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CAVITE HELPS RAISE AWARENESS ON HEMOPHILIA



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MEDICAL practitioners in Cavite including city and municipal health officers, doctors and dentists from public hospitals, nurses from the rural health units, members of the PWD federation, employees of the provincial government mainly from the Provincial Health Office (PHO), Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office (PSWDO), Provincial Information and Community Affairs Department (PICAD) and some members of the Hemophilia Advocates Philippines (HAP) convened at the Cavite Collaboration Center for Public Health Auditorium

in Trece Martires City on July 9, 2019 for the first Hemophilia Awareness Symposium in the province.

With the noticeable low level of public awareness and even of some hospital personnel on hemophilia, the HAP-Cavite Chapter led by Ms. Lota N. Madamba tapped the provincial government through Provincial Health Officer Dr. Gilbert Ilog and Epidemiologist Dr. Nelson Soriano for the conduct of the one-day activity that encompassed talks about the bleeding disorder, its history and how it affects

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DILG culminates NEO orientation for local execs, urges them to step up in journey towards good governance

By Jerome Carlo R. Paunan

QUEZON CITY-- The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) culminated today its newly-elected officials (NEO) orientation program for the country's 81 first-time and re-elected provincial governors as it challenged them "to step up in the journey towards good local governance."

"We have made great leaps but we will have mountains to hurdle. As the highest level of local government units (LGUs), provinces are demanded to step up in the fight against illegal drugs, insurgency, and corruption," DILG Secretary Eduardo M. Año said during the activity held at Crowne Plaza, Ortigas Center in Quezon City.

"I urge you to push

for a society that thrives in development, bannered by a government prioritizing local governments," he added.

The NEO program is a continuing intervention of the DILG through the Local Government Academy (LGA) in its commitment to provide a harmonized and holistic capacity development delivery mechanism for local governments all over the country.

The three-day orientation course on Priming Local Leaders for Effective Governance jumpstarted the series of activities under the NEO program where the newly-minted governors crafted their respective First 100 Days Plan and Executive Agenda.

"May this orientation keep the fire of public service

ablaze in your hearts as you carry your sacred duties with dignity," said DILG Undersecretary for Local Governance Marivel C. Sacendoncillo.

The NEO orientation course is composed of six modules, namely Local Governance and the Evolving role of Local Leaders; Building Resilient Local Governments; Leadership for Peace and Development; Localizing the Philippine Anti-Illegal Drugs Strategy; Solution-Seeking Sessions on Key Governance Issues; and Setting Your Governance in Motion.

LGA Executive Director Thelma Vecina explained that the NEO program is a complete innovative package aimed to enhance the competencies of the 43 first-timers and 38 re-elected governors in carrying out their new tasks as leaders in

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Help continues to pour in for Bacoor fire victims

By Ruel Francisco

BACOOR CITY, Cavite – The City Government here through the City Social Welfare and Development Office and other concerned agencies led in last week's disaster relief efforts for the fire-affected families of Sitio Silangan, Brgy. Talaba.

The recent fire which ravaged hundreds of houses on July 5, left about 290 families homeless while around 162 families still remain in the barangay covered court here as of July 9.

Bacoor City Mayor Lani Revilla personally led the distribution of relief goods on Sunday, July 7, together with Vice Mayor Karen Sarino and several city councilors, with goods such as basic household cooking utensils, canned foods,

noodles and rice to help the family get by.

Meanwhile, Senator Bong Go also visited the evacuation center to give relief goods consisting of clothes, food packs, and financial aid as he promised to help buy uniforms and school supplies for the school children affected by the fire.

Go consoled the affected residents with an assurance of help not only financial support but the possibility of livelihood through the cooperation of concerned government agencies in the region such as the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), PAGCOR, TESDA and also of medical services through the

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ENDLESS WELFARE SERVICES FOR TRECEÑOS

Relentless on providing welfare services for Caviteños, the provincial government of Cavite thru the OPG-Extension and the Provincial Health Office visited Barangay Hugo Perez in Trece Martires City on July 10, 2019 as part of its undertaking on giving the basic healthcare services free of charge for the less privileged members of society. Seventh District Board Member Ping Remulla with TMC Vice Mayor Bobby Montehermoso and the members of the city council roamed around the vicinity to communicate with the people and ask the locals on how they can be of help to ease their burden in life. Four hundred thirty-eight residents have availed free checkups and consultation with free medicines and vitamins.

Dental extraction and free blood sugar testing were also conducted during the mission. Likewise, employees of the Population Commission (POPCOM) chatted with the residents and guided them on family planning and proper birth spacing. Also present who supported the event and made it successful were employees of the Multilab Diagnostic and Health Services, Inocencio Paramedic and Rescue Volunteer, barangay health workers and barangay nutrition scholars. Barangay Chairman Simeon Perdito and the members of the barangay council made sure that the event will flow smoothly by providing the needed assistance rendered by volunteer doctors, dentists and other medical professionals from GEAMH and the City Health Office.





DTI Secretary Ramon Lopez and Consumer Protection Group Undersecretary Ruth Castelo inspect a steel manufacturing plant in Valenzuela to check the compliance of the product in the standards set by the Agency's Bureau of Standards. (Photo courtesy of DTI)

Forty...

Evangelista (90); Sgt Jose Felix F. Caparas (91); SSgt Hilario B. Lascota (92); Pvt Venancio C. Oblena (93); Pvt Elias P. Miranda (93); PFC Pedro P. De Jesus (94); Sgt Enrique K. Lim (94); PFC Policarpio L. Baguisi (94); PFC Luis B. Mendoza (95); Pvt Wilfredo G. Valenzuela (95); Cpl Mauricio J. Jandomon (96); Sgt Miguel C. Perez (96); 2nd Lt Jaime E. Grafil (99); 2nd Lt Eugenio G. Palileo (100); PFC Eduardo C. Abaya (100); 1st Lt Alejandro T. De Castro (102); Sgt Jose S. Quilatan Sr. (104)

Meanwhile, the twenty-one (21) posthumous awardees are:

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BGen Arnulfo D. Bañez; Col Artemio A. Alejo; Col Felipe M. Fetalvero; Col Floro H. Henson; Col Ciceron P. Dela Cruz; Col Jose V. Agdamag Jr.; LtCol Leon I. Valencia; LtCol. Saturnino R. Silva; LtCol Mauro S. Caballes; Maj Rafael J. De Leon; Maj Francisco C. Millena; Capt Delfin M. Wenceslao Sr.; 2nd Lt Reynaldo B. Bayona; 2nd Lt Vicente B. Bayona; 2nd Lt Louis Pike Jalbuena; MSgt Jesus B. Delos Santos; TSgt Primo T. Santos; TSgt Adriano N. Sagun; Sgt Dionisio D. Villanueva; Sgt Eufrocino T. Tagayuna; Pvt Pedro U. Calleja

During the event

Lorenzana, shared his fulfilling experience in successfully lobbying for the recognition of the veterans during his stint as Head of the Office of Veterans Affairs at the Philippine Embassy in Washington, D.C.

He said he worked hard for the approval of the Filipino Veterans Equity Compensation Act of 2009 with the U.S. Congress.

The awardees are the second batch of U.S. CGM recipients for the NCR. The next batch is scheduled to be awarded at Camp General Emilio Aguinaldo this July. The first awarding was held at the U.S Embassy in Manila last 13 September 2018. (PIA InfoComm/DND)

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that the government finds more meaningful success "in seeing former pushers and users entrust their future to us through our rehabilitation programs."

"We wanted to give the 1.3-million drug surrenderers a second chance in life so we took an active stance in the Balay Silangan Program, and institutionalized the Community-Based Drug Rehabilitation Program in all LGUs," he said.

Año, together with Department of Budget and Management (DBM) officer-in-charge Janet Abuel, presented the accomplishments of the PGC in Cebu during the Pre-SONA forum 2019 dubbed as "Tatak ng Pagbabago: Patuloy na Malasakit at Pagkakaisa". The DILG and DBM are co-chairpersons of the PGC.

The PGC is one of the six clusters organized by the President through Executive Order 24 which aims to enhance citizen participation in

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government processes. Public support vs Reds

During the event, Año also called on the support of the public to help the government end the 50-year-old communist insurgency in the country by declaring the New People's Army as persona non grata and at the same time, convincing them to lay down their arms and rejoin society.

"Help us convince the communist rebels that armed conflict is not the solution to the country's problems. Poverty, injustice, and corruption are the usual issues that they are exploiting and yet right from the start, this government under President Duterte has set these issues as top priorities to be addressed through good governance and focused efforts to improve the plight of the people," he said.

Based on records from the interagency Task Force Balik-Loob, more than 8,300

rebel surrenderers yielded to the government as of December 2018. A total of 2,129 former rebels - 1,505 NPAs and 624 Militia ng Bayan - have also been provided with benefits and assistance from 2018 and 2019 through the Enhanced Comprehensive Local Integration Program (E-CLIP).

The DILG Chief said the government has also recently launched the Retooled Community Support Program which aims to address primary and secondary issues on the ground through a convergence of government initiatives and with the participation of the populace in development planning.

"Sa programang ito, ang gobyerno mismo ang bababa sa inyo para makinig at gumawa ng paraan upang maibsan ang mga problema ng inyong mga komunidad. Kaya naman huwag kayong mahiyang sabihin ang inyong mga suliranin dahil magiging matagumpay lamang ito kung magiging bukas kayo at makikipagtulungan sa amin," said Año. (DILG)

PH ice hockey, tennis teams for 30th SEA Games get support from Kaspersky

By Jenny Red

QUEZON CITY--The country's hosting of the 30th Southeast Asian Games get additional boost as pledges of support keep pouring in.

On Thursday (July 11), cybersecurity company

Kaspersky signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the national teams in ice hockey and lawn tennis pledging a financial incentive project for the athletes' participation in the SEA Games slated on November 19 to December 11 in various venues around the

country.

Under the MoU, Kaspersky is committed to award to the Federation of Ice Hockey League and the Philippine Tennis Association the projected three million pesos worth of proceeds from the sale of Kaspersky Internet Security 2019 and Kaspersky

DTI warns establishments selling substandard products year-on-year

By Susan G. De Leon

QUEZON CITY—The Department of Trade & Industry (DTI) warned business establishments selling substandard products after the nationwide inspection drive conducted by the Fair Trade Enforcement Bureau (FTEB), Bureau of Product Standards (BPS), Philippine Accreditation Bureau (PAB), and DTI Regional Offices.

In one of the inspections conducted in Valenzuela City on July 5, 2019, DTI Secretary Ramon Lopez and Consumer Protection Group Undersecretary Ruth Castelo led an inspection team that caught two stores selling substandard products.

One store was selling substandard or underweight steel bars and wires with no Philippine Standard certification marks (PS marks), while another was found selling PVC pipes and toilet wares without PS marks.

The substandard products were confiscated. Notice of Violation were also issued to the violating stores which they need to answer within 48 hours. They will also be charged a penalty ranging from P17,500 to P35,000.

The team also inspected a steel manufacturing plant in the area and found that they complied with the product standards and testing equipment required by the DTI.

Lopez said that daily inspections by the FTEB have led to the decrease in violators

in Metro Manila. The agency is now intensifying monitoring efforts in other regions to stamp out substandard materials in the market.

"Selling substandard products is not good for your business, since you will not establish credibility," Lopez warned hardware owners.

"If you are caught selling them, you will be fined and we will confiscate your products, thus losing your investment. In selling these products, you are deceiving and endangering consumers and the public," Lopez added.

The DTI through Department Administrative Order 18-03:2018 enumerates products monitored by the Agency for appropriate standards. These include home appliances and electronic products, building and construction materials, and chemical products like fire extinguishers and LPG tanks.

Lopez advised consumers to constantly look for PS marks or Import Commodity Clearance (ICC) stickers on the products they buy. If they find stores selling substandard products, they should inform DTI through its Consumer Care Hotline 1-384 (1-DTI) or email to consumercare@dti.gov.ph.

The trade secretary said that intensifying enforcement of product standards is part of President Rodrigo Duterte's Tapang at Malasakit campaign to protect the safety and welfare of the Filipino people. (PIA InfoComm/DTI)

PRESIDENT...

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conducted more than 13,000 surprise drug testing, which led to the dismissal of drug users within the organization.

The President also lauded BJMP awardees for their unwavering passion and dedication to service to ensure the welfare of prisoners.

He reminded BJMP personnel that as they forge stronger linkages and partnerships with local government units, other government agencies, and non-governmental organizations, they should always stay dedicated to their shared responsibility of upholding the rule of law and protecting democratic institutions.

"May you continue to embody your institution's

Anti-Virus 2019 beginning from July to November this year.

It will be turned over to the two groups by the end of the project period, which falls on December 2019.

"We're very delighted to support these teams which we believe are powerful contenders in their respective tournaments within the 2019 SEA Games," said Yeo Siang Tiong, general manager for Kaspersky Southeast Asia.

"Kaspersky has always been an avid benefactor of achievers in the sports arena who exemplify the same values that we're also dedicated to --- passion for elite performance and tenacity to attain success with speed and high level of strategic thinking," Yeo Siang Tiong said.

vital role of contributing to the transformation and reformation of society. It is my hope that this milestone will further inspire you to harness your professional skills and expertise to promote the common good," he noted.

"Together, let us continue to embody solidarity as we build a stronger and safer society for the benefit of the future generation."

Also present during the event were Department and Interior and Local Government Secretary Eduardo Año, Agusan Del Norte 2nd District Rep. Ma. Angelica Rosedell Amante-Matba, Armed Forces of the Philippines Chief of Staff Gen. Benjamin Madrigal Jr., and BJMP Chief Allan Iral. (PND)

Under the agreement, the fund will be granted to the national men's ice hockey team led by team captain and MVP Steven Fuglister as well as to the Philippine tennis team top-billed by women's singles players Marian Jade Capadocia and Anna Clarice Patrimonio.

It is mutually agreed by all parties that the fund will be earmarked for the athletes' local and overseas trainings, improvement of facilities and purchase of needed equipment for their respective sport.

According to Chris Sy, president and CEO of iSecure Networks, the incentive is their contribution to help the athletes achieve even more for the country.

"We're confident that our
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DepEd, TESDA formalize agreements on TVL education

TAGUIG CITY--The Department of Education (DepEd) and Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) on Tuesday signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) establishing a Joint Working Group (JWG) to harmonize technical-vocational-livelihood (TVL) education and skills training in the Philippine basic education system.

Education Secretary Leonor Magtolis Briones recognized the importance of working in synergy with TESDA. "The President himself, during the last Cabinet meeting, recognized the importance and the role of TESDA, especially in our efforts to provide gainful employment for our young people, those who may not necessarily proceed to college or university education," Briones stated. "This signing of the MOU merely formalizes what we have been doing together."

Meanwhile, TESDA Secretary Isidro Lapeña expressed certainty that the partnership with the Department will be very productive: "We look forward to working with DepEd in building the TVL track in Senior High School (SHS) from this year onward. We hope that this continuing partnership will result in positive outcomes and will benefit also the future generations of SHS students."

DepEd and TESDA are creating a JWG on technical-vocational education and

training (TVET), comprising five members from each agency, who will be primarily in charge of recommending policies, decisions, or activities for the harmonization and complementarity of strategies, policies, and programs on TVE and skills training, consistency and quality assurance of training regulations (TRs) and standards, and discussion and resolution of concerns as may be raised by either party concerning TVET.

The group is also expected to have an agreement on common researches and innovation programs and a consolidation of trends and data pertinent to TVET.

DepEd Undersecretary and Chief of Staff Nepomuceno Malaluan likewise cited that the MOU aims to establish a more institutionalized platform for coordination to enable a more responsive provision of TVL education. He added that with this partnership, the quality of graduates would better meet industry needs.

"We need a strong coordination with TESDA on a number of issues. One is on the continuous review of our tech-voc offerings to make sure this is what the economy and industry need. We also have to ensure that our graduates and the graduates of TESDA adhere to common quality assurance standards," Malaluan explained. (DepEd)



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community development.

"We have lectures, video presentations, chat shows, peer-to-peer sharing, talk shows, knowledge products, tasks and responsibilities checklist that will guide you in promoting peace and resilience towards inclusive and sustainable development," Vecina said.

"Let this NEO program be our modest contribution to you as you journey in the next three years," she added.

During the activity, former three-term Bohol governor and now Congressman

services. Likewise, Dr. Soriano underscored the value of the activity, believing in the principle that one must know the enemy in order to defeat it. Education is still the key along with proper information dissemination. He also thanked the attendees for their time and hoped that hemophilia be included in the Universal Health Care Bill.

Provincial Administrator for Community Affairs Dr. Alvin Mojica visited the activity on behalf of Governor Jonvic Remulla signifying support to the advocacy which gave more hope and strength to HAP-Cavite.

Participants showed much interest to the topics presented, thanking pediatric hematologist from the Korean-Philippines Friendship Hospital and a hemophilia advocate Dr. Melissa Montoya, for sharing significant inputs on pediatric bleeding disorder and a few tips on how to manage cases in children.

Dr. Montoya also shared the vital application of the acronym RICE for patients with hemophilia, which stands for Rest, Ice Packs, Compress and Elevate; while hemophilia in female patients was tackled by Dr. Jayson Dadural, an adult hematologist of Emilio Aguinaldo Medical Center. He said that bruising and other symptoms of hemophilia must be taken seriously and should be consulted immediately to doctors.

In addition, Dr. Montoya told audience that she already recommended to the Department

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of First District Hon. Edgar M. Chatto handed over a reference book to ULAP. Said reference book showcased the experience of Bohol province in its recovery from the 7.2 magnitude earthquake in 2013 and the Abu Sayaff encounter in 2017.

He advised the governors to put their trajectory in the next 6-16 years even if their term is just three years. "Leadership is a gift from God for man to develop and share with others," Chatto said.

Meanwhile, DILG Bureau of Local Government Supervision Director Odilon

Pasaraba urged the governors to further upscale their level of good local governance by passing all the seven areas of the Seal of Good Local Governance.

These include financial management, disaster preparedness, social protection, peace and order, business-friendliness and competitiveness, environment management, tourism, and culture and arts.

"The robustness of local governments is the robustness of the DILG. We are partners in promoting the excellent performance of local governments," Pasaraba said. (PIA InfoComm)

Cavite....

children and female patients. The organization aimed to raise social and political awareness for them to lobby their advocacy and seek legislative measures that will address the hemophilia medical condition.

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Dr. Soriano who delivered a message on behalf of Dr. Ilog highlighted the importance of having a Hemophilia Treatment Directory and identification cards of PWH which can be presented to healthcare providers in availing medical and dental

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property in Barangay Talaba 7 for its development and have the houses rented to them; and the second is the relocation of the families in the "Murang Pabahay" in the town of Naic.

"Serbisyo sa kapwa ay Serbisyo sa Diyos," (Service to others is service to God) Go pointed out. (Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite)

Help...

Department of Health.

He revealed that he had already discussed with Mayor Lani Revilla his intention to solve the problem on the housing resettlement of the affected families through two options: first is arranging with the private owner of the

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selected athletes will make us really proud as they play in the SEA Games in their home court. This is one of the biggest sporting events in the region and our chosen athletes have been working so hard to polish their skills," Sy said.

Kaspersky is a global cybersecurity company founded in 1997, providing innovative security solutions and services to protect businesses, critical infrastructure, governments and consumers around the globe.

This is the first time Kaspersky is supporting local sports teams in the Philippines by putting up a financial sponsorship. The project is spearheaded by iSecure Networks, one of Kaspersky's distributors in the country.

The cybersecurity company has been an eager supporter of sport teams since 2011 and among its popular global sport sponsorships include the Scuderia Ferrari, FIDE and World Chess Championship, Manly Warringah Sea Eagles rugby team of Australia, and the Trans Antarctic Expedition led by Felicity Ashton, to name a few.

For their support to the national athletes, customers who will purchase Kaspersky consumer products during the period each stand a chance to win various limited edition Team Pilipinas premium items and cash prizes. Kaspersky Internet Security and Kaspersky Anti-Virus are available in leading IT stores nationwide. (With reports from Alehia Therese Abuan/Joedie Mae Boliver)

of Health (DOH) for the allocation of Factor 8 (F8) concentrate to the Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital (GEAMH). Clotting factor concentrate prophylaxis aims to preserve joint function by converting severe hemophilia (factor VIII or IX less than 1%) into a clinically milder form of the disease. This news provided more hope to PWH given the fact that very few hospitals have the capacity to handle patients with bleeding disorders.

On the other hand, PWHs in Cavite gave testimonials on the challenges they face day by day, from pain levels, to hospital bills, transportation, down to stories of being refused by healthcare providers whenever being informed of their case. To assist them, Social Welfare Officer III Brendalyn Salazar of PSWDO discussed the simplified procedure and requirements on seeking financial/medical assistance, as well as on requesting for wheelchairs to the Office of the Provincial Governor. She also pledged that their office will lobby for PWH patients to be included in the special cases like chemotherapy and dialysis patients who are qualified to receive financial assistance from the provincial government on a regular term. The statement uplifted the spirits of hemophilia advocates, patients and their families, knowing that their needs are also being addressed by the government.

In closing, PHO's National Blood Program Coordinator Ralph Laurence

Figuroa, acknowledged the organizers and participants who made the event possible, underlining the significance of equitable distribution of resources, giving priorities to indigents in the province, since majority of Filipinos with bleeding disorders live below poverty line as per study of HAP. Hemophilia is a genetically-inherited bleeding disorder in which the person's blood does not clot normally. People with hemophilia can experience spontaneous bleeds with no known cause, internal bleeding and painful swollen joints. Medical scientists have not found a cure yet for what is termed a Royal Disease. Symptoms of hemophilia may include nosebleeds, bruising, bleeding for no reason, blood in urine and stool, nonstop bleeding after a cut, tooth extraction or circumcision or a heavy prolonged menstruation. Understanding hemophilia is a great first leap towards achieving the "Right to Live" campaign of HAP.

There are about 10,000 Filipinos with hemophilia and about a million others with von Willebrand disease and other bleeding disorders in the Philippines, but only about 1,500 have been registered with the Philippine Hemophilia Foundation.

In Cavite, as of June 2019, according to HAP-Cavite Chapter there are 28 registered patients in their organization while others are yet to be identified.

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EDITORIAL

New breed

LIKE a whiff of fresh air, the emergence of a new breed of local leaders in the mold of Isko Moreno, Vico Sotto and Francis Zamora is indeed exhilarating.

No less than the Interior and Local Government Secretary, Eduardo Año, praised the young and dynamic mayors in Metro Manila who, right at bat, made drastic changes in their respective cities — Moreno in Manila, Sotto in Pasig and Zamora in San Juan.

The three took over from traditional politicians whom they clobbered in the last midterm elections.

Año said he has high hopes for the young leaders whom he called the faces of change in the political landscape.

Moreno, who toppled a political giant in Joseph Estrada, swept major areas like Divisoria, Blumentrit and Carriedo of sidewalk vendors and slammed sledgehammers on video karera machines and illegally-built barangay barracks, all in his first week in office. He sacked nine police officers from the Manila Police District station 11 over their failure to address illegal vendors in Divisoria.

The new mayor, who rose from the slums, publicly shamed bribers whom he said offered P5 million a day, P150 million a month and P1.8 billion a year in exchange for keeping the vendors on the streets. "If you see the vendors and the chaos back, that means I have accepted the bribe," he was quoted to have said.

Sotto, who ended the 27-year hold of the Eusebio clan in Pasig, had for his first official act an order stopping the apprehension of violators of the odd-even scheme, one of the biggest complaints of residents and motorists. The son of comedian Vic Sotto and former actress Coney Reyes also formed a task force that would review the city's overall traffic situation and program.

The first executive order of Zamora, who defeated former actress Guia Gomez, mother of former Senator JV Ejercito, aims for more transparency in the city's expenses. The order institutionalizes the local government integrity system to keep tabs on all government transactions.



KAPIRASONG Kritika

Ni Teo S. Marasigan

Instrumentalismo at Kidapawan

NAPAKALAKING krimen ang ginawang pamamarilat pagpatay sa mga magsasakang payapang nagprotesta noong Abril 1 sa Kidapawan City, North Cotabato. Matalas na nasapul ng sumikat na hashtag sa social media na #BigasHindiBala ang kawalang-katarungan ng paggamit ng baril laban sa mga magsasakang humihingi lang ng bigas na makakain bilang tulong ng gobyerno sa panahon ng tagtuyot dulot ng El Niño.

Mas malamang, gayunman, na ang ikinabahala ng mga opisyaes ng gobyerno ay hindi ang mismong pamamarilat pagpatay sa mga magsasakang nanawagan ng bigas. Mas malamang, ang ikinabahala nila ay ang katotohanang maraming video footages na nagpapakita na mga pwersa ng Estado ang siyang nagsimula at mismong nagsagawa ng karahasan. Dawit samakatwid silang opisyaes ng gobyerno na nag-utos ng pandarahas.

Sa harap ng mabigat na krimen at matibay na ebidensya, maaasahan nang hakbangin ng gobyerno — kung gusto nitong bigyang-katwiran ang pandarahas at umiwas sa pananagutan, at malinaw na ganito nga ang gusto nito — ang maglabas ng masasahol na kasinungalingan. Sa takbo ng mga pangyayari, ang napiling kasinungalingan ay: Ginamit ng Kaliwa — militante, Komunista, New People's Army — ang mga magsasaka.

Dahil ang Kaliwa ang gustong idiin ng gobyerno, mahalaga sa paghahasik nito ng kasinungalingan ang mga espesyal na ahente nito laban sa Kaliwa, na mas mapanlinlang dahil nagpapakilalang galing sa Kaliwa: ang Akbayan. Hindi kataka-takang walang kapaguran, halimbawa, ang mag-inang akademikong Akbayan na sina Sylvia Estrada-Claudio at Leloy Claudio sa pagpapalaganap ng naturang kasinungalingan sa Facebook.

Siguro'y kumuha sila ng payo kay Gabriel Claudio, bayaw ni Sylvia at tiyuhin ni Leloy, na tagapayo ni Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo noong masaker sa Hacienda Luisita noong Nobyembre 16, 2004: sisihin ang Kaliwa! Kung may magtatyaga lang, madaling ilantad ang pagiging reaksyunaryo at mababaw ng mga sulating "akademiko" nila, at anumang kasikatan nila sa social media ay dahil sa mga loyalista ni Noynoy Aquino at anti-Kaliwa.

Sa ganitong konteksto mailulugar ang "Lessons from Kidapawan: The left and the question of accountability," sanaysay ng isang Emman Hizon. Nagpapakilala siya sa artikulo na "research and policy analyst" ng Active Citizenship Foundation na ngayon lang narinig ng marami. Pero noon, nang nantaboy siya ng mga aktibistang nagprotesta sa

presscon ng Akbayan, tahasan siyang nagpakilalang opisyal sa propaganda ng grupo.

Para ilusot ang puntong may kasalanan din ang Kaliwa sa nangyari sa Kidapawan, todo ang pagpapanggap ni Hizon. Kesyo ang gobyerno naman talaga ang pangunahing may pananagutan. Kesyo 18 taon na siyang sosyalista, at sinsero at seryoso ang kanyang pag-aanalisa sa sanaysay. Kesyo maalam siya sa mga taktika sa militanteng protestang lansangan. Kesyo ang layunin niya ay iabante ang pulitikang maka-Kaliwa sa Pilipinas. Sa totoo lang, nakakabwisit basahin ang sanaysay ni Hizon. Sa bulok na paraan pa lang ng paglalata ng argumento, malalaman mong bulok na ang mismong kongklusyong tinutumbok. Puro akusasyon na walang solidong batayan. May mga bahaging hinay-hinay na pag-iisip, na rururok naman sa todong kasinungalingan. Pinahaba nang husto na parang may bayad ang bawat salita; dinaan sa Ingles sa halip na sa nilalaman.

Ilan munang sekundaryang punto na naglalantad sa kung anong tipo ng "maka-Kaliwa" si Hizon — na kampi sa neoliberal at mapanupil na gobyerno ni Aquino. Una, sabi niya, "nabigo" ang kapulisan na magpatupad ng "maximum tolerance." Napakabait na paghatol nito. Nasa highway ang protesta, pero nagtatanggol lang, hindi naggigiit ang mga magsasaka. Bawal magdala ng baril sa protesta, pero todong ginamit ito ng pulisya.

Ikalawa, sabi niya, "Ang pakikibaka para sa mas mainam na Kaliwa ay pakikibaka para sa mas mainam na gobyerno." Hindi ito opinyong maka-Kaliwa kundi opinyong liberal. May katangiang makauri ang gobyerno ngayon: hawak ng malalaking burges-komprador at panginoong maylupa na tuta ng imperyalismong US. Kailangan itong ibagsak, hindi ireporma lang, para makapagtayo ng gobyernong mas mainam.

Nakasalalay si Hizon sa isang susing akusasyon sa Kaliwa, sa tinawag niyang "instrumentalismo." Kung isasantabi ang mga pangkalahatang satsat niya tungkol rito, ito, aniya, ay ang pagpapasabak ng Kaliwa sa mga magsasaka sa "reaksyunaryong karahasan" para "matuto ng pampulitikang leksyon," para yakapin ang "armadong pakikibaka." Aniya, ginusto o pinahintulutan ng Kaliwa na mabaril ang mga magsasaka.

Minsan nang sinagot ni E. San Juan, Jr., Marxistang intelektwal, ang akusasyong may "instrumental na pagtingin sa tao" ang mga maka-Kaliwa, partikular ang mga Marxista-Leninista. Aniya, hindi alam ng mga nag-aakusa ang mayamang

tradisyong Marxista. Mas mahalaga, instrumento ng mga anti-Komunista noong Cold War, hindi ng Kaliwa, ang konsepto ["The Struggle for Socialist Transformation in the Philippines," 1996].

Konsepto nga naman ng mga anti-Kaliwa ang instrumentalismo. Pilit nitong inihihwalay ang Kaliwa sa masang anakpawis na pinaglingkuran, inoorganisa, at pinagmumulan ng lakas nito. Pinagmumukha nitong masama ang ugnayan ng Kaliwa at masa. Ibinabalik nito sa Kaliwa ang tuligsa ng huli sa kapitalismo at mga naunang sistemang makauri: na pinagsasamantalahan ang masa na parang mga instrumento.

Para kay Hizon, instrumentalismo ang dahilan kung bakit ipinagpatuloy ng mga organisador ng Kaliwa ang protesta kahit "may tsansang papaputukan ng mga pulis ang mga magsasaka" dahil "mayroon nang mga armadong pulis sa lugar bago magsimula ang marahas na dispersal." Pero dapat suriin ang naganap mula sa mga konsepto at kagamitan sa pagsusuri ng Kaliwa, hindi ng mga anti-Kaliwa tulad ng gusto ni Hizon.

Sa panig ng mga organisador, nagpatuloy ang protesta dahil makatwiran ang hinaing, at hindi pa nakakamit ang taktikal na panawagan. Nagpatuloy ang protesta dahil may nakatakdang negosasyon kay North Cotabato Gov. Emmylou Taliño-Mendoza sa hapon ng Abril 1. Pero agad binalewala ito nina Kidapawan Mayor Joseph Evangelista at Alex Tagum, hepe ng Philippine National Police sa probinsya at sinimulan ang pamamaril.

Makatwiran man ang protesta ay marahas ang Estado. Dahil dito, tungkulin ng mga organisador na tiyakin ang kaligtasan ng mga nagpoprotesta. Alam ang lahat ng iyan ng Kaliwa. Sa kaso ng Kidapawan, hindi nagkulang ang mga organisador sa usaping ito; mas namayani ang pagiging mapanupil ng Estado. Ang problema kay Hizon, agad ang pagsisi niya sa Kaliwa dahil sa anti-Kaliwang konsepto niya, ang instrumentalismo.

Kung susundan pa ang lohika niya, laging dapat maghanap ang mga nagpoprotesta ng posibilidad na magkaroon ng matinding pandarahas, lalo na ng pamamaril, para iatras ang pagkilos. Ilang pulis kaya? Ilang mahabang armas? Ilang distansya mula sa hanay? Kung susundan ang baluktot na lohika ni Hizon, walang dapat maganap na pagmasaker sa nagpoprotesta, pero iyan ay dahil walang dapat maganap na militanteng protesta.

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Statement on the suspected food poisoning incident at Imus Institute of Science and Technology

PASIG CITY -- Following reports of a suspected food poisoning incident involving at least 40 Junior High School students at the Imus Institute of Science and Technology-Dimasalang Campus, the Department of Education (DepEd) reiterates the strict

enforcement of its policies and guidelines on healthy food and beverage choices in schools, learning centers, and DepEd offices.

An incident report from the Health Services Department of the private Cavite school states that around 23 students

experienced abdominal pain and vomiting and were given first aid on July 10.

The following day, 39 students were examined in the emergency room of nearby hospitals. Ten were admitted at Our Lady of the Pillar Medical Center, three at the Medical

Center Imus, and one at St. Dominic Medical Center, with the initial diagnosis of acute gastroenteritis. Two of them were already discharged as of July 12.

The same report signed by the school's Vice President for Academic Affairs noted that they are still awaiting further medical reports from the said hospitals.

While its existing orders on the operation and management of school canteens, including DepEd Order No. 8. s. 2007, cover public elementary and secondary schools, DepEd enjoins all private schools to mandate the strict enforcement of food safety standards in their cafeterias including the implementation of hygienic practices on food preparation,

cooking, display, serving, and storage. They shall also train all canteen personnel on proper and safe handling of food.

DepEd likewise reiterates the establishment of monitoring teams in the regional and division offices to ensure adherence to food safety standards and the guidelines on operations of school canteens, to avoid food poisoning and other similar incidents that pose health risks to learners.

Finally, the Department reminds all schools to make healthier food and beverage choices available to learners and personnel, as directed by DepEd Order No. 13, s. 2017 (Policy and Guidelines on Healthy Food and Beverage Choices in Schools and in DepEd Offices). (DepEd)

CAVITEVIEW

1, 2, 3: Key Messages of Nutrition

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY
Any bodily movement produced by skeletal muscles that requires the expenditure of energy and produces progressive health benefits (National Institutes of Health, 1995).

Four (4) categories of Physical Activity:
1. Work-related (e.g. lifting of office supplies)
2. Non-work related (e.g. household & school chores)
3. Travel-related (e.g. walking to a bus terminal)
4. Leisure-related (e.g. going for a morning jog)

Children (1-4 years old)
Spend at least 3 hours in a variety of types of physical activities at any intensity, spread throughout the day; more is better.
1-year-olds: sedentary screen time (such as watching TV or videos, playing computer games) is not recommended.
Children above 2 years old: sedentary screen time should be no more than 1 hour; less is better.
When sedentary, engaging in reading and storytelling with a caregiver is encouraged.
1-2 years old: 11-14 hours
3-4 years old: 10-13 hours of good quality sleep including naps, with regular sleep and wake-up times.

Adolescents to Young Adults (13-20 years old)
Engage in at least 1 hour daily physical activities consisting of any one or a combination of the following active travel and daily tasks:
walking, biking, climbing the stairs, sweeping the floor, washing the dishes, * other household and school chores *
Instead of using gadgets, encourage your children to engage in high impact plays at home and school such as running, skipping, and playground activities.
Encourage them to play traditional Filipino games such as: Luksong Tinik, Patintero, Tumbang Preso, Agawan Base, Piko, etc.

Adults (21-59 years old)
21-45 years old: accumulation of 30 minutes to 1 hour of daily physical activities
46-59 years old (older adults): should accumulate at least 30 minutes of daily physical activities consisting of any one or combination of the following:
Ironing clothes, cooking, mopping the floor, arranging clothes, laundry, basketball and other sports, stretching, dancing, swimming, jogging.
Should accumulate at least 30 minutes of daily physical activities consisting of any one or a combination of physical activities including mild, easy daily tasks or household chores:
climbing the stairs, walking, gardening, folding clothes, watering the plants
*seniors may require assistance for some of the activities

Seniors (60 years old and above)
Should accumulate at least 30 minutes of daily physical activities consisting of any one or a combination of physical activities including mild, easy daily tasks or household chores:
climbing the stairs, walking, gardening, folding clothes, watering the plants
*seniors may require assistance for some of the activities

Physical Activity in the Workplace:
Many office workers spend up to 8 hours a day seated at desks. Sitting too much increases the risk of obesity, cancer, heart disease, diabetes and premature death.
Do 2-minute physical activities (walking, stair climbing, stretching) for every hour of sitting.

10 KUMAINMENTS
The 10 Kumainments are simple and easy to remember guidelines to help improve the nutritional status of Filipinos to be able to live healthier and more productive lives.

1. Kumain ng iba't ibang pagkain.
2. Sa unang 6 months ni baby, breastfeeding lamang; mula 6 months, bigyan din siya ng iba pang angkop na pagkain.
3. Kumain ng gulay at prutas araw-araw.
4. Kumain ng isda, karne, at iba pang pagkainang may protina.
5. Uminom ng gatas; kumain ng pagkainang mayaman sa calcium.
6. Tiyakang malinis at ligtas ang ating pagkain at tubig.
7. Gumamit ng iodized salt.
8. Hinay-hinay sa maalat, mamantika at matatamis.
9. Panatilihin ang tamang timbang.
10. Maging aktibo. Iwasan ang alak; huwag manigarilyo.

Courtesy of PIA

By Jimmyley E. Guzman

EVERY month of July, the country observes Nutrition Month by virtue of Presidential Decree 491, s. 1974, or better known as the Nutrition Act of the Philippines and declaring the Nutrition Month shall be held every July to create greater awareness on the importance of nutrition among Filipinos.

Now on its 45th year, the theme of this year's Nutrition Month celebration is "Kumain nang wasto at maging aktibo...Push Natin 'to!" NNC-NCR

According to the National Nutrition Council (NNC), the theme encourages everyone to advocate and realize the importance of healthy diets, increased physical activity and reduced sedentary behavior. Pushing the advocacy means that each and every one can contribute to better nutrition and physical activity for better health.

Meanwhile, the Nutrition Month logo for the theme shows the balance that needs to be achieved through healthy diet as symbolized by the leaf of a vegetable and physical activity by moving figures of people.

Some IEC materials on nutrition The objectives of the campaign aims to promote the consumption

of healthy diets, increased physical activity, and reduced sedentary behavior through activities of daily living among individuals and families; encourage the food industry including farmers, manufacturers, distributors and food establishments to produce and make available healthier food options; and advocate for the enactment of national and local legislation/policies and policies at the workplace, school and other venues that are supportive of an enabling environment for healthy diets and physical activity.

The key messages of the Nutrition Month are: have one (1) hour or more of physical activity every day; reduce screen time to two (2) hours or less each day; and eat three (3) food groups every day for variety.

A physical activity is any bodily movement produced by skeletal muscles that requires the expenditure of energy and produces progressive health benefits (National Institute of Health, 1995).

The four (4) categories of physical activity include: work-related (e.g. lifting of office supplies); non-work related (e.g. household and school chores); travel-related (e.g. walking to a bus terminal); and leisure-related (e.g. going for a morning jog).

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For good quality of sleep, 11-14 hours of sleep is recommended for children aged 1-2 years old while 10-13 hours of sleep for 3-4 years old.

Children aged 5-12 years old and adolescents to young adults (13-20 years old), it is advised to engage in at least 1 hour daily physical activities consisting of any one or a combination of the following active travel and daily tasks: walking, biking, climbing the stairs, sweeping the floor, washing the dishes, and other household and school chores.

Instead of using gadgets, parents and guardians are advised to encourage their children to engage in high impact plays at home and school such as running, skipping, and playground activities.

It is also best to encourage children to play traditional Filipino games such as: luksong tinik, patintero, tumbang preso, agawan base, piko, etc.

Meanwhile, physical activities can also be performed in the workplace. Many office workers spend up to 8 hours or more sitting. Sitting too much increases the risk of obesity, cancer, heart disease, diabetes and premature death.

It is advised to do a

2-minute physical activities (walking, stair climbing, stretching) for every hour of sitting.

For adults aged 21-45 years old, accumulation of 30 minutes to 1 hour of daily physical activities is advised. While for adults aged 46-59 years old, it is advised to accumulate at least 30 minutes of daily physical activities consisting of any one or combination of the following: ironing of clothes, cooking, mopping the floor, arranging clothes, doing the laundry, basketball and other sports, stretching, dancing, swimming, jogging.

For seniors (60 years old and above), it is advised to accumulate at least 30 minutes of daily physical activities consisting of any one combination of physical activities including mild and easy daily tasks or household chores like: climbing the stairs, walking, gardening, folding clothes, watering the plants. Seniors may require assistance for some of the activities.

Maintaining a healthy diet, engaging in regular physical activity, abstinence from smoking, avoidance of alcoholic beverages and management of stress are key strategies in the prevention of overweight, obesity and lifestyle-related non-communicable diseases such as cardiovascular diseases, diabetes, cancer and chronic respiratory diseases. (PIA InfoComm)

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Use the Pinggang Pinoy® as guide for healthy eating. This food guide uses a food plate model and shows the recommended proportion by food group to be consumed per meal.

In each meal, ensure that half of your plate are vegetables and fruits (Glow foods). The other half should consist of rice, bread and other carbohydrate-rich foods (Go foods) and right amount of fish, meat, egg, etc. (Grow foods).

PINGGANG PINOY
Healthy food plate for Filipino adults

For more information:
National Nutrition Council
National Capital Region

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Kumain nang Wasto at Maging Aktibo... Push Natin 'to!

2019 Nutrition Month

NATIONAL NUTRITION COUNCIL 1974
National Capital Region

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
BRANCH 23
TRECE MARTIRES CITY

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-097-19

BDO UNIBANK, INC.,
Mortgagee,

-Versus -

GINA LUMAMIG KUBOTA as
Represented by her Atty-in-Fact,
ARLYN QUINIMON LUMAMIG,
Mortgagor/s.

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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 Mortgagee, BDO UNIBANK, INC., with business address at BDO Corporate Center, 7899 Makati Avenue, Makati City against the Mortgagor/s, GINA LUMAMIG KUBOTA as Represented by her Atty-in-Fact ARLYN QUINIMON LUMAMIG, with residence and postal address at Lot 6, Blk. 8 Purity St., Mary Grace Village, Sto. Nino, Plaridel, Bulacan and Lot 5, Blk. 8, Manchester Village Ph-11, Brgy. Pasong Camachile, Gen. Trias, Cavite to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of March 8, 2019 amounts to ONE MILLION FOUR HUNDRED FORTY NINE THOUSAND FIFTY THREE PESOS and 76/100 (P1,449,053.76) Philippine Currency, including interest, penalties attorney's fee, and other charges as of said date but exclusive of all other expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on August 20, 2019 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at the main entrance of the Government Center Building located at the Provincial Capitol Compound, Trece Martires City, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following described property with all the improvements thereon, to wit.

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 057-2017021669

Lot No. 5 Block: 8 Plan No. Pcs-04-028985

Portion of: The cons/subd. Of lots 29, Blk. 2 & Block 14, Pcs-04-028616 & Lots 1978, 1993, 1994 & 3054 all of San Francisco de Malabon Estate (Decree No. 4270), LRC Rec. No. 5964

Location: Barangay of Pasong Camachile, Municipality of Gen. Trias, province of Cavite, island of Luzon

Boundaries:

LINE	DIRECTION	ADJOINING LOT(S)
1-2	SE	Road Lot 13, Pcs-04-028985
2-3	SW	Lot 54, Block 8, Pcs-04-028985
3-4	NW	Lot 44, Block 8, Pcs-04-028985
4-1	NE	Lot 6, Block 8, Pcs-04-028985

Are: ONE HUNDRED FORTY NINE SQUARE METERS (149), more or less

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said time and date, it shall be held on August 27, 2019 without further notice.

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

Trece Martires City, July 01, 2019

LUCIO C. ALEJO III
Sheriff IV

Copy furnished:

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

SPS. GINA & TETSUYA KUBOTA
Ms. ARLYN Q. LUMAMIG
Lot 6, Blk. 8 Purity St., Mary Grace Village, Sto. Nino, Plaridel, Bulacan
and Lot 5, Blk. 8, Manchester Village Ph-11, Brgy. Pasong Camachile, Gen. Trias, Cavite

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Ang Caviteño
July 08, 15 & 22, 2019

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
BRANCH 23
TRECE MARTIRES CITY

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-110-19

UNITED COCONUT PLANTERS BANK,
Mortgagee,

-Versus -

SPS. MARK V. DAGULPO
AND MELANIE B. DAGULPO,
Mortgagors.

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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 Mortgagee, UNITED COCONUTPLANTERS BANK, with business address at UCPB Executive Bldg., Makati Avenue, Makati City against the Mortgagors, MELANIE B. DAGULPO, signing in her personal capacity and as Atty-if-Fact of MARK V. DAGULPO, with residence and postal address at 05E Sampaguita St., Western Bicutan, Taguig City, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of March 8, 2019 amounts to ONE MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED SIX THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FIFTY EIGHT PESOS and 66/100 (P1,706,958.66) Philippine Currency, inclusive of interest & penalty as of said date, & attorney's fees but exclusive of other obligation and charges that shall still accrue up to the date of the public auction, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on August 19, 2019 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at the main entrance of the Government Center Building located at the Provincial Capitol Compound, Trece Martires City, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following described property with all the improvements thereon, to wit.

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 057-2016015433

Lot No. 7 Block No.: 10 Plan No.: Pcs-04-028038

Portion of: Lot 1708, San Francisco de Malabon Estate; Lot 1706-K, BSD-04-002033 (OLT); Block 10 Pcs-04-028018 & Block 13, Pcs-04-027806, Decreed No. 4270, LRC Rec No. 5964

Location: Barangay of Navarro, Municipality of Gen. Trias, Province of Cavite, Island of Luzon

Boundaries:

LINE	DIRECTION	ADJOINING LOT(S)
1-2	NE	Road Lot 12, Pcs-04-028038
2-3	SE	Lot 5, Block 10, Pcs-04-028038
3-4	SW	Lot 36, Block 10, Pcs-04-028038
4-1	NW	Lot 9, Block 10, Pcs-04-028038

Are: EIGHTY SQUARE METERS (80), more or less

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said time and date, it shall be held on September 02, 2019 without further notice.

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

Trece Martires City, July 01, 2019

LUCIO C. ALEJO III
Sheriff IV

Copy furnished:

LEGAL SERVICES GROUP
Counsel for United Coconut Planters Bank
9th Floor, UCPB Executive Building
Makati Ave., Makati City

SPS. MARK & MELANIE DAGULPO
05E Sampaguita St., Western Bicutan, Taguig City

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Ang Caviteño
July 08, 15 & 22, 2019

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
BRANCH 23
TRECE MARTIRES CITY

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-181-19

EAST-WEST BANKING CORPORATION,
Mortgagee,

-Versus -

SPS. FATIMA J. SALVEDIA AND
NELSON B. SALVEDIA,
Mortgagor/s.

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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 Mortgagee, EAST-WEST BANKING CORPORATION, with business address at East-West Corporate Center, The Beaufort, 5th Ave. cor. 23rd St., Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City against the Mortgagor/s, SPS. FATIMA J. SALVEDIA and NELSON B. SALVEDIA, with residence and postal addressess at Blk. 15, Lot 14, Manchester 11, Brgy. Pasong Camachile, Gen. Trias, Cavite and/or 194-D J., dela Cruz St., Brgy. Salapan, San Juan City, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of May 31, 2019 amounts to TWO MILLION FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY EIGHT THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED EIGHTEEN PESOS and 4/100 (P2,478,218.04) Philippine Currency, inclusive of interest & penalty charges as of said date but excluding the foreclosure and other necessary expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on August 19, 2019 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at the main entrance of the Government Center Building located at the Provincial Capitol Compound, Trece Martires City, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following described property with all the improvements thereon, to wit.

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 057-2017039751

Lot No. 14 Block No: 15 Plan No.: Pcs-04-028985

Portion of: the cons/subd. Of Lots 29, Blk. 2 & Block 14, Pcs-04-028616 & Lots 1978, 1993, 1994 & 3054 all of San Francisco de Malabon Estate (Decree 4270), LRC Rec no. 5964

Location: Barangay of Pasong Camachile, Municipality of Gen. Trias, Province of Cavite, Island of Luzon

Boundaries:

LINE	DIRECTION	ADJOINING LOT(S)
1-2	NE	Road Lot 29, Pcs-04-028995
2-3	SE	Lot 16, Block 15, Pcs-04-028995
3-4	W	Lot 33, Block 15, Pcs-04-028995
4-1	NW	Lot 12, Block 15, Pcs-04-028995

Are: ONE HUNDRED TWENTY FOUR SQUARE METERS (124), more or less

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said time and date, it shall be held on September 02, 2019 without further notice.

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Trece Martires City, July 01, 2019

LUCIO C. ALEJO III
Sheriff IV

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ONA PAMFILO & BUBAN LAW OFFICES
Counsel for the Mortgagee
6th Floor, East West Corporate Center
5th Ave. cor. 23rd St., Bonifacio, Global City, Taguig City 1634

SPS. FATIMA & NELSON SALVEDIA
Blk. 15, Lot 14, Manchester 11, Brgy. Pasong Camachile, Gen Trias, Cavite
And/or 194-D J., dela Cruz St., Brgy. Salapan, San Juan City

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July 08, 15 & 22, 2019

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
Fourth Judicial Region
Regional Trial Court Of Cavite
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT
& EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF
New Justice Hall, J.P. Rizal Avenue, Kaybagal South, Tagaytay City

EJF NO. TG-19-063
FOR: Extrajudicial Foreclosure of Real
Estate Mortgage under Act No. 3135, as
Amended

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND
(otherwise known as PAG-IBIG FUND),
Mortgagee,

-Versus -

PAUL MEYNARD PERALTA DE JESUS
MARRIED TO ANGELINA DE JESUS,
Mortgagors.
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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 Mortgagee, HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (otherwise known as PAG-IBIG FUND), a government financial institution duly organized and existing under and by virtue of Republic Act No. 9679 with principal office address at The Petron Mega Plaza Building No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City, against Mortgagors, PAUL MEYNARD PERALTA DE JESUS, married to ANGELINA DE JESUS, with postal address at Lot 28, Block 9, Spring Hut Street, Magnagon Spring Homes, Maguyam, Silang, Cavite, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of May 28, 2019 amounts to SEVEN HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY FOUR PESOS & 22/100 (Php775,844.22) Philippine Currency, inclusive of interest, penalty charges, the undersigned Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff of the Regional Trial Court of Cavite thru her deputy, Sheriff Teodoro O. Criss, will sell at public auction on August 22, 2019 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter, at the New Hall of Justice of Tagaytay City, to the highest bidder, for cash or Manager's Check and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all its improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 076-3015004346
Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City

"A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 25, BLK. 8, OF THE SUBD. PLAN, PSD-042118-073079, BEING A PORTION OF LOT 1-A-2 (LRC) PSD-303024, LRC REC NO.), SITUATED IN THE BO. OF MAGUYAM, MUN. OF SILANG, PROV. OF CAVITE. BOUNDED ON THE E. ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 24, BLK. 8; ON THE S., ALONG LINE 2-3 BY LOT 27, BLK. 8; ON THE W., ALONG LINE 3-4 BY ROAD LOT 9; ON THE N., ALONG LINE 4-1 BY LOT 23, BLK. 8, ALL OF THE SUBD., PLAN BEGINNING AT A PT. MARKED "1" ON PLAN, BEING S. 43 DEG 48'W., 94.9042 M. FR. BLLM NO. 2, CARMONA, CAVITE; THENCE S. 1 DEG 12'W., 5.00 M. TO PT. 2; THENCE N. 88 DEG 48'W., 9.00 M. TO PT. 3; THENCE N. 1 DEG 12'E., 5.00 M. TO PT. 4; THENCE S. 88 DEG 48'E., 9.00 M. TO THE PT. OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING AN AREA OF FORTY FIVE (45) SQ. METERS. ALL PTS REF TO ARE INDICATED ON THE PLAN AND ARE MARKED ON THE GROUND BY P.S. CYL., CONC. MONS. 15X40 CM. BEARINGS TRUE; DATE OF ORIGINAL SURVEY, AUG. 21, 1920 AND THAT OF THE SUBD. SURVEY, JAN 22-31 & FEB. 1-6, 1994 AND WAS APPROVED ON AUG 4, 1994 is registered in accordance with the provision of the Property Registration Decree in the name of

Owner: PAUL MEYNARD PERALTA DE JESUS MARRIED TO ANGELINA DE JESUS, FILIPINOS
Address: BLOCK 9 LOT 28 MAGNAGON SPRING HOMES, BRGY. MAGUYAM, SILANG CAVITE

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In the event the public auction should not take place on the

said date, it shall be held on AUGUST 29, 2019 without further notice.

Prospective bidders or buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate and verify for themselves the TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 076-2015004346 & 076-2015004347, the encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

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

Tagaytay City, Philippines, JUNE 26, 2019.

APPROVED:

ATTY. VARBRA ANN A. VARIAS-DIMAYUGA
Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff

TEODORO O. CRISS
Sheriff In Charge

WARNING:

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ASEAN's nature park managers share effective management experiences

LOS BANOS, Laguna -- Eleven managers and senior staff of the ASEAN region's best nature parks gathered in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia from 25 to 28 June 2019 to share good practices in effective parks management. Through a Regional Learning Workshop on the Effective Management of Protected Areas organised by the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB), the managers and senior staff involved in the management of ASEAN Heritage Parks (AHPs) and protected areas learned the elements and principles of ecotourism, as well as policies and standards of ecotourism as practiced in selected AHPs through sharing of experiences and lessons learned on recreation, tourism, and ecotourism.

Funded by the Government of Japan through the Japan-ASEAN Integrated Fund and conducted in cooperation with Sabah Parks and the Biodiversity and Forestry Management Division of the Ministry of Water, Land and Natural Resources (KATS) of Malaysia, the workshop equipped the participants with awareness and understanding on networking strategies for effective implementation of database management and strategies to promote their parks; and familiarised the participants with the ASEAN approach in parks management and how multiple stakeholders manage protected areas through participatory processes.

Highlighting the opening ceremonies were welcome messages by Dr. Jamili Nais, Director, Sabah Parks; Undersecretary Dato Wan Mazlan Bin Wan Mahmood, Biodiversity and Forestry Management Division, KATS; and ACB Executive Director Dr. Theresa Mundita S. Lim.

Resource speakers included Dr. Filiberto Pollisco, Jr. and Mr. Rolando Inciong, ACB Programme Specialist and Public Relations Consultant, respectively; Dr. Nasrul Bin Menhat, Head, Protected Areas Unit, Biodiversity and Forestry Management Division, KATS; Dr. Maklarin Lakim, Deputy Director, Sabah Parks; Mr. Yassi Miki, Park Manager, Kinabalu National Park; Mr. Sithisack Paninhuang, Deputy Director, Nam Ha National Protected Area; Dr. Rogelio Andrada II, Head, Botanic Gardens, Makiling Center for Mountain Ecosystem; Mr. Alain Quesea, Chief, Tourism Division, Department of Tourism, Philippines; and Dr. Ratchada Pongsattayapipat, Director, Sanga Sabhasri Research and Development Center, Queen Sirikit Botanic Garden.

Participants included Mr. Hour Thanit and Ms. Phallis Eang, Department of Freshwater Wetlands Conservation, Ministry of Environment, Cambodia; Ms. Bun Dalin, Department of Southern Tonle Sap Terrestrial Protected Areas, Ministry of Environment, Cambodia; Ms. Rika Sandra Dewi, Ministry of Forestry, Indonesia; Mr. Iqbal Abadi Rasjid, Bantimurung Bulusaraung National Park, Ministry of Environment and Forestry, Indonesia; Mr. Veosavanh Saysavanh, Department of Forestry, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Lao PDR; Mr. Sithisack Paninhuang, Nam Ha National Protected Area, Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Luang Nam Tha Province, Lao PDR; Mr. Khalid Zahrom, Johor National Parks Corporation, Malaysia; Mr. Azrul Bin Abd Manan, Department of Wildlife and National Parks, Peninsular Malaysia; Mr. Justinus Guntabid and Mr. Kenneth Conrad Sion, Sabah Parks, Malaysia; Mr. Myo Min Latt, University of Forestry and Environmental Science, Yezin, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar; Mr. Maung Win, Nature and Wildlife Conservation Division, Forest Department, Myanmar; Dr. Rogelio Andrada II, Makiling Botanic Garden, College of Forestry and Natural Resources, University of the Philippines Los Baños, Philippines; Ms. Florence Sim and Ms. Chenny Li, National Parks Board, Singapore; Mr. Cholathorn Chamnankid and Dr. Chaturathep Khowinhawong, Department of National Parks, Wildlife and Plant Conservation, Ministry of Natural

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EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT AND PARTITION OF THE ESTATE OF SANTIAGO CABUTIN WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late SANTIAGO CABUTIN who died on July 11, 2012 leaving a parcel of land covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-916894 located at Brgy. Salinas Bacoor, Cavite has been extrajudicially settled by his heirs as per Doc. No. 228; Page No. 47; Book No. 729; Series of 2018, Notary Public Ruben T.M. Ramirez.

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Resources and Environment, Thailand; and Mr. Le Hoang Son, Sao La Protected Area, Quang Nam Province and Ms. Nguyen Thi Hai Yen, Biodiversity Conservation Agency (BCA), Vietnam Environment Administration, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Viet Nam.

At the end of the workshop, the participants crafted their respective countries' communication, education, and public awareness strategies in promoting and advocating biodiversity conservation through their nature parks, focusing on engaging different sectors of government and society and emphasising that conservation is a shared responsibility.

Participants visited the Tunku Abdul Rahman National Park and the Kinabalu National Park – both nature parks are known for good practices in implementing sustainability mechanisms, ecosystem-based approach, multi-stakeholder cooperation, and biodiversity information management.

The Tunku Abdul Rahman Park is a state park located in Gaya Bay, three kilometres offshore from Kota Kinabalu. Named after Malaysia's first Prime Minister, Tunku Abdul Rahman, it was gazetted in 1974 as Sabah's second national park. The park, which covers an area of 50 square kilometres comprising five islands, their surrounding reefs, and sea, has good programmes to protect fauna, flora, and marine ecosystems. Geologically, the islands are part of the Crocker Range but became isolated from the massif when sea levels rose after the last ice age. There is also a jungle trail located at Base Camp in Pulau Gaya. The trail that stretches around half a kilometre is enough to generally educate visitors on various aspects of the marsh jungle.

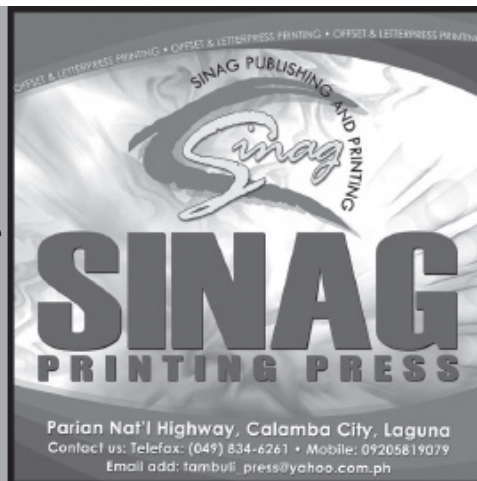
The names of the islands are symbolic of their history and early discoverers. The islands are Pulau Gaya ('big'), Manukan ('fish'), Mamutik ('shell collection'), Sapi (the sound of a mowing buffalo), and Sulug (commemorating the ancestry of the Sulu peoples of Sabah). Initially, the park covered two islands – Gaya and Sapi. In 1979, the park's boundaries expanded to include three other islands: Manukan, Sulug, and Mamutik. The administrative centre of Tunku Abdul Rahman Park is in Manukan island, although each of the five islands has its own administrative offices.

The Kinabalu National Park, with a total area of 75,370 hectares, is an outstanding example of a diverse landscape that appeals to adventurous travelers, tourists, and researchers alike. Its headquarters and several substations along its boundaries offer easy access to the challenging Mt. Kinabalu Summit Route, various botanical gardens, nature trails, and waterfalls while researchers venture further into its deep rainforest to discover even more of the park's rich biodiversity and ecosystems. Mt. Kinabalu is one of the youngest volcanic mountains in the world and was formed within the last 10 to 35 million years. Standing at 4,095 metres, it is the focal point of the park and one of the most accessible mountains in the world.

The different vegetation zones at Kinabalu National Park range from lowland dipterocarp forest to lower montane oak-chestnut forest, upper montane or cloud forest, and subalpine meadow near the summit plateau of Mt. Kinabalu. The botanical sites contain a variety of flora and fauna that ranges over four climate zones from rich lowland dipterocarp forest to alpine meadow plants, and finally the stunted bushes of the summit zone. The mountain is also known for its many carnivorous plants and orchid species, most notable the Nepenthes rajah. It is also home to a multitude of endemic animal species, including the Kinabalu Giant Red Leech and Kinabalu Giant Earthworm. The park also plays host to a variety of birds, insects, mammals, amphibians, and reptiles. (ACB)

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President Duterte vows to improve country's prison infrastructure

MANILA-- President Rodrigo Roa Duterte on Friday assured the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) that his government will continue supporting the bureau's initiatives, particularly in building more infrastructure to address jail overcrowding.

"Always keep in mind that this administration will continue to pursue measures that will empower you in addressing the perennial problem that you face, particularly jail congestion," the President said in an address during the 28th anniversary of the BJMP at the AFP Theater, Camp Aguinaldo.

He announced during the event that the government has allotted P3 billion for the construction of 60 new jail facilities to reduce jail congestion. Prisoners, he said, are still human beings who deserve habitable prisons.

"They are human beings and

we are supposed to give them habitable prisons. Kaya lang, inuuna natin the order of priorities, sometimes they are really forgotten," President Duterte said.

The President also commended the BJMP for its crucial role in the administration's campaign against illegal drugs by working with the Philippine National Police (PNP) and the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA).

"I am pleased that your conduct of the almost 30,000 Greyhound Operations from January to...2019 has led to the confiscation of the illegal drugs, weapons, and almost P2 million worth of cash and other contraband from jail cells," he said.

As part of its efforts to ensure the integrity and professionalism of prison personnel, the BJMP

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Año: Crime volume down by 11%, 12k barangays drug-free

QUEZON CITY-- On President Rodrigo Duterte's third year in office, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) reported that crime volume dipped by 11 percent and around 12,000 barangays are now drug-free as a result of "participatory governance" or the active collaboration between the government and the local government units (LGUs), citizens, and other stakeholders.

"Malaking bahagi kayo sa naging tagumpay ng mas pinaigting na peace and order councils (POCs), anti-drug abuse councils (ADACs) at people's law enforcement board (PLEB) sa labang tuluyan nang tapusin ang mga problema ng ating lipunan," said DILG Secretary Eduardo M. Año during the Pre-SONA (State of the Nation Address) forum of the Participatory Governance Cluster (PGC) held in Cebu City. Año said that with the help and support of local based institutions like the POCs, ADACs, and PLEB, "law enforcement agencies successfully re-calibrated their anti-criminality operations" leading to a decrease in the crime volume from 488,644 for the

period of July 2017 to June 2018 to 438,496 for the same period in 2018-2019.

"Through our partnership, we have proven that the government actually walks its talk and our efforts in participatory governance bear fruit and do not fall into the void of empty words and ineffective thrusts," he said.

In the campaign against illegal drugs, the DILG Chief proudly said that 12,099 barangays have already been declared drug-free with the backing and support of a vigilant citizenry. Similarly, there are now 172 drug-free jail facilities as compared to only 74 in 2018 due to the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology's intensified efforts to clear jails of illegal substances.

"Nakamit natin ang tagumpay na ito dahil sa pinaigting na operasyon ng ating mga alagad ng batas at sa suporta ng mga mamamayan na siyang pinagmumulan ng mga impormasyon tungkol sa iligal na droga," he said.

But more than the recorded rise in the number of offenders arrested and the number of barangays cleared of illegal drugs, Año said

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President Rodrigo Roa Duterte delivers his speech during the 28th Bureau of Jail Management and Penology anniversary at Camp General Emilio Aguinaldo in Quezon City on July 12, 2019. (ACE MORANDANTE/PRESIDENTIAL PHOTO)

Forty WWII veterans receive US Congressional Gold Medal

By Susan G. De Leon

QUEZON CITY—Forty World War II veterans recently received the US congressional Gold Medal during the awarding ceremony hosted by the Philippine Veterans Affairs Office (PVAO) together with the United States Embassy hosted the U.S. Congressional Gold Medal (CGM)

The U.S. CGM is a recognition

granted to Filipino WWII veterans for their efforts and distinguished achievements during the war. It is the highest civilian honor the U.S. Congress can bestow to an individual or collective for significant contributions that have helped shape American history.

The event held on June 10, 2019 at the Tejeros Hall, AFPCOC, Camp General Emilio Aguinaldo in Quezon City was led by defense

Secretary Delfin Lorenzana, Dir. Tracey Betts and Deputy Chief of Mission John Law from the US Embassy, Manila.

Forty (40) Filipino WWII veterans were conferred the U.S. Congressional Gold Medal. Nineteen (19) of these awardees are living WWII veterans, namely:

SSgt Alberto M. Galarpe (90 years old); Col Francisco T. San Miguel (91); Pvt Elin G.

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Retired Court of Appelas Justice Emmanuel Pamaran, Hunters RPTC Veteran and President of the Veterans Federation of the PH congratulates veteran 2Lt Jaime E. Grafil, INF. He served at the 51st Medical Battalion, 51st Division and received the U.S. Congressional Gold Medal (CGM) for his brave exploits in defense of Bataan, particularly, as part of the II Corps on the Abucay-Morong and Pilar-Bagac Line, during World War II. Also in photo (L-R) PVAO Administrator Ernesto Carolina, US Embassy's Deputy Chief of Mission John Law, and Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana. (Photo courtesy of DND)