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# B.O.S.S commences for tax, business permit processing

By Ruel Francisco

Trece Martires, Cavite – The local government units of the seven cities and sixteen municipalities in the province formally opened their respective Business One Stop Shop (BOSS) programs on the first working day of the year, January 3, 2022.

To safely accommodate their clientele, every LGU has taken up measures such as setting up the BOSS in a more spacious location.

The city government of General Trias re-launched their tax payment system at the 2nd Floor of Robinson's Place in

Brgy. Tejero from January 3 to March 30, 2022.

Only 200 applicants will be accommodated per day from 9am to 6pm Mondays to Fridays.

According to Business Permit and Licensing Office (BPLO) head, Romel Olimpo, no walk-in applicants are allowed and compliance to safety measures pursuant to government guidelines will be observed at all times.

Only applicants will be admitted to the BOSS area while clients with special needs such as Senior Citizens, Pregnant Women, and PWDs shall be *continue to page 3*

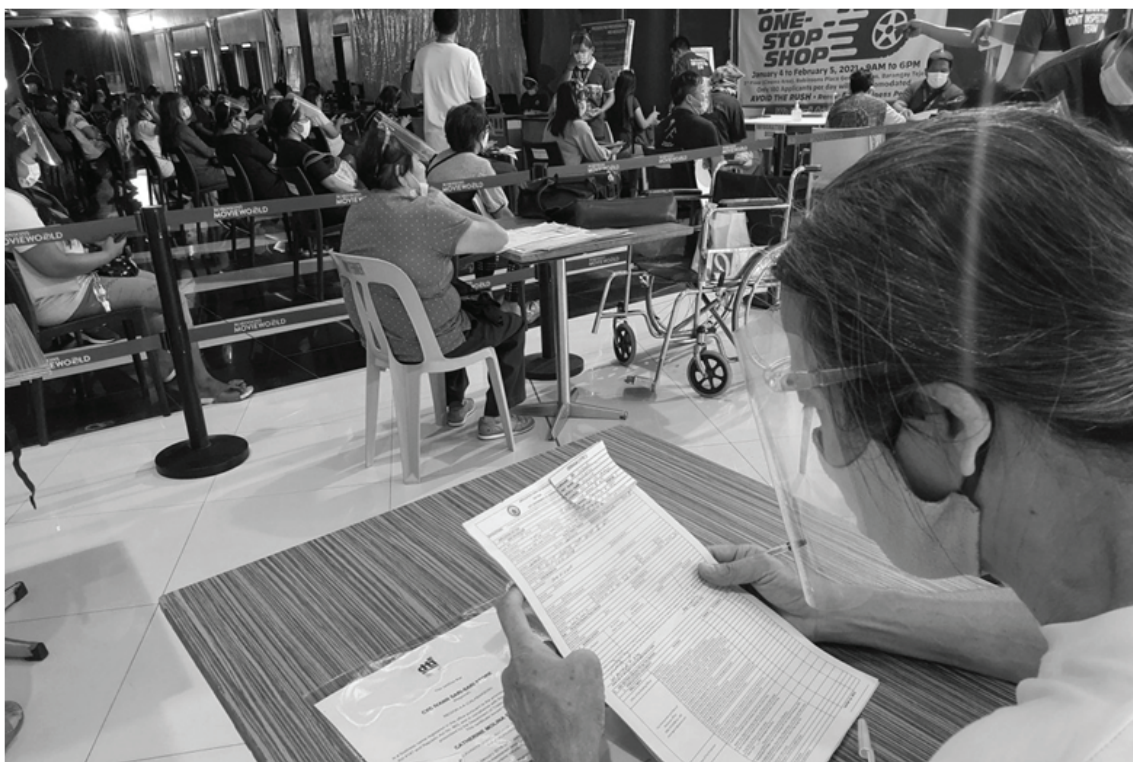


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## DOST CALABARZON promotes food safety for online sellers

By Patricia Bermudez

CALAMBA CITY – With the rise of home-based and online food selling, the Department of Science and Technology - CALABARZON (DOST-CALABARZON) reminded food sellers to be cautious in practicing compliance to food safety regulations to ensure the safety of their customers.

Last December 20, 2021, more than 100 home-based and online food sellers attended the DOST Webinar on Basic Food Hygiene and Orientation on the Use of Food Safety Self-Assessment Tools (FSSAT), which aimed to provide proper knowledge on fundamental food hygiene practices.

Citing a January 2021 study conducted by the Mariano Marcos State University, DOST-CALABARZON Director Emelita P. Bagsit said only 8.3% among the surveyed home-based food handlers met food safety standards.

“With the industry projection of 12.4% annual growth of food e-commerce, we should be more cautious if our favorite online food business and their partner delivery service are knowledgeable and consistently practicing compliance to food safety regulations,” Bagsit reminded the food sellers.

In November 2020, the DOST-CALABARZON launched the FSSAT which *continue to page 3*

## DPWH chief checks on NCR’s emergency response assets

By Susan De Leon

CALOOCAN CITY -- Secretary Roger G. Mercado of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) personally led the inspection of equipment assets in Metro Manila to hasten the government’s disaster and emergency response.

Mercado with Senior Undersecretary Rafael C. Yabut and DPWH NCR Director Nomer Abel P. Canlas, inspected on January 11, 2022 available assets at the DPWH National Capital Region (NCR) equipment depot along General Santos Avenue, Lower Bicutan, Taguig City to ensure prompt mobilization

during disaster and provide immediate assistance and support to nearby surrounding areas of NCR.

“We started checking and monitoring the management of available equipment including ancillary facilities and determine the equipment operational status and demand requirements,”

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## Pediatric vax for younger kids to roll in February

By Jimmyley Guzman

PASIG CITY-- Vaccination for younger kids against COVID-19 will begin to roll in February.

During a public briefing Friday, Health Undersecretary Dr. Myrna Cabotaje said that vaccination for children aged 5 to 11 years old will begin next month.

“Earliest first week of February maumpisahan natin yung pagbabakuna ng ating 5 to 11,” said Usec. Cabotaje.

Cabotaje clarified that vaccination for younger kids have not yet started pending the arrival of the vaccines.

“Hindi pa ho tayo nagbabakuna ng 5 to 11, parating pa lang po yung bakuna.”

The DOH official explained that an emergency use authorization (EUA) has already been approved for said age group.

“Meron na pong approved emergency use authorization for Pfizer only, for 5 to 11.”

She added that a different formulation of vaccine will be used for younger kids.

“Ibang formulation po yung gagamitin natin sa 5 to 11 years old. Hindi po ito yung ginagamit ng 12 years and above. Ibang Pfizer formulation ito. Hihintayin pa natin ang pagdating ng ating inorder na Pfizer for 5 to 11.”

In November last year, pediatric vaccination has started for minors aged 12 to 17 years old. (PIA-NCR)



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# IATF EXTENDS ALERT LEVEL 3 IN THE PROVINCE OF CAVITE

FROM 05-15 JANUARY 2022

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## Gov't.....

boosters.

Other objectives include immunizing 15.56 million, five to 11 years old with boosters; and to vaccinate 11.11 million, zero to four years old with primary series.

The vaccine czar told President Duterte during the chief executive's regular public address that the vaccine formulation for children five to 11 years old might be available by the end of January.

"Ito po 'yung last contact po namin sa ating mga manufacturer and we are now making some contingencies to acquire doses that we need to include the ages zero to four years old," Galvez said.

He noted that the 100 million doses in the country's

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inventory are enough for the remaining primary series of unvaccinated Filipinos while the 25 million are for those eligible for boosters.

Consequently, the government still needs to buy more or less 17 million doses for this year's boosters and about 26 million for children's formulations, according to Galvez.

"Based on the report of Usec. Mark Joven and the Department of Finance, we have a total of 800 million or 40 billion equivalent available for the procurement of vaccines and boosters for CY 2022 from the Asian Development Bank, World Bank, and the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, additional financing," he said.

This means that with

the P45 billion of unprogrammed appropriation under the National Expenditure Program (NEP), there will be P40 billion intended for vaccine procurement. The 2022 National Budget provided additional P2.79 billion to the Department of Health (DOH) for the purchase of COVID-19 boosters.

At the same time, the vaccine czar reported that the government targets to pursue the vaccination of the 77 million Filipinos and eyes to conclude the inoculation of 12 to 17 years old before the end of the first quarter this year.

"Our last milestone is to finish the boosting of the 71.16 million by end of third quarter and we will push also for the vaccination of the rest of the population to make sure that all Filipinos are protected by the vaccines," he said. (PND)

Transfer (FIST) Act, which will allow banks to unload non-performing loans and assets to strengthen their lending capacity; and the Corporate Recovery and Tax Incentives for Enterprises Act (CREATE), which will not only leave more cash resources for firms to sustain employment or use for investments, but will also position them to be more regionally competitive and attractive to foreign capital infusion through a rationalized fiscal incentives system.

Over the six-year term of President Duterte, the DOF has worked closely with Congress in the passage of the various packages of the CTRP, which include TRAIN, the salary earner-friendly measure that substantially lowered income taxes for 99 percent of Filipino taxpayers.

TRAIN enabled most taxpayers to have tax savings—equivalent to many of them to another full-month pay—and increase their purchasing power, which in turn helped to further stimulate the economy during the pre-pandemic period.

The other CTRP packages pushed by the DOF and passed by Congress were CREATE; the tax amnesty law;

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The House has also approved its version of this reform package, which remains pending at the committee level of the Senate.

Dominguez thanked the Senate and the House for passing the necessary amendments to the PSA and the FIA; and the amendments to the RTLA, which was signed into law by President Duterte as Republic Act (RA) 11595.

These three economic liberalization bills are necessary to further open the economy to foreign investors in order to help secure the country's fiscal stability and strengthen its recovery from the pandemic, Dominguez said.

Dominguez said the DOF will also continue to engage with the Congress in passing the proposed Capital Market Development Act (CMDA), which aims to further deepen the domestic capital markets by building a sustainable corporate pension system for Filipino workers.

"This set of reforms complements the other game-changing measures already in place to keep the economy back on the path of high growth," he said earlier.

These other game-changing measures include the Financial Institutions Strategic

## Cavite province on Alert Level 3 due to spike in CoVid cases

By Ruel Francisco

Trece Martires, Cavite – The province of Cavite together with Rizal province was placed under Alert Level 3 effective January 5 until January 15, 2022 due to the alarming increase in CoVid-19 cases recorded.

According to Governor Jonvic Remulla, the number of recorded confirmed cases of CoVid-19 increased from 5 cases to 214 cases as of January 3, 2022.

The upscale trend was expected after the loosening of quarantine protocols during the holidays that brought people outside of their homes, and gathered them together in family reunions, parties and celebrations.

In the wake of the imminent threat of the omicron variant, the province's citizens are somehow protected with the rate of fully vaccinated in the province now at 75.1% that may well mean that the province had obtained herd immunity at 70%

of target population.

Continued conduct of vaccination rollout in the province ensures a sufficient supply of CoVid-19 vaccines.

"May halos 850,000 vaccine doses pa tayo in stock (yung stateside ha at hindi 'Made in China') habang may 1.1M pa na parating para sa booster shots," stated Gov. Jonvic.

(We have more or less 850,000 vaccine doses in stock, the vaccine brands made in the US not from China while there are 1.1M doses that are expected to arrive for the booster shots.)

With the province under Alert Level 3, the local government units of the 23 cities/municipalities in the province are prepared with measures to be implemented to regulate the movement of the people while continuing with business and commerce safely so as not to affect the livelihood of the people and the recovering economy of the province. (RBF/PIA-Cavite)

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are yet to receive a COVID-19 vaccine, citing a World Health Organization statement that "senior citizens are at highest risk of deaths due to COVID-19," adding also the fact that 7 out of 10 deaths in the country are in patients 60 years old and above.

"Pakiusap po namin sa mga lolo at lola, at sa kanilang mga mahal sa buhay: for yourselves and your families, please, please get vaccinated. Our seniors are vulnerable to COVID-19," Sec. Nograles stressed.

As for the fully vaccinated, Nograles reiterated that booster doses can be availed of at least three months after the last dose from the primary vaccine series if vaccinated with vaccines from Sinovac, AstraZeneca, Pfizer, Moderna, and Sputnik; while those vaccinated with the one dose vaccine from Janssen can have their booster dose after two months.

"Hindi kami magsasawa sa pagpa-paalala: Ang mga bakuna natin laban sa COVID-19 ay may Emergency Use Authorization mula sa Food and Drug Administration. Lahat ng ito ay ligtas at epektibo. Lahat—anuman ang brand—ay nagbibigay ng proteksyon laban sa severe at critical cases ng coronavirus," said Secretary Nograles.

As of January 10, 2022, more than 114 million total

doses have been administered nationwide, according to the National COVID-19 Vaccination Dashboard. More than 62 million Filipinos have received a first dose of a vaccine, more than 53 million are now fully vaccinated, and more than 3.5 million have received a booster dose.

Meanwhile, to help address the increasing hospital care utilization rate, Nograles appealed to those with mild or moderate symptoms and those who are asymptomatic to help protect the healthcare system by isolating at home. "This will help us prioritize healthcare facilities for those with severe and moderate cases of COVID, or high-risk COVID cases with comorbidities," said Nograles.

Nograles, who is concurrent spokesperson of the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Disease (IATF-EID), reminded that home isolation shall only be allowed if the patient has a separate bedroom with toilet, and if not living with elderly, children, or those with comorbidities.

"Let's do our part to prevent the spread of COVID; if you suspect that you have COVID, stay home, isolate, at makipag-ugnayan sa inyong LGU o sa doktor tungkol sa telemedicine," said Nograles. (OPS)

and the "sin" tax reform laws that further increased taxes on alcoholic beverages and tobacco products, including e-cigarettes.

Dominguez said that in the homestretch of the Duterte presidency, the government remains fully determined to rapidly modernize governance; pursue market-friendly reforms; and continue public investments—especially in infrastructure, education, and

healthcare—to guarantee a strong economic rebound.

In the face of the unprecedented crisis brought about by the pandemic, the Duterte administration will continue to work hard until the very last minute of its term to "ensure a legacy of a dynamic and market-driven economy for the Filipino people," he said. (DOF)

## Medical services halted amid personnel CoVid-19 infection

By Ruel Francisco

Trece Martires, Cavite – The of Noveleta local government recently ordered the temporary closure of its lying-in center, the Municipal Health Office and the vaccination program put to a halt due to CoVid-19 infection among the healthcare workers.

Eleven (11) of the healthcare workers/personnel tested positive for CoVid-19 with the RT-PCR test conducted on Monday, 3 January 2022, the first working day of the year.

The healthcare workers immediately underwent quarantine and isolation thus, medical services such as the vaccination rollout, childbirth delivery and other services availed from the Noveleta Health Center will resume as soon as

they recovered and completed the quarantine period.

Noveleta Mayor Dino Reyes-Chua appeals to his constituents for their understanding and patience and to continue observing the minimum public health standards.

“I firmly advise our constituents to stay in their respective homes, particularly the young ones, our senior citizens and persons with disabilities (PWDs) because we are in Alert Level III,” Mayor Dino Chua said.

After recording Zero Active cases during the Christmas season, the Municipal Health Office recorded 36 Active cases and 61 suspected cases on January 4, 2022. (Ruel Francisco with reports from Bagong Noveleta)



Source: PIA CAVITE

## B.O.S.S....

allowed a companion.

For the second consecutive year, Noveleta LGU opened their Business One Stop Shop or BOSS at the 2nd Floor of Primark Town Center in Barangay Magdiwang.

Mayor Dino Reyes-Chua said, “We made it here once again to give convenience to our local tax payers with ample space for safety in accordance with government guidelines.”

Likewise, the city government of Bacoor used the STRIKE Gymnasium to set up their BOSS program for the whole month of January 2022.

Business permit applications and renewals and other transactions under the BOSS are directed to the Imus Pilot Elementary School in the city of Imus.

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Processing of applications and other transactions will be from January 2 – 20, 2022 at 8am-7pm Mondays to Fridays, and 9am -4pm on Saturdays and Sundays to give more time to taxpayers and businessmen clients.

The Trece Martires city government opened their tax payment system at the city hall area from January 3 to 20, 2022 with only 200 persons accommodated daily.

Meanwhile, the Dasmariñas LGU successfully commenced the first day of the BOSS program at the VistaMall-Dasmariñas grounds yesterday, January 3 which will last until the end of this month. (Ruel Francisco with reports from Trece Martires, Dasmariñas, Noveleta, Bacoor, and General Trias Facebook pages)

## DOST...

is a web application that assists persons engaged in the food industry to track their compliance to basic food hygiene standards.

With the influx of individuals getting involved with home-based and online food selling, the DOST CALABARZON developed FSSAT as a self-assessment checklist designed to ensure that local food entrepreneurs abide by the food safety standards when preparing their products. This digital application provides a 46-item self-assessment checklist that covers the minimum requirements of food safety.

Through its Food Safety Team and Management

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Information Systems Unit, the DOST-CALABARZON is upgrading the application to give users data analytics of their strengths and areas for improvement.

Although it currently services 100 CALABARZON-based MSMEs, the DOST expects to expand the utilization of FSSAT once it is introduced to other regulatory agencies such as the Department of Health (DOH) and local government units.

Meanwhile, an Android version of the FSSAT website is expected to be launched within the first quarter of this year, so it can be compatible with tablets and smartphones. (PB/DOST CALABARZON)

## DPWH....

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Mercado said.

Mercado lauded the DPWH-NCR and Bureau of Equipment for securing the latest, state-of-the-art machinery, ready to be used for disaster risk reduction and management.

“With our available equipment assets, we are more than prepared to aid our Kababayans in times of disasters,” Mercado said.

He said, a DPWH equipment can be a basic highway maintenance equipment and a quick response equipment at the same time that are essential to the execution of the mandated maintenance activities of the Department.

On the other hand, quick response equipment are those with the primary purpose of restoring to normal traffic and safely passable affected national roads after calamity and emergency situations.

Under the DPWH process, all quick response equipment are mandatorily dispatched to affected locations within the Region and adjacent provinces including those forecast to be affected by disaster such as typhoons.

Since “Odette” swept through Mindanao and Visayas in mid-December last year, DPWH equipment from other engineering

units in the provinces provided augmentation in the clearing of debris-strewn roads.

For the whole-of-nation approach, 237 equipment and 1,644 manpower were deployed by DPWH.

The Department continues to exhaust all means and available government resources to facilitate the distribution of food packs and needed materials for our typhoon-stricken countrymen.

About 43 additional augmentation trucks also helped other government agencies and sectors to expedite delivery of necessary assistance to reach the affected residents. (DPWH/PIA-NCR)

## No. of Filipinos increase by merely 0.3% in 2021; total of 109,991,095 by yearend

THE Philippine population is expected to achieve a historic record in 2021, as the total number of Filipinos is projected to increase by only 324,000 for the entire year—just a 0.3% increase compared to 2020.

According to the Commission on Population and Development, this annual “natural increase” is the lowest since the period between 1946 and 1947, when the population grew by 254,000.

As such, Filipinos will number 109,991,095 at the end of 2021—lower by 2 million than earlier projections based on a 1.63% population growth rate or PGR.

The natural increase in population, or natural population change, refers to the projection based on the number of births minus deaths in a particular time period. POPCOM made the computations based on the Philippine Statistics Authority’s (PSA) vital statistics preliminary reports for the period spanning January 2020 to August 2021.

POPCOM also noted that the natural increase in population in 2020 was 914,797 with reference to PSA’s vital statistics, which placed the population at the end of 2020 at 109,667,216. The natural increase in population that year was 0.79%.

“Filipinos remain prudent by continuing to delay having children or forming families during the combined economic crisis and Covid-19 health emergency. Couples in growing numbers continue to avail of family planning commodities and services in all regions of the country, with 8 million users of modern family planning methods in 2020—an addition of about 500,000 from 2019,” Population and Development Undersecretary Dr. Juan A. Perez III explained.

POPCOM’s executive director also emphasized that the last two years of low increases in population provide opportunities of attaining a more stable population that can support socioeconomic development at the national and household levels if integrated population and development interventions are sustained.

This demographic situation, he cautioned, should be appreciated vis-à-vis the pandemic’s effect that has caused rather unusual fertility behaviors, such as delay in family formation, couples’ unions and increasing contraceptive usage, which need to be investigated further.

Nonetheless, Usec. Perez noted that the low 2020-

2021 population growth enables a greater chance for the country and households to recover from the Covid-19 outbreak, given the national and local governments’ increased capabilities in providing quality services to Filipinos.

“If integrated population and development measures are sustained, we can look forward to a more stable population that can effectively support Philippine development. Smaller family sizes need to be supported by a national living wage structure that also allows parents to save for their households’ unmet needs in food, housing and education. Uneven regional wage structures only lead to individuals falling further behind than those in progressive areas such as the National Capital Region, CALABARZON and Central Luzon,” he further asserted.

The POPCOM chief also said that the agency’s projected population for 2021 does not yet cover international migration during the year, and that the civil registration data as reported by PSA is also subject to underreporting and late reporting.

POPCOM, he assured, will update this projection as soon as data becomes available. (PR)

*I am with you always,  
even unto the end of the world  
- Matthew 28:20*

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## EDITORIAL

### Are we on our own now?

THE line that divides the seasonal flu and Covid-19 has blurred. At the start of 2022, when new Covid cases in the country started rising again, people were confused whether or not the symptoms they felt were indications they had been infected. Or whether a negative test result itself was reassuring.

Last week, a journalist's rapid antigen test yielded a negative result. Two days later, his temperature was 38 degrees and he thought he just caught the flu. But another test showed he was positive. He has since infected other family members.

His colleague, who also tested negative, began exhibiting symptoms of the virus the day after: hard coughing, runny nose and an itchy throat. This media man's wife gave him lots of organic tea with lemon and honey. After four days, the symptoms disappeared, but seemed to have been passed on to the wife. Yet another test said he's still negative.

The scene is repeated in many parts of Metro Manila. For a few days, drug stores ran out of paracetamol. People lined up for Covid tests.

The good news, however, is the general observation by doctors that the recent Covid cases have been mild — patients get well in a few days.

It's the Omicron variant, says Health Secretary Francisco Duque III, although the Philippine Genome Center has yet to confirm it.

Nonetheless, the Department of Health's (DoH) tally is alarming: Over 37,000 new cases were recorded on 14 January. Which means the country is in the midst of another Covid surge — this time it's highly contagious.

Infectious disease experts say there could be lots more unrecorded infected people out there. The danger, they explain, is when the positivity rate gets exceedingly high and there will be severe cases that need hospital confinement — which in turn may lead to yet another back-breaking challenge among medical front-liners.

The Philippines is just one of many other countries reeling from the never-ending health crisis. It's actually worse in the United States and Europe — with the US recording hundreds of thousands of daily infections.

At press time, the DoH has announced it is stopping contact tracing and instead shifting its policy to better fight this latest surge.

Health Undersecretary Maria Rosario Vergeire said contact tracing was "not that much prioritized anymore" due to the "very high" likelihood that Filipino households now had at least one member positive for Covid-19.

"You'll be wasting a lot of resources doing contact tracing when you know the cases are already on an upswing, accelerating, and more and more communities are being infected," Duque said.

"Now, it's very difficult to contact-trace everyone. The infection rate is quite high and Omicron is pretty established to be highly transmissible, more than Delta and the other Covid-19 variants." Are we thus virtually on our own now?

In any case, the best thing we can do, for now, is never to let our guard down. Never remove that mask. Don't eat in groups. Avoid the malls as much as possible.

And be fully informed.



# KAPIRASONG Kritika

Ni Teo S. Marasigan

## Nabigo ang Multikulturalismo

*1/* Natawag ang pansin ko ng balitang ito sa Philippine Daily Inquirer nitong 04 Enero ngayong taon: "OFWs must be taught ways of hosts." Ano na naman kaya ang kailangang ituro sa mga Pilipinong mago-Overseas Filipino Worker para umakma sa "kultura at mga praktika" ng mga bansang pupuntahan nila? Ano na naman kayang problema sa mga Pinoy ang sinisisi ngayon?

Sa balitang ito, nananawagan ang isang G. Jackson Gan, bise-presidente ng isang Federated Association of Manpower Exporters Inc., sa Overseas Workers Welfare Administration o Owwa na baguhin ang pre-departure seminars o PDOS na ibinibigay ng naturang ahensya sa mga Pilipinong nagbabalak mag-OFW para umano maiangkop nito sila sa pupuntahan nilang bansa.

Dalawa ang insidenteng ginamit ni G. Gan na batayan ng panawagan niya: ang isang OFW galing Saudi Arabia na nahulihan ng 150 libra ng tanso na ninakaw sa kanyang amo, at ang mga OFW galing Taiwan na nahulihan ng mga alambre ng ginto na ninakaw rin sa pagawaang pinagtatrabahuan nila. "Nakakahiyang mga insidente" ang itinawag ni G. Gan sa dalawang kasong ito.

Nagulat ako sa laman ng balita: Sinasabi ba ni G. Gan na mikrobyo ng mga Pinoy ang pagnanakaw — na kailangang banlian at banlawan ng PDOS sa mga gustong maging migranteng manggagawa sa ibang bansa, dahil hindi kultura ng ibang bansa ang pagnanakaw? Hindi ko alam kung may lahing Arabo at Taiwanese ako, pero alam ko bilang Pinoy na bawal talaga ang magnakaw.

Palyado ang mga batayan ni G. Gan. Nakakaintriga tuloy ang intensyon ng grupo niya. May gusto kaya itong ipasok na kurso sa PDOS na pagkakaperahan? O mga rekrut kaya nito ang mga nadakip at nahihiya itong tanggapin ang sisi sa pang-uumit — kung may sisi man bukod sa pagsingil ng recruitmen fee na sa grabeng laki'y nakaudyok ng pagnanakaw — kaya sinisisi nito ang PDOS?

*2/* Anu't anuman, nabasa ko ang isa

pang balita ilang buwan na ang nakakaraan: Ayon kay Angela Merkel, chancellor ng Germany, "sobrang nabigo" ang pagsisikap na lumikha ng lipunang multikultural sa bansa niya. Sobrang kaunti raw ng hinihiling sa mga migrante noon at kailangan na raw nilang matuto ng wikang Aleman para makaangkop sa paaralan at makakuha ng trabaho.

May tumitining na mensahe: kailangang umangkop ang mga migranteng manggagawa sa kultura at mga praktika ng mga bansang pinupuntahan nila. May ipinapahiwatig na mga negatibong epekto sa mga gustong magmigrante o mga migrante mismo kapag hindi tumalima: hindi sila matatanggap sa trabaho, o masisisante sila sa trabaho at titindi ang pagka-etsapwera nila sa ibang bansa.

Dahil sa matinding krisis pang-ekonomiya sa mundo ngayon, na nagdudulot ng kawalang-trabaho kahit sa mga abanteng kapitalistang bansa, lumiliit talaga ang dating mas malawak na oportunidad ng mga Pilipino na makapagtrabaho sa ibang bansa at lumalaki talaga ang posibilidad na marami ang masisante sa kanila. Batay sa mga ulat ng mga eksperto, dadami ang mga kaso ng ganito.

Ipinapasa nina Gng. Merkel at G. Gan sa indibidwal na mga migrante at sa gobyerno ng Pilipinas ang pananagutan sa mangyayari sa mga gustong magmigrante at mga migrante. Inililihis nila ang sisi palayo sa matinding krisis ng sistemang kapitalista, patungo sa mga nabanggit — na minimal naman ang magagawa para baguhin ang sitwasyon ng mga migranteng manggagawa.

Bahagi ang mga pahayag ng dalawa ng kampanyang ipatanggap sa mga migrante, gustong magmigrante, at mamamayan ang pagliit ng pagkakataong makapagtrabaho at pagkaunti ng mismong trabaho sa ibang bansa. Ipinapatanggap din sa mga nabanggit ang mas mababang sahod, mas mababang oras ng paggawa, mas kawalan ng seguridad sa trabaho, at mas pagbusabos sa mga migrante.

*3/* May komentaryo si Terry Eagleton, Marxistang intelektwal na

Ingles, kung saan sinabi niyang mapanganib ang multikulturalismo para sa "mga nasa kapangyarihan." Isang panganib raw ito "dahil ang klase ng estadong pampulitika na mayroon tayo [sa Inglatera] ay nakasandig sa mahigpit na pangkulturalang konsensus para ipatupad ang mga patakarang mapanghati sa ekonomiya."

Syempre pa, isang tugon ang multikulturalismo — na nagtutulak ng pagagalangan at pagkakapatiran ng mga kultura ng iba't ibang mamamayan — sa loob ng mauunlad na bansa sa umigting na migrasyon ng lakas-paggawa mula Ikatlong Daigdig matapos ang ikalawang digmaang pandaigdig at kaakibat nitong huli ng neoliberal na deregulasyon ng pamilihan ng lakas-paggawa sa mundo.

Kaduda-duda kung totoong nagmumula sa mismong dami ng kultura ang problema ng mga Estado ng mga abanteng kapitalistang bansa sa migrasyon ng lakas-paggawa. Mas malamang, nakaugat ito sa limitasyon ng pang-ekonomiyang oportunidad na maiaalok ng sistemang kapitalista sa mga tao — na siya namang pinag-uugatan ng rasismo ng "sariling mga mamamayan" sa mga migrante.

Anu't anuman, may nagbabanta sa harap ng matinding krisis pang-ekonomiya sa mundo: titindi ang rasismo at pang-aabuso sa mga migrante, at ang naunang panahon ng pagkabigo ng multikulturalismo ay posibleng tingnan pang panahon ng tagumpay nito. Hindi pa man nagtatagumpay ang multikulturalismo bilang proyektong panlipunan ay tutungo na ito sa lalong pagkabigo.

Ang dapat sigurong tanawin, tulad ng ginagawa ng mga maka-Kaliwang intelektwal, ay ang pagbuo ng isang multikulturalismong rebolusyunaryo, ng pagkakapatiran at pagkakaisa ng mga mamamayan mula sa iba't ibang kultura sa paglaban sa sistemang kapitalista — na nagdudulot ng pagkakahati at iringan nila habang binubuklod ang mga mapagsamantala mula sa iba't ibang kultura.

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## IATF allows entry from Red List countries, releases new country risk classifications

MANILA -- Filipinos who will be coming from countries classified under the Red List shall now be allowed entry to the country and shall be subject to entry, quarantine, and testing protocols as determined by the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID), following the policy-making body's decision to lift the travel ban for persons coming from or who have been to said countries, territories, and jurisdictions within the last 14 days, said Acting Presidential Spokesperson and Cabinet Secretary Karlo Nograles.

"Dahil nga po meron na po tayong cases ng Omicron at marami po tayong mga kababayan na nasa Red List countries na gusto nang umuwi at base sa dati nating protocols na kailangan po ng Bayanihan Flights para sila ay makauwi... nagkaroon po ng desisyon ang IATF na itong mga kababayan natin mula sa Red List countries ay payagan na nating umuwi, bumalik dito without the need for Bayanihan Flights," said Secretary Nograles in a press briefing on January 14, 2022.

The Palace official and concurrent Co-Chair of the IATF,

said proper measures were taken into consideration in the decision to allow travelers from Red List countries, such as strict quarantine and testing protocols, plus the updated entry requirement of a negative RT-PCR test result taken within 48 hours prior to boarding.

Secretary Nograles said that aside from presenting a negative RT-PCR test result taken within 48 hours prior to departure from country of origin, fully vaccinated individuals coming from Red List countries, territories, and jurisdictions shall undergo facility-based quarantine with an RT-PCR test to be taken on the seventh day, the date of arrival being the first day.

If the fully vaccinated traveler tests negative, the individual may be released from facility quarantine, and shall have to complete home quarantine up to the 14th day from date of arrival.

For unvaccinated, partially vaccinated, or whose vaccination status cannot be independently validated who will be coming from the Red List, aside from the negative RT-PCR test result taken within 48 hours prior to departure from origin country, they shall also undergo

facility-based quarantine upon arrival in the country and undergo RT-PCR testing on the seventh day from their date of arrival.

Regardless of a negative RT-PCR test result, the unvaccinated, partially vaccinated, or those whose vaccination status cannot be independently validated coming from the Red List, can only be discharged after completion of a strict 10-day facility-based quarantine, said Nograles. They shall also be asked to observe home quarantine until the 14th day from their date of arrival, added Sec. Nograles.

"Samantala, itong negative pre-departure RT-PCR test taken 72 hours prior to departure, which was our previous protocol, shall be honored until January 19, 2022, 12:01AM," Nograles said.

The IATF also approved the latest country risk classification for January 16 to 31, 2022.

The following countries, territories, or jurisdictions shall be under the Red List for the said period: Antigua and Barbuda, Aruba, Canada, Curacao, French Guiana, Iceland, Malta, Mayotte, Mozambique, Puerto Rico, Saudi

Arabia, Somalia, Spain, and US Virgin Islands.

Meanwhile, under the Green List are the following: Bangladesh, Benin, Bhutan, British Virgin Islands, China (Mainland), Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast), Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Falkland Islands (Malvinas), The Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Hong Kong (Chinese Special Administrative Region), India, Indonesia, Japan, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Montserrat, Morocco, Niger, Oman, Pakistan, Paraguay, Saba (Special Municipality of the Kingdom of the Netherlands), Saint Barthelemy, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Sint Eustatius, Taiwan, Timor-Leste (East Timor), and Uganda.

All other countries, territories, and jurisdictions not mentioned above are under the Yellow List.

For the latest Alert Level classifications for January 16 to 31, 2022, the IATF placed the following areas under Alert Level 3: Baguio City, Ifugao, and Mountain Province in the Cordillera Administrative Region; Dagupan City and Ilocos Sur in Region 1; City of Santiago and Cagayan in Region 2; Angeles City, Aurora, Bataan, Bulacan, Olongapo City, Pampanga, and Zambales in Region 3; Rizal, Batangas, Cavite, Laguna, and Lucena City in Region 4-A; Marinduque and Romblon in Region 4-B; Camarines Norte, Catanduanes, Naga City, and Sorsogon in Region 5; Iloilo City, Iloilo, Negros Occidental, and Guimaras in Region 6; Lapu-Lapu City, Bohol, Cebu, and Negros Oriental in Region 7; Ormoc City, Biliran, Eastern Samar, Leyte, Northern Samar, Southern Leyte, and Western Samar in Region 8; City of Isabela, Zamboanga City, and Zamboanga del Sur

in Region 9; Bukidnon, Iligan City, Misamis Occidental, and Misamis Oriental in Region 10; Davao del Sur and Davao del Norte in Region 11; General Santos City and South Cotabato in Region 12; Surigao del Sur and Agusan del Norte in Caraga; and Lanao del Sur in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.

The National Capital Region will remain under Alert Level 3, while the following shall be under Alert Level 2: Apayao, Batanes, Palawan, Puerto Princesa City, Masbate, Siquijor, Zamboanga del Norte, Zamboanga Sibugay, Camiguin, Lanao del Norte, Davao de Oro, Davao Occidental, Davao Oriental, North Cotabato, Sarangani, Sultan Kudarat, Dinagat Islands, Surigao del Norte, Basilan, Maguindanao, Sulu, and Tawi-Tawi.

The IATF last Wednesday, January 12, 2022, elevated Benguet, Kalinga and Abra in the Cordillera Administrative Region; La Union, Ilocos Norte and Pangasinan in Region 1; Nueva Vizcaya, Isabela and Quirino in Region 2; Nueva Ecija and Tarlac in Region 3; Quezon Province in Region 4-A; Occidental Mindoro and Oriental Mindoro in Region 4-B; and Camarines Sur and Albay in Region 5 in Luzon; Bacolod City, Aklan, Capiz and Antique in Region 6; Cebu City and Mandaue City in Region 7; and Tacloban City in Region 8 in the Visayas; Cagayan de Oro City in Region 10; Davao City in Region 11; Butuan City and Agusan del Sur in CARAGA; and Cotabato City in BARMM in Mindanao under Alert Level 3 effective today, January 14, 2022 until January 31, 2022. (OPS)

# CAVITEVIEW

## Talaang Ginto: Makata ng Taón 2022, bukás na sa mga lahoc

MGA TUNTUNIN:

1. Ang Talaang Gintô: Makata ng Taón ay isang patimpalak sa pagsulat ng tula na itinaguyod ng KWF na naglalayong pasiglahin at pataasin ang uri ng panulaang Filipino sa pamamagitan ng pagkilála sa mga batikan at baguhang talino at tinig sa sining ng tula.
2. Bukás ang timpalak sa lahat ng mga Pilipino, babae man o laláki, maliban sa mga kawani ng KWF at kanilang kaanak.
3. Ang entring ipapása ay maaaring isang mahabang tula na may isang daan (100) o higit pang taludtod, o isang koleksiyon ng sampung (10) maiikling tula (10–12 taludtod) na may magkakaugnay na tema. Kinakailangang may pamagat ang ipapásang koleksiyon. Malayà ang paksá ngunit kailangang tumatalakay sa isang mahalagang paksaing panlipunan sa kasalukuyan. Ang ipapásang mahabang tula o maiikling tula ay Malayà (walang tugma at súkat). Maaari ding ialinsunod ang paksá ng kalipunan ng mga tula sa tema ng Buwan ng Panitikan 2022: "Muling Pagtuklas sa Karunungan-Bayan" (Rediscovering Folk Heritage).
4. Ang lahoc ay kailangang orihinal at nasusulat sa Filipino, hindi salin ng nalathala nang

tula, at hindi pa nalalathala sa alinmang publikasyon. Ang sinumang mahúli at mapatunayang nagkasála ng pangongopya ay kakanselahin ng KWF ang ipinagwaging lahoc nitó sa timpalak at hindi na muling makasasali pa sa alinmang timpalak ng KWF.

5. Pára sa onlayn na paglahok, magtungo sa <https://forms.gle/Wtd7PaTbE61w67Vv9> at ilakip ang sumusunod:

- Kopya ng kompiyuterisadong lahoc (.doc format). Gagamitin ang font na Arial 12 pt, single spaced sa 8 ½ x 11 in (short bond paper) na may palugit na isang (1) pulgada sa itaas, ibabâ, at magkabiláng gilid. Kung makinilyado ang lahoc, i-scan at isumite nang naka-portable document format (.pdf)
- Kinakailangang magtataglay lámang ng sagisag-panulat (pen name) at walang kahit anong pahiwatig ng tunay na pangalan ng kalahok.
- Notaryo na nagpapatunay na orihinal at hindi pa nalalathala ang lahoc (.pdf)
- Curriculum vitae at/o bionote ng makata (.pdf)
- 2x2 retrato ng kalahok (.jpeg)
- 6. Pára sa pagsusumite ng lahoc sa pamamagitan ng koreo, ipadadala ang sumusunod:
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kompiyuterisadong lahoc. Gagamitin ang font na Arial 12 pt, single spaced sa A4 size (bond paper) na may palugit na isang (1) pulgada sa itaas, ibabâ, at magkabiláng gilid.


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- Ipadalá ang lahoc sa koreo sa: Lupon sa Talaang Ginto 2022 Komisyon sa Wikang Filipino 2/P Gusali Watson, 1610 Kalye J.P. Laurel San Miguel, Maynila
- 7. Ang hulíng araw ng pagsusumite ng lahoc ay sa 28 PEBRERO 2022, 5:00 nh. Hindi na mauurong ang araw ng pagsusumite.
- 8. Pará sa lahoc na ipadadalá sa koreo, magpapadalá ang KWF ng

mensahe (text) kung natanggap na ang lahoc.

- 9. Ang mga gantimpala ay ang sumusunod:
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- 10. Ang pasiya ng Lupon ng Inampalan ay pinal at hindi na mababago.
- 11. Pára sa karagdagang detalye, mag-text o tumawag sa 0928-844-1349 o mag-email sa [gawad@kwf.gov.ph](mailto:gawad@kwf.gov.ph)



**TALAANG GINTO: MAKATA NG TAON 2022**

*Bukás na sa mga lahoc.*

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City of Bacoor

ROBINSONS BANK CORPORATION  
Mortgagee,

-versus-

Foreclosure No. 2021-94  
For: Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of  
Real Estate Mortgage

CONSOLACION U. CURA,  
Mortgagor.

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#### NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE

Upon Extra- Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135 as Amended by Act 4118 filed by the mortgagee. ROBINSONS BANK CORPORATION, of 17/F Galleria Corporate Center, EDSA cor. Ortigas Avenue, Quezon City, and against the mortgagor, CONSOLACION U. CURA, of 9006 Lt. Dhalia St., SMPD III, Brgy. Panapaan 5, Bacoor City, Cavite. To satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of October 25, 2021, amounts to TWO MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY TWO THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED THREE PESOS & 78/100 (P2,852,803.78), Philippines Currency, inclusive of interest, penalties and other charges, the undersigned or her duly authorized representative will sell at the public auction on February 21, 2022 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter, at the main entrance of the Hall of Justice of Bacoor City, Cavite, to the highest bidder for CASH and In Philippine Currency, the following described property with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 057-2018046968

“A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 28 BLK. 2 OF THE SUBDIVISION PLAN, PSD-04-202494, BEING A PORTION OF LOT 1, PSU-252768, L.R.C. RECORD NO. N-53128), SITUATED IN THE BARANGAY OF HABAY, MUNICIPALITY OF BACOOR, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON . X . X. X. CONTAINING AN AREA OF FIFTY EIGHT (58) SQUARE METERS”

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

“ In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on February 28, 2021 , without further notice.”

Prospective buyers or bidder s are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title to the said property and encumbrances, if any there be.

City of Bacoor, December 13, 2021.

LIZA D. VICTA  
Clerk of Court VI

By:  
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Sheriff IV

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Lot 28 Blk. 2, San Luis Villa, Brgy Habay I, Bacoor, Cavite

WARNING: It is absolutely prohibited to remove, deface or destroy this notice of Extra-judicial Sale on of before the date of sale.

Ang Caviteño  
January 3, 10 & 17, 2022

#### EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

Notice is hereby given that estate of the late EVANGELINE C. TAN who died on November 8, 2020 in Tagaytay City, leaving a parcel of land with improvements thereon located in Tagaytay City By Transfer Certificate of Title (TCT) No. T-74850. NOW FURTHER , for and in considerations of the foregoing premises and sum of PESOS: EIGHT MILLION PESOS (Php 8,000,000.00), has been extrajudicially settled by his heirs as per Doc. No. 21; Book No. 1 ; Series of 2021, Notary Public ATTY. EUGENE A. BORLAS.

Ang Cavitenos  
Jan.10, 17 & 24 2022

## Claims settlements due to Typhoon Odette accelerated by CARD microinsurance group

CARD MRI microinsurance group confirms the acceleration of insurance claims for the affected members of the disaster-stricken communities caused by Super Typhoon Odette.

One with the call of Insurance Commissioner Dennis Funa to quickly process claims payment, the CARD microinsurance group directly responded to the affected members to provide them immediate relief and help them recover from the impact of the super typhoon.

Despite the massive destruction of the typhoon, with CARD MRI staff already on the ground level, following the real situation of its clients become more direct and efficient. Thus, the group is quick and ready to respond to the needs of vulnerable families.

The strong winds and rains of Odette also downed the power supply and telecommunication lines in the hardly hit areas. Communication also became a challenge, but CARD MRI goes beyond its services. Loved ones of staff and clients sent messages to the social media page of CARD MRI concerning their relatives who are residing or working in these areas. CARD MRI, through its officers present on the ground, reconnects them to their loved ones.

CARD MRI Managing Director Aristeo A. Dequito shared that the organization remains solid in its mission of assisting people, especially in times of need. “CARD MRI will continue to meet the recovery needs of the people. Our workforce is working hard to assess and provide what is immediately needed,” said Dequito.

#### Way to recovery

From the initial report from CARD MRI operations, there are 441,024 members affected by the wrath of super typhoon Odette. The CARD Mutual Benefit Association (CARD MBA), the microinsurance MBA of CARD MRI, is continually providing cash assistance to its validated affected members and their families. As of December 24, 2021, the Association has disbursed a total amount of PHP 6,324,600 to 52,705 affected members.

“We closely monitored the movement of Odette to prepare ourselves on how we can immediately help the areas that will be hard hit. Through our cash relief assistance, the affected members and their families can prioritize their basic needs,” shared CARD MBA CEO Jocelyn Dequito. “Providing cash assistance is faster than distributing traditional in-kind aid and enables our members to meet their different needs in times like this,” she added.

In addition, CARD Pioneer Microinsurance Inc.

## Government agencies, partners strengthen DepEd’s human resource development efforts

PASIG CITY -- The Department of Education (DepEd) credited different partners for strengthening the function of the Bureau of Human Resource and Organizational Development (BHROD) in the continuous development of workforces and related outcomes.

“For organizational effectiveness, we have strengthened our linkages to other government agencies, the AO 25 [Inter-agency task force] in particular, [and AO 25] Secretariat, validating agencies and [DBM]. [We have partnered] with Pag-IBIG for Socialized Housing para sa ating personnel [in terms of employee welfare],” OIC-Undersecretary for Human Resource and Organizational Development Wilfredo Cabral mentioned during the DepEd 2021 General Assembly.

“[We have also created] several partnerships with PSA and the Office of the Undersecretary for Administration. Mayroon na po tayong 894 DepEd CO employees who have registered in the Philippine Identification System or PhilSys for the National ID Registration,” he added.

#### EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF MARLITA RAMIREZ BUZON WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late MARLITA RAMIREZ BUZON who died in Imus Cavite on December 04, 2021 leaving a parcel of land covered by TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-250339 Located at Bo. of Habay Bacoor Cavite has been extrajudicially settled by her heirs as per Doc. No. 50; Page No. 10; Book No. LVIII, Notary Public Atty. Eliseo S. Calma, Jr.

Ang Cavitenos  
Jan.10, 17 & 24 2022

(CPMI), together with CARD MRI Insurance Agency (CaMIA), are also continually validating the affected SAGIP Plan policyholders. SAGIP plan is a family insurance package, which covers death due to accidents, and damaged houses due to natural calamities. As of December 24, 2021, a total of 5,301 SAGIP Plan affected policyholders were reported. Among the validated 1,186 clients, 666 policyholders have been paid amounting to PHP 1,137,075.

“Our workforce is untiringly working to validate the damages and pay the insurance claims of our clients. As promised, CPMI and CaMIA will go above and beyond the call of duty to speed up our client’s recovery from the impact of the typhoon,” said CaMIA President and General Manager Vener S. Abellera.

CARD’s microinsurance group is more assertive in its 8-24 settlement strategy. Members and policyholders can assure their claims payment is processed within 8 to 24 hours after their complete filing of necessary documents. CARD MBA’s digital innovation called Panatag Ka App strengthened this settlement strategy, wherein its members can now view, file, and process their claims.

As microinsurance becomes more accessible to marginalized households, more Filipino families can withstand the impact of the catastrophic events.

According to CARD MRI Founder and Chairman Emeritus Dr. Jaime Aristotle B. Alip, “Poor households are highly vulnerable to natural calamities. When we constantly neglect equality and inclusivity, the cycle of poverty will continue.”

Dr. Alip also shared that aside from financial inclusion, CARD MRI advocates inclusive insurance to reach the unserved, underserved, vulnerable, and marginalized individuals with appropriate and affordable insurance products.

Microinsurance provides financial security and protection to low-income families. Becoming more resilient, they are now gradually breaking the poverty barrier. They can eventually improve their quality of life.

#### Bringing more assistance

CARD MRI started a donation drive to extend financial help to the families affected. The proceeds of the donation drive will be used for the relief operation and rehabilitation of CARD clients’ businesses.

To know more about this donation drive, you can message the official Facebook page of CARD MRI @ CARDMRIOfficial.

Usec. Cabral also highlighted the collaboration of the bureau with the Civil Service Commission (CSC) for the successful conduct of the Career Service Examination-Pen and Paper Test (CSE-PPT) for DepEd Central Office and National Capital Region (NCR) employees in increasing their chances of qualifying for their desired post.

On the other hand, to foster trust in the government through secure and reliable online transactions, BHROD and Information and Communications Technology Service (ICTS) partnered with the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) to register DepEd employees for their Philippine National Key Public Key Infrastructure (PNPKPI) Digital Signature.

“We could not achieve all of these without the help of our valued stakeholders and partners. Consistent provision of professional development programs; simplified systems and improved working conditions; and allowances, bonuses, and other incentives are only a few items that the agency is continuously working on. Let us focus on preserving the health, safety, and well-being of all in these trying times,” Secretary Leonor Magtolis Briones shared.

Meanwhile, Cabral emphasized that BHROD takes part in the engagements with the International Cooperation Office (ICO) in enhancing Philippine participation and cooperation in international bilateral and multilateral programs on education.

Other 2021 activities participated by DepEd, through the BHROD and ICO, are the Online Teacher Exchange Programme (OTEP), the Princess Maha Chakri Award (PMCA), ALCoB ICT Volunteer (AIV) Training Program under APEC, and other high-level meetings such as the 2021 ASEAN High-level meetings and the Forum on International Commitments in Basic Education with the United States of America. (DepEd)

# Word Search Puzzle

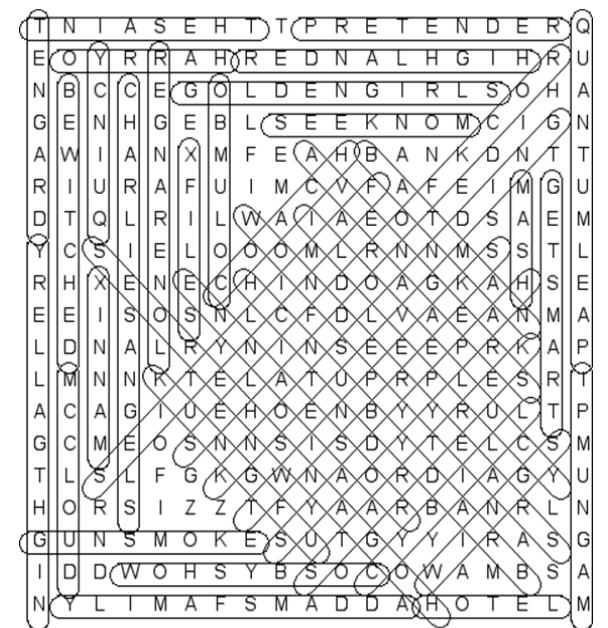
Old TV Shows 4

Find and circle all of the old TV shows that are hidden in the grid. The remaining letters spell the name of an additional old TV show.

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- MARTIN
- MATLOCK
- MR BELVEDERE
- NASH BRIDGES
- PERRY MASON
- PEYTON PLACE
- RHODA
- RYAN'S HOPE
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- VEGAS
- WISEGUY
- ZORRO

## Sagot sa nakaraan



# Sudoku

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## Sudoku hint

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

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# Gov't eyes to inoculate more seniors, minors; administer more booster shots

MANILA -- The government spelled out its vaccination strategies this year that include inoculating the remaining three million senior citizens, administering additional booster doses and expanding the vaccination drive to cover minors in preparation for in-person classes.

In his report to President Rodrigo Roa Duterte on Monday, Secretary Carlito Galvez, Jr. said that aside from focusing on those priorities, the government's other major tasks are the recruitment and hiring of dedicated vaccinators, as well as working with the local government units (LGUs) and the private sector to further increase the demand generation both for the primary and booster doses.

The government also

eyes to expand the vaccine emergency use authorization (EUA) for other vaccine brands in preparation for the immunization of more minors, said Galvez, who noted that they are already working with other vaccine brand manufacturers for the issuance of emergency use permits for children three to 11 years old.

Galvez, who is also the chief implementer of the National Task Force Against COVID-19, enumerated the government's main objectives this year that include vaccinating 90 million Filipinos including minors aged five to 11 before the end of June, providing 72.16 million boosters to adult population aged 18 and above, and vaccinating 12.74 million, 12-17 years old with

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## DOF hopeful on Congress OK of remaining tax reform packages

MANILA -- The Department of Finance (DOF) remains optimistic that the Congress will pass in 2022 the remaining tax reform packages of the Duterte administration that aim to reform the property valuation system and simplify capital market taxation, after the legislature was able to act on a slew of Palace-endorsed economic liberalization bills in 2021 amid the pandemic.

Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez III said the approval on third reading of the DOF-supported amendment proposals to the Public Service Act (PSA), Foreign Investments Act (FIA) and the Retail Trade Liberalization Act (RTLTA) by both houses of Congress in 2021 bode well for the approval of the remaining tax reform packages.

Real property valuation reform, or Package 3 of President Duterte's Comprehensive Tax Reform Program (CTRP), was already passed by the House of Representatives back in November 2019, but remains pending at the committee level in the Senate as of December 2021.

Package 3 aims to develop an equitable and efficient real property valuation system while broadening the tax base used for property-related taxes of the national and local

governments.

Reforming the property valuation system to make it on par with global standards and shielding it from political influence will help local government units (LGUs) raise more revenues without increasing the existing tax rates or imposing new taxes, the DOF said.

Package 3 seeks to establish a single valuation base for taxation through the adoption by LGUs of updated schedules of market values (SMVs), and recentralize the approval of these SMVs by the local legislatures back to the Secretary of Finance, with review by the Bureau of Local Government Finance (BLGF), in coordination with the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR), among other reforms under the proposed measure.

Over the last three years, only 62 percent of Revenue District Offices (RDOs) under the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) have updated their zonal values, according to DOF data as of April 2021.

As of the same period, only 40 percent of LGUs, mainly provinces and cities, have updated the SMVs.

Apart from outdated valuation, having various agencies doing or requiring property valuation, with each

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## Palace reiterates vaccine efficacy amid Omicron and rising COVID cases

MANILA -- Vaccines do work, regardless of brand, and being vaccinated will help protect against severe forms of COVID-19, whatever variant it is. This was the message stressed by Acting Presidential Spokesperson and Cabinet Secretary Karlo Nograles in a press briefing on January 11, 2022 amid reports of increasing Omicron detection and rising COVID-19 cases in the country in the past few days.

"Kahit matindi makahawa ang Omicron, hindi po tayo helpless; we can do something about it. Magpabakuna na po tayo, anumang brand

ito, para maging ligtas, para sa karagdagang proteksyon natin, ng ating mga mahal sa buhay at ng ating komunidad," Secretary Nograles urged the public.

Of the 33,169 new cases as of January 10, 2022, Secretary Nograles reported that 97.1 percent of these new cases exhibit mild symptoms or are asymptomatic. Sec. Nograles said that while there are more COVID-positive cases now than during the September 2021 surge, there are less people developing severe and critical forms of the disease. "Dahil ito sa malawakang pagbabakuna,"

Nograles remarked.

The Palace official added, "Please allow us to reiterate that the protection provided by vaccines comes not just in the form of reducing the likelihood of infection—it also comes in the form of reducing the risk of developing severe COVID symptoms. Pag bakunado po kayo, malaki po ang chance na kung mahawa man kayo ng COVID, magiging mild lang po ang symptoms ninyo," Nograles emphasized.

The Palace official likewise underscored the need to vaccinate some three million senior citizens who

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