

TOWN in FOCUS

N in FOCUS TOWN in FOCUS TOWN in FOCUS TOWN in FOCUS TOWN in FOCUS
FOCUS TOWN in FOCUS TOWN in FOCUS TOWN in FOCUS TOWN in FO

DBP bags international award for first ASEAN bond issuance
p.5

VOLUME XXXVII No. 26 Enero 04-10, 2021 P6.00

What's Inside?

- COVID-19, disasters spawn whole new learning experience -Andanar... p 2
- Zero case ng Covid naitala sa lalawigan ng Cavite noong Enero 3...p 3
- Kapisang kritika p 4

SUNOG NAGANAP SA SALINAS UNO



Source and photo courtesy: Mayor Lani Mercado Revilla (Facebook)

Solon underscores importance of unity, hope to hurdle the challenges of COVID-19 pandemic

By Jerome Carlo R. Paunan

CALOOCAN CITY-- Senator Cynthia Villar stressed the importance of national unity and hope in overcoming all challenges arising from the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Let our efforts to overcome the global pandemic unite us as we look forward to the arrival of vaccines for our people in the coming year," the senator said in her New Year's message.

She said that the government has much to learn from the experience of other countries in rolling out a nationwide vaccination drive.

"The first major step towards economic recovery begins once we are able to

successfully roll out our own vaccination program in the Philippines," Villar said. She added that as more countries roll out their vaccination program, the faster it would be for the global economy to recover.

She said that the Philippines should keep an eye out for economic opportunities that can arise from the slow but steady growth in the global economy by the third and fourth quarters of 2021 as the world recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Meanwhile, Villar commended the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for putting up more than 550 vaccination stations in Riyadh with more stations to be set up in all other areas.

"According to Philippine Ambassador Adnan Alonto, the vaccination program against COVID-19 in Saudi Arabia will also cover all our OFWs at the expense of the Saudi government," the senator said. She urged OFWs in Saudi Arabia to register for the vaccine, which is being made available for free. The Philippine ambassador received his first inoculation with the vaccine developed by Pfizer yesterday (December 30) as he encouraged OFWs

continue to page 3

SA isang Facebook post, ibinalita ni Bacoor City Mayor Lani Mercado ang naganap na sunog sa Salinas Uno gabi ng Enero 2, 2021.

Umakyat sa unang alarma ang sunog bandang 9:32PM at umabot sa ikalawang alarma bandang 9:39PM.

"Ang pangyayaring sunog sa Brgy. Salinas Uno ay nagmula sa isang residential house na may address na #360 Salinas 1, Bacoor City, Cavite," saad ng alkalde sa kaniyang post.

Sa ngayon ay tinutukoy pa umano ang may-ari ng naturang tirahan na pinagmulan ng sunog na idineklarang Fire Out bandang 10:09 ng gabi.

Sa kabutihang palad ay walang naitalang casualty o nasugatan sa naturang insidente, ayon pa rin sa pabatid ni Mayor Revilla.

"Tinutukoy pa ang halaga ng damage. Umabot naman sa 20 kabahayan na may 17 pamilya ang naapektuhan," ani

continue to page 3

DILG: No firecracker-related fire incidents during the holidays

QUEZON CITY-- The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) today said the country recorded zero firecracker-related fire incidents during the December holiday season, the first time that has happened since the establishment of the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP).

Firecracker-related injuries to people were also down by 85% compared to the same period last year. Only 50 persons were injured by firecracker use from December 21 to January 1, 2021 compared to the 340 in December 2019. This new record is 89% lower than the five-year average from 2015-2019.

DILG Secretary Eduardo M. Año lauded the combined efforts of the BFP, Philippine National Police (PNP), local government units (LGUs), and the Department of Health (DOH) for this significant accomplishment.

"Isang tagumpay

ito hindi lamang sa ating Kagawaran ngayong taon, kundi pati na rin sa pamilyang Pilipino na nanatiling ligtas sa kanilang tahanan, malayo sa COVID-19 at sa panganib ng sunog dulot ng mga paputok," said DILG Secretary Año.

He said that normally, in Metro Manila alone, there would be ten or more firecracker-related fire incidents in recent years. "Madalas, kabikabila ang sunog sa ating bansa dahil sa paputok. Ngayong taon, masasabi natin na dumating na ang ganap na pagbabago," he said.

He said this can be attributed to the intensified information campaign of the DILG and DOH on the use of firecrackers, the vigilance and hard-work of the BFP and the PNP as well as the LGUs especially the Metro Manila Council, and the cooperation of the public.

"Maganda ang pasok

continue to page 3

Mahigit sa 2500 Estudyante sa Bacoor, binigyan ng tablet ng kanilang lokal na pamahalaan

Mahigit sa 2,500 mag-aaral sa Bacoor ang pinagkalooban ng kanilang pamahalaang lungsod ng mga tablet upang makatulong sa kanilang pag-aaral ngayong nasa ilalim ng distance learning ang bawat isa dahil sa pandemya.

Ang mga mag-aaral ng

Bacoor National High School sa Tabing Dagat, Salinas II, at Molino I ang naging benepisyaryo ng naturang mga gamit.

Pinangunahan ni Mayor Lani Mercado Revilla at mga kawani ng lungsod ang isinagawang pamamahagi.



Mayor Lani Mercado giving tablet to a student



PCOO Secretary Martin Andanar regularly hosts the Laging Handa Network Briefing that connects national and local issues and provides updates on the government's COVID-19 response and best practices. (PIA NCR file)

COVID-19, disasters spawn whole new learning experience -Andanar

By Jerome Carlo R. Paunan

CALOOCAN CITY-- Presidential Communications Operations Office (PCOO) Secretary Martin Andanar today encouraged all Filipinos to reflect and learn from the challenges posed by the COVID-19 global health pandemic and from major natural disasters that hit the country recently.

"The past year has been marked by major changes not only in our country, but for the rest of the world. Aside from the COVID-19 pandemic that has affected the entire world, the Philippines has endured calamities and natural disasters that have truly challenged our resilience, our grit, and our bravery as a nation," Andanar said in his year-end message.

"As we reflect on the past year, may we recognize all that we have achieved and

accomplished despite the difficult circumstances that we have encountered. May we learn from the lessons brought by these challenges and apply our learning moving forward," he added.

Andanar said everyone must be willing to trade some freedom for the greater good of the public.

"We ask everyone to remain committed in following all the health protocols and minimum health standards prescribed by our government, especially as we celebrate the coming new year, so that we can continue to heal, recover, and rise as one nation," he said.

"As we welcome 2021, we face the adjustments and some degree of uncertainty brought by 'new normal'. Although our collective fight is far from over, may we remain firmly united and unyielding in meeting head on any difficulty that this year holds," he added. (PIA NCR)

DAR.....

commitment we can do this," Brother John said, addressing the DAR regional officials and implementers nationwide.

The parcelization of lands is being implemented under the Support to Parcelization of Lands for Individual Titling (SPLIT) project. It aims to fast-track land subdivision/parcelization of Collective Certificates of Land Ownership Award (CCLOAs) and eventually issue individual land titles to agrarian reform beneficiaries who were previously awarded with lands and collective CLOAs under the CARP.

The SPLIT project will be implemented by DAR in 78

from page 8

provinces in 15 regional offices, covering a total area of 1.368 million hectares.

Field operations Undersecretary David Erro, who chairs the Policy Review and Formulation Committee (PRFC) said that new policies would also be cascaded to officials and implementers. He said the policies are administrative orders on acquisition and distribution processes of CARP-covered private lands, rules and procedures in land transactions, revised descriptions of functions for implementers and rules and procedures on implementing DAR projects under the new normal.

"These policies

were formulated so we could implement the rules and regulations in splitting collective CLOAs to individual CLOAs for farmer-beneficiaries," Erro said.

"Because of the pandemic, we have lost five months of precious time. So now, we are cascading these new policies before the year ends so we could start right away next year," Erro explained.

The conference is being conducted in two batches via Microsoft Office 365. The first batch was participated by officials and implementers of regions 1, 2, 3, 4-A, 5, 6, 11 and, CAR conducted from December 27-28. Batch two consists of officials and implementers of regions 4-B, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12 and Caraga conducted December 29-30. (DAR)

Justice...

from page 8

If passed into law, Go said that it will help in curbing issues and inconveniences experienced by overseas Filipinos and will also provide better protection for them as it will promote streamlined coordination among various officials and offices based abroad through the one country-team approach.

"[It is] about time that we create a Cabinet-level, secretary-led department with an organization structured to work together as one team to protect the rights and advance the interests and welfare of about ten percent of our population who reside abroad," reasoned the Senator.

"Kung in distress ang isang Pilipino abroad, kadalasan, hindi alam kung saan lalapit para humingi ng tulong. Minsan sa radyo, meron sa Facebook. Pero kung merong one country-team approach tayo, alam ng mga kababayan nating humihingi ng tulong kung saan pupunta. Hindi na sila mahihirapan pa," he said. Go has also been instrumental in the repatriation recently of overseas Filipino worker Malik S.

in Islamic banking would provide crucial support for President's peace and development agenda for the Bangsamoro in Mindanao. In consideration of the special "partnership of brothers," he conveyed President Duterte's invitation for His Majesty the King and the Crown Prince and Prime Minister to visit the Philippines as soon as circumstances allow, so His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa to reaffirm bilateral ties and experience the gratitude of the Filipino nation.

The Crown Prince and Prime Minister welcomed the invitation from President Duterte.

The audience granted by the Crown Prince and Prime Minister His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa capped the four-day Official Visit to Manama spearheaded by PAFA Borje as President Rodrigo Duterte's

Darimbang who had been stuck in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for six years after he got involved in a road accident which led to the death of a Pakistani national.

Go also played a role in the subsequent granting of pardon to Roderick Aguinaldo, an overseas Filipino worker detained in Bahrain for four years after he was convicted for the death of a foreign national in the country. Aguinaldo was sentenced to death penalty until his pardon and release from prison as a result of the efforts of the Philippine government.

He also assisted in bringing back home in 2019 several OFWs from Kuwait who were victimized by a Filipino illegal recruiter and were forced to engage in sexual services.

"Sila po ang tinuturing nating mga bagong bayani na naghihirap para lang mabigyan ng mas magandang buhay ang kanilang pamilya at makatulong sa bansa. Huwag natin sila pabaya. Gawin natin ang lahat para maisaayos ang serbisyo na dapat nilang nakukuha mula sa gobyerno," he said. (OSBG)

Special Envoy to the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Since the COVID-19 pandemic began in 2020, Special Envoy Borje is only the fourth and the final foreign official to be received by the Crown Prince and Prime Minister over the course of the year, after the US Secretary of State, the Kuwaiti Foreign Minister, and the Indian External Affairs Minister.

Joining Special Envoy Borje in the meeting with the Crown Prince and Prime Minister were Undersecretary for Migrant Workers Affairs Sarah Lou Y. Arriola of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Ambassador of the Philippines to Bahrain Alfonso Ver.

At the end of the special mission, the Philippine delegation brought 243 Filipinos from the United Arab Emirates and the Kingdom of Bahrain back to Manila on January 1st 2021. (PIA NCR)

Bahrain.....

from page 8

multilateral venues. This, even as the President conveyed gratitude for His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa and Crown Prince Salman's demonstrated commitment to protect the welfare and promote the well-being of Filipinos in the Kingdom, particularly during the pandemic.

His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa in turn assured that Filipinos in the Kingdom will be taken care of. The Crown Prince and Prime Minister stressed that it is the responsibility of the Bahrain Government to take care of Filipinos in the Kingdom. The Crown Prince and Prime Minister said that this includes complete access to medical attention and care, regardless of citizenship.

Special Envoy Borje commended Bahrain for its effective and efficient management of COVID-19 through a comprehensive and egalitarian approach that has seen tracing, testing, treatment, and now vaccination extended to everyone residing in the Kingdom, including the 50,000 Filipinos living and working in Bahrain regardless of their legal status.

Special Envoy Borje also conveyed President Duterte's deep trust and respect for His Majesty King Hamad

bin Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa and the Crown Prince and Prime Minister for the demonstrated commitment to uphold migrant workers' rights, particularly in the efforts to dismantle the egregious khafala system and the Philippines' readiness to work closely with Bahrain to advocate reforms. According to Special Envoy Borje, President Duterte recognizes Bahrain's leadership in upholding migrant workers' rights and in reforming the sponsorship system. Special Envoy Borje also reiterated the President's principled position that the Filipino is no slave to anyone, anywhere in the world.

His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa stated that Bahrain "will not abuse that trust", citing that respect for humanity and human dignity was a core Bahrain value. Stating that human freedom is essential, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister said Bahrain continues on the path of labor and migrant reforms that can be emulated by other nations. The Crown Prince and Prime Minister also stressed the need to cooperate intensively on human rights and migrant workers' rights in multilateral fora in order to effectively end the khafala system and address related issues, including human trafficking.

Special Envoy Borje highlighted Bahrain's role as a global leader in migrant workers' rights, noting that the

country's influence in promoting labor reform in the Middle Eastern region in particular has transformed the lives of many Filipinos through empowerment and freedom.

He welcomed the landmark conviction and sentencing of eight individuals in April 2020 by the Bahrain High Criminal Court for the human trafficking case filed by Filipino nationals. He described the decision as a testament to the strong determination and partnership between Bahrain and the Philippines to prevention, interdiction, arrest, prosecution and conviction in order to end trafficking of human persons.

Responding to President Duterte's desire and commitment to broaden and deepen cooperation between the Philippines and Bahrain, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister underscored that there are many opportunities worth exploring and expressed willingness and commitment to see President Duterte's objective realized, particularly through the establishment of consultative and coordinating mechanisms at the Ministerial Level to ensure that collaborative efforts are acted on decisively.

Special Envoy Borje noted that increased trade and investment, cooperation in education, human resource development, public health, as well as Islamic banking and financial technology are particular areas of interest. Special Envoy Borje also noted that cooperation

Zero case ng Covid naitala sa lalawigan ng Cavite noong Enero 3

MASAYANG ibinahagi ni Cavite Governor Jonvic Remulla sa isang Facebook post na walang naitalang panibagong kaso ng coronavirus disease (COVID-19) sa lalawigan nitong Enero 3, 2021.

Aniya, “Sa unang pagkakataon simula ECQ lockdown na nagsimula noong Marso 2020, ang latest report sa akin ng Provincial Health Surveillance Officer ay nagtala ng ZERO reported cases ang COVID-19 sa buong Cavite, kahapon January 3, 2020.”

Bagaman may tuwa sa balitang ito, nagpaalala naman ang gobernador na huwag maging sobrang kampante ng bawat isa dahil may laban pa rin tayong kinakaharap.

“But don’t celebrate just

yet. Despite the relative flattening of the curve, malayo pa rin tayo sa kaligtasan at tagumpay,” ani Remulla.

“Inaasahan natin na dahil sa nakaraang pagdagsa ng mga tao sa mga malls, including Christmas gatherings, inuman ng mga barkada at iba pang holiday celebration ay maaaring dumami muli ang kaso ng COVID positive simula January 10-14,” pagpapatuloy niya.

Sa huli ay pinayuhan ni Remulla ang mga mamamayan na ibayong pag-iingat pa rin ang gawin upang huwag nang kumalat muli ang sakit sa Cavite.

“Huwag kalimutan ang todo pag-iingat at patuloy na pagmamasid sa mga kaganapan at sa buong kapaligiran.”



Photo courtesy of Go Cavite

“

Sa unang pagkakataon simula ECQ lockdown na nagsimula noong Marso 2020, ang latest report sa akin ng Provincial Health Surveillance Officer ay nagtala ng ZERO reported cases ang COVID-19 sa buong Cavite, kahapon January 3, 2020.

But don’t celebrate just yet. Despite the relative flattening of the curve, malayo pa rin tayo sa kaligtasan at tagumpay.

”

Governor Jonvic Remulla

Sunog...

Revilla.

“Ang mga rumesponde naman ay 8 firetrucks mula sa

from page 1

BFP at 22 firetrucks naman mula sa iba’t ibang volunteer groups and LGUs,” pagpapatuloy niya.

DILG....

ng Bagong Taon dahil walang napinsala ng sunog dahil sa paputok. Binabati ko ang BFP, PNP, DOH at LGUs pati na rin ang ating mga mamamayan sa inyong pagsisikap at kooperasyon dahil kaya naman pala nating magdiwang ng ligtas at masaya kahit walang paputok,” he said.

He said BFP and PNP personnel were doing the rounds in barangays up until New Year’s Eve to remind the public to refrain from the use of firecrackers in their festivities to avoid unwanted injuries and accidents.

Further, the DILG Chief said there was a 52 percent decrease in fire incidents from other causes nationwide for the whole month of December 2020 tallying only 593 incidents compared to the 1,246 incidents in the same period last year.

A total of 37 were injured, including two BFP personnel, while ten perished during the said fire incidents involving mostly residential properties.

In the National Capital Region, a total of 4,417 fire-related incidents were reported from January 1 to December 31,

from page 1

2020, which is 18.26% lower than the 5,404 tallied in the same period last year.

Meanwhile, Año said the DILG will make sure that P/SSgt Karen Borrromeo will be dismissed from service for indiscriminately firing her handgun in Malabon during the New Year’s festivities.

“It doesn’t matter if she was having an argument with her live-in partner or fired her handgun to celebrate the New Year. What she did was against the law and she will be facing criminal and administrative sanctions and will be dismissed from the police service,” he said.

The DILG Chief said that they will not tolerate such behavior. “She does not belong in the police service,” he added.

Año also said there were no untoward incidents during New Year’s Eve until January 1 in all jail facilities nationwide of the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology.

He said this is largely due in part to the efforts of jail officers and some officials who spent New Year’s Eve guarding the jail cells to ensure security and safety among the persons deprived of liberty. (DILG)

Solon....

from page 1

in Saudi Arabia to register on the prescribed government app (Sehhaty) to schedule their vaccination.

Meanwhile, in Bahrain, the country’s health centers have started giving the vaccines every day from 8 AM until 6 PM for free to its nationals and residents, 18 years and above. Bahraini King Hamad was recently vaccinated against COVID-19 as his government launched the nationwide inoculation campaign. Bahrain is the second country after Britain to grant emergency use authorization for the Pfizer/BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine. It has also approved Sinopharm’s vaccine last November.

The United Kingdom has ordered 100 million jabs with 40 million to be rolled out by March next year. The first Pfizer vaccine doses in Britain were delivered to care homes with “roving” health teams tasked to visit hundreds of additional care homes y New Year’s Eve. The Oxford vaccine will be made available across the United Kingdom from January 4 after British government approved the new vaccine yesterday (Dec. 30).

Villar said she will ask the Department of Foreign Affairs to report on the progress of COVID-19 vaccination programs in countries with a high concentration of OFWs during the forthcoming Senate committee

of the whole inquiry into the government’s own vaccination plans.

“As more countries roll out their respective anti-COVID-19 inoculation campaigns, we will see the anxieties of our OFWs and their families ease because the health and safety of our workers will more or less be assured in the coming year,” Villar said.

The senator noted that the Philippines should now look at how other countries have launched their vaccination drive.

“Let us gather reports from our embassies and start looking at best practices being done by other countries who are now actively setting up inoculation stations for their residents and foreign workers,” Villar said. (PIA-NCR)

Gatchalian raises need to avert ‘learning crisis’ following cancellation of face-to-face classes

PASAY CITY-- While the dry runs on limited face-to-face classes in low-risk areas would have addressed some challenges that hound distance learning, Senator Win Gatchalian said that the government’s rescinding of its green light is a precautionary measure against a new strain of COVID-19 that is now spreading across the world.

The Chairman of the Senate Committee on Basic Education, Arts and Culture warned, however, that the country should brace itself for the aggravation of the current learning crisis and a likely spike of learners with poor performance. To mitigate the looming learning losses and make up for lost time on face-to-face instruction, Gatchalian said the government should exhaust all resources and implement measures to help learners catch up.

In rolling out remedial programs, Gatchalian said there is a need to assess learning gaps, especially among vulnerable students. This would help in the correct targeting of learners for remedial programs.

Under the 2021 national budget, P16,615,694,000 was allocated for ‘flexible learning options’ under the programmed appropriations of the Department of Education (DepEd). An additional P6-billion was allocated for flexible learning options under unprogrammed appropriations.

The senator said that the absence of face-to-face classes entails the continuous use of alternative modalities for learning delivery such as self-learning modules, radio- and television-based lessons to support teachers and learners amid the distance learning setup.

Gatchalian also cited the role of the Alternative Learning System (ALS), especially in reaching out to an estimated 2.3 million K to 12 learners who were not able to enroll because of the COVID-19 pandemic. A special provision in the 2021 national budget allocates an amount of at least P559 million for the program.

“Dahil wala na muna tayong face-to-face classes ngayong Enero, nangangamba akong baka lalong umurong ang kaalaman ng

ating mga kabataan. Mas malaki ang magiging problema natin. Kaya dapat sa 2021, ibuhos natin ang budget at lahat ng resources para masiguro na hindi umurong ang kaalaman ng ating mga estudyante,” said Gatchalian.

The lawmaker reiterated that before the pandemic hit the country, the international assessments 2018 Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA), the Southeast Asia Primary Learning Metrics (SEA-PLM) 2019, and the Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) 2019 consistently showed that the country’s K to 12 learners are failing to master basic competencies and lagging behind their peers across the world.

As part of long-term recovery efforts, Gatchalian emphasized the need for reforms in teacher education and training to improve learner outcomes. Senate Bill No. 1887 or the Teacher Education Council Act, which Gatchalian filed, seeks to improve the coordination between DepEd, the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), and the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) to improve teacher education and training in the country. (OSWG)

Sekyu sa isang pamilihan sa Silang, pinuri ni Remulla

Pinuri ni Governor Jonvic Remulla ang isang security guard sa isang pamilihan sa Silang, Cavite dahil sa pagpapatupad nito ng mahigpit na health protocol.

Ayon sa salaysay ni Remulla, papasok sana siya sa isang pamilihan sa Barangay Inchican sa Silang upang bumili ng pang-ahit ngunit nakalimutan niya ang kaniyang faceshield sa sasakyan kaya’t hindi siya pinapasok ng guwardiya.

“SHOUTOUT sa Marketplace Westborough dito sa Barangay Inchican. Ako po ay papasok sana para bumili ng pang-ahit. As mandated by the rules, hindi

po ako pinapasok ng security guard dahil wala daw akong suot na face shield,” aniya.

“Daghang nakalimutan ko lang talaga sa sasakyan kaya bumalik ako para kunin ito. Hindi ako nagpakilala at lalong hindi rin ako nagpumilit na papasukin. He was only doing his job while I was neglectful of my own rules and responsibilities,” pagpapatuloy ng gobernador.

Sa huli ay binati niya ang pamahalaan ng pamilihan dahil sa kanilang pagsunod sa alitutuning pangkalusugan na umiiral sa lalawigan.

“Congratulations and good job, Marketplace. Truly, I am not above the law.”

Ang
CAVITENO

LINGGUHANG PAHAYAGAN NG LALAWIGAN NG CAVITE NA INILALATHALA TUWING LUNES / PRINTING PLANT: SINAG PUBLISHING & PRINTING SERVICES, NATIONAL HIGHWAY, BRGY. PARIAN, CALAMBA CITY, LAGUNA. TEL NOS. (049) 834-6261 & (049) 5763112 / OFFICE ADDRESS: BLK. 25, LOT 4 PH-1 GREENSBOROUGH SUBD., SABANG, DASMARIÑAS, CAVITE/ SUBSCRIPTION FEE: ONE YEAR P360.00 SIX MONTHS: P180.00 / COMMERCIAL ADVERTISING RATE: P200 PER COLUMN CM AND LEGAL NOTICES P160 PER COLUMN CM / MEMBER: PUBLISHER'S ASSOCIATION OF THE PHILIPPINES, INC. (PAPI) / RAIA JENNIFER E. DELA PEÑA MANAGING EDITOR / P.L. VILLA, RC ASA CONTRIBUTING EDITORS / JACQUILOU LIRIO, NATALIE FLORENCE DELA PEÑA, STAFF WRITERS / RUEL LANDICHO LAYOUT ARTIST/. EMAIL ADD: tambuli_press@yahoo.com & sinagprinting@gmail.com

papi

EDITORIAL

When giants clash

An extended number of important regional trade agreements in the last two decades have made China almost equal to the US in terms of influence.

In 15 days, the United States of America will see Joe Biden take his oath as the superpower country's 46th President.

It's the most awaited political event this year, ending the drama of the November 2020 polls, notwithstanding Donald Trump's allies' last-ditch effort to deny certification of Biden's victory.

The world is set for the change Biden would bring, however. International leaders have recognized his triumph, and it is inevitable that the US would still claim its place as preponderant in world leadership.

Its dominance in influence and importance is felt, including in Asia and the Pacific where China is seen as a new power that has threatened US hegemony. It's not that Trump did not try to address the China conundrum.

He did. But he failed.

Early on, Trump had tried to rewrite the economic relationship of the US with China with his focus on protectionism, using MAGA (make America great again) as a rallying cry that never gained enough support from his people.

The interdependence between the two largest economies — the world's most important — was disrupted after Trump launched an unprecedented trade war against China, breaking Republican free-trade orthodoxy at the cost of American factory jobs and contrary to his aim.

Trump's biggest win was against Huawei, which was put on a US blacklist known as the Entity List last year. It restricted Huawei access to US technology, like Google's Android mobile operating system, a software that Huawei's smartphones relied on, and sent Huawei smartphone sales tumbling down.

Huawei's semiconductor supplies have been cut off, too, with SMIC — a company that is core to China's push to be more self-reliant in chips — added to a blacklist by the US Commerce Department in mid-December.

In between, Trump had also imposed tariffs on almost anything imported from China, whether they're solar panels, aluminum and steel, or washing machines.

It was expected for China to retaliate with its own tariffs, making it a tit-for-tat fight between them.

While Trump's attention was on this trade war and on himself, China has strengthened its Belt and Road Initiative and gained many allies in countries where the US influence had diminished.

An extended number of important regional trade agreements in the last two decades have made China almost equal to the US in terms of influence at least in Asia and the Pacific, continents with little voice in global affairs.

China's emergence as a regional power meant taking some of the former ability of the US to influence other nations. It is evident even in the Philippines where China has gained headway in most infrastructure projects, the possible initial supply of Covid-19 vaccines and even militarily, where its presence is felt in the sea lanes that are precious to the US.

What difference four years make that the US is now trying to regain not only its influence in the region, but also its presence and might?

The West's narrative now centers on Taiwan as its focus in Asia. China considers Taiwan as merely its province, but it considers itself as an independent country.

While Taiwan is independent, it relies on the US for support.

Last year, Taiwan is a recipient of American-made arms in a sale that was objected to by China.

In late December, it allowed two US warships to sail through the sensitive Taiwan Strait — the second such mission that month.

That US action drew a protest from Beijing, almost two weeks after a Chinese aircraft carrier group used the same waterway.

The US Navy claimed the guided-missile destroyers USS John S. McCain and USS Curtis Wilbur "conducted a routine Taiwan Strait transit 31 December in accordance with international law."

China's Defense Ministry condemned the passage as a "provocation."

What's clear there, however, is the US' renewed emphasis on Asia-Pacific that would mark the start of Biden's term. It is no longer willing to lose an inch of its influence anymore.

Like they say in the movies, "the bullet has left the chamber." And like before, the region will become a mere spectator to these interesting events of the still very young decade.



KAPIRASONG Kritika

Ni Teo S. Marasigan

Tiyak na Kapahamakan

APATNAPU'T apat na operatiba ng Philippine National Police-Special Action Force (PNP-SAF). Labing-walong mandirigma ng Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF). At dalawa hanggang anim na sibilyan. Kabisado na ng marami ang mga datos na ito tungkol sa madugong operasyon ng PNP-SAF sa Mamasapano, Maguindanao noong Enero 18. Makaisang-panig na tumampok sa midya ang maraming namatay sa hanay ng PNP-SAF, kaya naging mabilis ang pagsisi sa MILF. At sa pamumuno ni dating Pangulong Joseph Estrada, lumakas ang panawagan para maglunsad ng todo-gera laban sa MILF.

Pero mas malawak ang pagkondena kay Pang. Noynoy Aquino. Itinanggi niya ang direktang pananagutan sa nangyari sa kanyang talumpati sa telebisyon noong Enero 28. Wala siya sa parangal noong dumating ang mga bangkay ng napatay na PNP-SAF sa Villamor Air Base noong Enero 29. Nahuli rin siya ng pagdating sa parangal sa burol ng mga ito noong Enero 30. Sa mga aksyon niyang ito nagmula ang bansag sa kanyang "traydor" sa mga napatay na elite na pwera ng kapulisan. Sa paglakad ng mga araw, tumatalas din ang pagsisi sa kanya dahil sa pag-uutos niyang ilunsad ang operasyon.

Marami nang nasabi at nasulat tungkol sa nangyari sa Mamasapano. Alam mong galit ang publiko at delikado ang pangulo kapag bumabaha ng salita at imahen sa Facebook at iba pang social media, kapwa sa istatus at komento ng mga tao. Sa ganitong mga panahon, ang mga selfie at larawan ng pagkain, alagang hayop at anak ay nagiging sekundarya sa mga balita at komentaryo tungkol sa pulitika. Naganap ang pagdanak ng dugo sa Mamasapano sa panahong lumalalim din ang galit ng publiko sa gobyernong Aquino dahil sa pagtaas ng pamasaha sa MRT-LRT at ng iba pang singilin sa serbisyo.

Anu't anuman, heto ang

mga aspeto ng isyu na tawag-pansin at interesante para sa akin:

(1) Papel ng US. Binansagang internasyunal na terorista ang target ng operasyon. Ang US ang matagal nang tumutugis sa kanya. Umano'y eksakto ang impormasyon tungkol sa lokasyon ng target. Nagkumahog si Noynoy, matapat na tuta ng US, para ipatupad ang operasyon. At lihim itong ipinatupad. Lahat ng ito, indikasyon na ang US, kasabwat si Aquino, ang pangunahing nagtulak ng operasyon at responsable rito. Kumpirmasyon na lang ang mga larawan ng mga sundalong Kano na tumutulong sa paglilikas sa mga napatay sa labanan — at kung hindi ito nakunan ng larawan, posibleng itatangi rin ito.

Mas malamang na ang US ang nakatuntun sa target na terorista, nag-utos ng operasyon, nagdisenyo nito, at namuno sa pagpapatupad nito. Antas-imperyalista ang kumpyansa, kaya nga ipinwesto na si Aquino sa Zamboanga City para sa press conference na magbubunyi dapat sa harap ng internasyunal na midya ng noo'y inaasahang tagumpay. Itinanggi na ng US Embassy ang anumang mahalagang papel sa operasyon, pero sinong naniniwala rito? Hindi ang mga mamamayang alam ang madugong rekord ng US sa buong mundo at ang kasinungalingan ng mga embahada nito sa iba't ibang bansa.

(2) Paggamit sa mga Pilipino, pagmaliit sa paglaban ng sambayanang Moro. Kung direktang sakop ng US ang Pilipinas, mga tropang Kano ang labanan sa mga Pilipino. Pero dahil neo-kolonya ng US ang Pilipinas, at tuta nito ang gobyerno, Pilipino mismo ang ginamit laban sa Pilipino. Patunay ng kumpyansang imperyalista ang paggamit ng kapulisan at hindi militar sa operasyong ito. Sa pagpakat ng mahigit 400 pulis sa Mamasapano, malinaw na labanan ang pakay nila. Pero patunay ang madugong resulta na lubhang minaliit ng US at ni Aquino ang paglaban ng

sambayanang Moro.

(3) Paglabas ng katotohanan. Lumalakas ang panawagan para sa katotohanan hinggil sa nangyari, na dapat lang. Pero magandang itanong: anong katotohanan ang hinahanap? Iyung pamperyodismo? Iyung ligal? Dapat hanapin ang mga ito, pero dapat kilalanin din ang isang katotohanan: na kayang-kayang itago, baluktutin, o ipitin ng mga naghahari ang mga ito. Dapat ding kilalanin ang isa pang katotohanan: Na sa kasaysayan ng People Power, lumalabas ang katotohanan kapag ang sambayanan ay nagpoprotesta, naggigiit ng pananagutan batay sa pinapaniwalaan nitong katotohanan.

(4) Gerakontra-terorismo. Inilunsad ang operasyon sa balangkas ng tinatawag na "gera kontra-terorismo" ng US. Maaalala ang tuligsa ni Michel Chossudovsky, progresibong intelektwal: ang "gera kontra-terorismo" mismo ay terorismo — atake sa mga mamamayan ang daigdig para sa interes ng malalaking kapitalista at gobyerno ng US. Kailangang palawakin ang pag-unawa lampas sa mga indibidwal na terorista at mga kaso ng terorismo, patungo sa kalagayang nagluluwal ng mga binabansagang terorista — na hinuhubog ng mga mapaminsalang patakarang imperyalista sa ekonomiya at militar.

Larawan ng "gera kontra-terorismo" ng US ang nangyari sa Mamasapano. Sa panahong ipinagyayabang ng US ang mga abanteng kagamitan para sa presisong pagtukoy at pagbigwas sa umano'y terorista, mas maraming mamamayan ang namamatay. Sa panahong ipinagyayabang nito na isinusulong ng mga gera nito ang "demokrasya," pinakilos nito ang gobyerno sa paraang palihim at di-demokratiko. Sa panahong ginagamit nito ang mga usapang pangkapayapaan para pasukuin ang mga armadong grupo, ipinakita nito na hindi ito magpapapigil sa paglulunsad ng mga atake at gera.

03 Pebrero 2015

TOWN in FOCUS

FN in FOCUS TOWN in FOCUS TOWN in FOCUS TOWN in FOCUS TOWN in FOCUS TOWN in FOCUS TOWN in FOCUS
 DCUS TOWN in FOCUS TOWN in FOCUS TOWN in FOCUS TOWN in FOCUS TOWN in FOCUS TOWN in FOCUS TOWN in FOCUS

DBP bags international award for first ASEAN bond issuance

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna- State-owned Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP) was cited by a renowned international multi-media firm for its bond issuance last year, which was aimed at raising funds to bankroll projects on the environment and financial inclusion, a top official said.

DBP President and Chief Executive Officer Emmanuel G. Herbosa said the bank's maiden issuance of ASEAN Sustainability Bonds, amounting to P18.125-billion, won as Best Sustainability Bond

– Financial Institution in The Asset Country Awards 2020 presented by Hong Kong-based financial publication The Asset.

“We take pride and honor for this achievement as it recognizes DBP's role as a catalyst for inclusive development,” Herbosa said. “As a development financing institution, DBP has always been at the forefront of sustainable development and environment protection.”

DBP is the seventh largest bank in the country in terms of assets and provides

credit support to four strategic sectors of the economy – infrastructure and logistics; micro, small and medium enterprises; environment; social services and community development.

The proceeds from last year's bond issuance, which was the first bond program exclusively focused on sustainability, were used to fund projects that contribute towards economic inclusion, climate change mitigation and adaptation, natural resource conservation, pollution control and prevention, and other social issues,

Herbosa said the P18.125-billion raised, which was upsized from the initial amount of P5-billion, represents the initial tranche of DBP's P50-billion Bond Program, geared at financing environmental and social projects eligible under the Bank's Sustainability Finance Framework.

He said 83% of the proceeds were allocated to 15 projects in sustainable and renewable energy, while the rest was allocated evenly between initiatives for water supply and sanitation and health care.

“The bond issuance did not only provide for a sound investment but also accorded investors an opportunity for directly partaking in initiatives that advance social and economic advancement,” Herbosa said.

Herbosa said DBP recently raised P21-billion in its

second bond issuance to fund various development projects of vital economic sectors, reeling from the ill-effects of the pandemic.

He said net proceeds of the second tranche would be earmarked for financing renewable energy, green buildings, clean transportation, energy efficiency, pollution prevention and control, sustainable water management, climate change adaptation, affordable basic infrastructure, affordable housing, food security, and other similar developmental initiatives.

“The second bond issuance would allow us to reach a wider network of stakeholders, especially in the countryside, as we take a step closer to becoming a P1-trillion bank by 2022,” Herbosa added. (PIA-4A/DBP)

CAVITEVIEW

Why we celebrate Rizal Day every 30th day of December

ON the 30th day of December yearly, the whole nation observes the death anniversary of our great national hero, Dr. Jose P. Rizal. This is to commemorate the nationalism and martyrdom of Rizal which is highlighted by the raising of the Philippine flag and wreath laying-ceremonies at the Luneta Park, Rizal Shrine in Calamba and Zamboanga and Rizal Monument in Baguio City. For this reason, 30 December is declared a national non-working holiday. The theme of this year's Rizal Day celebration is “Rizalismo: Sandigan ng Kaunlaran, Pagkakaisa at Kapayapaan” which is apparently timely to the status quo with the economic crisis and political conflicts confronting the Filipinos. We often come up with a theme such as the abovementioned to arouse the nationalistic fervor of the people and join hand in hand in the celebration of Rizal's martyrdom. Another reason for the said celebration is perhaps to bring the Filipinos together as they immortalize Rizal and his significance in contemporary times.

It is a controversial fact that we celebrate Rizal day on December 30 of each year, since it his death anniversary it is the opposite of the more jovial occasion that is his birthday. Jose Rizal was born on the 19th of June 1861 in the town of Calamba. He was re-arrested by the Spaniards because of his alleged

involvement with the series of revolts that broke out in 1896 referred to as the Philippine Revolution. Thus, from November 3, 1896, to the date of his execution, he was again committed to Fort Santiago. In order to get rid of him immediately, he was convicted of rebellion, sedition and of forming illegal association. In the morning of December 30, 1896, Rizal, then 35 years old, was shot at Bagumbayan Field. In hindsight, both the dates June 19 and December 30 are of historical relevance to the life of Rizal as the former is his date of birth while the latter is his date of death. Debates have cropped up in the past on the appropriateness of celebrating December 30 as Rizal Day.

The observance of Rizal Day goes back to the decree issued by Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo on Dec. 20, 1898 declaring Dec. 30 as the anniversary of Jose Rizal's death and also as “a national day of mourning”, for Rizal and other victims of the Spanish dominion throughout its three centuries rule. He issued a directive that all national flags shall be hoisted at half-mast from 12:00 noon on December 29 and all offices of the government shall be closed the whole day on December 30 as a sign of mourning. This decree appeared in the government organ, El Heraldo de la Revolucion issued on December 25, 1898 in two languages, Tagalog and

Spanish.

The first ever celebration of Rizal Day in the Philippines was held in Manila on December 30, 1898 by the Club Filipino which coincided with the unveiling of the Rizal monument in the town Daet in Camarines Norte. The monument was the first ever erected in honor of Rizal. Aguinaldo's revolutionary government did not last long when the Americans came in and established their rule in the country. The Americans, conscious of the veneration of Filipinos for Jose Rizal, and perhaps to enliven the spirit of the people, came out with Act. No. 243 enacted on September 28, 1901 which granted the right to use public land upon the Luneta in the City of Manila upon which to erect a statue of Jose Rizal from a fund to be

raised by Public subscription. The committee tasked to raise funds by subscription and the for causing the erection of the monument and the expenditure of the funds consisted of Pascual Poblete, Paciano Rizal, Juan Tuason, Teodoro R. Yangco, Mariano Limjap, Maximo Paterno, Ramon Genato, Tomas G. del Rosario and Dr. Ariston Bautista, most of whom had personally known Rizal. The shrine was finally unveiled on December 30, 1913 during Rizal's 17th death anniversary. On February 1, 1902, the Philippine Commission enacted Act. No. 345, which set December 30 of each year as Rizal Day, and made it one of the ten official holidays of the Philippines.

December 30 as national holiday continued as statutes were enacted by succeeding presidents. Republic Act No. 229 was enacted by President Quirino on June 9, 1948 to create a committee to take charge of the proper celebration of Rizal Day in every municipality and chartered city. On November 8, 2002, Pres. Arroyo enacted

Administrative Order No. 44 directing the chairman of the National Historical Institute to spearhead the observance of the 106th anniversary of the martyrdom of Dr. Jose P. Rizal on December 30, 2002.

There are moves to change the observance of Rizal Day from December 30 to June 19 his birth date. This move is based on the argument that June 19 is a more positive celebration as it his birth anniversary, and that it is close to significant days in the formation of Filipino nationhood such as the National Flag Day on May 28 and Independence Day on June 12. Another point for the contention is that December 30 is not well attended as people are on their Christmas vacation.

Both December 30 and June 19 are significant dates to the Filipinos and should be remembered and celebrated by the Filipinos as June 19 marks Rizal's birth and December 30 his martyrdom, symbolizing his great love for country, the reason he gave up his life. (Quennie Ann J. Palafox / Originally posted in NHCP website (Sept 2012))



“Victory is the child of struggle, that joy blossoms from suffering, and redemption is a product of sacrifice.”

– Dr. Jose Rizal

Photo of PIA NCR

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT
TRECE MARTIRES CITY

BDO UNIBANK, INC.,
Mortgagee,

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-051-20

-versus-

SPOUSES SUKARNO KAMSA LAUBAN AND
LAILA ANSAL SAMAD, AS REPRESENTED BY
THEIR ATTORNEY-IN-FACT, NARCISA UDTEG
MANSOL
Mortgagors

X-----

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed by Mortgagee, BDO UNIBANK, INC., with business address at BDO Corporate Center, 7899 Makati Avenue, Makati City, against the Mortgagors, SPS. SUKARNO KAMSA LAUBAN AND LAILA ANSAL SAMAD, AS REPRESENTED BY THEIR ATTORNEY-IN-FACT, NARCISA UDTEG MANSOL with residence and postal address at RH 10 Malagapas, Cotabato City, and Block 1, Lot 66, Somerset 10, Barangay Navarro, Gen Trias, Cavite 4107, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of 03 February 2020, amounts to TWO MILLION FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTY THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED ELEVEN PESOS AND 08/100 (Php2,580,211.08), Philippine Currency, including interest, penalties and other charges as of said date but exclusive of all other expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will set at public auction on February 25, 2021 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at the main entrance of the Government Center Building located at the Provincial Capitol Compound, Trece Martires City, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency the following described property with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 057-2018014334

LOT NO. 66 BLOCK: 1 PLAN NO. : PCS-04-028446
PORTION OF : LOT 1730-A & 1730-B, (LRA) PSD-366255,
LOT 1731-C, FLS-1320-D-LOT 3505 (FRS-04-005748), LOT
2449 (FRS-04-005172) LOT 2451-B, FLS-1162-D-LOT 3429
(FRS-04-005362) & LOT 3504 FLS-1320-D (FRS-04-005160)
ALL OF SAN FRANCISCO DE MALABON ESTATE,
DECREED NO. 4270, LRC REC. NO.5934
LOCATION: BARANGAY OF NAVARRO, MUNICIPALITY
OF GEN TRIAS, PROVINCE CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON
BOUNDRIES:
LINE DIRECTION ADJOINING LOT(S)
1-2 NE ROAD LOT 8, PCS-04-028446
2-3 SE LOT 67, BLOCK 1, PCS-04-028446
3-4 SW LOT 102, BLOCK 1, PCS-04-028446
4-1 NW LOT 65, BLOCK 1, PCS-04-028446
AREA: ONE HUNDRED SQUARE METERS(100). MORE
OR LESS xxx

All sealed bids 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 and time, it shall be held on March 04, 2021 without further notice.

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

TreceMartires City, December 15, 2020

REYNALDO L. SALOMA
Sheriff IV RTC-Branch 131

Copy Furnished:

BDO UNIBANK, INC.,
RISK MANAGEMENT GROUP-REMEDIAL
MANAGEMENT UNIT
11th Floor, BDO South Tower, BDO Corporate Tower
7899 Makati Avenue, Makati City 0726

SPS. SUKARNO KAMSA LAUBAN AND LAILA ANSAL
SAMAD
NARCISA UDTEG MANSOL
RH 10 Malagapas, Cotabato City
Block 1, Lot 66, Somerset 10, Barangay Navarro, Gen Trias,
Cavite 4107

WARNING: It is absolutely prohibited to remove, deface or destroy this Notice of Extra Judicial Sale on or before the date of sale

Publication: Ang Caviten Newsweekly
Dates: December 21, 28, 2020 and January 04, 2021

PhilHealth: Premium increase made to ensure sufficient funds for members' healthcare benefits

By Susan G. De Leon

CALOOCAN CITY-- The Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) has issued an official statement explaining its implementation of increased contribution rate starting this year.

The state health insurer said it is implementing the scheduled contribution rate and adjustment in income ceiling for 2021 to ensure sufficient funding for the healthcare benefits of its 110 million members as mandated by Republic Act No. 11223 or the Universal Health Care (UHC) Law.

"PhilHealth fully recognizes the current pandemic situation that is taking its toll on many businesses and livelihood of many Filipinos," the state health insurer said.

"However, it is bound to implement the UHC Law which has been the beacon and source of hope for the country that is aiming for better healthcare services even as it battles the Coronavirus Disease 2019," PhilHealth added.

"The premium adjustment is provided for in Section 10 of the UHC Law and its implementing rules and regulations, the guidelines of which are contained in Circular 2020-005 published by PhilHealth on March 5, 2020," said PhilHealth.

For 2021, those who have a monthly basic salary of ₱10,000 and below shall have a fixed contribution of ₱350 a month, while those earning ₱70,000 and higher is fixed at ₱2,450 a month.

"Contributions of employed members (including Kasambahays) shall be equally shared between employees and employers, while those of self-paying members, professional practitioners and land-based migrant workers and other direct contributors with no employee-employer relationship are computed straight based on their monthly earnings and paid wholly by the member," the PhilHealth stated.

The state health insurer cited in their statement that the law emphasized the importance of members' social health insurance contributions to provide the necessary funding for various reforms under the UHC that are now being availed of by Filipinos such as but not limited to the following:

1. Automatic membership of all Filipinos into the National Health Insurance Program, ensuring access to quality healthcare as a fundamental right and not for the privileged few.
2. Immediate eligibility of all Filipinos to PhilHealth benefits each time they seek treatment at and confinement in any accredited hospitals in the country and even overseas. This means that the former sufficient eligibility rules and contribution requirements are no longer applicable.
3. Assignment of every Filipino to a primary care provider (or PCP) of their choice initially in pilot areas to be identified in each region in

DEED OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE ESTATE OF REINER R. UBUSAN AND ROSALINDA R. UBUSAN

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late REINER R. UBUSAN AND ROSALINDA R. UBUSAN who died on 17 November 2019 and 24 September 2020 respectively leaving 3 parcel of land covered by Transfer Certificate of Title (TCT) No. (T-809405, (House and Lot), located at Brgy. Alapan I, Imus Cavite, Transfer Certificate of Title No. (T-866318) (Lot Only) located Bo. Buenavista, Gen. Trias, Cavite and Transfer Certificate of Title (TCT) No. T-543727, (Tax Declaration No. 18-CA-004-25769-Residential Building) located at Bo. San Andres Cainta Rizal has been extrajudicially settled by their heirs as per Doc. No. 126; Page No. 26; Book No. VI; Series of 2020, Notary Public Atty. Jovino R. Angel.

Ang Caviten Newsweekly
January 04, 11 & 18, 2021

2021. Accreditation of PCPs shall commence immediately.

This program is called Konsulta or Konsultasyong Sulit at Tama. The PCPs under Konsulta will act as patients' navigator, coordinator and their initial and continuing point of contact through the healthcare delivery system.

The PCPs will also be responsible for the health and well-being of patients assigned under their care, and are expected to detect and help arrest diseases at the early stages in order to prevent costly treatments later on.

It is also envisioned that PhilHealth will be covering more catastrophic illnesses as soon as additional funding are made available, as stipulated in the UHC Law.

4. No co-payment (or No Balance Billing) for confinements in basic or ward accommodations in both government and private healthcare facilities, except when availing of amenities, for which PhilHealth will develop co-payment limits to make costs predictable.

The legislated contribution scheme will enable patients to enjoy substantial financial risk protection through the gradual decrease in out-of-pocket expenses.

5. Lifetime PhilHealth coverage for all members upon reaching the age of retirement and after contributing at least 120 months to the Program, ensuring continuing financial protection from health risks brought about by old age.

"These reforms and those that are still in the pipeline as mandated by the UHC Law are for the benefit of all and sundry, regardless of their station in life," PhilHealth said.

"Everyone's heartfelt contributions to the National Health Insurance Fund is each one's share in the health and well-being of all. This is Bayanihan at its best, damayan para sa kalusugan ng bawat Filipino. Tulungan po natin ang isa't-isang gumaling at makaahon sa magastos na pagkakasakit," PhilHealth added.

"Everyone's hard-earned contribution will help guarantee that all these gains are delivered and sustained for all Filipinos today, tomorrow and for the years to come," the state health insurer said.

"The new PhilHealth leadership is ready to take on these enormous tasks, and is committed to strengthening its internal mechanisms, policies, systems and processes to ensure a renewed organization worthy of the Filipinos' trust," Dante Gierran, PhilHealth president and chief executive officer, in a statement.

"Pabayaan ninyong gawin namin ang aming trabaho nang mahusay, tapat at sulit sa inyong lahat," Gierran said. (PhilHealth/PIA-NCR)

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE ESTATE OF THE LATE MELENCIO C. PELAYO AND ROSITA I. PELAYO

Notice is hereby given that the late Rosita I. Pelayo, who died intestate on June 16, 2005, and the late Melencio C. Pelayo, who died intestate on February 15, 2009, both of whom at the time of their death are residents of 403 Medicio I-D, Imus, Cavite, left no debt in favor of any entity or person.

That said deceased left properties consisting of a parcel of land, containing an area of 320 sq. m., and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-3605 of the Registry of Deeds for the Province of Cavite, together with the improvements standing thereon, and is the subject of the Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate executed by their surviving heirs on December 22, 2020, acknowledged before Atty. Kara Mae Aurora R. Chua, Notary Public for and in the City of Makati as per Doc. No. 236, Page No. 49, Book No. II, Series of 2020 on December 22, 2020.

Ang Caviten Newsweekly
January 04, 11 & 18, 2021

Word Search Puzzle

Livewire Puzzles

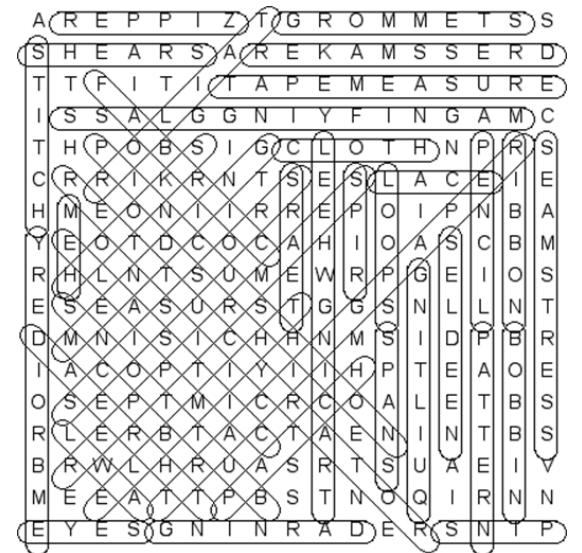
Find these words. They are some of the puzzles made by Livewire Puzzles since 1979.

The remaining letters spell a Dutch Proverb.

E S Q U A R I N G O F F T O N K O R T S A A
 V N H T S A B N N D H M F W D K I N T U P S
 A U U U W O R R A I E A O E T N L O T F I A
 W T M T R P M A I L A R V O Q F E R T L I R
 K H O G E A N E E D C V H E I U I D E C C B
 C O T N E T E D T E G S R R A P A N A I E A
 O U H I D I A L L H G E E E L H T L G E I D
 H S B K E U E P C N I C T E H P E O I H D A
 S E A S P C I L I L R N P H A T L A A Z T C
 S T L L I R W L G A A L G R E L A N R R E A
 O R L E T I S A C N A T T F E G D E I T R R
 T O S I N C B K S Y A N S Z I C A P W H W B
 G U W G E T E E U M E T T Y U S W P H E O A
 R B E H C R D R R R O E N F R I H M O R O P
 A L R T E O B U I R R U F E R C E Y T A D I
 N E C O G H U E V P H S S E P A N A B C E N
 D C S F D S G N O I S I V E L B U O D K N E
 P L K H E Z E P A R T S E T T H G I L F O T
 R E R A W U T O U C H W O O D R S H E L P R
 I F O N G N I R D N A L L A B O A F B R E E
 X A C D C H I N E S E R I N G S I P N S N E

- ABRACADABRA
- ARROW
- ASTROKNOT
- BALL AND RING
- BEDBUG
- BRIDGE THE GAP
- CENTIPEDE
- CHINESE RINGS
- CORKSCREW
- CRYSTAL CLEAR
- DEAD END
- DOUBLE VISION
- EQUALIZER
- EUREKA
- FIRECRACKER
- FLIGHT TEST
- GRAND PRIX
- HANDCUFFS
- HAVE A HEART
- KING TUT
- MELEDA
- MOTHBALLS
- MOUSETRAP
- NUT HOUSE
- PENTANGLE
- PINETREE
- PRETZEL LOGIC
- SHOCKWAVE
- SHORT CIRCUIT
- SILENT PARTNER
- SLEIGHT OF HAND
- SLINGSHOT
- SOMETHING FISHY
- SPUTNIK
- SQUARING OFF
- THE RACK
- TOUCH WOOD
- TRAPEZE
- TRIPLE CROWN
- TRIPLE PLAY
- TRIPWIRE
- TROUBLE CLEF
- VIRUS
- WEATHERVAIN
- WEDGE
- WOODEN OPEN

Sagot sa nakaraan



Sudoku

		5				9		
7					6			
		9	1				5	2
	3			1	5			
4								1
			8	2			7	
6	7				8	3		
			3					4
		2				5		

1	4	5	7	8	2	9	6	3
7	2	3	5	9	6	1	4	8
8	6	9	1	3	4	7	5	2
2	3	7	4	1	5	8	9	6
4	5	8	9	6	7	2	3	1
9	1	6	8	2	3	4	7	5
6	7	4	2	5	8	3	1	9
5	8	1	3	7	9	6	2	4
3	9	2	6	4	1	5	8	7

Sudoku hint

		10		36	1	29		30
2				14		11	3	12
4	5	6	22	37	38	15	39	
		43		16	40	44	27	28
56	57	50	51	31	24	45	26	17
7	52	46	53	19		18		
	47	48	13	23	32	34	25	41
54	55	49		21				30
8		42	9	33		35		

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

For your printing requirements

For quotation request, please contact us at (049) 834-6261 or email us at sinagprinting@gmail.com



Bahrain Crown Prince receives Pres. Duterte's special envoy, cites importance of ties with PH

By Alehia Therese V. Abuan

PARAÑAQUE CITY-- The Kingdom of Bahrain's Crown Prince and Prime Minister His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa received President Rodrigo Roa Duterte's Special Envoy, citing the importance of Bahrain-Philippines ties and expressing the commitment to strengthen bilateral ties with the Philippines based on deep respect, shared values and true friendship.

In the 30-minute long audience granted by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa to Special Envoy and Presidential Assistant on Foreign Affairs Robert E.A. Borje recently, Bahrain's Crown Prince and Prime Minister stressed that relations between

the Kingdom and the Philippines were important, and recognized the contributions of Filipinos to the socio-economic development of the Kingdom.

During the audience, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister received and read President Duterte's letter, which emphasized the value placed by the President on the friendship with His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa and the Crown Prince and Prime Minister as well as the long-standing ties with the Kingdom. In his letter, President Duterte expressed the Philippine Government's commitment to further broaden and expand cooperation with Bahrain and the readiness to ramp up the partnership on migrant workers' rights protection from bilateral to

continue to page 2



PCOO Global Media and Public Affairs photo

'Justice must be served': Bong Go welcomes Kuwaiti court's decision on OFW's murder case

PASAY CITY -- A Kuwaiti criminal court on Wednesday, December 30, sentenced to death by hanging a Kuwaiti woman for killing Filipina domestic worker Jeanelyn Padernal Villavende in December 2019. The husband was sentenced to four years in prison for covering up and not reporting the crime.

Senator Christopher "Bong" Go has welcomed the Kuwait court's ruling, saying that justice must be served for Villavende.

"Alam mo, ako po'y nagagalak dahil nabigyan na po ng hustisya na matagal na nating inaasam," Go said during a radio interview on Thursday, December 31.

"Pero hindi na po maibabalik ang buhay ng ating kapwa Pilipino na si Villavende. So, nakakalungkot man po, dapat noon pa 'yan eh," he added.

The murder of Villavende prompted the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration in January to approve a resolution imposing total deployment ban to Kuwait. This comes after it was found in the autopsy conducted by the National Bureau of Investigation that she was sexually abused and tortured.

The NBI also reported that Villavende's brain, heart,

and some internal organs were missing. She also incurred multiple traumatic injuries, including to the genitalia, which indicates that she was sexually abused.

Go, earlier, has expressed strong condemnation over the violent killing of the OFW in the hands of her Kuwaiti employer.

"Kinokondena ko 'yung pagpatay kay Jeanelyn at despite the May 2018 agreement between the Philippines and Kuwaiti government, there are still reports of violence and abuses committed against our fellow Filipinos in Kuwait," Go added.

"Masakit na iniwan ng mga kababayan natin ang kanilang mga mahal sa buhay upang makapagtrabaho lang sa mga malalayong lugar at mabigyan ng magandang kinabukasan ang kanilang pamilya. Mas masakit malaman na sa kabila ng kanilang sakripisyo, sila ay patuloy na naaabuso at minsan namamatay pa," Go added.

Citing Villavende's case, Go mentioned the pressing need for a separate department for overseas Filipinos which aims to put together concerned government agencies dealing with the overseas Filipinos under one umbrella.

continue to page 2

DAR holds national conference and consultation on parcelization of lands

QUEZON CITY -- The Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) has conducted a national conference on policies in implementing land acquisition and distribution (LAD) and consultation sessions on parcelization of lands for individual titling.

"We are doing this now so that by January, our implementors nationwide can start as soon as possible in implementing LAD. We are also here to discuss the draft

guidelines in implementing the splitting of collective land titles for farmers," said DAR Secretary Brother John Castricones.

The two-day conference was organized to orient project and program implementors of the latest policies on LAD and to solicit ideas and comments in the drafted guidelines for parcelization of lands for individual titling.

Brother John said the conference is very important in accomplishing President

Rodrigo Duterte's marching orders for the department to hasten the distribution of lands to the farmer-beneficiaries of the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP).

"Our President has ordered us to finish the DAR's land acquisition and distribution balance by 2024, distribute all government-owned lands and parcel the collective certificates of land ownership award to our farmer-beneficiaries. With your

continue to page 2



Photo by PIA NCR