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Cavite LGUs roll out BOSS for FY 2021 amid COVID-19 pandemic



Photo courtesy of PIA-CALABARZON

TRECE MARTIRES CITY-- The local government units of the cities and municipalities in the province commenced the processing of the application of new and renewal of business permits and other transactions of government services thru their Business One Stop Shop (BOSS). As directed by the Department of Interior and Local Government

(DILG) the BOSS established by the LGUs aims to provide frontline services and assist those who wish to apply for building permits and certificates of occupancy thereby easing bureaucratic red tape.

Starting their operations on Monday, January 4, 2021, the City Government of Trece *continue to page 3*

Bacoor LGU prepares for COVID-19 vaccination, allots P100M

By Ruel B. Francisco

BACOR CITY, Cavite -- Mayor Lani Mercado-Revilla disclosed that the city government earmarked about P50 million to P100 million for the procurement of COVID-19 vaccine.

The local chief executive announced this development during a virtual meeting with the League of Cities in the Philippines (LCP) along with other LCEs and National Task Force Against COVID-19 and Vaccine Czar Sec. Carlito Galvez, Jr.

In a letter presented to the LCP, the Mayor said the budget allocation for COVID-19 vaccine is intended to cover the 70 percent of the total projected population of 707,604 for 2021 that were targeted for vaccination.

According to Mayor Revilla, the city government will prioritize essential workers and vulnerable groups in its COVID-19 vaccination.

Revilla said the vaccination will initially cover the identified 2,200 city frontline health care workers; 312 uniformed personnel, 469 Social Workers, 44,471 Senior Citizens, 12,953 Persons with Disability (PWD), 1,388 Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDL) in the city's jail facilities, 1,813 other frontline government workers, 2,618 teachers, 92,525 students, and 85,000 of the indigent population.

During the meeting, different LGUs disclosed that they preferred vaccines developed by companies such as AstraZeneca with its vaccine approved for emergency use and now being administered to healthcare workers in the United Kingdom. *continue to page 3*

DILG to rehire 15,000 contact tracers for six months

By Jerome Carlo R. Paunan

CALOOCAN CITY-- To ensure the continuity of the country's contact tracing efforts, the Department of the Interior Local Government (DILG) will rehire some 15,000 contact tracers (CTs) nationwide for at least six months, following the approval by the Department of Budget and Management of a total of P1.9-billion for the hiring of CTs in 2021.

"While the country's COVID-19 response is significantly improving, we should sustain our contact tracing efforts especially with the reported entry of the new UK variant into the country. Hence, we are pleased that we have been given the funds to re-hire some 15,000 CTs this year who will continue to help us track down, monitor coronavirus cases, and cut transmission in the community," said DILG Undersecretary and Spokesperson Jonathan Malaya.

Malaya said that while the Department would have wanted to rehire all the 50,000

CTs it engaged last year, budget limitations hinder it from hiring the same number of CTs this year.

"Much as we would like to continue the services of all the 50,000 CTs hired in 2020, we need to have a more rational number of CTs and work within the available budget allotted to the Department. Hence, only 15,000 CTs will be re-hired under a six-month contract in the meantime while we wait for the release of additional funds," he said.

The DILG will utilize P1.4-billion that constitutes the unreleased balance from RA 11519 or the extension of the validity of appropriations under the Bayanihan to Recover as One Act. This will supplement the P500-million that has been allocated for the hiring of CTs in the 2021 General Appropriations Act.

"Therefore, DILG field offices and the LGUs are directed to conduct an immediate assessment of the performance of the contact tracers and proceed with the selection of those who have effectively and efficiently performed their assigned tasks," said Malaya.

In a memorandum signed by DILG Officer-in-Charge Bernardo Florece, Jr., DILG regional directors were asked to advise all DILG-hired contact tracers in their respective regions to wind up their activities, process their clearances and return their identification cards to their

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WHO Country Representative Rabindra Abeyasinghe (PIA NCR file photo)

Minors below 16 years excluded from COVID-19 vaccination -WHO

By Lucia F. Bronio

CALOOCAN CITY-- The COVID-19 vaccines that will be administered in the country will not include minors below 16 years old yet.

This was revealed by World Health Organization (WHO) Country Representative Rabindra Abeyasinghe in the LagingHanda Public Briefing broadcast earlier.

Asked, Dr. Abeyasinghe said, "The vaccines currently cleared by WHO for EUA listing and their trials did not involve children because of the lower risk of diseases in children and the critical importance of ensuring of trying it on adults before trying it on children."

"What we have now is a clearance for the use of vaccine on people above 16. Will be studying if the vaccine will be effective on children and the process is still on-going," he added.

He said WHO is currently studying its effectiveness on children. "It will take some time but if there

is evidence, we will confidently say that the vaccines are safe for children too," Dr. Abeyasinghe.

This was also seconded by Cabinet Secretary Karlo Nograles where he said in yesterday's public briefing that the government would prioritize Filipinos above 16 or 18 years old in the immunization drive.

He pointed out that the COVID vaccines, presently available in the market, can only be administered to people ages 16 and older based on the information from the manufacturers.

Posted in the United Nations Children Educational Fund (UNICEF) website, "Children are not the face of the COVID-19 pandemic. But they risk being among its biggest victims, as children's lives are nonetheless being changed in profound ways. All children, of all ages, and in all countries, are being affected, in particular by the socio-economic impacts and, in some cases, by mitigation measures that may inadvertently do more harm than good. (PIA NCR)

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and reliable payment system," said Department of National Defense (DND) Secretary Delfin N. Lorenzana.

The launching ceremony was led by Defense Secretary Lorenzana, Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) Deputy Chief of Staff Vice Admiral Erick I. Kagaoan, PAF Chief Lieutenant General Allen T. Paredes, and LandBank President and CEO Cecilia C. Borromeo.

They were joined by LandBank officials namely Branch Banking Sector Head, Executive Vice President Julio D. Climaco, Jr., South NCR Branches Group

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Head, Senior Vice President Ramon R. Monteloyola, South NCR Branches Group-Cluster C Relationship Officer, Assistant Vice President Mary Lilian M. Cruz, and Villamor Air Base Branch Head Ritzel S. Pagaduan.

"We congratulate the Philippine Air Force for taking the lead, and being the first among the Major Services of the AFP to implement this online payment system. The launching of POPS is even more timely and relevant as we continue to leverage on digital channels to meet the growing demand for contactless financial solutions in the new normal,"

LandBank President and CEO Borromeo said.

The PAF is among the 767 LandBank Link.BizPortal partner-merchants nationwide.

As of December 2020, the Link.Biz has successfully facilitated a total of 2.12 million transactions amounting to P7.95 billion, representing increases of 35% and 71%, respectively, over the same period in 2019.

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DUTERTE.....

Executive said China-produced vaccines are as good as Western-made ones

He said the COVID-19 vaccines developed by Chinese pharmaceutical companies are "as good as" those produced in the United States and Europe.

Duterte allayed fears over China-made vaccines insisting that their government would not allow their people to be inoculated with the vaccine if they were not "safe, sure, and secure."

"The bakuna that

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[vaccine czar] Secretary [Carlito] Galvez is buying is as good as any other bakuna na naimbento ng mga Amerikano o yung mga Europeans. Hindi nagkulang ang Chinese. Hindi sila nagkulang sa utak. Bright itong mga Instik [Chinese] and they would not venture kung hindi sapat, it is not safe, sure, and secure," he said.

He expressed full trust in Galvez's decision to procure the China-made vaccines, saying he would not compromise the health and safety of Filipinos.

"Hindi ako magbili

ng bakuna na hindi tama. Itong Sinopharm pati Sinovac nabakunahan na nila lahat halos... Kung ayaw ninyo, okay walang. Walang problema," he said.

Duterte said he would be the one to blame if the vaccines purchased by government were not safe.

"Kung may bulilyaso at the end of the day akin talaga yung responsibilidad," he said.

Malacañang earlier said the vaccine developed by China's Sinovac will be the only choice for the government's free immunization program until the middle of 2021. (PIA NCR)

NCRPO intensifies community awareness efforts amid pandemic

By Jimmyley E. Guzman

PASIG CITY-- The National Capital Region Police Office (NCRPO) strengthens its community relations and poverty alleviation efforts amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

NCRPO chief Police Brigadier General Vicente D. Danao recently led the simultaneous barangay visitations.

"Ang Team NCRPO ay patuloy na maglilingkod ng Tapat, May Tapang at Malasakit sa Mamamayan para sa ikauunlad ng ating bansang Pilipinas," said Danao.

Team NCRPO has been raising awareness to residents of Metro Manila on COVID-19 prevention

through Enhanced NCRPO Project C.A.R.E program. Likewise, an information dissemination campaign was also held to include topics on Anti-Terrorism/KKDAT/ELCAC; Bomb Awareness; Anti-Criminality; Anti-Illegal Drugs; Republic Act 11313 (Safe Spaces Act); Republic Act 9262 (Anti-Violence Against Women and their Children); and Republic Act 8353 (Anti-Rape Law).

A gift giving activity was also conducted led by the NCRPO chief. Danao, together with the Metro Manila Police District Directors, COPs/ Station Commanders, Force Commander, RMFB and Barangay Captains, personally handed the food packs

InfoCARE Health Kits and flyers to the underprivileged beneficiaries.

According to NCRPO, a total of 294 Barangays were visited by the team with a total of 10,490 beneficiaries.

Meanwhile, NCRPO chief Danao encouraged the beneficiaries and barangay officials to support and actively take part in the campaign against illegal drugs, corruption, criminality and terrorism.

He also reiterated that the community may report crimes, erring PNP members or any concerns to NCRPO text hotline numbers "Isumbong Kay RD NCRPO" at 0915- 888-9181 for Globe subscribers and 0999-901-8181 for Smart subscribers. (PIA-NCR)

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but this increases to 6 in highly urbanized areas.

"But this should be addressed, managed and improved", she said.

"The Earth will not just heal on its own without any effort on our part to stop marine pollution. It is our primary responsibility to protect and preserve our environment. Let us push for the use of numerous alternatives to non-biodegradable plastic bags like our baskets, bayong, eco-bags, paper bags, cloth bags or katsa, bags made of recycled tetrapacks, and many others," Legarda said.

"We just have to be innovative and resourceful in finding substitute packaging materials or containers. While there is time, let us prevent our oceans from choking on plastics we humans only use once," she added.

She said plastic products have exceedingly long lifetimes, such as ordinary beverages plastic bottles, of up to 450 years.

Other forms of plastic disintegrate under the action of weather, sun and waves into tiny particles called microplastics which are eaten by fish, and that makes it very dangerous to humans, she said.

Approximately eight million tons of plastic waste end up in the ocean, destroying marine ecosystems and negatively affecting the marine food chain. Plastics are also a climate-related concern as its production, refining, and manufacture is a source of greenhouse gas emissions as it uses fossil fuel in extraction and

transport.

Greenhouse gas emissions from the plastic lifecycle threaten the ability of the global community to keep global temperature rise below 1.5°C. By 2050, the greenhouse gas emissions from plastic could reach over 56 gigatons, which is 10-13% of the entire remaining carbon budget.

"The worsening issue of pollution further aggravated by natural hazards should serve as our wake-up call. The proposed bill also provides an ambitious yet comprehensive approach to solving our problem on single-use plastics, which involves actions from national and local governments, industries, business enterprises and consumers for the manufacturing, selling, use, recycling, and disposal of all single-use plastics in our country," Legarda said.

As of 2015, the solid waste diversion rate in Metro Manila is at 48 percent, while outside Metro Manila the rate is at 46 percent.

Legarda said the Ecological Solid Waste Management Law (RA 9003), of which she is the principal author, requires that at least 25 percent of all solid wastes from waste-disposal facilities are diverted or recovered through reuse, recycling, composting, and other resource-recovery activities.

"Implementation of the law is key as we all try to strive for a zero-waste, plastic-free lifestyle. I hope for the support from the government and all sectors on this urgent policy," she said. (PIA NCR)

Panulakalang prepaid SIM registration, muling isinulong sa Senado

By Lucia F. Broño

LUNGSOD CALOOCAN-- Muling isinulong ni Senator Win Gatchalian ang kanyang panukalang batas na naglalayong irehistro ang lahat ng gumagamit ng pre-paid subscriber identity module (SIM) cards upang mapabilis ang pagtugis sa mga kawatan.

Matapos mabiktima ang senador ng online fraud nitong unang bahagi ng buwan, napagalaman niya na sangkatutak na pala silang biktima ng iba't ibang uri ng modus mula noong huling yugto ng nakaraang taon hanggang sa kasalukuyan. Nakatanggap kasi ng gabundok na mga reklamo ang mambabatas hinggil sa online fraud, scamming o hacking gamit ang prepaid SIM cards.

Ayon kay Gatchalian, maraming netizens ang nagsiwalat ng kanilang mga sinapit at nagiwan ng mga mensahe sa kanyang official email at Facebook account na na-access ang isang security feature sa web-based services na One-Time Password (OTP) gamit ang prepaid na mobile number dahil para mapagnakawan sila ng pera. Ani Gatchalian, oras na ma-access ng mga fraudsters ang OTP, parang sila na rin ang mayari ng account.

Ang naturang panukalang batas ay unang inihain ni Gatchalian noong ika-30 ng Hunyo 2016 at muling inihain noong Hulyo ng taong 2019.

“Hindi na bago ang ganitong mga uri ng panloloko. Lalo pang lumala at dumami ang bilang ng ganitong modus noong nagka pandemya at karamihan sa mga ito ay sa pamamagitan ng unregistered mobile numbers,” ayon kay Gatchalian.

“Mahalagang may mukha o pangalan sa likod ng mga prepaid SIM cards lalo na ngayong panahon ng pandemya na kailangan ng contact-tracing. Anong kaibahan kung gagawin nang requirement ang pagre-register ng mga prepaid SIM cards sa requirement na kailangang mag-register sa mga lugar na pinupuntahan mo para sa contact-tracing?” taong niya.

Sa ilalim ng Senate Bill No. 176 o ang SIM Card Registration Act, lahat ng gumagamit ng prepaid SIM cards ay kinakailangan nang magpakita ng valid ID at larawan at pumirma ng isang control-numbered registration form na na-issue ng service provider ng nabiling SIM card. Mabibigyan din ng kopya ng registration papers ang service provider at National Telecommunications Commission (NTC). (PIA NCR)

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Others meanwhile said that they will procure vaccines manufactured by drug maker such as Johnson&Johnson, Novavax, Pfizer-BioNTech, and Moderna.

With regards to the

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private companies in the city, no commitment for the procurement of the vaccines for their employees has been given yet according to the official. (Ruel Francisco with reports from the Bacoor Public Information Office)

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respective local government unit (LGU) of deployment following the termination of contracts last December 31, 2020.

Florece also asked the

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Regional Offices to prioritize the re-hiring of contact tracers in the LGUs who have active cases and have rising active cases. (PIA NCR)

PH extends travel restrictions on 30 countries with new COVID-19 strain until Jan. 31

By Jerome Carlo R. Paunan through the following countries/jurisdictions:

CALOOCAN CITY-- Presidential Spokesperson and IATF mouthpiece Secretary Harry Roque today announced that the travel restrictions imposed on 30 countries due to the new COVID-19 variant has been extended until Jan. 31 of this year.

In a statement sent to the PIA-NCR, Roque said the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) approved the recommendation to extend until January 31, 2021 the entry travel restrictions and the rules applicable to all travelers coming from or transiting

through the following countries/jurisdictions:

- The United Kingdom
- Denmark
- Ireland
- Japan
- Australia
- Israel
- The Netherlands
- The People's Republic of China, including Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

- Switzerland
- France
- Germany
- Iceland
- Italy
- Lebanon
- Singapore



Sen. Win Gatchalian

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Martires and the municipalities of Carmona, Indang, and Mendez-Nuñez started facilitating these services for a period of three weeks until January 20.

Other municipalities like the Gen. Mariano Alvarez (GMA), Alfonso, Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo-Bailen started later on January 5 & 6 while the LGU Noveleta starts January 11 with applications accepted until February 15, 2021.

Doing business in this time of pandemic, the number of applications accepted are limited to as many as 150 persons per day for the BPLO (Business Permits and Licensing Office) - Trece Martires, while the satellite BOSS of the Gen. Trias only accepts up to 180 persons on a first

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come first served basis with the venue located at the 3rd floor of Robinson's Place in the city that is big and comfortable enough to allow the observance of physical distancing.

Meanwhile, the City Government of Imus started as early as Sunday, January 3, 2021 and requires an online assessment for the renewal of business permits with the Imus BOSS located at the Imus Sports Complex.

The City Government of Bacoor's online registration starts with the creation of an account in the boss.bacoor.gov.ph website to be able to set an appointment.

Also, to help the Bacooreños, the LGU extended the granting of 20% discount

on the payment of current Real Property Taxes (RPT) with payment accepted until March 31, 2021, and had also announced the granting of amnesty to owners of real property for payment of interests and penalties for delinquent payees of RPT for taxable year 2019 and prior years.

The officials of the LGUs encourage all their resident constituents to be prompt with their payments to avoid incurring penalties and to avail of the discounts extended by the LGU as incentive for their cooperation, as well as for the processing of business permits and licenses to legalize their business operations to contribute to the economic recovery of the province and the whole country as well. (Ruel Francisco with reports from respective LGU FB pages)

- Sweden
- South Korea
- South Africa
- Canada
- Spain
- United States of America

- Portugal
- India
- Finland
- Norway
- Jordan
- Brazil
- Austria
- Pakistan
- Jamaica
- Luxembourg
- Oman

Roque also said the IATF directed the Department of Transportation (DOTr) to strictly implement issuances against airlines that allow the boarding of passengers who are prohibited from entering the Philippines, “pursuant to the travel restrictions imposed by the Office of the President and the IATF. The IATF, in coordination with other agencies, may issue implementing guidelines on the exemptions to these entry restrictions.”

He said contact tracing protocols, on the other hand, “shall be strengthened by

expanding to third-generation contacts for known new variant cases.”

“All identified close contacts are required to undergo a strict facility-based 14-day quarantine while remaining contacts from the flight manifest shall be advised of the appropriate quarantine protocols. In this connection, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) is directed to issue advisories to local government units (LGUs) to prepare and strengthen the maintenance of their quarantine facilities,” he added.

The DILG is also directed to ensure the proper enforcement of the StaySafe.ph system use by LGUs for ease of contact tracing, he further said.

The official explained that those who are found to be positive, apart from the prescribed testing and quarantine protocols, shall undergo whole genome sequencing to be conducted by the Department of Health (DOH), University of the Philippines Philippine Genome Center (UP-PGC), and the UP National Institutes of Health (UP-NIH).

While the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA) and the DOTr One-Stop Shop were tasked to ensure that appropriate protocols are implemented for all those found to be positive of the new COVID-19 variants.

“In addition, the IATF approved the continuation of weekly genomic biosurveillance activities of the DOH, UP-PGC, UP-NIH among incoming passengers and local cases, prioritizing hospitalized patients, re-infected patients, and those in clusters,” Roque said.

“The IATF further directed the convening of a small working group as soon as possible to resolve issues on funding, availability and use of quarantine facilities, and eventual handling over LGUs of arriving overseas Filipinos. The DOH shall be the lead in this working group,” he added.

Lastly, he said, the IATF revised the operational capacity of the road, rail, maritime and aviation sectors of public transportation for areas under General Community Quarantine (GCQ) and Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ). (PIA NCR)

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EDITORIAL

Has social media become Frankenstein's monster?

AFTER eventually getting to be called platforms, the stage has been set for Twitter and its siblings... to extend their reach and penetration into mainstream society.

We've always held the view that whoever is the president of the United States is considered the most powerful on the planet, right?

Well, not anymore.

What critics of US President Donald Trump could only pay lip service to, corporate social media giant Twitter did so with a flourish — impeach and silence the bullying spirit behind the not-so-palatable opposition nicknames, never mind if it's only within its private sovereign realm.

Twitter did it in less than one-tenth of the time it would likely have taken the whole US democratic apparatus to deliver the same result. And it did so with none of the transparency America's democratic apparatus owes its participants.

By permanently suspending the account of no less than the most revered man in the world over the weekend, Twitter, by consequence, has become more powerful than the US government itself and disturbingly more powerful than America's enemies. See the logic?

Given that Twitter is a private enterprise and its network and infrastructure private property, it follows that it has all the right to allow or deny anyone access to its platform. It has become more powerful than the American government for the simple reason that its netizens have no alternative place to go.

As an armchair pundit correctly observed, Twitter enjoys the scale and the benefit of massive network ubiquity to render most alternatives effectively inconsequential. That fact alone, he says, has for some time been the basis for antitrust rumblings in various quarters.

By this reckoning, can we now say that we must have created Frankenstein's monster out of these erstwhile little websites where people initially only shared stuff and engaged in social networking?

After eventually getting to be called "platforms," the stage has been set for Twitter and its siblings — Facebook, Apple and Google — to extend their reach and penetration into mainstream society that people have begun thinking that they actually were the Internet itself.

With their continued growth, they have become indispensable tools to humanity, an essential part of life as the public services that conventional governments guarantee. As such, they have gained the same power and well-being once associated only with national governments.

The way we see it, even if an alternative platform emerges that refuses to conform to today's Facebook-Apple-Google-Twitter quadrumvirate and succeed as a realistic alternative, who's to say that this alternative would not one day behave the way Twitter does today?

For that matter, our pundit asks, what if new social media networks hosted in other countries — notably "non-democratic" ones — emerge and host a chatter deemed unacceptable to the "civil societies" of the West? Will Western countries start to put up their own versions of China's Great Firewall to keep all that out?

In the specific case of Trump, we could very well say that the controversial president's audience is a given. And it took just one swipe for a social media giant like Twitter to banish him and highlight a long unfolding failure of America's elite to win them over despite the backing he gets from mainstream media.

If only for this, we should start taking a long, hard look at what we, as netizens, have unwittingly created.

It's a scary realm indeed.



KAPIRASONG Kritika

Ni Teo S. Marasigan

No Woman, No Cory

NITONG nakaraang buwan, nagkaroon ako ng pagkakataong mabasa ang mga dulong bahagi ng librong State and Society in the Philippines [2005] nina Patricio N. Abinales at Donna J. Amoroso. Ang balita ko, ang librong ito — na nalimbag nang may papuri ng mga bantog na akademikong sina Paul D. Hutchcroft at Felipe B. Miranda, ng bantog na mamamahayag na si Sheila S. Coronel, at ng iba pa — ay ginagamit nang teksbuk ng ilang propesor sa Agham Pampulitika sa ilang unibersidad sa bansa. Kung sa mga naunang teksbuk ay hindi mababasa ang (pambansa-demokratikong) Kaliwa, dito ay tampok ito, pero pinagmukhang masama.

Anu't anuman, sabi nina Abinales at Amoroso, kaunti ang pansin na ibinigay ng mga iskolar sa "pagtampok sa pampulitikang arena nang walang katulad sa nakaraan" ng sektor ng kababaihan "simula sa pagkahalal ng unang babaeng pangulo ng bansa" na si Cory Aquino, syempre pa. Sabi ng dalawa, pinakamainam na mauunawaan si Cory bilang miyembro ng kanyang kinabilangang uri, ang "landed elite," at kinabilangang pamilya, ang "pampulitikang angkang Aquino-Cojuangco." Pero "hindi nito dapat pagtakpan ang katotohanan na sa panahon ng kanyang pagpapanumbalik ng mga demokratikong praktika, lumawak nang makabuluhan ang paglahok ng kababaihan sa pampublikong larangan. Ibinukas ni Aquino ang mga pinto ng Estado sa kababaihan, at nanatili silang bukas simula noon."

Maririnig ang alingawngaw ng ganitong mga pahayag kay Pang. Noynoy Aquino mismo. Sabi sa isang balita, sinabi raw niya, sa isang pagdiriwang sa Buwan ng

Kababaihan, na ang nanay niya ay katulad ni Gabriela Silang: Kung paanong ipinagpatuloy ng huli ang laban ni Diego Silang, ipinagpatuloy rin ni Cory ang laban ni Ninoy Aquino. Sabi pa niya sa harap ng tinatayang 5,000 benipisyaryo ng programang Sari-Sari Store Training and Access to Resources o STAR, ang nanay niya ang may gustong magbigay ng "mas maraming oportunidad" sa kababaihan. Itinulak daw ni Cory ang "affirmative action" para sa kababaihan sa gobyerno, kapulisan at militar. "Bilang isang babae at lider ng ating bansa, alam ng aking ina na maraming maiaambag ang kababaihan sa paghubog sa hinaharap ng ating bansa," ani Noynoy.

Kung babalikan ang kasaysayan, gayunman, si Cory bilang pantapos sa diktadura ni Ferdinand Marcos ang dinala ng kababaihan, hindi ang kabaligtaran. Sabi ni Neferti Xina M. Tadiar na nagsiyasat sa aspetong ito ng pag-aalsang Edsa noong 1986: "[M]atapos patayin si Ninoy, may walang katulad sa nakaraan na bilang ng kababaihan mula sa maraming sektor, makabuluhan mula sa mga panggitnang uri, ang naging aktibo sa pulitika, at militante pa nga. Marami sa mga organisasyong natayo para suportahan ang kandidatura ni Cory ay pinamunuan at kinasapian ng kababaihan. At maraming kalalakihan ang nahatak sa pakikibaka laban kay Marcos ng kanilang mga asawa... Noong pag-aalsa, kumilos ang kababaihan nang malaya sa kanilang mga asawa, minsan laban sa kanila [Fantasy-Production, 2004]."

Sa isang banda, naluklok si Cory sa pagkapangulo at ang maraming babae sa mga posisyon sa gobyerno dahil sa pagkilos-

paglaban ng mga kababaihan, kasama ng sambayanan. Sa kabilang banda, hindi pa inaabot ng naturang pagkilos-paglaban ang pagbabago sa kalagayan ng nakakaraming kababaihan — kababaihang magsasaka, manggagawa, at maging panggitnang-uri. Kung kalagayan nila ang pag-uusapan, mas naging kalaban kaysa kakampi si Cory. Sa mga pahayag nina Abinales, Amoroso at Noynoy, labis-labis ang pagtaya sa umano'y pagsulong ng kababaihan batay sa pagsulong ng mga nasa naghaharing uri, at ibinigay ang lahat ng papuri para sa gayong pagsulong kay Cory. Ang itinutulak ay ang karangalan ni Cory, hindi ang kapakanan ng nakakaraming kababaihang Pilipino.

Isa sa mga organisasyon ng kababaihan na nabuo sa paglaban sa diktadurang US-Marcos, syempre pa, ang militanteng Gabriela. Tinutulan ng grupo ang pagsasabi ni Noynoy na magkatulad si Cory at ang katukayo nilang bayani. Ayon sa grupo, hindi lumaban si Cory sa dayuhang kapangyarihan sa Pilipinas, na siyang ginawa ni Gabriela Silang. Para iwasan ang matalas na pag-iiba ng organisasyon, idineklara ng Malakanyang na "maraming nagawa" si Cory "para sa bansa" at "kinikilala ng buong daigdig" ang mga nagawa at tagumpay niya. Ito'y walang ibang iba kundi pagtanggap sa pagkilos-paglaban ng kababaihan, kasama ang sambayanan, at pag-angkin sa anumang tagumpay ng naturang pagkilos-paglaban para sa iisang babae — isang pagsusuring napaka-kontra-kababaihan sa Buwan ng Kababaihan.

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Skyway, other infra projects to free Filipinos from 'horrendous' traffic jams - Duterte

By Jerome Carlo R. Paunan
CALOOCAN CITY -- President Rodrigo Roa Duterte on Thursday assured the public that the finished

skyway, plus a host of other "Build, Build, Build" infrastructure projects would free Filipinos from the "horrendous" Metro Manila traffic jams.

The President said travel would be made easier for Filipinos, as his administration continues to pursue additional infrastructure projects for the

remainder of his term, as he graced the innauguration of the Metro Manila Skyway Stage 3 (MMSS-3) Project at the Del Monte Toll Plaza, Northbound Exit of the MMSS-3 located within G. Araneta Avenue corner Del Monte Avenue in Quezon City.

"Today, the life of many may not really be very, very comfortable. But ang hingi ko lang naman komportable lang na buhay. And if this will continue, the planned skyways and more, then we will be freed of the horrendous traffic congestion that is prevailing in all cities, crowded cities in the world," Duterte said.

The MMSS-3 Project, which is divided into five sections during its construction, is an elevated 18.83-kilometer expressway from Buendia, Makati City to the North Luzon Expressway (NLEX) in Balintawak, Quezon City.

The expressway

project connects the NLEX and the South Luzon Expressway.

It is also expected to decongest traffic in Metro Manila's major thoroughfares by as much as 55,000 vehicles daily and reduce travel time from Buendia to Balintawak from two hours to approximately 15 to 20 minutes.

Through the MMSS-3 Project, Duterte said Filipino travelers no longer have to bear the brunt of traffic issues in the country's capital region.

"For many years, our people have greatly suffered from the perennial problem of road congestion in the National Capital Region. Come to think of it actually when all of the skyways will be completed, I think 'yung pagtitiis ng mga tao (people's suffering) will be cut by about one-third, not really lahat (all) but it will cut the inconvenience and it will make you comfortable," Duterte said. (PIA NCR)



President Rodrigo Roa Duterte is joined by San Miguel Corp. chief Ramon Ang. (Screenshot from RTVM)

CAVITEVIEW

Dominguez, CCC bat for a plastic-free PH

CALOOCAN CITY -- Finance Secretary and Chairperson-designate of the Climate Change Commission Carlos G. Dominguez said that the CCC will be pushing for a nationwide ban on single-use plastics during the 72nd Management Association of the Philippines (MAP) Inaugural Meeting 2021 and Induction of 2021 MAP Board of Governors.

"While we are pursuing more sustainable practices during this pandemic, why not push ourselves even further by addressing our perennial problem on plastic pollution? Plastic waste clogs our waterways resulting in massive flooding. It kills marine life and threatens biodiversity, as well as causes global warming from the burning of fossil fuels to produce and transport these plastics. This will create more problems in the future, entailing more public costs and resources from us, if we don't address this problem now," Dominguez explained. For the CCC, single-use plastics such as sachets, thin

shopping bags, and plastic "labo" bags, are a waste, public health, and climate change problem.

The report "Plastic Exposed: How Waste Assessments and Brand Audits (WABA) are Helping Philippines Cities Fight Plastic Pollution" by the Global Alliance for Incinerator Alternatives (GAIA) found that Filipinos use around 59.7 billion pieces of sachets yearly. The report also stated that Filipinos use 20.6 billion pieces of shopping bags and 16.5 pieces of "labo" bags a year, approximately eight million tons of which end up in the ocean, impacting ecosystems and killing millions of sea birds, sea mammals, and fish.

The climate body views plastic pollution as a serious climate-related concern, with the production and distribution of single-use plastics linked to fossil fuel extraction and transport, and contributing to the world's increasing greenhouse gas levels. The improper and inadequate disposal and

management of single-use plastics also pollutes the environment and disrupts ecosystems, resulting in significant biodiversity loss.

The World Economic Forum (WEF) has highlighted the need for governments to ensure that waste management systems are well supported to deal with current and future plastic waste, especially with the significant increase in plastic pollution from home deliveries and medical waste due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Chairperson Dominguez also noted that many local government units have already issued ordinances to regulate or ban single-use plastics, and government agencies have adopted national policies to support this, such as the National Solid Waste Management Commission Resolution No. 1363 directing the ban on unnecessary single-use plastics in national and local government agencies and units, and the CCC Resolution on Adopting a Circular Economy.

The DOF and CCC fully support legislative measures for a phase out

of single-use plastics and for extended producer's responsibility that will cover large-scale collection, sorting, and recycling or reusing of plastics. In the Senate, proponents include Senate Committee on Environment, Natural Resources, and Climate Change Chair Cynthia Villar; and Senators Sonny Angara, Nancy Binay, Manny Pacquiao, Lito Lapid, Risa Hontiveros, and Francis Pangilinan; while in the House of Representatives, Speaker Lord Allan Jay Velasco, Deputy Speaker Loren Legarda, and Committee on Ecology Chair Glona Labadlabad, have each filed their versions on banning single-use plastics and extended producer's responsibility along with

many other representatives, so that there are at least 38 bills pending.

Dominguez urged top corporations, many of which are producers and retailers of plastic-based products, to take the lead in the private sector for the anti-single use plastics initiative and not wait for incentives from the government.

"Corporations have the means and the responsibility to design a system where their products do not pollute our lands and seas and aggravate our problems on public health and climate change. They should not wait for any incentives from the government if it's for the greater good and welfare of all Filipinos," Dominguez said. (PIA NCR)



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Sixth Judicial Region
Branch 40-Silay City

IN RE: GUARDIANSHIP OVER THE PERSON AND/OR THE
ESTATE OF MINOR JOHN LOPE DENAJEBA y LONGNO,

HENDRITA G. DENAJEBA,
Petitioner,

SPEC. PROC. NO. 2225-40

CHARITY A. LONGNO-DENAJEBA
Respondent.

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ORDER

A verified Amended Petition was filed by the petitioner HENDRITA G. DENAJEBA, through counsel, praying that after due notice, publication and hearing, the petitioner will be appointed as the Judicial Guardian of the person and estate of minor JOHN LOPE DENAJEBA y LONGNO.

Also, petitioner is praying that respondent CHARITY A. LONGNO-DENAJEBA to account and turn over the lawful share of minor JOHN LOPE DENAJEBA y LONGNO in all benefits accruing him by reason of the death of his father that was claimed and received by respondent CHARITY A. LONGNO-DENAJEBA of false representations that she has the actual custody of the minor she abandoned and deserted since 2018.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the said Petition will be heard on March 10, 2021 at 8:30 o'clock in the morning and all persons interested therein may appear and state their reasons why the petition should not be granted.

Let a copy of this Order be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Province of CAVITE, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks, prior to the date of hearing. Likewise, let copies of this Order be posted at three public places in Municipality of Manalpa, Province of Negros Occidental, for three weeks prior to the date of the hearing.

SO ORDERED.

December 18, 2020, Silay City, Negros Occidental.

HON. DYNA DOLL CHIONGSON-TROCIO
Presiding Judge

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1. S J AQUINO LAW OFFICE
2. Office of the Solicitor General
3. Petitioner
4. Respondent

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EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE ESTATE OF
THE LATE NICANOR D. PRECILLA AND ARACELI I.
PRECILLA

Notice is hereby given that the late Araceli I. Precilla, who died intestate on July 30, 2002, and the late Nicanor D. Precilla, who died intestate on October 4, 2005, both of whom at the time of their death are residents of 411 Medicio I-D, Imus, Cavite, left no debt in favor of any entity or person.

That said deceased left properties consisting of a parcel of land, containing an area of 320 sq. m., and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-3511 of the Registry of Deeds for the Province of Cavite, together with the improvements standing thereon, and is the subject of the Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate executed by their surviving heirs and acknowledged before Atty. Marianne Jezelle Jem T. Macarilay, Notary Public for and in the City of Makati as per Doc. No. 261, Page No. 54, Book No. I, Series of 2021 on January 5, 2021.

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EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late LUIS I. VEDAN, who died intestate on February 6, 2011, leaving 5 parcel of land covered by TCT No. T-33470, TCT No. T-33471, TCT No. T-33473, TCT No. T-33474 located at Barangay Kaybagal, Tagaytay City and Transfer Certificate of Title No. P-7089 located at Barrio Bukal, Amadeo, Cavite, has been extrajudicially settled by his heirs as per Doc. No. 455; Page No. 92; Book No. 126; Series of 2021, Notary Public Atty. James K. Abugan.

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
Fourth Judicial Region
Regional Trial Court
Branch 20
Imus, Cavite

Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of Real
Estate Mortgage Under Act No.
3135, as Amended, Republic Act
No. 4118

FC NO. 17058-20

NATIONAL HOME MORTGAGE FINANCE
CORPORATION,
Mortgagee/Assignee,

-Versus -

DIONISIO M. DE JESUS
Mortgagor.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 as amended by Act 4118 filed by NATIONAL HOME MORTGAGE FINANCE CORPORATION with principal office address at 104 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Village, Makati City against DIONISIO M. DE JESUS, with residence and postal address at PH WL Bahayang Pag-asa Subd., Lot 14, Blk. 2, Imus, Cavite/No. 25, Rd. 2, Pag-asa, Quezon City to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of December 31, 2019 amount to SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE THOUSAND FIFTY EIGHT PESOS & 16/100 (Php. 675,058.16) Philippine Currency, excluding interest and penalty charges, attorney's fee, sheriff's fees and all other charges incidental to this foreclosure sale, the undersigned Sheriff IV will sell at Public Auction on February 23, 2021 at 10:00 a.m., or soon thereafter at the main entrance of the Office of the Clerk of Court, RTC Multiple Sala, Bulwagan Ng Katarungan, Aguinaldo Highway, Imus, Cavite, to the highest bidder for cash and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all the improvements therein, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-468282

A parcel of land (Lot 14, Blk. 2 of the consolidation and subdivision plan. Pcs-042109-008348 being a portion of the cons. Of Lot 5500-B, (LRC) Psd-195903 & 5500-A-9-A, Psd-04-007967, LRC Rec. No.), situated in the Brgy. Of Tanzang Luma, Municipality of Imus, Prov. Of Cavite. Bounded on the SW., along line 1-2 by Lot 13; on the NW., along line 2-3 by Lot 12 both of Blk. 2; on the NE., along line 3-4 by Rd. Lot 1; and on the SE., along line 4-1 by Lot 16, Blk. 2, all of the cons-subd. Plan. Beginning at a pt. marked "1", x x x x containing an area of THIRTY FIVE (35) SQ. METERS. X x x

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on March 2, 2021 at 10:a.m. without prior notice.

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

Imus, Cavite, Philippines, January 6, 2021.

ANSELMO P. PAGUNSAN, JR.
Sheriff IV

APPROVED:
ARMIE A. FRANCISCO
Clerk of Court V
Officer-in-Charge

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No. 25, Rd. 2, Pag-asa, Quezon City

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

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

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DA Urban Agriculture Program at BuCor continues

By Ma. Elaine P. Allanigue

QUEZON CITY-- Intensive cultivation and planting of various crops continue at the Bureau of Corrections (BuCor) in Muntinlupa City under the Urban Agriculture Program of the Department of Agriculture (DA).

Under the supervision of DA-Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI), Crop Research and Development Division, more crops were introduced and planted in the developed agricultural land within BuCor.

Launched during pandemic, the project which will convert more than a hundred hectares of arable land aims to support food production initiatives for Metro Manila residents especially in time of crisis and faced with food security challenges.

The farm is being managed by BuCor staff and officials and PDL's with the assistance of BPI UA Team and other DA agencies such as BAI, BFAR and BSWM. BPI continually monitors and assists in the implementation of cropping activities, cultivation and farm management, pest control and trainings.

In November, during BuCor's 115th Anniversary, a ceremonial harvesting of eggplants, mungbean, squash, corns, bananas and papayas was conducted.

The farm has been very productive and has been supplying fruits and vegetables to PDL's at BuCors and its staff.

Collaboration with other government agencies and institutions, converting existing resources like idle lands and turning them into productive agricultural enterprise, are some of the strategies of DA to combat food security threats. (PIA NCR)



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

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

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

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Word Search Puzzle

Adverbs

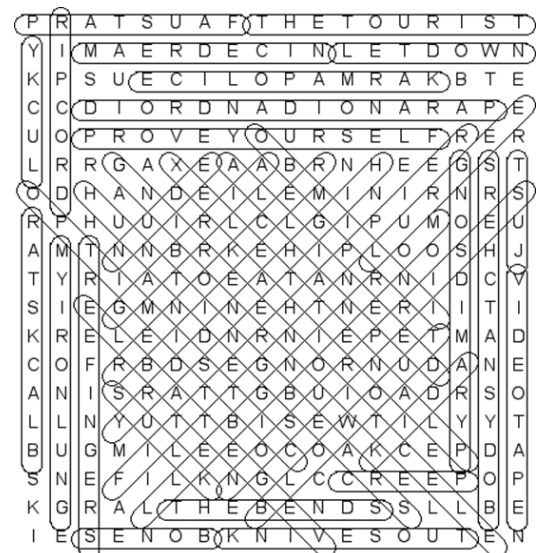
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 If you use logic you can solve the puzzle without guesswork.
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Duterte says LGUs free to choose COVID vaccine brand

CALOOCAN CITY-- President Rodrigo Roa Duterte on Wednesday said local government units (LGUs) have been given discretion to choose their trusted brand of COVID-19 vaccines. Talking to the people after meeting members of the Inter-Agency Task Force on the Emerging Infectious Diseases at the Malago Clubhouse in Malacañang Park, the President told the LGUs that have allocated funds to secure COVID-19 vaccines for their constituents they are free to choose any vaccine brand and that the national government will not interfere. "To the mayors and the governors, you can choose any vaccine you like to buy. Wala kaming pakialam kung ano ang pipiliin

ninyo. Hindi kami makialam sa lahat ng bagay," he said. However, Duterte reminded LGU officials that the vaccines they will purchase will have to receive approval from the national government before given to their constituents. He said he would not force any LGU to join the national government's vaccination campaign. "We are not forcing anybody to join the cause of the national government. Hindi namin pinipilit na sumali kayo sa ibibigay na bakuna ng national government (We are not forcing you to join the national government's vaccination drive)," he added. At the same time, the Chief

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President Rodrigo Roa Duterte talks to the people after meeting members of the Inter-Agency Task Force on the Emerging Infectious Diseases at the Malago Clubhouse in Malacañang Park, Manila on Jan. 13, 2021. He said local government units have the say in choosing their brand of vaccine to administer to their constituents. (Presidential photo by Richard Madelo)

Legarda calls for strict implementation of govt's single-use plastic policy

By Ma. Alaine P. Allanigue

CALOOCAN CITY-- Too much plastics now gravely spoiling the environment, and Deputy Speaker Loren Legarda is calling for a strict regulation of plastic production and a strict implementation of the government's single-use of plastic policy.

"There must be a more stringent regulation on the use of plastic bags to curb pollution and mitigate the harmful effects of marine litter," she told the PIA-NCR in a press statement.

Legarda said there is now an urgent need to address the effects of plastic production and wastes which have significantly contributed to pollution, especially carbon emissions, and in destruction of marine life.

At present, there are 38 House bills and resolutions and seven Senate bills which are all seeking to regulate the use of plastics.

Among these is the proposed Single-Use Plastics Regulation and Management Act of 2019 under House Bill No. 635 which Legarda has already filed to strictly regulate the production, importation, sale, and use of plastic bags.

It seeks to phase out single-use plastics and encourages

the use of native reusable bags made of organic or recycled materials, and reusable containers made of glass or non-toxic and non-hazardous materials.

"We have relied so much on the oceans for our existence – for food, for livelihood, for energy, and for recreation," she said.

"However, our throwaway culture and rapid population growth along with unsustainable marine practices such as overfishing, waste dumping, oil spills, among others, have seriously damaged marine habitats and life in the sea over the years," she added.

Legarda said single-use plastics continue to be a waste management problem in the country.

Despite the negative effects of plastics, the majority of Filipinos are still dependent on the "sachet economy," a form of single-use plastic.

The affordability, convenience, and strong market presence of sachets makes them easy choices for low-income households. In 2019, 164 million pieces of sachets were used and discarded in the Philippines. The average national per capita sachet consumption is 1.64 per day,

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PH Air Force launches online payment system in partnership with LandBank

By Rhodelia R. Divina

CALOOCAN CITY -- In responding to the growing demand for safe and contactless payment services, the Philippine Air Force (PAF), in partnership with the Land Bank of the Philippines (LandBank), officially launched the PAF Online Payment System (POPS) at Camp General Emilio Aguinaldo, Quezon City on

January 12, 2021.

Powered by LandBank's Link.BizPortal Facility, the POPS will facilitate the efficient online payment of light and water utility dues, bidding document fees, and trust receipts for the Air Force General Hospital.

Through the POPS, PAF clients which include creditors, suppliers, and PAF personnel family members, will be able to

settle their financial commitments in a faster, secure, and convenient manner.

"With the Land Bank of the Philippines serving as our formidable partner in this project, and with everyone's cooperation, I am sure that we will be able to experience more of the comfort, convenience, and benefits of a safe, fast, efficient,

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Department of National Defense (DND) Secretary Delfin N. Lorenzana (2nd from left) and LandBank President and CEO Cecilia C. Borromeo (3rd from left) lead the launching of the Philippine Air Force (PAF) Online Payment System (POPS) at Camp General Emilio Aguinaldo, Quezon City on January 12, 2021. They are joined by (from L-R) Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) Deputy Chief of Staff Vice Admiral Erick I. Kagaosan and PAF Chief Lieutenant General Allen T. Paredes. (Contributed photo)