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# PRRD appeals to Filipinos to vote wisely for the country's progress



President Rodrigo Roa Duterte delivers his message during the birthday celebration of former Presidential Adviser on Political Affairs Atty. Francis Tolentino held at the Tagaytay International Convention Center in Tagaytay City, Cavite on January 3, 2019. VALERIE ESCALERA/PRESIDENTIAL PHOTO

TAGAYTAY CITY, Cavite – Former political adviser Francis Tolentino’s 49th birthday celebration on January 3 was made extra special with the presence of the country’s chief executive, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte.

The event held at Sigtuna Hall, Tagaytay International Convention Center was attended by special guests accompanying the president, namely Silvestre Bello, Ronald “Bato” dela Rosa, Bong Go and several local government officials from Southern Tagalog led by former governor Jonvic Remulla.

During his speech, he

proudly spoke of the qualities of his trusted friends Ronald “Bato” Dela Rosa, Bong Go, and birthday celebrator Francis Tolentino who are all running for senators in the coming mid-term elections as he encouraged the public to vote for credible and reliable public officials instead of relying on survey results.

President Duterte said: “Iyong mga nangunguna sa survey... Susmaryosep... Eh may mga tao dito na dedicated, may alam.”

“Ito ‘yung mga trabaho — trabahante ng gobyerno na utusan mo, bigyan mo ng pera, *continue to page 3*

## PGC INCREASES CONCERN FOR THEIR CONSTITUENTS

ENSURING the safety of its constituents and persistently initiating programs that will be beneficial to the whole province, the provincial government of Cavite led by Governor Boying Remulla intensely facilitated programs which cater the most indigent members of the community.

On December 18-20, 2018, Governor Remulla, with his brother Governor Jonvic Remulla were warmly welcomed by the residents of General Mariano Alvarez, Indang and the City of Dasmariñas during

the Ugnayan sa Barangay Program held at Severino Delas Alas Covered Court, Indang Municipal Plaza, and San Marino City Central Subdivision Covered Court in Barangay Salawag. During the program, he communicated with the locals and articulated his readiness to attend to the needs of his constituents and identify the programs that are appropriate for the citizens. The chief executive also reiterated the projects being lined up by the provincial government including the *continue to page 3*

## Black Nazarene devotees urged to aim for a trash-less Traslacion

QUEZON CITY -- With the much-awaited re-enactment of the Traslacion just a few days away, the EcoWaste Coalition has sought the cooperation of all Black Nazarene devotees in minimizing the generation of garbage during the mammoth celebration.

As January is also marked as the “Zero Waste Month,” the group appealed to the devotees, the Parish of Saint John the Baptist (Quiapo Church), the Archdiocese of Manila, Manila City Government, Metro Manila Development Authority, and all concerned barangays and civil society groups to work together to make the Traslacion trash-free.

“The objective should not simply focus on how quick the garbage is swept, collected and hauled, but on how the generation of garbage can be prevented and reduced to the minimum,” said Daniel Alejandro, Zero Waste Campaigner, EcoWaste Coalition.

The group specifically urged the millions of Black Nazarene devotees who will take part in the massive procession on January 9 from Rizal Park to Quiapo to take waste prevention seriously.

“We appeal to the devotees of the Black Nazarene to take waste prevention to heart as they fulfill their religious vows. Let it not be said that the age-

old Traslacion has again turned into a ‘trash-lacion’ sullyng every nook and corner of the processional route with garbage,” said Alejandro.

Citing data from the Manila City Government, the group lamented that 385 tons of mixed garbage were collected by government personnel and volunteers from Quirino Grandstand in Rizal Park to *continue to page 3*

## OTOP Hub CALABARZON launched in Cavite

The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) – Cavite held the soft launching of the One Town, One Product (OTOP) Hub CALABARZON on December 28, 2018 located at D’ Banquet Bakeshop and Restaurant in Tagaytay City. The hub will showcase OTOP offerings of different cities and municipalities not just in Cavite but from other provinces of CALABARZON as well primarily those that were assisted by the DTI in various aspects of product development and marketing. Gracing the event were

DTI Region IV-A Director Marilou Q. Toledo, Likhang Caviteño Foundation, Inc. President Rodrigo Camia, Cavite Small and Medium Enterprises Development Council (CaSMEDC) Chairperson Teresita Leabres with some members of the council, DTI – Consumer Protection and Advocacy Bureau Director Domingo ‘Dominic’ Tolentino, DTI-Rizal Provincial Director Mercedes Parreño, DTI-Cavite family headed by Provincial Director Noly Guevarra, other DTI officials, Amira’s Buko Tarts and D’ Banquet owner Ms. Virgie Malipol with her daughter.







#### UGNAYAN SA BARANGAY IN BACOR CITY

The Provincial Government of Cavite thru the Ugnayan sa Barangay once again reached out its constituents to assess their situations and ensure that their needs are properly met during the program conducted on January 4, 2019 at Dulong Bayan Covered Court in the City of Bacoor. Governor Jonvic Remulla delivered words of inspiration to the locals of the limitless possibilities in achieving a good life. The program aims to be a venue in conversing the projects and programs initiated by the local administration that will ease the burdens of Caviteños. Governor Remulla was warmly welcomed by Mayor Lani Mercado together with 2nd District Board Members Rey Fabian and Edralin Gawaran, and other local officials.

## DENR...

like El Nido and Coron in Palawan, Panglao Island in Bohol, and Puerto Galera in Oriental Mindoro.”

Cimatu said the Boracay’s success had spawned demands for replication so the DENR decided to have the rehabilitation of Manila Bay as its “next big target.”

The Manila Bay rehabilitation, he said, calls for a change in approach considering that its water quality has not improved despite a Supreme Court mandamus for its cleanup issued a decade ago.

“We are putting up a Manila Bay command center, we will get the local government units more involved, and we

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will be more aggressive in enforcing environmental laws, particularly against the discharge of untreated wastewater into the bay,” Cimatu disclosed.

Apart from the Boracay rehabilitation, Cimatu said the DENR, through the National Water Resources Board (NWRB), was also successful in enforcing the Clean Water Act in other parts of the country in 2018.

The NWRB caused the closure of 486 commercial establishments illegally operating deep wells. It also slapped Pepsi Cola Products Inc. with a hefty fine of P11.8 million for operating 6 deep wells in Muntinlupa City without the necessary permits. Cimatu also

commended the combined forces of the DENR, the National Bureau of Investigation, and the Cebu City government in apprehending those responsible in the butcher and sale of more than 100 kilograms of raw meat of endangered green sea turtles.

In closing, Cimatu rallied DENR officials and employees to let the success in Boracay “fuel our spirits in facing the challenges before us in 2019” and keep in mind that their mandate in the agency “transcends our personal needs, wants and interest.”

“In our hands and on our shoulders, lie the future of our nation. In the crucial 11th hour facing climate change and all its chilling effects, we are at a very critical time to make dramatic changes,” Cimatu stressed. (DENR)

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efficient in our use of energy,” he said.

Through its E-Power Mo movement, the DOE has been providing the public with tips for an energy-efficient lifestyle, particularly in the use of fuel and electricity.

“We might have to spend a little more, but that little sacrifice would translate to huge benefits for the country,” the energy chief emphasized.

## DOE...

Sec. Cusi pointed out that industry forecasts do not see crude oil prices hitting record high prices, such as in October 2018 when Brent crude oil price breached the \$80 per barrel level.

“If the trend continues, we do not expect it to have as much impact on fuel prices as it did last year. Besides, we can cushion the effect of any new oil price increases by becoming more

“Let us remember that the revenues from TRAIN will fund important programs, such as free education, increase in the salaries of our public school teachers, as well as crucial infrastructures under the ‘Build, Build, Build’ program. All these would sustain our economic growth towards Ambisyon 2040 by providing more jobs and livelihood opportunities for our people,” Sec. Cusi concluded. (DOE)

## Immigration pre-screening hastens OFW queues at NAIA

MANILA -- Bureau of Immigration (BI) personnel at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) and other ports have implemented a scheme to expeditiously process departing overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) that will ease their travel out of the country.

In a memorandum order, BI Port Operations Division Chief Grifon Medina instructed personnel at the airports’ immigration departure areas to ensure that OFWs lining up for immigration processing are given utmost priority.

Medina said he issued the directive in compliance with the order of President Rodrigo Duterte to BI Commissioner Jaime Morente that immigration departure formalities for OFWs be conducted expeditiously and efficiently.

“Our objective is to see to it that our modern-day heroes are given all the care and courtesy that they deserve in sacrificing not only for their families but for the country as well,” Medina said.

He added that Morente approved his recommendation to create a special team of immigration officers who will be focused on conducting pre-screening of OFWs and attend to the latter’s immigration needs at the airport.

In his memorandum, Medina ordered that designated OFW counters shall only be used exclusively by OFWs.

In case of long lines in OFW counters, members of the Bureau’s Travel Control and Enforcement Unit (TCEU) shall speed up the queues by inspecting and ensuring that the passengers’ travel requirements are complete while they are still on the line.

“It’s a matter of deploying more people to focus on OFWs,” said Medina. “It’s a small move, but you’ll be surprised at the impact on easing the lines for them,” he added.

Said memorandum also instructed officers to “expeditiously process the documents of OFWs”. Ordinarily, a passenger is processed within 45 seconds. Medina sees that the scheme may decrease the processing time up to 33%.

Medina said that OFWs referred for secondary inspection due to concerns on their travel documents will likewise be prioritized and the matter resolved within 10 minutes.

He added that OFWs are also given priority at the arrival area, through the installation of 21 e-gates in major airports.

Morente announced that scheme is only part of the series of improvements he plans to implement. “The year 2019 will be all about process improvement,” he said. “We have studied what can do to provide better service. The e-gates and the pre-screening of OFWs are just the beginning,” he added. (BI)

## MMDA...

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all types of clutter,” said Lim.

Emergency and medical assistance shall be rendered by the Road Emergency Group and Public Safety Division while monitoring and communication will be handled by the Metrobase.

“Emergency teams will be deployed at the Grandstand and along the route of the procession to assist those who would be injured,” said Lim.

Ferry boats of the Pasig River Ferry Service will also be placed on standby at Jones Bridge in Manila City.

Traffic mobile patrols, ambulances, road emergency vehicles, mobile surveillance and communication units and other necessary equipment and vehicles will also be dispatched.

Lim also advised motorists and the commuting public to take note of the roads to be temporarily closed for the grand procession which will start at the Quirino Grandstand and end in Quiapo Church.

The route of the Grand Procession of the Black Nazarene will be from the Quirino Grandstand to Katigbak Drive thru P. Burgos, left Taft Ave. thru Jones Bridge, right to Dasmariñas St., right to Plaza Sta. Cruz St; left

Carlos Palanca St. under Quezon Bridge, left Quezon Blvd., right Arlegui St., right Fraternal St., right Vergara St., left Duque de Alba St., left Castillejos St., left Farnecio St., right Arlegui St., left Nepomuceno St. (counterflow), left Aguila St., right Carcer St., right Hidalgo thru Plaza del Carmen, left Bilibid Viejo thru Puyat, left Guzman St., right Hidalgo St., left Baustista (Barbosa) St., right Globo de Oro thru under Quezon Bridge, right Palanca St., right Villalobos thru Plaza Miranda to Quiapo Church.

Meanwhile, the Metro Manila Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (MMDRRMC), also chaired by Lim, has also asked the local government units of Metro Manila to standby manpower and resources for the religious festivity.

The Manila City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council is taking the lead on the first emergency response through coordination and collaboration with the MMDRRMC.

“We expect around 13 to 15 million participants to join the procession since weather is predicted to be good that day,” said MMDRRMC Vice Chairman Romulo Cabantac Jr. who led a coordination meeting held yesterday. (MMDA/PIA-NCR)



## DepEd reminds NSPC participating schools: Payment of reg fee until Jan 10 only

PASIG CITY -- The Department of Education (DepEd), through the Bureau of Curriculum Development (BCD), shall conduct the 2019 National Schools Press Conference (NSPC) with the theme, "Fostering 21st Century Skills and Character-Based Education through Campus Journalism," from January 28 to February 1 in Lingayen, Pangasinan.

Pursuant to DepEd Memorandum No. 167, s. 2018 dated October 31, 2018, supplemented by DepEd Memorandum No. 197, s. 2018 dated December 27, 2018, DepEd shall allow each public and private school participant included in the official list of delegation to pay a registration fee of Four Thousand Pesos (P4,000) chargeable to the School Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE)/ local/regional Funds or the school Campus Journalism Fund. Check payments shall be deposited on or before January 10, 2019 to

the Schools Division Office of Pangasinan I account at Landbank Lingayen branch.

Subject to the approval of the 2019 National Budget, the registration fee of all participants shall be reimbursed by region/division to be downloaded by the DepEd Central Office.

A fund transfer in the amount of Two Million One Hundred Thousand Pesos (P2,100,000) is necessary for the host division to cover the costs of trophies, medals, certificates/tokens, supplies and materials, rehabilitation of the billeting quarters, board and lodging, conference materials, rental of equipment/ vehicles, payment of utilities, and other related expenses.

The Department fully supports all Filipino campus journalists, and strives to equip them – through the NSPC – not just with skills and competencies, but also with the values and experiences they need to help them realize their full potentials. (DepEd)



### ENRICHING HEALTHCARE SERVICES FOR GENTRIAS CONSTITUENTS

Determined to deliver healthcare services to the citizens of General Trias, Governor Boying Remulla thru the Office of the Provincial Governor – Extension and the Provincial Health Office, together with the City Health Office of Gentrías once again conducted a free medical and dental services to a total of 362 residents from the Grand Riverside Subdivision in Pasong Camachile 1 on January 4, 2019. On behalf of Congressman Jonjon Ferrer, Mayor Ony Ferrer, Vice Mayor Morit Sison and members of the Team Gentri, Board Member Kerby Salazar with JCI Gentrías Katipunan 2017 President Kyle Salazar expressed their appreciation to the provincial government for incessantly accommodating their request in giving the basic healthcare services to penniless members of their community. Likewise, mothers were given distinct attention during the mission as employees of the Cavite Population Office mingled with them to convey the benefit of knowing the proper spacing of pregnancies and birth control. Also present during the mission were Liga ng mga Barangay President Jay Columna, SK officers, members of the barangay council, and barangay health workers.

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developments to ease the traffic in the province, boost the employment stability, comprehensive healthcare services for the indigents and housing projects for the poor. Gov. Remulla were joined by the local chief executives of the municipalities, together with the members of the municipal and city councils, and Sangguniang Panlalawigan Board Members who brought inspiration and motivation to the people.

Meanwhile, the governor also spearheaded the Lingap sa Kalikasan on December 18-24 and December 30-31, 2018 which was held at the municipalities of Noveleta, Carmona, Tanza, Alfonso, Ternate, GMA, Silang and the cities

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of Trece Martires, Imus, Dasmariñas, and General Trias. Lingap sa Kalikasan aims to boost their crusade on ecological conservation and environmental protection. He encouraged his constituents to show compassion on the community where they live and value the essence of solidarity in supporting the programs for their locality as they simultaneously sweep the roads to ensure the cleanliness of the surroundings.

Likewise, on December 22 and 24, 2018, the provincial government have distributed motorcycle vehicles for the barangay officials of Pagasa 1, Imus and in the municipality of Silang to guarantee the peace and order situation in their locality.

## Black...

the Quiapo district during the traditional "Pahalik" and procession in 2018. This figure is 11% higher than the 341 tons of garbage collected during the 2017 Traslacion.

Year in and year out, the feast of the Black Nazarene is besmirched by tons of mixed garbage abandoned on the streets and sidewalks of the city of Manila, especially at Rizal Park and the roads and barangays where the six-kilometer procession will traverse through.

Among the typical waste materials collected are food wastes, polystyrene food containers, plastic cups and cutlery, plastic and paper bags, plastic straws, bamboo skewers, and cigarette filters, which often end up going to the dumps, the group said.

"As this year is election year, we appeal to all politicians

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not to use the Traslacion to popularize their names and to add more garbage to the occasion," stated Alejandro.

The group asked politicians, political parties and party list groups not to put up tarpaulin banners along the processional route, as well as distribute campaign leaflets to the crowd.

"Tarpaulitics," or the unrestrained use of tarpaulins to publicize candidates' names and faces, is not the way to earn the support of the electorate, the group emphasized.

"We also encourage well-meaning individuals and groups to offer devotees with food and water in reusable containers and not in single-use plastic or paper containers, which are hardly retrieved and recycled," added Alejandro.

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makikita mo 'yung results," he said in support of politicians with "integrity."

President Duterte also mentioned his ardent hope for the positive result of the plebiscite ratifying the Bangsamoro Organic Law (BOL) to effectively pursue the progress and development in Mindanao.

"I hope and I pray that something good will come out of the BOL. Though the plebiscite is forthcoming, we have every reason to believe that it would pass the people's will at sana magkaroon tayo ng kapayapaan

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because if not mahirapan tayo nito." Duterte said.

According to Pres. Duterte, the presidency was a gift from God and, in turn, he will do his job conscientiously with the fight against drugs topping his agenda. He, however, admitted the gravity of the problem is overwhelming, saying "I could not really fulfill my promise to do away with drugs within six years. Impossible... It's going to be a continuing one."

The president even made a stern warning that in the remaining three years of his term, his administration will be targeting 'big time' people

involved in illegal drugs.

Duterte's war on drugs has been continuously subjected to various criticisms from the religious and civil society groups but the President maintains the effects of drugs have wreaked havoc to families, making some of them dysfunctional, and to the community, in general with crimes such as robbery, rape, and murder.

After his speech, President Duterte willingly obliged for photo ops, first with the Tolentino clan, then with the local government officials of CALABARZON. He was later serenaded with Tagalog songs by singer Faith Cuneta. (Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite)

## COMELEC, EcoWaste urge "Epalitikos" not to take advantage of the Black Nazarene Feast

QUEZON CITY -- The spokesperson of the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) and the zero waste campaigner of the EcoWaste Coalition have jointly urged "epalitikos" to honor the sanctity of the Traslacion and avoid using it as a platform for premature campaigning for the May 2019 polls.

"Epalitikos" (a merger of the words "epal" or "attention-seeker" and "pulisitiko" or "politician") should not take advantage of the millions upon millions of Catholic faithful who are expected at the feast of the Black Nazarene on January 9 to promote their candidacies, they said.

"We appeal to the sense of delicadeza of national and local poll candidates not to turn the Traslacion into a campaigning event. Please do not take advantage of the loopholes in the premature campaigning law to plug your candidacy during the mammoth feast of the Black Nazarene. Premature campaigning is wrong and well-meaning politicians should not engage in it," said Director

James Jimenez, Spokesperson, COMELEC.

"We urge our politicians to show respect to the time-honored commemoration of the Traslacion by not putting up tarpaulins and distributing leaflets and other promotional materials, which will only turn into ugly litter. Epalitikos, please restrain yourselves. Traslacion is not the time to draw attention to yourselves," said Daniel Alejandro, Zero Waste Campaigner, EcoWaste Coalition.

The EcoWaste Coalition, a waste and pollution watch group, is worried that premature campaigning will only worsen the habitual littering that has tainted the annual re-enactment of the Traslacion for many years.

Some 385 tons of mixed garbage were hauled from Quirino Grandstand in Rizal Park to the Quiapo district during the traditional "Pahalik" and the six-kilometer procession in 2018 compared to the 341 tons collected in 2017, according to the Manila City Government.

If politicians cannot help but make their presence felt by

the crowd, Alejandro made two practical suggestions to political wannabes:

1. Offer food and water to the devotees in reusable containers (not in single-use plastic and polystyrene disposables), which should be retrieved, washed and reused.
2. Support the deployment of volunteers along the processional route to help with the anti-littering drive and clean-up.

According to the Jimenez, the official campaign period for Senatorial candidates and for party list groups will run from February 12 to May 11, 2019, while the campaign period for members of the House of Representatives and elective regional, provincial, city and municipal posts will be from March 30 to May 11, 2019. Campaigning is prohibited on March 28 (Maundy Thursday) and March 29 (Good Friday).

"We urge all candidates not to campaign outside the official campaign period, and to be always mindful of the environmental impact of their campaigning activities," Jimenez said. (EcoWaste Coalition)



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## EDITORIAL

### 19 for '19

INSTEAD of making New Year's resolutions as most of us are wont to do at this time of the year, we found it more worthwhile to look at the brand-new year with renewed optimism and instead jotted down the 19 things we'd like to see in 2019.

True, things wouldn't be complete without coming up with resolutions, but fulfilling them is an entirely different matter. Last year began with a record-high 96 percent of Filipinos welcoming 2018 with hope, instead of fear, the Social Weather Stations said while noting that hope for the New Year has always been high.

Historically though, 99 percent of the time, resolutions are not kept. So, rather than resolutions, we listed down things we'd like to see in the Year of the Earth Pig that we hope would make our country a better place to live in.

Here goes our 19 for 2019:

1. That our lawmakers would learn how to moderate their greed following the intramurals that marked the pork barrel allocations disguised as parked budgets.
  2. That Sen. Antonio Trillanes, fiercest critic of the Duterte administration, would finally find it in his heart to stop the lies and deceit that have made him the villain that we're sure he doesn't want to be.
  3. That the Marcos family, led by its matriarch Imelda Marcos who has been convicted of seven counts of graft in connection with the family's hidden wealth, would likewise find it in their heart to apologize to the Filipino people for their misdeeds.
  4. That Jose Maria Sison, founder of the Communist Party of the Philippines, would abandon the leftist struggle for the sake of the CPP-NPA cadres who have been waging an uphill battle in the boondocks while he lives comfortably in The Netherlands.
  5. That the Supreme Court would have a "new beginning" under Lucas Bersamin following the turmoil that led to the removal of Ma. Lourdes Sereno, the country's first woman Chief Justice for failing to disclose her wealth. She was replaced by Teresita Leonardo de Castro who served as top magistrate for 41 days, the shortest in Philippine history.
  6. That the International Criminal Court would leave the Philippines alone and let President Duterte finish his war on drugs without any harassment.
  7. That the Department of Environment and Natural Resources would continue its rehabilitation of other tourist destinations in the country following its effort in Boracay to include Baguio, Tagaytay, Manila Bay and Palawan, among other places.
  8. That the Bangsamoro Organic Law signed into law by President Duterte late in 2018 would live up to its promise of finally ending the age-old secessionist problem in Mindanao and allow peace to reign in Moroland.
  9. That the country's newest telco player, Mislattel, would finally end the duopoly of Smart and Globe for the betterment of the telecommunication industry.
  10. That the newly returned Balangiga bells would continue to be a symbol of the country's struggle for independence and that the Eastern Samar town would become the newest tourist destination in the country.
  11. That Catriona Gray would have a fruitful year as Miss Universe 2018 and be a stellar example of Filipina beauty that, in the words of 2015 title holder Pia Wurtzbach, is "confidently beautiful with a heart."
  12. That the bully in that viral video would mend his ways after being dismissed from Ateneo and learn the hard way that there's no place for bullying in school campuses.
  13. That the Church and State would just mind their own businesses under the principle of separation of powers and stop the bickering that has divided the predominantly Catholic nation that is the Philippines.
  14. That the Filipino people, in this year's midterm elections, would finally mature in their choice of politicians who would serve them and shun those who would only cause them more misery.
  15. That the one big fish in the government's anti-corruption drive would finally be caught and jailed in the aftermath of the exoneration of Sen. Bong Revilla that left a bad taste in the mouth.
  16. That corrupt government officials and employees, particularly in the Bureau of Customs, would stop their shenanigans and think about the future of the children in this country who would surely be the victims of the illegal shabu shipments that slipped under their very noses for reasons we obviously know.
  17. That the Philippines would continue to be on a roll as one of Asia's best performers and keep in check a surge in inflation which came alongside a spike in world oil prices in 2018.
  18. That Federalism, which has been one of President Duterte's major campaign promises, would go full swing to include a ban on political dynasties and political turncoatism.
  19. That peace would finally reign in our land and there would be an end to the bickering that has made its mark among our government officials, politicians and institutions.
- In ending, we'd like to quote the lyrics of John Lennon's song to wit: "And so happy Christmas / For black and for white / For yellow and red one, / Let's stop all the fight."



## KAPIRASONG Kritika

Ni Teo S. Marasigan

### Ja-Jollibee Kami, Jo-join Kayo?

(1) Kuwento ng isang kaibigang aktibista, may kagawian siya at mga katrabaho niya: Madalas, kapag kumakain sa pagitan ng mga pulong, usap-usapan nila ang masasarap na pagkain. Bukod sa napapasarap daw ang kinakain nila, masayang pansamantalang pahinga raw sa seryosong usapan ang ganoong kuwentuhan – hindi pagtakas sa tungkuling baguhin ang lipunan, kundi kakatwang bahagi nito.

Parang ganyan ko inuunawa kung bakit sa gitna ng lalong pag-iging ng krisis ng ekonomiya ng bansa at ng pagdating ng samu't saring trahedya sa mga mamamayan, naakit akong magsulat tungkol sa Jollibee – oo, ang paboritong fastfood chain ng nakakarami. Hindi ba't "panukat ng kaligayahan" (happiness indicator) ng mga Pinoy ang pagkain sa mga fastfood, tampok ang Jollibee?

Natutuwa pati ako sa format ng Amerikanong blogger na si Adam Kostko sa pagsasabi ng mga naiisip at nararamdaman niya sa isang panahon – na parang nangungumpisal. Puwes, ganito: Inaamin kong mula pagkabata ay mahilig na ako – at ang buong pamilya ko – sa Jollibee. Sobrang hilig nga, sa puntong may konsepto ako ngayon ng isang patalastas nito batay sa sarili kong karanasan.

Pinalaki kami ng mga magulang na iisang fastfood lang ang pinupuntahan at kinakainan – iyung may malaking bubuyog at hindi iyung may nakakatakot na payaso sa labas. Siguro, bahagi ito ng moda ng mga magulang ko. Dahil middle class silang dating maralita sa probinsiya, nagkumahog silang ihain sa mga anak ang mga produktong numero uno: Colgate, Safeguard, Tide, Jollibee at iba pa.

(2) Lagi raw nakikita noon si Prop. Zeus A. Salazar – historyador, guro ng kasaysayan sa Unibersidad ng Pilipinas, at ama ng kilusang intelektuwal na tinatawag na "Pantayong Pananaw" – sa Jollibee. May nakapagsabi rin sa aking hinihikayat niya ang mga estudyante sa klase niya na mas kumain sa Jollibee kaysa sa McDonald, dahil pag-aari ng mga Pilipino ang una at ng mga dayuhan naman ang ikalawa. Gusto nga raw niyang maging

mascot nito – biro lang.

Dapat naman talagang tulungan ang mga negosyanteng Pinoy na nagsusumikap at hindi nagsisilbing tau-tauhan ng mga kapitalistang dayuhan. Pero dahil mas mabenta ang Jollibee kaysa sa McDonald, masasabing mas todo-kayod – at sa gayo'y mas napapagsamantalahan – ang mga empleyado ng nauna. Mas kritikal sa karaniwan ang pagtingin ni Prop. Salazar, pero mahalagang igiit na di sapat ang mga opsyon sa ngayon. Kailangan pa rin ang panlipunang pagbabago.

Minsan namang inilarawan ni Prop. Atoy M. Navarro, historyador at kapanalig ni Prop. Salazar, ang globalisasyon na "homogenisasyon o mapag-isang kapangyarihan na hindi kumikilala at gumagalang sa kabuuan, kakanyahan, katangian, kalayaan at kasarinlan ng mga bansa na makipag-ugnay [nang] makatwiran sa isa't isa" ["Ang Bagong Kasaysayan sa Wikang Filipino," 2000]. Sa hanay ng ilang makabayan, palasak ang ganitong pagtingin sa globalisasyon.

Sa isang antas lang nito naipapaliwanag ang penomenon ng Jollibee at ng fastfood sa pangkalahatan. Dahil walang diyalektikal na oryentasyon at kongkretong pag-alam, makaisangpanig ito at hindi nakikita ang talab ng kulturang Pilipino. Sa Jollibee at mga fastfood, makikita ang pag-angkop ng mga korporasyon sa kulturang Pinoy, na nagpapartikularisa sa mga produkto nila sa Pinas kumpara sa produkto sa ibang bansa: Matamis na spaghetti, halimbawa.

(3) Puwede bang maging poor man's patent ang blog? Kahit not-so-poor man's patent? Kuwento ng isang kaibigan dati, kapag may naimbento ka o natuklasan na hindi mo maiparehistro ng patente, puwede mong isulat sa isang papel ang konsepto tapos ipadala sa pamamagitan ng koreo sa bahay mo. Puwede mo na raw iyong itago at parang patente na rin daw iyon. Hindi ko alam kung totoo ang sabi niya, at hindi na rin ako nag-abalang alamin. Nakakatawa lang kasing isipin.

Anu't anuman, may konsepto ako ng patalastas ng Jollibee batay sa sariling karanasan:

Sa lahat ng mayor na eksameng kinuha ko sa eskuwela, kasama ang Chickenjoy. Mula sa pagpili ng magiging top 10 noong nursery at kindergarten (Ahem) hanggang sa mga quiz bee na nasalihan ko noong elementarya (Ahem ulit, pero ni hindi umabot sa regional level), at sa ilang mayor na eksamen at quiz bee noong hayskul, dinadalhan ako ng tatay ko ng paborito kong Chickenjoy.

Pang-telebisyon ang drama, dahil madalas, habang nageksamen, marahang kakatok ang tatay ko sa bintana para ipakita ang dala-dala niyang moral supportsa ipinagamalaki niyang anak (at siguro, para istorbohin at idemoralisa ang mga kalaban, Hehe). Hindi naman ako laging panalo o numero uno, pero premyo ko na ang pagdating ng tatay kong ni ayaw pumunta sa ibang aktibidad sa paaralan, lalo na sa mga pulong ng Parents-Teachers Association o PTA.

May dramatikong pang rurok. Noong gabi bago ako kumuha ng entrance exam sa unibersidad, nag-away kami ng nanay ko – di ko na maalala ang dahilan. Noong pupunta na ako sa eksamen, binawalan niya akong umalis ng bahay. Hindi daw niya ako bibigyan ng pera. Noong tiningnan ko ang pitaka ko, may kaunting pera pa ako, sapat lang para makarating sa eksamen. "Bahala na," sabi ko. Noong palabas na ako ng pinto, umiiyak, humabol ang tatay ko, sasama na raw.

Nalimutan ko nang hindi pa ako kumakain noon. Noong medyo nakalayo na kami, nagtanong siya, "Kumain ka na ba?" Saan kami kumain? Siyempre pa!

(4) Pahabol: Minsan, kumakain sa Jollibee ang apat na panatiko nito. Masaya sila, nilalait ang pinakamalapat na kalaban nito – payat at mamantika ang fried chicken, maasim ang spaghetti, at kahit ang timpla ng softdrink, hindi masarap.

Biglang may nagpilit maging balanse: "Pero in fairness, ha, crispy ang fries nila."

Parang nagpanting ang tainga, tumaas ang boses ng isa, galit na nagsalita: "True! Crispy ang rice nila!"

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## Filipino nurse from Mindanao honoured with Order of the British Empire Award

LONDON-- Filipino robotic lead nurse at The Royal London Joy Ongcachuy was awarded an Order of the British Empire Awards in the 2019 New Year's Honours list in London on 29 December 2018, alongside two other medical professionals and members of the MET police who immediately sprang to action to care for the injured in the 2017 London Bridge terrorist attacks.

The Order of the British

Empire Award is a prestigious award conferred on those who have "made achievements in public life," or "committed themselves to serving and helping Britain." According to GOV. UK, the nominee must still be actively involved in what they are being nominated for. Once the honour's list has been drafted by the Cabinet Office Honours and Appointments Secretariat, the committee's recommendations go

to the Prime Minister and then to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II who awards the honour.

"I was working the night shift that night and I heard the anaesthetist's bleep go off. We already had a really sick patient in one of our theatres, so I had to get our other theatres ready and pull a team of nurses, allied health professionals and operating department practitioners together," said Ongcachuy, who

hails from Talisayan, Misamis Oriental. "We opened an additional six theatres that night and everyone I called dropped everything they were doing to come to the aid of the patients. No one panicked; everyone was calm and so supportive."

"Their leadership, compassion and integrity is inspiring every day, but was especially true at a time when Londonders relied on us to be there for them," said Jackie Sullivan, managing director at the Royal London and Mile End hospitals.

Ongcachuy started working at The Royal London Hospital in 2002. In a desire to begin anew with her family in the United Kingdom (UK), she and 23 other Filipino nurses joined The Royal London as a scrub

nurse until she was promoted to lead nurse in 2017.

Ongcachuy expressed that she had always wanted to be a nurse because she loves to look after people and is passionate about providing care to others. Ongcachuy also makes sure that all new Filipino nurses feel welcomed and supported when they join the hospital she currently works in.

"It is a proud moment for all Filipinos to have someone like Joy recognised in the Order of the British Empire Awards," said Ambassador Antonio M. Lagdameo. "Joy's courage, passion, and dedication to serve and care for her patients is truly an inspiring and heartwarming example." (Embassy of Philippines in London)

## CAVITEVIEW

### Philippine rum keeps London's spirits high

PHILIPPINE rum has been making the rounds in London's pulsating food and drinks circuit, whether served in a sparkling glass tumbler as it is or in an addictive scoop of rum and raisin ice cream.

"Philippine spirits, and in this case, Philippine rum has been one of the many conversation pieces we use to introduce the Philippines to those who are not familiar with our country, our heritage, and our culture," said Ambassador Antonio M. Lagdameo. "Food and drinks are always very powerful storytelling tools because the fastest way to another culture's heart is through the stomach."

Food journalist, Ina Yulo venture into top London bars and restaurants serving Don Papa Rum to find out why Philippine rum has gotten people hooked.

3 Little Birds

After a stint on The Apprentice in 2015, April Jackson opened her café, boutique, and rum bar 3 Little Birds to give Londoners a taste of the culture, music, and talent of Jamaica. Since then, they've expanded to Brixton and Clapham. Jackson is passionate about changing

people's impression of Jamaica by showing them the Jamaica that she knows and loves.

"3 Little Birds is about challenging stereotypes," she says. "In London, everyone is all about their gin, and people's reference for rum is really poor quality rum, really commercial. When we first opened, we only had rum. It became an opportunity to showcase how diverse rum is and to change their idea of what they think it is."

Jackson talks about first trying Don Papa a little over 2 years ago via her ex-boyfriend who was a bar manager at the Shard. "I never even knew the Philippines made rum, let alone really good rum. That was the seven-year-old. Later on, I learned about the Rare Cask, which is my favourite. It does everything I said about challenging ideas. If you close your eyes, it can be a whiskey."

3 Little Birds Clapham proudly created their own cocktail out of Don Papa called the Philippine Dream. Jackson says it was invented by one of their bartenders who genuinely loves Don Papa rum and decided to create a marmalade syrup out

of calamansi to highlight those flavours.

Rum & Sugar

Rum & Sugar is a lively bar and restaurant plopped alongside the Museum of London Docklands. Rum & Sugar boasts of over 200 rums and a menu highlighting the besgrade 1 t of Caribbean cuisine. Located in a Grade 1 listed warehouse that once housed rum, sugar, and goods from the West Indies, it was described by Global Rum ambassador, Ian Burrell, as being probably the most historical rum site in London.

"As soon as Don Papa was available to Rum & Sugar, it had a place on the menu. Don Papa is a unique rum because of its origin and the fruity flavours that it delivers. It strikes a perfect balance between sweetness and fruitiness, making it a smooth and delicate rum, perfect for sipping. It also lends itself really well in a variety of cocktail styles!" says the Rum & Sugar team.

Rum & Sugar have three Don Papa cocktails: Sugarlandia Spritz with Aperol, Prosecco, and soda water, Adam's Martial Arts which has a blend of winter spices, and Pasquale's Whipped



Since its debut in the United Kingdom (UK) five years ago, Don Papa rum has been many a drink lover's perfect introduction to the Philippines. Photo courtesy of Don Papa Rum. A premium-aged rum processed from the finest sugarcane in the Philippines, Don Papa Rum embodies the spirit of Papa Isio, a war hero during the Philippine revolution. Distilled in small batches and then aged in American oak, the Don arrived in the United Kingdom (UK) a little under five years ago and quickly made its mark within the country's competitive spirits industry.

Sweetness for those who are looking for a dessert cocktail.

Despite the popularity of their Don Papa cocktails, Rum & Sugar that the best way to enjoy Philippine rum is to enjoy sans the fancy stuff. "To enjoy the delicious Filipino flavours, we highly recommend sipping it on its own or on the rocks. The hint of banana and the unforgettable Filipino sugar cane aftertaste make Don Papa rum an outstanding product."

Romulo Café

Romulo Café London has only been open for two years, yet it has already managed to put Filipino cuisine firmly on the map and has become the go-to restaurant for fine Filipino food in Britain. Diners can enjoy heirloom family recipes along with modern takes on classic dishes. It also won the Time Out Love London award for "most loved local restaurant in Kensington".

"Our Managing Partner, Chris Joseph, met Don Papa founder Steve Carroll at a Philippine Embassy event a year before Romulo Café opened. It's a truly premium, world-class Filipino brand. In this way, it's a perfect match for Romulo Café. Plus, it has a wonderful story behind it, evoking all

the drama and mystique of the old sugar plantation way of life of Negros, but also as a symbol of sustainability with the adaptive reuse of resources and preservation of livelihoods and communities," says Gina McAdam, Romulo Café's Marketing and Communications Director.

Aside from incorporating Don Papa into dishes on the menu, like their rum & raisin ice cream and their slow-cooked lamb empanada with a Don Papa-infused mango salad, Romulo Café also has five different cocktails featuring Don Papa rum. The Amor de Familia is served on the rocks with lime, strawberries, pomegranate, and egg white, Ricardo's Pimms is a take on the British summer favourite, the Old Fashioned Papa has chocolate and orange bitters, Boracay Dreams is served in a coconut glass and has Malibu, pineapple, lime and calamansi juice, and finally the Pinoy Mai Tai uses Disaronno Amaretto, Grand Marnier, and pineapple juice.

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Rum & Sugar whipped up three Philippine rum cocktails using the Don: Sugarlandia Spritz with Aperol, Prosecco and soda water; Adam's Martial Arts; and Pasquale's Whipped Sweetness. Photo courtesy of Ina Yulo



# Rizal's timeless challenge – To Serve the Nation

IN these times of unprecedented exodus abroad of youth searching for jobs or the fulfillment of their dreams; of public servants going back on their oath of honest service, in exchange for the returns of Mammon; of activists who continue to disappear and die in the course of their mission to change society for the least of that society; or of the rare Filipino who risks his own life and family if only to serve the cause of truth- it would be fitting to remember Rizal's timeless call to all patriots of past, present and future as a gauge of our own place and worth as Filipinos at this point in our history.

It may be said that Rizal's foremost mission in life had been determined for him by fate- and early in his life. In 1872 Fathers Jose Burgos, Mariano Gomes and Jacinto Zamora, priests whose names were identified with the movement to reform the priesthood, and the Catholic Church itself, in the Philippines, were executed on the ground of inciting the Mutiny of Cavite. That execution proved to be Rizal's political epiphany, the beginning of his coming of age as a Filipino aware of being part of one nation. It was to culminate in full fruition at his death more than 20 years later, but by then a generation of his fellow natives had been molded, by his life's work, into Filipinos with a sense of nation.

The generation into which Rizal was born was the generation that up till then produced the greatest of Filipino youth. It grew up in the worst and best of times, a time of upheaval, and revolution and sacrifice, the call to which Rizal and his fellow youth had unhesitatingly, and without looking back, answered.

Among them, however, Rizal and Marcelo H. del Pilar, a fellow Propagandist, stood out for their determination. Del Pilar had left homeland, wife and

two daughters to wage his political struggle in Spain. He would die there. Rizal was driven by one thing and one thing only: to serve the nation. He spoke of it a year after he left his homeland for studies in Spain: "In my heart I have suppressed all loves, except that of my native land; in my mind I have erased all ideas which do not signify her progress; and my lips have forgotten the names of the native races in the Philippines in order not to say more than Filipinos."

Rizal's chief aim was to reform Philippine society, first by uncovering its ills and second, by awakening the Filipino youth. His enemies were the oppressive colonial government, but especially the corrupt elements among the friars, members of the religious orders that exerted the greatest influence over the government and thereby held complete sway over the lives of the Filipinos.

Rizal knew the best way to awaken the youth and lead them toward right action was through education, but especially foreign education. For local education, being controlled by the friars then kept the Filipinos in the dark, ignorant of their rights and heritage- and meek in the face of oppression. This was partly why he left for Spain in 1882, to continue his studies there.

Championing the cause of the nation for him entailed becoming the best person he could be. He carried over to his activism the mental and physical disciplines he learned from his elders.

His capacity for self-denial had developed to such a degree that enabled him -when he was short on funds abroad- to breakfast on a few biscuits for days on end; to take exams on an empty stomach or go for hours without food; to burn the candle at both ends studying his lessons or learning a new language; to steel himself from

falling into the trap of drinking and gambling, which had waylaid many of his compatriots from their mission; to retain his empathy for the downtrodden as when moved upon encountering a child begging in the streets of Madrid, perhaps reminding him of the child beggars back home.

He plunged himself into the thick of the Propaganda, a movement that agitated for government reforms in the Philippines, foremost of which was Filipinos' assimilation in the Spanish nation through representation in the Cortes (Spanish Parliament). He waged his campaign among progressive members of the Cortes and Spanish intellectuals; he wrote letters and articles for *La Solidaridad*, the Propaganda mouthpiece, as well as other publications, producing some of his best work during this period such as "The Indolence of the Filipinos"; "Message to the Women of Malolos", or "The Philippines a Century Hence".

Despite his deprivations, he continued to push himself to serve his nation's cause finally producing his greatest work, the novels *Noli Me Tangere* and *El Filibusterismo*, works that paved his way to an untimely death but also to a lasting place in the hearts and minds of his compatriots.

Of his vision for the Filipinos, Rizal wrote his comrade Mariano Ponce in 1888: "Let this be our only motto: For the welfare of the Native Land. On the day when all Filipinos should think like him [Del Pilar] and like us, on that day we shall have fulfilled our arduous mission, which is the formation of the Filipino nation". To Rizal that nation was a nation free of injustice, oppression and corruption. May the Filipinos of today finally begin fulfilling this timeless challenge of Rizal. (Ma. Cielito Reyno, 2012 / NHCP)

## First 1,000 Days Law - the best Christmas gift of Duterte admin to Filipino mothers, babies

MANILA — The Department of Health (DOH), the National Nutrition Council (NNC) and its member agencies, and UN children's agency UNICEF celebrated together the passage of the "Kalusugan at Nutrisyon ng Mag-Nanay Act," more popularly known as the First 1000 Days law.

President Rodrigo Duterte signed Republic Act 11148 last November 29. The law seeks to scale up the national and local health and nutrition programs through a strengthened integrated strategy for maternal, neonatal, child health and nutrition in the first 1,000 days of life.

"This law will complement the much-awaited Universal Health Care Law to further boost the country's health status on our way to make Filipinos the healthiest in Southeast Asia by 2022 and in Asia in 2040," said Department of Health Secretary Francisco T. Duque III.

Malnutrition remains a significant public health concern in the Philippines with an estimated 4.2 million children who are stunted (short for their age) and more than 300,000 children under 5 years who are severely wasted (thin for their height). Children who are stunted have life-long damaging consequences on their cognitive and intellectual capacities.

On the other hand, children who have severe wasting—also known as severe acute malnutrition—have at least nine to 12 times increased risk of death.

In January of 2018, UNICEF, in partnership with the DOH and NNC, launched two costing studies that showed the impact of undernutrition to the national economy and how much investment we need to address this issue.

The first study, "The Economic Consequences of Undernutrition in the Philippines: A Damage Assessment

Report (DAR)," shows that the Philippines is losing and will continue to lose around \$4.5 billion per year if current rates of undernutrition are not addressed. In 2015, this loss was equivalent to around 1.5% of the country's GDP, which has made a significant dent in the national economy. The second study, "Business Case for Nutrition Investment in the Philippines," shows how effective implementation of affordable and equity-focused nutrition interventions can significantly decrease the annual economic burden of undernutrition. It also presents that for every \$1 invested to address undernutrition, there will be a \$12 return to the overall economy.

"Good nutrition is the foundation of a child's survival, health and development. We congratulate the Philippine Government for this huge achievement – for prioritizing interventions and investments for children and their mothers during their first 1000 days which is the best Christmas gift they can ever receive. UNICEF is committed to continue supporting the Government as it defines the package of interventions and accountabilities of all Government Agencies to operationalize and scale up effective nutrition services in the country. With this law, we hope that the much-needed investments for evidence-based interventions can finally move the needle towards taller, brighter, and healthier Filipino Children," UNICEF Philippines Deputy Representative Julia Rees said.

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healthier Filipino Children," UNICEF Philippines Deputy Representative Julia Rees added.

With support from UNICEF, DOH and NNC advocated for the importance of the First 1000 days Window of Opportunity (a child's life from conception up to two years old) since 2014. Through key partners like the Philippine Legislators' Committee on Population and Development (PLCPD) and the Philippine Coalition of Advocates for Nutrition (PhilCAN), this advocacy prompted various Local Government Units to prioritize interventions and investments for the first 1000 days of a child's life.

"Indeed, this is an early Christmas gift for our women and children. We thank our legislators and their staff who worked hard for the passage of the law. We thank President Rodrigo Roa Duterte for signing the bill into law as a manifestation of his love and caring for the Filipino child. We are confident that the law will trigger action from national government agencies, local governments, and non-government organizations to invest and scale up action for nutrition. The NNC and its national and local network will participate actively in formulating the IRR. We will also do aggressive public dissemination of the law and continue to forge strategic alliances and partnerships for concerted action for good nutrition in the first 1000 days. The Kalusugan at Nutrisyon ng Mag-Nanay Act promises to help not only the achievement of the targets of the Philippine Plan of Action on Nutrition 2017-2022 but also help in the attainment of each Filipino child's potential for growth and development" said Assistant Secretary of Health and NNC Executive Director Maria-Bernardita Flores.

Over the next few weeks, DOH will convene relevant stakeholders in drafting the Implementing Rules and Regulations of RA 11148. This is a significant step forward that supports DOH's Philippine Health Agenda, NNC's Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition 2017-2022, and UNICEF's essential interventions and strategies to improve Child Survival and Early Childhood Care and Development, all of which aim to end all forms of malnutrition and give every child the best start in life. (DOH)

## AFP Chief vouches for National Task Force vs insurgency

QUEZON CITY -- Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Benjamin Madrigal Jr looks forward to the operationalization of the Executive Order No. 70 or the National Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict in 2019.

In an interview Wednesday, January 2, Lt. Gen. Madrigal stressed the need for all government agencies - both national and local government units - to come together to totally eradicate the root causes of conflict and violence.

"We have made significant progress and have headways in our campaign to end insurgency, but to reach what we can call a complete victory, we need to create communities that are conflict-resilient and we need local and national government agencies to attain this," Lt. Gen. Madrigal said.

In 2018, consolidated data from ground units of the AFP indicate a total of 12,017 CPP-NPA members and

supporters have been neutralized.

The figure includes 130 that were killed and 264 that were apprehended in legitimate security and law enforcement operations.

A total of 11,623 have also surrendered including 1,227 regular NPA fighters. AFP units also confiscated 1,920 assorted firearms and seized 316 enemy encampments.

Madrigal added that a series of meetings and plannings is on-going to operationalize E.O. Nr 70 and create a National Peace Framework anchored on the Whole-of-Nation approach institutionalized as a national policy.

"Aside from focusing on our enemies, we also have to look at our people and communities through a people-centered strategy to make our communities resilient from communist recruitment, propaganda, and exploitation," Lt. Gen. Madrigal said. (AFP)

### EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE AMONG HEIRS

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late PURIFICACION A. ESPIRITU who died intestate on December 3, 2018 at 16 Jasmin St., Cuevas-Arlantico Subd. Brgy. Salcedo 1, Noveleta, Cavite leaving certain bank account with Bank of Commerce-NAIA Terminal 3 Branch hereinafter referred to as the "Bank", the following bank account: Savings Account with account number 092-20-001097-5, at Bank of Commerce NAIA Terminal 3 amount of P41,947.53 and Savings Account with account number 092-20-001071-1, at Bank of Commerce NAIA Terminal 3 amount of P13,922.03, has been extrajudicially settled by her heirs as per Doc. No. 512; Page No. 104; Book No. VIII; Series of 2018 Notary Public Atty. Joel Golez Tinitigan.

Ang Caviten  
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# Word Search Puzzle

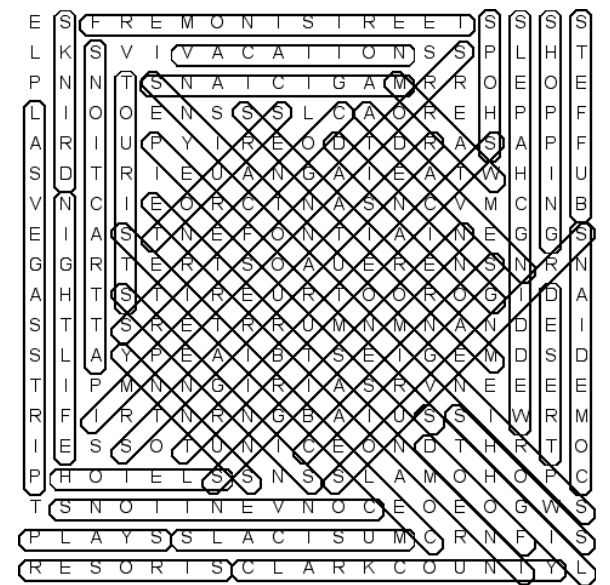
## 60's Songs

Find and circle all of the 1960's song titles that are hidden in the grid.  
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## Sagot sa nakaraan



# Sudoku

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## Sudoku Hints

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Fill in the blank squares so that each row, each column and each 3-by-3 block contain all of the digits 1 thru 9.  
 If you use logic you can solve the puzzle without guesswork.  
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# MMDA all geared up for Black Nazarene procession

By Jimmiley E. Guzman

**MAKATI--**The Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) is all set to provide traffic and emergency assistance during the annual procession of the Black Nazarene which is expected to draw millions of participants.

In a statement, MMDA Chairman Danilo Lim said 350 personnel will be deployed as early as January 6 for the procession of Black Nazarene replicas on January 7 and traditional "Pahalik" or kissing of the image at the Quirino Grandstand starting January 8.

"On the main event, 850 personnel will be positioned at the vicinity of the Grandstand, Quiapo Church, and along the route of "Andas" for the safety of the millions of devotees expected to join the annual Traslacion on January 9," Lim said.

The MMDA contingent will come from different units identified to help the local government unit of Manila in maintaining peace and order during the festivity:

The Western Traffic Enforcement Division shall be in-charge of managing traffic in the designated route of the procession and alternative route for motorists while the Road Safety Unit is tasked to install traffic cones and barriers at Luneta and processional route.

The Sidewalk Clearing Group will also provide crowd control personnel during the "Pahalik."

The Metro Parkway Clearing Group is tasked to manage road clearing of any form of obstruction particularly garbage at the Luneta Parade Ground and roads along the 5.9 kilometer procession route.

"Street sweepers will immediately clear roads of

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Black Nazarene devotees join the annual traslacion. (Photo by Darwin Gernale/PIA CG)

## DOE assures fair implementation of TRAIN law

**TAGUIG CITY --** As the implementation of the second tranche of the TRAIN Law for petroleum products took effect starting January 1, 2019, the Department of Energy (DOE) yesterday assured the public it has taken measures to prevent abuse and ensure fair and effective implementation of the taxation scheme.

"The Department of Energy is mandated to ensure that the pricing of oil products is carried out within the parameters of the TRAIN Law," Energy Secretary Alfonso G. Cusi said in a statement.

He added, "Over the process of the implementation of the first tranche of the TRAIN Law, we have reached out to our stakeholders, especially the oil companies for their cooperation and we will continue our coordination with them throughout the second tranche."

He stressed that the DOE will be even more vigilant in monitoring the implementation of the second tranche of the TRAIN Law for

petroleum products.

"We will ensure the fuel stocks for 2018 will be utilized first and sold at the pre-implementation prices," Sec. Cusi said.

As a result of its stringent monitoring operation, the Department has already asked several gas stations to explain why they implemented fuel price hikes as early as 2 January 2019.

Under the second tranche of TRAIN Law's implementation, an additional excise tax of P2.00 will be imposed per liter of diesel and gasoline, and P1.00 per kilogram on Household LPG. There will also be an additional 12 percent value added tax, which totals to P2.24 for both diesel and gasoline, and P1.12 for LPG.

However, the DOE pointed out that the increase in pump prices of petroleum products resulting from the imposition of the second tranche of fuel excise tax will still be smaller. This is due to the offsetting effect of the rollbacks implemented in 2018 and January 2019.

While there is an uptick in the price of oil in the world market,

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## DENR vows more aggressive enforcement of environment laws in 2019

**QUEZON CITY --** The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) will be more aggressive in enforcing environmental laws and regulations in 2019 in order to sustain the momentum created by the much lauded rehabilitation of Boracay Island and other accomplishments of the agency last year.

"This year, I hope to send a strong message to environmental offenders and to the public of our seriousness in implementing and enforcing environmental laws, rules and regulations,"

Secretary Roy A. Cimatu said during the traditional DENR New Year's Call held at the DENR central office in Quezon City.

The New Year's Call is where the Secretary meets with all DENR officials and employees to announce the policy direction for the agency and set the priority programs and projects to be implemented for the rest of the year. The annual gathering also gives the DENR chief the chance to present the agency's accomplishments in the previous year.

Cimatu described the Boracay rehabilitation, which

was carried out by the DENR and other members of the Boracay Inter-Agency Task Force as the "centerpiece of our 2018 accomplishments."

"With the eyes of the world upon us, we set forth to do what cynics thought was impossible: to transform a cesspool back to being one of the world's best beaches and swimming destinations, within a period of only 6 months," Cimatu said.

He added: "In Boracay, our mettle was put to test. We not only passed that test, but also carried over the momentum to other prime ecotourism destinations

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