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President Duterte leads inauguration of Sangley Airport

By Ruel Francisco

CAVITE CITY, Cavite – President Rodrigo Duterte returned to Sangley Point after his visit last June 12, 2019 this time to lead the inauguration of the Sangley Airport Development Project (SADP). This is one of the key projects of the Duterte Administration under the “Build Build Build Program” which aims to provide critical aviation infrastructure to help decongest the Ninoy Aquino International Airport’s (NAIA) increasing air traffic congestion.

In his inaugural speech last Saturday, February 15,

President Duterte stressed that, “through prudent spending under competent managers, the state can complete projects that are beneficial to the people.”

He also indicated his stand for opposing any type of land reclamation by the private sector except for priority government projects.

“Not during my time. I will only allow maybe plans of whatever reclamation if it is in connection with the government project. I will not allow massive reclamation for the private sector. Not now. Because if you approve one, you approve all,”

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President Rodrigo Duterte led the unveiling of marker of Sangley Point International Airport together with Sec. Arthur Tugade, Sen. Bong Go, Gov. Jonvic Remulla and CAAP Dir. Gen. Capt. Jim Sydongco. (PIA4A)

Taal victims received new homes from DHSUD

QUEZON CITY-- Almost 200 families displaced by the eruption of Taal Volcano have found new homes at a government resettlement area in Ibaan, Batangas.

Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development (DHSUD) Secretary Eduardo D. Del Rosario said that President Rodrigo Roa Duterte approved the awarding of the housing units for free.

“The President will give out these housing units for free, in full grant and the occupants are not going pay anything upon their transfer,” Secretary Del Rosario said.

There are about 6,000 households affected by Taal Volcano’s eruption but the DHSUD, through the National Housing Authority (NHA), has already offered a total of 5,448 housing units to the families most affected by the Taal Volcano eruption.

So far, a total of 187 families have already relocated to the NHA site in Ibaan--out of the danger zone. The available 5,448 housing units are situated in the provinces of Batangas, Laguna, Cavite and Quezon.

Secretary Del Rosario said that a team from the NHA is now working double time to repair some units and install water and electricity to ensure that the units will be ready. He added that the rehabilitation of some units would be done within one to two months.

Moreover, President Duterte earlier said that residents living within Taal Volcano’s danger zone would be permanently relocated to the unoccupied housing units originally allotted for military and police personnel.

Secretary Del Rosario affirmed that the personnel of DHSUD and NHA, along with local officials of Batangas, are

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PDEA leads uniform anti-drug preventive education program for SK, youth

QUEZON CITY -- The Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) is leading the newly institutionalized uniform preventive education program intended for Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) and their youth constituents.

Known as “Sangguniang Kabataan Standard Training in Extensive Anti-Drug Preventive Education – A Uniform Program

for Youth Leaders (SK-STEP-UP), the program was approved and adopted on June 27, 2019, under Dangerous Drugs Board (DDB) Board Regulation No. 5 Series of 2019.

“This paved the way to the guidelines institutionalizing a uniform preventive education program in anti-drug advocacy complementing the demand reduction campaign for the youth

leaders in the community,” said PDEA Director General Aaron N. Aquino.

Speaking before 8,000 youth leaders during the SK Summit in Bren Guiao Convention Center in the City of San Fernando, Pampanga on August 2, 2018, Aquino pushed for the creation of a uniform anti-drug advocacy program for SK nationwide.

What is SK STEP-UP?

The SK STEP-UP is designed as a supervisory level preventive education training program aimed at empowering

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Cavite PPO adopts ‘My Brother’s Keeper’ forum

By Ruel Francisco

IMUS CITY, Cavite - “My Brother’s Keeper” (MBK) is one of the initiative programs of the Philippine National Police (PNP) for the department’s internal cleansing.

In line with this, the Cavite Police Provincial Office (PPO) recently organized the forum officiated by Bishop Arnold Arellano, chairperson of Cavite Provincial Advisory Council at Mayo’s Hall Camp Pantaleon Garcia here.

DPDA PLTCOL Pablito A. Naganag, DPDO PLTCOL Reynan V. Patam, Command Staffs and all squad leaders of Police Provincial Headquarters

fully supported the activity.

PNP PPOs across the country had conducted similar forums and regular bible studies under this program to give opportunities for young and new police officers to be guided by senior police officers thru a bond of brotherhood and accountability.

“It is an operational directive that softens the hearts of even hardened policemen who are floundered and have gone astray,” Bishop Arellano said.

The forum will be conducted every Monday on a weekly basis to continuously develop and support the young Christian officers to become God-fearing, family and service oriented. (Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite/with reports from Cavite Provincial Police Office- PIO)



Bishop Arnold Arellano speaks before Cavite PPO officers and members for their initial “My Brother’s Keeper” forum. (Photo by: CPPO-PIO)



Hog raiser beneficiaries from the cities of Bacoor and Imus receive the financial assistance from the provincial government of Cavite. (Photo courtesy of PICAD)

ASF-affected hog raisers in Cavite, get financial assistance

By Ruel Francisco

CAVITE PROVINCE – Cavite is one of the provinces affected by the African Swine Fever (ASF) epidemic which afflicted more than 500 hog raisers in the province with confirmed cases in the cities of Bacoor, Dasmariñas, Imus and Gen. Trias.

Prompted by the situation, Governor Jonvic Remulla sought the aid of the legislative body for the passage of Sangguniang Panlalawigan Resolution No. 1352-2019 which declared the province under the State of Calamity on November 13, 2019 and authorized the release of funds to address the ASF and mitigate its impact.

The fund amounting to more than P11M was recently distributed as financial assistance

to small hog raisers affected by the calamity computed based on the number of pigs affected equivalent to Php 2,000 each.

Last Tuesday, February 11, the distribution of financial assistance began with the first batch of 106 beneficiaries from the city of Bacoor and on February 12, in the following cities: Imus with 32 hog raiser beneficiaries; Dasmariñas, 273; and Gen. Trias, 114.

The Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office (PSWDO) and Provincial Treasurer's Office led the distribution of financial assistance in coordination with the local and veterinary offices, Disaster Risk Reduction and Management and City Social Welfare offices. (Ruel Francisco PIA-Cavite/with reports from PICAD)

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marker for the Department's new building named the "Malasakit Building" and witnessed the virtual inauguration of the completed projects under the Centers and Residential Care Facilities (CRCF) Infrastructure Project of DSWD.

The Malasakit Building was constructed to enhance DSWD's operational capacity by providing additional workspace and a comfortable environment for its clients and personnel.

The CRCF, on the other hand, is one of the priority social infrastructure projects of the government. It covers the construction, rehabilitation, and improvement of DSWD's centers and residential care facilities in different parts of the country to give better care and welfare services to the members of the vulnerable sectors.

The President also awarded the exemplary employees of the Department namely, Marissa Nartea of DSWD-Field Office VIII as Gawad Huwaran and Mark Anthony Viernes of Field Office X as Best Social

Worker. The President gave each awardee a cash gift. Meanwhile, the President awarded P100,000 to the Home for Girls in Caraga which was named as Best Center under the DSWD Program Awards and Incentives for Service Excellence (PRAISE).

For his part, DSWD Secretary Rolando Joselito D. Bautista thanked the President for being with DSWD during its 69th Founding Anniversary celebration.

"I have the honor of presenting to you the members of the 24,000 government workforce coming from the Central Office and 16 Field Offices who wish to thank you for taking time off from your busy schedule to be with us in the 69th Founding Anniversary of the Department," Sec. Bautista said.

The Secretary added that the President's being on board in every calamity, volcanic eruption, tragedy, armed conflict, and unforeseen circumstances involving the poor has brought hope to the underserved and inspired DSWD to intensify efforts in attaining a just and

equitable society for all that is in sync with the Philippine Development Plan of 2017-2022.

DSWD's month-long anniversary celebration carried the theme, "Social Integration: DSWD's Major Thrust in line with the Philippine Development Plan 2017-2022." Being the lead agency in social protection, the Department has developed and implemented various initiatives that are innovative and responsive to the emerging needs of the various sectors of society to achieve its goal for all Filipinos to have greater socioeconomic resiliency as envisioned by the Philippine Development Plan.

In closing, Sec. Bautista appealed to everyone in the DSWD family to work hard to sustain the Department's recent gains.

"As the DSWD Founding Anniversary festivities come to an end, I ask my fellow workers at the Department to join me in working harder to make DSWD be known as the agency of government which renders proactive policies; responsive, compassionate, and humane service for our people," he ended. (DSWD)

reduced poverty incidence, higher spending on infrastructure and social development, and better-quality government services that all aim to provide a better, decent, and comfortable life for all law-abiding Filipinos is what the Duterte administration meant in delivering on its promise of real change, Dominguez said.

"In three years, a total of 5.9 million Filipinos lifted themselves out of poverty. We are actually ahead of schedule in this regard. We are definitely on our way to over-performing on our self-imposed target of bringing down poverty incidence to 14 percent or lower by 2022 and eradicating extreme poverty in our country within one generation," Dominguez said.

He said rapid economic expansion likewise brought down unemployment levels to historic lows, while the additional taxes collected enabled Government to fund free tertiary level education for the youth as well as its Universal Health Care (UHC) program.

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of Commissioner Billy Dulay and the landmark reforms we are putting in place in how we do taxation. I also expect you to intensify your efforts against tax evaders, and widen the taxpayer base," he added.

Dominguez said improved revenue collections and tax administration have enabled the government to invest more in modernizing the nation's logistics backbone, with public spending on infrastructure in 2018 rising to above 5 percent of the gross domestic product (GDP)--the highest it has ever been and double the average infrastructure spending as a percentage of GDP for the last 50 years.

He pointed out that infrastructure investments and expanded social programs are the drivers of economic growth, which is why despite slower global growth and other lingering external risks, the government expects the country's internally

driven GDP expansion this year to be between the 6.5 and 7.5 percent range.

Over the next two years, Dominguez said the Duterte administration plans on investing up to 7 percent of GDP in infrastructure modernization to allow the country to be at par with the more dynamic economies of the region.

"Much like in history, our government cannot do this alone. We all have a part to play. On the one hand, the government has to collect sufficient revenues for its projects. On the other hand, the taxpaying public has the important duty of ensuring that our country moves forward through their prompt and correct payment of taxes," he said.

Dominguez said the rapid growth of the last three years, made possible by reliable revenue flows, brought down our poverty incidence from 23.3 percent in 2015 to just 16.6 percent in 2018.

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government in accordance with the guidelines set by the Department of Health," Vergeire said.

The DOH official said, those who will request for repatriation will undergo a medical test to determine if they are inflicted with the disease. Only those healthy will be allowed to return to the country while those that will be found positive of the coronavirus disease will be brought to the nearest hospital by the Japanese government in coordination with the Department of Foreign Affairs.

On the other hand, those that will be repatriated will be required, upon arrival, to undergo another medical test. If found positive with the virus, they be brought to the nearest hospital equipped and capacitated to deal with the virus. The healthy repatriates will still undergo another 14-day quarantine.

Vergeire said that DOH will also strictly adhere to rules and guidelines set by the World Health Organization (WHO) and will be in close coordination with the Japanese government, owners of the cruise ship, concerned

agencies and local government units for the repatriation and quarantine processes.

"As soon as the processes are finalized and the clearance approved, repatriation will proceed," Vergeire said.

She also clarified that the Philippine government will opt for single batch repatriation but since the number is big and a chartered plane may not be able to carry all the repatriates including the medical team and the plane crew at once, additional plane may be needed.

Vegeire said the total number of possible repatriates has not been finalized yet because only those who are willing and will pass the medical tests and assessment will be repatriated.

"The Philippine government thru the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) is in constant communication with the government of Japan. We are following the process and protocol, we have identified our facility which is now being prepared and coordination is being done with the local government where the quarantine facility is located" Vergeire stressed. (PIA-NCR)

Dominguez said international credit rating agencies attest to the Philippines' strong fiscal discipline by upgrading the country's credit ratings to BBB plus.

"This is the highest rating the country has ever achieved. Take note that we are not resting on our laurels. We are aspiring to gain an "A" level ratings before President Duterte

ends his term," he said.

Rapid economic growth in the last three years also brought the country to the threshold of an upper middle-income country, a feat that the Duterte administration is looking to achieve this year.

"All these are doable. The sustained strong performance of BIR will bring us there," Dominguez said. (DOF)

How beautiful it is
to find someone
who asks for
nothing but your
company.

Waterways in 28 Cavite barangays, cleared of garbage after massive clean-up

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna-After four months of massive efforts, all the submerged garbage along the waterways of 28 barangays in Cavite were removed, according to a report from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) CALABARZON.

A sub-project under the first phase of the DENR's Manila Bay Rehabilitation Project a.k.a. "Battle for Manila Bay," the clean-up drive started in October 2019 and completed in January this year.

"Some garbage coming from other parts of the Manila Bay region accumulate in waterways of the 28 barangays in a few municipalities in Cavite located along Manila Bay whenever high tide occurs," DENR Manila Bay Coordinating Office - Cavite Site Manager, Judaline Fabro said.

Nonetheless, the concerned barangay government units pledged to continue the clean-up even after the end of their contract with the DENR, Fabro added.

The DENR allotted

P1-M budget for each of the 28 barangays. P600-K was allocated for the clean-up of waterways and information drive, while the remaining P400-K was turned-over to concerned local government units for the hauling and transportation of collected wastes to sanitary landfills.

In addition, river marshals or "Bantay-Linis Ilog" were hired from among the locals to do the daily clean-up activities and assess the wastewater being discharged to the waterways.

Other activities included in the sub-project were: conduct of communication, education and public awareness campaigns on the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act; livelihood training on the conversion of solid waste into income-generating projects including composting and vertical gardening; fabrication and installation of informative signages; and monitoring of unlawful acts like disposal of wastes into waterways. (CZARINA MARIA P. GANDEZA, DENR Calabarzon/PIA-4A)



River marshals (Bantay Ilog) remove submerged garbage along the waterways in Brgys. Zapote II and Tabing Dagat in Bacoor City, Cavite as part of the massive clean-up in line with "Battle for Manila Bay" campaign. (Photo by DENR CALABARZON-PAO)

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working closely to establish a mechanism for the resettlement of these residents, particularly those living on Taal Volcano Island and in the municipalities of Talisay, Agoncillo and Laurel. He further stressed the danger poses by Taal Volcano especially within the seven-kilometer radius identified by the Philippine Institute of

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Volcanology and Seismology (PHIVOLCS).

There are about 2,000 families living on the island volcano of Taal prior to its eruption on 12 January which prompted the evacuation of tens of thousands of families to safer grounds. "The government only wants to ensure the safety of our people," Secretary Del Rosario concluded. (DHSUD)

President...

the President said.

During the event, a two-minute video presentation of the Sangley Airport Development Project (SADP) was shown after which Gov. Jonvic Remulla briefed the President on the project expansion which the Department of Transportation commenced in October 2019.

The President duly commended the efforts of DoTr Secretary Arthur Tugade for expediting the completion of the airport facility with target date of completion in March 2020 but completed ahead of deadline due to 24/7 construction works.

On the other hand, Cavite Governor Jonvic Remulla presented to the President the provincial government's plan to develop the Sangley Point International Airport (SIA) under its Public-Private Partnership (PPP) to provide critical aviation infrastructure to help decongest NAIA and serve as a long-term international gateway for metro manila and the CALABARZON region

The facility is now 100-percent operational with a newly-constructed 750 sqm. Passenger Terminal Building that can accommodate 160 passengers,

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equipped with Flight Information Display Systems (FIDS), CCTV, X-ray and baggage handling and weigh-in conveyor to support its operations.

The Sangley Airport is currently being used for general aviation operations catering to turbo-prop aircraft for commercial cargo operations. (Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite)

New quarters for AFP personnel near completion

By Jimmyley E. Guzman

QUEZON CITY -- The construction of living quarters for members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) is nearing completion, according to the Department of Public Works and Highways-National Capital Region (DPWH-NCR).

The two multi-purpose buildings, which will serve as living quarters of the Enlisted Personnel (EP) of the AFP is now being fast-tracked by DPWH-NCR Quezon City Second District Engineering Office.

DPWH-NCR Director Ador G. Canlas said the new living quarters located inside

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the SK and barangay youth leaders to be Certified Anti-Drug Advocates cascading and harmonizing the government's drug demand reduction strategy down to the grassroots level.

The youth leaders of the community, specifically SK Chairpersons, its Councilors, selected Local Youth Development Council members, and other equally qualified youth leaders who are at least 18 years old, but not more than 24 years of age, shall be responsible in the regular conduct of prevention activities and organizing anti-drug events in their barangays, lead by example, and empower and inspire their age groups to stay away from illegal drugs.

The SK STEP-UP has three phases namely: Youth Camp; Trainer's Training for the Youth Leaders; and Ground Implementation, Monitoring, and Evaluation.

A. Youth Camp

The Local Government Units (LGUs), through their Anti-Drug Abuse Councils (ADACs) shall hold 2 to 3-day youth camp with local SK Federation Chairmen, Councilors, or selected youth leaders as participants.

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Besides supervising the youth camp, PDEA shall provide the subject matter experts (SMEs), camp program and mechanics. The LGU will be responsible for the logistical requirements for the event.

During the camp, participants are expected to exchange ideas, cultural experiences, best practices, talents, and related skills. They will be assessed by the program officials and coordinators based on their competencies and leadership potential for them to be considered in the next phase. B. Trainer's Training for the Youth Leaders

In this phase, the LGUs, through their ADACs, are required to organize 3 to 5-day Trainer's Training of Youth Leaders for those participants who passed the competency requirement of Phase I. The training modules include the SK STEP-UP Program's Administration; Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention Education (DAPE); Communication and Life Skills Development; Practical Community Immersion; Basic Research and Development; and Formulation of Action Plans and Implementation.

"Upon successful completion of the trainer's training program, graduating participants will be conferred the distinction as SK STEP-UP Certified Anti-Drug Advocates," said Aquino.

C. Ground Implementation, Monitoring, and Evaluation

The new anti-drug advocates are expected to conduct the ground implementation of his/her action plans for their respective barangays. They need to submit quarterly reports of barangay advocacies to their ADACs, to monitor the functionality and operationalization of the program. D. SK STEP-UP's Concept of Implementation

PDEA, as the Chairman for the National Secretariat for the SK STEP-UP Program, shall orchestrate, coordinate and oversee the successful

implementation of the program, in collaboration with the DDB, Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), National Youth Commission (NYC), as members of the National Secretariat.

The program also requires participation from the Philippine National Police (PNP), Department of Education (DepED), Department of Health (DOH), Commission on Higher Education (CHED), Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), and Juvenile Justice and Welfare Council (JJWC), for technical, logistical, security, intelligence and other related assistance and support.

Funding
The primary source of funds shall be borne by the LGUs, in accordance with Section 51 of Republic Act 9165, or "The Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002", Section 16 of RA 7160, or The Local Government Code, and DILG Joint Memorandum Circular No. 1 series of 2019. Private corporations may also provide funding as part of their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR).

Penalties
Failure on the part of concerned local executives and officials to perform their functions following the provisions of Board Regulation No. 5, shall be ground for filing of appropriate charges.

Likewise, the failure of the LGUs to appropriate a substantial portion of their Annual Budgets to assist in the implementation of anti-drug advocacy programs in their communities shall be ground for disapproval of their yearly budget.

"The youth is the voice of this nation. They have the energy and passion to help the government solidify the future of our next generation. Let us give our young people the chance for their voices to be heard," the PDEA chief said. (PDEA)

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EDITORIAL

Behold our rock star

“LOSING the franchise, as some legal eagles have enunciated, is recoverable, and merely a case of a bad bet on politics. Invalidating the PDR, however, cuts them at the neck.

For all the bashing that he is getting lately, there is no denying Solicitor General Jose Calida is a rock star in his own right.

Going by Urban Dictionary's definition of a rock star, Calida's success is not measured by what he has accomplished, but by the opposition he has encountered and the courage with which he has maintained the struggle against overwhelming odds.

In short, he is a person who always delivers the goods. As most rock stars do, Calida downplays his success because he doesn't like the attention. He simply delivers consistent results.

That is why we don't find it surprising that lawyers of ABS-CBN are falling all over the place trying to find ways of how best to counter the quo warranto petition Calida filed on the broadcast giant.

A quo warranto is a legal term for a writ (order) used to challenge another's right to either public or corporate office or challenge the legality of a corporation's charter. Under Rule 66 of the Rules of Court, a quo warranto petition may be filed by the government or an individual against “a person who usurps, intrudes into, or unlawfully holds or exercises a public office, position or franchise.”

We have seen how it worked in the ouster of former Chief Justice Maria Lourdes Sereno. We might see it again in the case of ABS-CBN.

All of a sudden, attention has shifted to the quo warranto case before the Supreme Court rather than the rejection of the broadcast giant's legislative franchise in Congress.

Is this an indication that the so-called Kapamilya network has given up on its drive for renewal and is now more alarmed at the repercussions of the quo warranto case? Calida, through a quo warranto petition, has asked the Supreme Court to stop the operations of ABS-CBN supposedly due to violations in its franchise terms. This, while several bills are pending before the House Committee on Legislative franchises seeking to extend its life for another 25 years after 30 March this year.

In his petition, Calida claimed the network committed “highly abusive practices” in violation of the terms set by Congress when it approved ABS-CBN's franchise in 1995. It allegedly set up the KBO channel and supposedly allowed foreign investors to control the company.

The network, Calida argued, “engaged in propaganda” after the case was filed last week.

Critics were quick to jump on the issue, claiming that Calida's move was part of the administration's efforts to harass ABS-CBN, among other media entities for being critical of the President and his policies, particularly his brutal war on drugs.

Like the telenovelas that dominate the network's programming, it is very obvious that ABS-CBN is playing the victim card in this real-life drama to generate more sympathy from the public.

But Calida is always one step ahead. Last Tuesday, he filed an urgent motion for the High Court to issue a gag order on ABS-CBN banning “parties and persons acting on their behalf” from releasing statements discussing the merits of his plea.

Calida cited in his petition that this violates the sub judice rule, which prohibits anyone from publicly assessing an ongoing case to avoid pre-judgment.

The government's top lawyer also used the quo warranto card in the removal of Sereno, who had clashed with Duterte shortly after he assumed office over the Chief Executive's drug watchlist.

And now this case, this time targeting the country's largest network. Will ABS-CBN suffer the same fate as Sereno? Or will the government blink in the wake of criticisms?

For sure, lawyers of the network claiming to be in the service of the Filipino have dissected all the legal angles in the quo warranto case, as well as the effects of the non-renewal.

They must have seen that the quo warranto is more dangerous because if the Philippine Depository Receipts (PDR) for Filipino media which they used to obtain foreign investment are found illegal, it nullifies them as capital-raising instruments and exposes them to massive financial liability.

In the first place, mass media companies in the country must observe the all-Filipino rule in the constitution. No ifs and buts, no indirect or backdoor sneaking in and around this.

Losing the franchise, as some legal eagles have enunciated, is recoverable, and merely a case of a bad bet on politics. Invalidating the PDR, however, cuts them at the neck.

Investors can claim syndicated estafa if those PDR become known as fraudulent financial instruments.

That's the genius of Calida. He looks where you are vulnerable and decapitates you there. As a famous Filipino quote goes, Walang lusot ang nagpapaluset.



KAPIRASONG Kritika

Ni Teo S. Marasigan

Sikolohiya at Seksismo

SA ngayon, alam na ng marami ang kasong sexual harassment na isinama ni Cristy Ramos, anak ni dating Pang. Fidel V. Ramos at match commissioner ng FIFA, laban sa dalawang manlalaro ng Azkals. Aniya, nagsasagawa siya ng “team check” sa dugout ng koponan ng football nang mangyari ang insidente. Ang manlalarong si Lexton Moy, humirit daw tungkol sa size ng bra niya, at nagtawanan ang mga manlalaro. Si Angel Guirado naman, hinarap siya nang naka-brief, parang nanunubok at hindi nagtakip.

Ilang araw pagkatapos pumutok ang eskandalo, lumabas ang balita: “Welfare chief suggests psychiatric exams for Azkals.” Ang tinutukoy, syempre pa, ay si Sek. Corazon “Dinky” Soliman ng Department of Social Welfare and Development. Halu-halo ang panukala niya sa Azkals: pumailalim sa ebalwasyong psychiatric at sikolohikal, unawaing iba ang kultura ng Pilipinas sa kinalakhan nila, magkaroon ng pag-aaral sa pagpapahalaga (values education). Kailangan daw maganda ang asal ng mga iniidolo.

Ano ang lumalabas sa mga pahayag ni Soliman, sadya man o hindi? Na ang seksismong ipinakita

umano ng mga Azkals ay isang anomalya, hindi pangkaraniwan – na may problema sila sa pag-iisip o pagpapahalaga at ang lipunan natin ay hindi seksista. Itinuturing niyang sakit ang ipinakita umano ng mga Azkals, pero kinokordonan niya ito, para hindi makitang nananalaytay ito sa buong lipunan. Ang mga Azkals lang ang may problema, hindi ang ating lipunan. Dapat silang gamutin, hindi ang ating lipunan.

Pero hindi abnormal kundi normal, hindi anomalya kundi karaniwan, ang seksismong ipinakita ng mga Azkals. May katotohanan ang pahayag ng team manager ng Azkals na si Dan Palami, na humihingi na ng paumanhin ay nagdadahilan pa: “Sa personal kong karanasan sa karaniwang nagaganap sa locker room ng mga lalake, nagdudulot ang tensyon, excitement, at nerbyosong enerhiya bago ang laban ng sangkatutak na maingay na yabangan.” Pwede raw talagang mapagkamalang “kawalang-respeto” ang ganito.

Hindi ito pag-abswelto sa mga Azkals. Dapat silang managot sa ginawa nila, at kahanga-hanga si Ramos sa pagsasampa at pagpupursige ng kaso laban sa sikat na

koponan. Pero maraming tanong ang sinasagkaan ng banat ni Soliman. Ito lang ba ang kaso na ang babae ay awtomatikong itinuring na humihingi ng atensyong sekswal? Na ang babae, na sa kasong ito'y nasa awtoridad, ay “inilugar” ng kalalakihan? Paano ang sexual harassment sa kababaihan sa mga call centers, mga export-processing zones, at iba pa?

Sosyal-demokratiko ang pulitika ni Soliman, na umaasa sa indibidwal na pagbabago ng ugali at pagpapahalaga para sa pagbabagong panlipunan. Sa kasong ito, itinuturing niyang pribado – isinasapribado, pribatisasyon? – ang isang suliraning panlipunan. Tugma rito ang galaw ng neoliberalismo na tinukoy ni Mark Fisher, progresibong blogger na Ingles. “Ang tanong,” aniya, “ay hindi na ‘paano ka nagkasakit dahil sa trabaho?’ kundi ‘ano’ng mayroon ka at hindi mo nagawa nang tama ang trabaho mo?”

Nasa saklaw ng normal para sa kalalakihan ang inasal ng mga Azkals. Kaya higit sa kanila, ang nangangailangan ng psychiatric exams ay ang ating buong lipunan.

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Foreclosure No. 2019-242
For: Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of
Real Estate Mortgage

NATIONAL HOME MORTGAGE FINANCE CORP.,
Mortgagee,

-versus-

MELCHOR P. PECHON,
Mortgagors.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extrajudicial for Sale under Act 3135 as Amended by Act 4118 filed by the mortgagee-assignee, NATIONAL HOME MORTGAGE FINANCE CORP., of 104 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Village, Makati City, and against the mortgagors, MELCHOR P. PECHON, of 190 Ranger Road, Brgy. Holy Spirit Veterans Village, Diliman Quezon City, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of October 31, 2019, amounts to ONE MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY THREE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED TWENTY NINE PESOS & 77/100 (P1,843,929.77), Philippine Currency, exclusive of penalty charges, the undersigned or her duly authorized representative will sell at the public at the public auction on March 3, 2020 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter, at the main entrance of the Hall of Justice of Bacoor City, Cavite, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following described properties with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-477580

"A parcel of Land (Lot 6, of the cons./subd. Plan, Psd-042103-008216, being a portion of the cons. Of Lots 9 & 11, Blk. 6, Pcs-5578, L.R.C. Rec. No.) situated in the Brgy. of Molino, Mun. of Bacoor, Province of Cavite. x x x , containing an area of EIGHTY (80) SQUARE METERS".

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

"In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on March 10, 2020, without further notice."

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

Bacoor City, Cavite, February 03, 2020

ATTY. LIZA D. VICTA
Clerk of Court VI

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

MR. MELCHOR PECHON
190 Ranger Road, Brgy. Holy Spirit Veterans Village, Diliman
Quezon City
Camella Homes Springville Heights, Blk. 6, Lot 6, Molino,
Bacoor, Cavite

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Extra-Judicial Sale on or before the date of sale

Ang Caviteño Newsweekly
February 10, 17 & 24, 2020

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH SALE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late JAIME S. CARREON who died in the City of Imus, Province of Cavite leaving 3 parcel of land covered by Transfer Certificate of Title Nos. T-520502; T-520925 and T-520924 situated in Bo. Of Medicion, Mun. of Imus, Prov of Cavite has been extrajudicially settled by his heirs as per Doc. No.99; Page No. 20; Book No. 02; Series of 2019 Notary Public Atty. Constancio DC. Velasco.

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Go leads groundbreaking of country's first OFW Hospital; vows to fight for passage of DOFW bill

SAN FERNANDO, Pampanga -- Senator Christopher Lawrence "Bong" Go led the groundbreaking ceremony of the country's first overseas Filipino workers (OFW) Hospital on Tuesday, February 18, at San Fernando City, Pampanga where he reaffirmed his commitment to push for the passage of a bill mandating the creation of an executive department focusing on the needs and concerns of overseas Filipinos.

In his speech, Go said a significant part of his legislative agenda is to push for the establishment of the Department of Overseas Filipinos, which is one of the requests of many overseas Filipino workers he met.

"Masakit makitang iniwan ng mga kababayan natin ang mga pamilya at mahal nila sa buhay upang makapagtrabaho lamang sa mga malalayong lugar. Suklian natin ang kanilang sakripisyo ng mas maayos na serbisyo para sa kanila at kanilang mga pamilya," Go said.

According to the Senator, the proposed department seeks "to streamline the services provided for the OFWs and to make the several processes they undergo more efficient and convenient."

"Sa tulong nitong proposed department na ito, isang lugar na lang po ang pupuntahan nila. Mula sa paghahanap ng trabaho sa ibang bansa hanggang sa pagpo-proseso ng mga dokumento at pagrereklamo sa mga employers, diretso na po sila sa iisang tanggapan lang," he added.

Go filed in July of last year Senate Bill (SB) No. 202 or the Department of Overseas Filipinos Act of 2019. The measure seeks to address issues, such as the need to improve coordination among concerned offices, hence the proposal to put them together under one roof to avoid finger-pointing among agencies concerned with overseas Filipinos and OFW affairs.

If passed into law, the following agencies and their powers and functions, funds and appropriations, records, equipment, property, and personnel will be transferred to the new department to be established: (1) Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA); (2) Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA); (3) Commission on Filipinos Overseas (CFO); (4) International Labor Affairs Bureau of the Department of Labor and Employment (ILAB-DOLE) and (5) National Reintegration Center for OFWs (NRCO).

The powers and functions of the Office of the Undersecretary for Migrant Workers Affairs (OUMWA) under the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) and all Philippine Overseas Labor Offices (POLOs) and their officials under DOLE will also be transferred to the new department as stated in the proposed law.

"Sa ngayon po kasi, kung may kailangan ang ating mga OFWs sa gobyerno, kailangan pa po nilang magpalipat-lipat sa iba't ibang ahensya para makakuha lang ng serbisyo. Bukod sa nakakapagod na, nakaka-aksaya pa ng oras at pera," Go said, lamenting the present laborious process OFWs and other overseas Filipinos have to go through just to avail of government services.

The Senator added that the bill will help curb the proliferation of illegal recruiters who usually victimize Filipinos wishing to work abroad for better job opportunities. It will also provide for the creation of the Overseas Filipinos Assistance

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late AURORA C. PRIMERO who died on April 21, 2018 at Bacoor Cavite leaving a Bank Account maintained with BDO Branch of SM Rosario, in the amount of Php. 1,500,000.00 plus interest accruing. With Bank account number: 370006596867 has been extrajudicially settled by her heirs as per Doc. No. 137; Page No. 048; Book No. 012; Series of 2019, Notary Public Atty. Constancio DC. Velasco.

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Fund for migrant workers in distress, inclusive of repatriation and provisions for life savings funds in times of emergencies.

"Magbibigay din po ito ng tulong para sa training, pati na rin ng livelihood loans para sa mga OFWs natin na nais nang bumalik ng Pilipinas for good," Go said about the measure, adding that the creation of the department will designate police attachés in countries with overseas Filipinos to assist them in times of need.

During the event, Go met Nancy Mallari Valencia, a 34-year-old undocumented domestic helper in Lebanon who was repatriated through the help of the Senator. Aside from the help already rendered by Go, he also promised to provide Valencia with other kinds of assistance to help her start anew now that she is back in the country.

Go also shared during the ceremony about the institutionalization of Malasakit Centers all over the country as one of his advocacies to ensure that overseas Filipinos and their families at home are provided with swift access to government medical and financial services.

"Alam ko rin po na napakaraming mga OFWs ang nag-aalala sa kanilang mga pamilya rito sa Pilipinas, lalo na kapag nagkakasakit ang mga ito. Kaya naman po malaking parte rin ng aking adbokasiya ay ang pagpapaganda ng ating health care system, kabilang na ang pagtatayo at pag-institutionalize ng mga Malasakit Centers sa buong bansa," the Senator said.

Aside from his legislative agenda, Go also shared the programs and projects implemented by the Duterte Administration to promote and improve the welfare of OFWs and other overseas Filipinos.

"Since the President came to power in 2016, his administration has introduced several programs catering to Filipino migrant workers," he said, mentioning the creation of one-stop-shop centers for OFW services and the first ever Overseas Filipino Bank as some of the services implemented by the Duterte Administration that will cater to them.

"For OFW returnees, integration programs were introduced. For one, the Department of Agriculture, together with the Department of Labor and Employment, created a program where OFWs may apply for loans to boost food production services," Go said.

"Likewise, the Department of Trade and Industry has been leading livelihood and entrepreneurship programs for returning migrant workers," he added.

The Senator also vowed to protect children of overseas Filipinos from illegal drugs, criminality and corruption by supporting the government's three-point campaign against these societal ills.

"Ginagawa ko po ito dahil nais ko na suklian ang sakripisyo ng ating mga OFW. Alam niyo po, masakit makitang iniwan ng ating mga kababayan ang kanilang mga pamilya at mahal sa buhay upang magtrabaho sa malalayong lugar. Kaya panahon na po na suklian ang kanilang sakripisyo ng mas maayos na serbisyo para sa kanila at sa kanilang pamilya," he said.

Go added that his office is always open to listen to the concerns and provide immediate solution to the plight of Filipino migrant workers.

Ending his statement, Go thanked all the government agencies and organizations responsible for the planned establishment of the first OFW Hospital in the country.

"It is a joy to be able to work with so many people who are putting their hearts into improving the protection and welfare of our modern-day heroes," Go said.

He added that he believes the project will go a long way towards helping Filipino migrant workers, saying "With over ten million OFWs worldwide, I believe that this project will go a long way towards improving the welfare of our migrant workers and their families." (OSBG)

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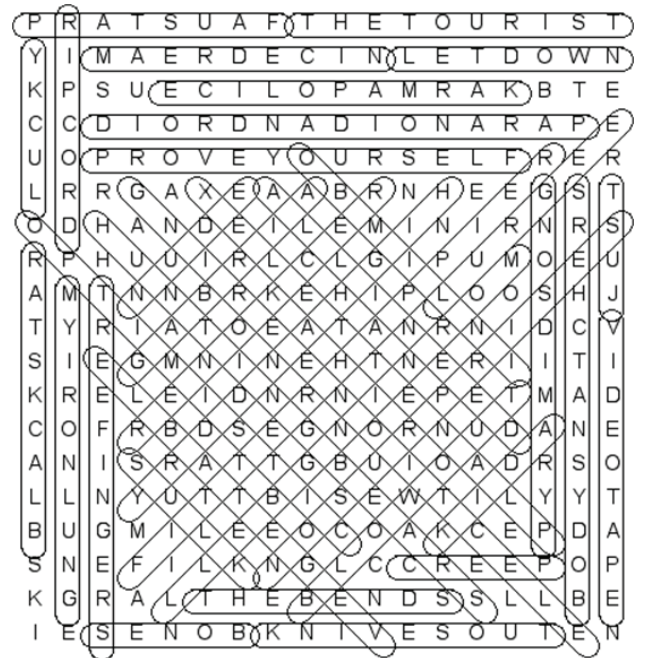
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Pres. Duterte commends DSWD for ‘unwavering dedication to public service’

QUEZON CITY -- President Rodrigo R. Duterte commended the personnel of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) for their unwavering dedication to public service, highlighting their role in uplifting the lives of millions of Filipinos. The President made the remark in his speech during the culminating activity of the 69th Founding Anniversary celebration of DSWD held at the Department’s Central Office in Batasan, Quezon City on January 29.

In his message, President Duterte said DSWD has been the lead agency of the government in ensuring that Filipinos have equal access to opportunities and are enabled to improve their quality of life.

“Such an enormous task cannot be done without a sincere heart and mind for public service. I thus commend the thousands

of DSWD employees for their unwavering dedication to public service,” he said.

The President also thanked the employees of DSWD, together with the military, for their hard work during times of emergencies.

“Gusto ko lang ipaalam sa inyo na one of the noblest thing is really your job, feeding people and saving lives,” the President said, emphasizing that he veered away from his prepared speech to personally express his appreciation for the important role of the Department.

“I am confident that you will remain committed, patient and compassionate as you perform your vital role in uplifting the lives of millions of Filipinos,” he added.

During the event, President Duterte unveiled the

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President Rodrigo R. Duterte, together with Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Secretary Rolando D. Bautista (second from left) and Senator Christopher Lawrence Go (left), awards an exemplary employee of DSWD during the Agency’s 69th Founding Anniversary culminating activity on January 29.

Strong BIR performance to help gov’t achieve anti-poverty goals

MANILA -- Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez III said Tuesday the sustained robust tax collections and vigorous implementation of administrative reforms by the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) will help the country achieve its goal of eradicating extreme poverty within one generation.

President Duterte’s 2016 campaign promise of effecting real change has become doable now that the BIR, which breached the P2-trillion mark in tax collections last year, has been helping raise enough revenues for the government to spend big on infrastructure and social services to realize the goal of improving the lives of all law-abiding Filipinos, Dominguez said.

The BIR raised P2.18 trillion in revenues in 2019, which is an 11.3 percent improvement over the 2018 figure and resulted in the Philippines raising its tax effort to 15.1 percent of gross domestic product (GDP), its best rate in 22 years, he noted.

Dominguez said he is confident the BIR’s performance this year will continue to improve under the leadership of BIR Commissioner Caesar Dulay this coming tax season, given the passage and implementation of

the Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion (TRAIN) Law, the Tax Amnesty Act, and the recently signed laws increasing excise taxes on alcohol, tobacco and vapor (vaping) products and e-cigarettes.

These revenue collection efforts will be supported by the BIR’s digitalization efforts and other administrative reforms to widen the tax base and simplify the process of tax collection, he said.

“Clearly, the BIR is the spear point in our nation’s progress. So, as you go out there, building partnerships with our taxpayers in the framework of a dynamic modern tax system, remember that you are not just producing revenues. You are creating a better future for this country,” Dominguez said during the kick-off ceremonies of the bureau’s National Tax Campaign at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC) in Pasay City.

He said the BIR “is gifted with talented professionals who know how to get the job done.”

“I trust that the Bureau will once more overshoot its targets with the able leadership

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Gov’t readies repatriation of Filipinos aboard MV Diamond Princess

By Lucia F. Broño

QUEZON CITY--The Philippine government is working with the government of Japan and the local shipping authorities for the possible repatriation of more than 500 Filipinos in the cruise ship that has been moored in quarantine in Yokohama, Japan

and where hundreds have tested positive for the coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

DOH Assistant Secretary Dr. Maria Rosario Vergeire said in a press conference on Wednesday, Feb. 19 that there are a total of seven (7) Filipino passengers and 531 crew members aboard the MV Diamond Princess. She

also confirmed that out of the said number, 41 have already contracted the coronavirus disease.

“All Filipino passengers and crew of the MV Diamond Princess who will request repatriation will be accommodated by the Philippine

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DOH Assistant Secretary, Dr. Maria Rosario Vergeire