENA EXECUTIVE VILLAGE, PHASE 2, Barangay Anabu 2, Imus, Cavite, Island of Luzon, containing an area of 176 square meters, INCLUDING IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, IF ANY" xxx

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
NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of said Order of execution and in accordance with Rule 39, Section 18, of the Rules of Court of the Philippines, the undersigned Sheriff of the National Labor Relations Commission will sell at public auction sale to the highest bidder for CASH and in PHILIPPINE CURRENCY, on March 8, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. or soon thereafter, at NLRC RAB IV, 4/F SHERIFF'S OFFICE, Hectan Penthouse Building, Chipeco Avenue, Barangay Halang, Calamba City, Laguna the above-described property(ies) in order to satisfy said Order of Execution, together with the interests, costs, Legal and Execution fees.

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Calamba City, Laguna, Philippines February 15, 2023.

BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE COMMISSION:


JOSEPH A. SORIANO
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Mental, physical fitness programs vital for employee well-being

By Alice Sicat

QUEZON CITY -- Civil Service Commission (CSC) Chairperson Karlo Nograles has emphasized that in order to have a healthy and productive workforce, mental and physical fitness programs are needed to promote employee well-being.

"The CSC recognizes the importance of taking care of employees' physical and mental wellness to effectively fulfill their duties," Chairperson Nograles said during the recently-concluded CSC Mindanao Sportsfest held 8-10 February in Tagum City, Davao del Norte, which was participated in by CSC officials and employees from Mindanao. Commissioners Aileen Lourdes Lizada and Ryan Alvin Acosta also attended the event.

"This sports tournament intends to strengthen camaraderie, sportsmanship, and solidarity; and promote an active and healthy lifestyle among all CSC officials and employees. I am happy that you have this activity to manage your work-related stress through sports," he added.

Under CSC Resolution No. 1901265 or the Guidelines on the Development of Mental Health Program (MHP) in the Public Sector promulgated on 23 October 2019, and circularized via CSC Memorandum Circular (MC) No. 4, s. 2020, government agencies are mandated to craft and implement their own Mental Health Program to promote overall mental wellness and provide an inclusive, conducive, and supportive work environment for their officials and employees. Said resolution is anchored on Republic Act No. 11036 or the Mental Health Act of 2018.

From a model MHP created by the CSC, strategies to promote employee well-being such as physical fitness, teambuilding, regular stress management, organized peer counseling, support groups, and interest groups can be conducted. There is also a need to organize continuing mental health awareness and education activities for the agency's workforce.

Moreover, CSC noted that government employees identified with mental health issues should be provided with intervention, treatment, referral, and reintegration. In case of life-threatening situations or traumatic experience, work or non-work-related, debriefing interventions should

be conducted. Government agencies are also tasked to integrate mental health in human resource development and management policies and programs.

For the past years, the CSC has crafted policies and programs promoting physical and mental fitness

for government workers. In 1992, the Commission has released MC No. 38 or the Physical and Mental Fitness Program for Government Personnel. In the succeeding years, additional circulars were published to reiterate the need to promote employee wellness. (CSC/PIA-NCR)

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES REGIONAL TRIAL COURT FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT IMUS CITY, CAVITE

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND
(otherwise known as PAG-IBIG Fund)
Mortgagee,

versus

DENNIS S. DADIRO
Mortgagor.

EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF
REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER
ACT 3135 AS AMENDED BY ACT 4118

FC Case No. 17645-22

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 as amended by Act 4118 filed by HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (otherwise known as PAG-IBIG Fund), mortgagee, with principal office at The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City, against DENNIS S. DADIRO, with residence and postal address at 029 Silverio Compound, San Isidro, Parañaque City and/or Lot 2 Blk. 8 Chateau L' Ermitage, Calsadang Bago, Imus, Cavite 4103, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of November 15, 2022 amounts to SIX HUNDRED SIXTY FIVE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FORTY PESOS and 77/100 (P665,340.77) Philippine Currency, including interest and penalty charges but excluding attorney's fees, sheriff's fees and all other charges incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff IV will sell at public auction on March 21, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. or soon thereafter at the main entrance of the Office of the Clerk of Court, RTC-Imus, Bulwagan Ng Katarungan, Aguinaldo Highway, Imus, Cavite, to the highest bidder, for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all the improvements therein, to wit;

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on March 28, 2023 without prior notice.

Prospective bidders/buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title to the said property and encumbrances thereon if any there be.

Imus, Cavite, Philippines, November 24, 2022.

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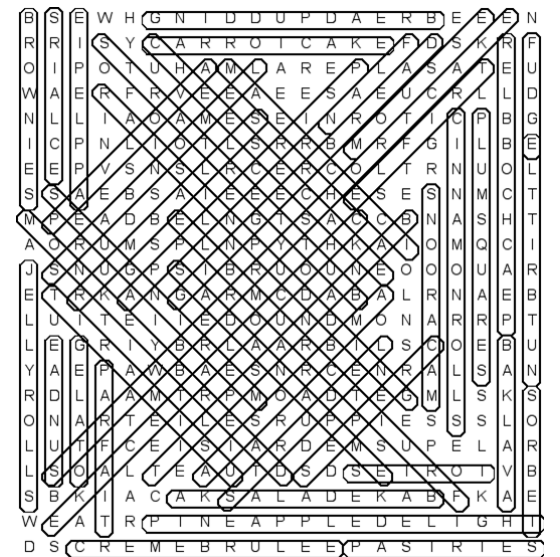
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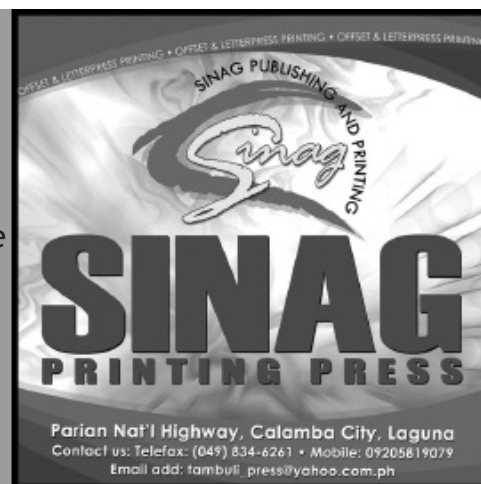
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Tap PTAs to implement Parent Effectiveness Service vs bullying

By Gelaine Louise Gutierrez

QUEZON CITY --The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) must work with Parent-Teacher Associations (PTA) in implementing the Parent Effectiveness Service Program Act (Republic Act No. 11908) to strengthen parental involvement in child development such as preventing bullying.

This was the proposal of Senator Sherwin Gatchalian to the DSWD as experts highlight how children engaged in bullying behavior tend to be exposed to different forms of violence at home.

In a Senate panel hearing on the implementation of the Anti-Bullying Act of 2013 (Republic

Act No. 10627), Dr. Bernadette Madrid of the Child Protection Network Foundation highlighted that the alarming incidence of bullying in the country's schools reflect the prevalence of violence that children experience.

Considering the role that families play to prevent bullying behavior, Gatchalian cited the Parent Effectiveness Service Program Act, which he authored and co-sponsored.

The law establishes the Parent Effectiveness Service (PES) Program to assist all parents and parent-substitutes in strengthening their knowledge and skills in responding to their parental duties and responsibilities.

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Senator Win Gatchalian is proposing that the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) work with Parent-Teacher Associations (PTA) in implementing the Parent Effectiveness Service Program Act (Republic Act No. 11908) to strengthen parental involvement in child development such as preventing bullying. 16 Feb. 23 file. Photo by Mark Cayabyab/OS WIN GATCHALIAN

DBM to aid LGUs achieve full, effective devolution

By Alice Sicat

QUEZON CITY -- Capacitating and preparing the local government units (LGUs) in the devolution process until full implementation is one of the major priorities of the Department of Budget Management (DBM). Devolution is the transfer or delegation of power to a lower level, from the national government to LGUs.

In an interview, Budget Sec. Amenah Pangandaman said the DBM, together with other concerned agencies, is formulating measures to enable LGUs to assume their devolved functions by 2027.

"Gagawa po tayo ng capacity building, training, at seminar sa ating mga LGUs para po matulungan sila— para po by that time na magkaroon po tayo ng full devolution ay kaya na po nilang tumayo sa sarili nilang mga paa (We will do capacity building, training, and seminars in our LGUs to help them—so that by the time we have full devolution, they will be able to stand on their own feet)," Sec. Pangandaman said.

It can be recalled that in 2022, DBM submitted to President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. a draft executive order to amend Executive Order 138 and extend the transfer of some national

government functions to LGUs from the previous 2024 to 2027.

"Gagawa po ng programa ang DBM for procurement, proper planning, proper identification of projects, and implementation po. Ang DOF (Department of Finance), meron po silang Bureau of Local Finance, na pwede po magbigay ng guidance kung paano po nila gagamitin 'yung pera nila... Baka po pwede ring magkaroon sila ng access sa credit or even sa international institutions. (The DBM will create a program for procurement, proper planning, proper identification of projects, and implementation. The DOF (Department of Finance), they have a Bureau of Local Finance, which can provide guidance on how to use their money... Maybe they can also have access to credit or even international institutions)."

"Ang DILG (Department of Interior and Local Government), katuwang din po natin diyan, at yung Development Academy of the Philippines. So maraming grupo at department ang tutulong dito, hopefully, before 2027, we are able to capacitate them. (The DILG (Department of Interior and Local Government), is also our partner in that, and the Development Academy of the Philippines. So

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Garcia: Comelec prep for village, youth polls almost done

By Wilnard Bacelonia

MANILA—Senators were assured on Monday by Commission on Elections (Comelec) Chairperson George Garcia that their preparations for the Oct. 30 Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections (BSKE) is almost complete.

"As of today, we are

able to print 86.59 percent of the ballots for the regular voters and as far as the Sanggunang Kabataan, we were able to print 90.62 percent of all the ballots. We are hoping to be able to print everything, all the ballots, before the end of February," Garcia told the Senate Committee on Electoral Reforms and People's Participation chaired by Senator Imee Marcos.

Garcia also reported

that a total of 57,996,067 out of 66,973,949 barangay poll ballots have been printed.

As for the youth polls, he said a total of 21,422,300 out of 23,639,477 ballots have been printed.

The BSKE ballots that have been printed are for the following areas: Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, Caraga, Soccsksargen,

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BSKE PREPS. Senator Imee Marcos, chairperson of the Senate Committee on Electoral Reforms and People's Participation, presides over a public inquiry on Monday (Feb. 20, 2023) on the status of preparations for the 2023 Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections this October. Comelec Chairperson George Erwin Garcia, Comm. Ernesto Maceda (inset), and other Comelec officials tackled the alternative modes of voting for highly vulnerable sectors. (PNA photos by Avito Dalan)