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PGC issues guidelines to assist locally stranded individuals



Photo courtesy of Pia Cavite

By Ruel B. Francisco
TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite -- The provincial government here laid out the guidelines for the assistance to locally stranded individuals (LSIs) in different cities and localities in the province.
LSIs can be workers, students, tourists, individuals stranded in different localities while in transit and other stranded individuals who expressed their intention to return to their place of residence/home origin.
The process will start with the notification of the LSI to the barangay for the desire to return to their hometown with the latter gathering information like name/s

of the individual/s, place of origin and destination, estimated date of travel and the name of driver and information about the vehicle to be used.
This information will then be forwarded to the LGU thru the Local COVID-19 Task Force to facilitate the issuance of pertinent documents needed prior to departure.
The documents include a medical clearance certification issued by the City/Municipal Health Office certifying that: LSI is neither a contact, suspect, probable nor a confirmed case, and; had undergone 14-day quarantine before departure, of it the LSI
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LGU Imus extends help to SAP beneficiaries not included in payout

By Ruel B. Francisco

Imus City, Cavite -- The local government here announced the granting of financial aid to qualified beneficiaries of the Social Amelioration Program (SAP) of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) but was not included in the payout distribution.
To address the problem, Mayor Maliksi established the Imus Grievance and Redress Committee Hotline number that focused on the complaints of the affected Imuseños with

thousands of beneficiaries that turned out from this service.
Thus, the city government came up with their financial subsidy programs: the Imus Expanded SAP amounting to Php6,500.00 cash aid to be given to eligible household qualified under the DSWD SAP national program but were not included in the payout, and the Lingap Imuseño Assistance program amounting to Php2,000.00 to be given to all eligible household that were not qualified under the programs of
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Cavite Gov. Remulla appeals for 'Couples Pass' IATF approval

By Ruel B. Francisco

TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite -- Cavite Governor Jonvic Remulla formally wrote to Health Secretary Francisco Duque III seeking for the consideration on the "couples pass" by the Inter-Agency Task Force on Emerging and Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID).

The letter emphasized the daily struggles that COVID-19 crisis had brought to the lives of the people and to the

economy as well primarily due to the limitations on the movement of the people and goods in the province.

The transition from ECQ to GCQ promised a bit of betterment for the employees and informal workers and to the business owners with the start of their business operations. Public transportation rolled slowly with regulations allowing for social distancing that must be complied with first.

With the resumption of

public transportation, some LGUs stopped the free rides to residents and employees while factories and industrial locators no longer provided shuttle services to their workers.

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Carmona starts CCT app for town's COVID-19 mitigation efforts

By Ruel B. Francisc

CARMONA, Cavite -- This municipality commenced its Carmona COVID-19 Tracker (CCT) app yesterday, one of the local government's mitigation efforts against the corona virus disease (COVID)-19.

The application was developed by the Municipal Information Technology (IT) Unit headed by Municipal IT Officer Mr. Angelo Macha which could be installed on Android phones or iOS that will make contact tracing in the town much easier.

Early yesterday, members of the Municipal Information Technology (IT) Unit started

posting QR codes on front doors and areas visible and accessible in establishments often frequented by the residents. The QR codes should be scanned by residents on their smart phones or iOS to input the log interaction feature of the CCT.

An orientation was conducted by Mr. Macha on May 18, 2020 together with Sangguniang Kabataan Chairpersons on the procedures for the use of the CCT, with the information they would disseminate to other residents.

Likewise, Atty. Roy Loyola also discussed in a meeting with industrial estate administrators,

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The municipality of Carmona commenced its COVID-19 Tracker (CCT) app May 19, 2020, one of the local government's mitigation efforts against the corona virus disease (COVID)-19. The application could be installed on Android phones or iOS that will make contact tracing in the town much easier. (Photo from Atty. Roy Loyola FB Page)



Cavite Governor Remulla announced reopening of malls in the province today May 20, 2020 provided social distancing and other safety measures laid out for mall operations are strictly followed. (Photo from SM Malls FB page)

PGC allows reopening of malls today

By Ruel B. Francisco

TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite -- The provincial government announced that malls in the province will reopen at 10am today provided that mall operators will strictly implement the guidelines set for mall operations to ensure safety protocols against COVID-19 infection.

Mall operating hours will be from 10am-5pm with the last customer allowed entry at 5pm. Malls will cater to local residents with only quarantine passes required for entry.

There will only be one entry and exit points for the mall, and the entrance from the mall to the supermarket and vice versa is closed that is why the customers need to wait on queue again to enter either the mall or the supermarket.

There would be a uni-directional passage for customers with arrows and markers giving directions to customers to allow social distancing and discourage loitering inside the establishments.

Customers are allowed

only an hour of shopping privilege monitored by a time pass that would limit the number of customers inside the mall while in the supermarkets there would be no time limit but a regulation for 1 customer out and 1 customer in will be in effect because there will be limited number of carts that will be used by the shoppers.

Safety marshals shall guide and explain these protocols to the customers courteously, manage the flow of customers coming in and going out of the establishments including those outside waiting on queue.

Meanwhile, the frontliners lane will still remain giving priority to the frontliners but should not be abused.

The governor gently reminded everyone to cooperate and follow mall policies.

He said, "I am a man true to my word, if ever I would see that these guidelines laid out for mall operations had been properly implemented and were peacefully observed by everybody, only then will I consider lifting the Liquor Ban in the province." (Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite with report from the official FB page of Governor Remulla)

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associations, local chambers of commerce and foundations operating in the Philippines.

Most of these member-companies are MSMEs that represent different areas of activities such as export and import, manufacturing and processing, distribution and logistics, among others.

In its statement of support for the CREATE bill, the PCCI also backed the bill's provisions on extending the net operating loss carryover (NOLCO) for businesses from the current 3 years to 5 years, for losses incurred in 2020; lengthening the maximum sunset period for current incentive recipients from 2 to 7 years to 4 to 9 years; and providing flexible authority to the Fiscal Incentives Review Board (FIRB) and the President in granting both fiscal and non-fiscal incentives to investors.

"Including more flexibility in granting fiscal and non-fiscal incentives will be critical as the country competes internationally for high-value investments. We support the proposed strategic, tailored approach to attracting potential investments that are uniquely deserving of incentives," the PCCI said in its statement.

Meanwhile, Nabil Francis, the president of the European Chamber of Commerce in the Philippines (ECCP) and CEO of Republic Cement Services Inc. said at the same virtual meeting that the Philippines has "to act decisively" in restarting the economy with strict safety and health protocols in place to help businesses survive.

He said the CREATE bill is "in the right direction,"

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and is essential for the Philippine economy to bounce back from the impact of the COVID-19 contagion.

"We are applauding the reduction of the CIT down to 25 percent," Francis said, as he suggested that the Congress expedite the process of lowering the tax even faster to 20 percent by 2025.

Francis said the ECCP will continue to support the government as it wants the Philippines to be a magnet for investments in the region. "Together we can really help the Philippines to realize a better future and I do believe we will emerge stronger together from this crisis," Francis said.

He welcomed the government's move to resume the implementation of the "Build, Build, Build" infrastructure program as a "driver of growth," and urged the swift passage of the other economic reform measures pending in the Congress, such as the amendments to the Public Service Act, the Foreign Investments Act and the Retail Trade Act.

The PCCI and ECCP were among the organizations that have expressed their support for the CREATE bill during the virtual meeting of local and foreign business groups held last Thursday via Zoom.

A total of 32 local and foreign business organizations have called on the Congress to act "quickly and decisively" in restoring market confidence and providing the "most direct, cost-efficient and instant relief" to enterprises suffering from the coronavirus pandemic's economic fallout by passing the CREATE bill before its sine die

adjournment next week.

In a joint manifesto, these groups representing a broad spectrum of small, medium and large businesses and professions in the country told lawmakers any further delay in the CREATE bill's approval would lead to the loss of more jobs and investments. These organizations noted that the immediate reduction in the CIT rate from 30 percent to 25 percent by July translates into a "direct infusion of financial assistance to businesses, giving them more resources to retain employees and to keep up with financial difficulties."

Their manifesto of support was presented online to Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez III, who then thanked the business organizations for their support for the CREATE bill.

Aside from PCCI and ECCP, the other organizations supporting the CREATE bill include the Federation of Filipino-Chinese Chambers of Commerce & Industry, Inc. (FFCCCII), FINEX, Philippine Center for Entrepreneurship (Go Negosyo), Management Association of the Philippines (MAP), Philippine Council of Associations and Association Executives (PCAEE), Rural Bankers Association of the Philippines (RBAP), Shareholders Association of the Philippines (SharePHIL), Tax Management Association of the Philippines (TMAP), Alyansa Agrikultura, Bankers Association of the Philippines (BAP), Foundation for Economic Freedom (FEF), National Real Estate Association (NREA), Philippine Retailers Association (PRA) and the Philippine Hotel Owners Association Inc. (PHOA). (DOF)

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mapoprotektahan po kayo basta magsabi lang kayo ng totoo," he urged further.

Go has constantly vowed to crack down on any alleged anomaly, especially when it comes to purchases, selling or distribution of medical equipment and supplies. The Senator also underscored the need for all government agencies involved in the fight against COVID-19 pandemic to account for every single peso spent from public funds.

"Handa tayong mag-conduct ng investigation on all of these alleged overpriced medical supplies, equipment and packages, including the COVID-19 test kits," Go said.

"Kung makikita nating may korapsyon na nangyari, dapat papanagutin natin ang mga ahensya at lalong lalo na ang mga opisyal nito. Wala tayong papalampasin, at wala tayong pipiliin. Pera ng bayan po ito. Gamitin natin sa tama at wasto lalo na't nakakatakot ang kinakaharap natin," Go said.

"Dapat malaman natin kung inabuso ba o sinamantala ang pagkakataon ng krisis na ito para kumita ang mga taong nasa likod ng korapsyong ito kung mayroon man," he added.

As a member of the Joint Congressional Oversight Committee on the implementation of the Bayanihan Heal as One Act, the Senator has repeatedly said that with the funds released by the government to address the health crisis, "every centavo counts."

The Senator, however,

underscored that he would also give government agencies and concerned individuals a chance to explain their side.

He also appealed to private individuals not to take advantage of the situation Filipinos are currently facing. He urged Filipinos to report any anomalous activity being committed by public officials, private individuals, or companies.

In a virtual meeting with the officials and key members of the Federation of Filipino-Chinese Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Inc. (FFCCCII) on Wednesday, Go also appealed for support and assistance from the businesses community and asked them to help the government by also cooperating in anti-corruption initiatives.

"Hinihiling ko din po na tulungan ninyo kami ni Pangulong Duterte na labanan ang korapsyon sa gobyerno," Go said.

Meanwhile, Go also assured the public that the government remains vigilant and careful in spending public funds appropriated to combat COVID-19.

"Indeed, we need to improve our capacity in addressing pandemics like this. We hope that the measures we have discussed will address some of our weaknesses and gaps in handling public health emergencies. Let the pandemic be a lesson to all of us and use this experience to improve our health system," Go ended. (OSBG)

Simple ceremonies to celebrate the National Flag Day amid the pandemic

By Ruel B. Francisco

IMUS CITY, Cavite -- This year's celebration of the National Flag Day which commemorates the 122nd year the Philippine Flag was first unfurled May 28, 1898 was both somber and solemn with its simplicity.

The annual event was held at the Pambansang Dambana ng Watawat (Imus Heritage Park) at Barangay Alapan II-B with the simple ceremonies led by Mayor Emmanuel L. Maliksi, Vice-Mayor Ony Cantimbuhan together with representatives of the National Historical Commission of the Philippines, and personnel of the Imus Philippine National Police (PNP), Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), City of Health Office, and employees of the city government.

During the program, the city's hardworking and brave frontliners were honored and recognized for their tireless dedication to their jobs of saving lives and helping others especially during this time of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Just like the heroes of the Philippine Revolutionary Army who fought for the country's freedom from the Spanish forces,

our frontliners are also fighting for the freedom that the corona virus had suppressed so abruptly.

Mayor Maliksi said in his speech, "Every Filipino is encouraged to display the Philippine flag in all government buildings, offices, schools, and homes during this period. Let us fly our flags proudly this year not only for the heroes who sacrificed their lives in the past, but also for our modern-day heroes, the frontliners who battle COVID-19 day in and day out."

Meanwhile, the event also gave way to the blessing of the Inang Laya Monument which is scheduled for unveiling next year, and a small exhibit showing the perspective of the Imus Heritage Park, that is truly a legacy in the making.

On May 23, 1994, Executive Order No. 79 was issued to extend the period of celebrating National Flag Day from May 28 to June 12, Independence Day, thus the city of Imus has two-weeks of activities-filled celebration known as the Wagayway Festival. (Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite with reports from the FB page of Mayor Maliksi and the Imus Bfp)

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the DSWD like the SAP, 4Ps, Senior Citizen pension; Imus Extended SAP; DOLE TUPAD, CAMP and all other financial aid of any other agencies under the national government.

Mayor Maliksi was grateful for the combined efforts of the employees of the City Social Welfare and Development Office, City Treasurer's Office, Liga ng mga Barangay, and other volunteer personnel from the different offices of the city government who tirelessly evaluated and processed the applications of said beneficiaries.

He proudly said, "Ulanin man ng batikos, buo ang loob ng bawat isa na manatili sa pagseserbisyo, umulan man

o umaraw, umagahin man at dilimin, hindi alintana ang pagod at panganib sa kalusugan ng bawat isa makapaglingkod lamang. Maraming salamat sa inyo."

(No matter what they say, everyone is determined to stay in the service, whether it rains or shine, whether it be sunny or dark, regardless of the fatigue and danger to the health of each individual. Thank you very much.)

The city government will announce the distribution schedule soon on its official Facebook page and on Mayor Maliksi's FB account. (Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite with reports from Mayor Maliksi FB page)

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was a confirmed case, he/she had tested negative with the RT-PCR test twice.

Travel Authority (TA) will be issued by the Commander, Provincial JTF CV Shield for intercity/municipality travel within the province while the Commander, Regional JTF CV Shield will issue the TA for transfer from one province to another province of the same region (intraregional), and for travel from one region to another region, the Travel Authority will be issued by the Commander JTF

CV Shield.

With the completion of above documents, LGU of origin will coordinate with the receiving LGU for the unimpeded travel of the LSI.

It should be noted that receiving LGUs shall not deny entry of LSIs with complete documents provided that proper coordination was made thru the appropriate Task Force. (Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite with reports from the official Advisory post of the Provincial Government of Cavite)



The Philippine Flag was first unfurled May 28, 1898 by Filipino revolutionaries after a hard-fought encounter against the Spanish force prior to the proclamation of the Philippine independence on June 12, 1898 by Gen. Emilio F. Aguinaldo. (Photo: udimagen.org)

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Commuting to the place of work became even more burdensome because of the steep fares set by TODAs and JODAs.

These made the clamor for the consideration of backrides on single motorcycles or the "couples pass" much louder thus; the letter of appeal of Gov. Remulla was forwarded.

The governor stressed that he understands the policy has a scientific basis but he also argued that it is both common sense and practical that couples living under the same house, and sharing the same bed could be allowed to ride on the same motorcycle as much as riding in the same air-conditioned cars.

Governor Remulla pleaded, "I hope that you could reconsider this policy. If we in the government could not truly take care of them during this crisis, I presume that we could at least lessen the burden by allowing them to be able to travel peacefully together." (Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite with reports from Gov. Jonvic Remulla FB Page)

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Carmona Business Club President, and PEZA manager via ZOOM the installation and use of the CCT app in their companies for the monitoring of their workers and employees.

For those that have not installed the application yet, they could just scan either one of the small QR codes (one for iOS and one for Android phones) found

on the lower corners of the posted QR sheets.

For the residents who do not have a smartphone or cellphones, their barangay personnel or police officers will log them in.

Mayor Roy Loyola enjoins everyone saying, "Let us participate in the contact tracing efforts of the municipal

government thru the installation and use of the Carmona COVID-19 Tracker app."

The CCT app could be installed by downloading these links; for Android phones: https://carmona.gov.ph/covid_tracker/app/cvapp-release.apk while for iOS: <https://carmona.gov.ph/pwa1/c19tracker>. (Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite with report from Atty. Roy Loyola's FB page)

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project loan and grants amount to a grand total of US\$4.858 billion secured as of May 14 by the DOF for the government's COVID-19 response efforts.

The DOF's update on these financing packages formed part of President Duterte's seventh weekly report to the Congress on the use of the additional powers granted to him under Republic Act (RA) No. 11469 or the Bayanihan To Heal As One Act. The update on these financing packages has been posted on the DOF website.

For the budgetary support to help the government deal with the COVID-19 crisis, the ADB opened up to US\$1.5 billion in credit for the Philippines' COVID-19 Active Response and Expenditure Support (CARES) program last April 27, and another US\$200 million for the additional financing under the Social Protection Support Project (SPSP) last May 5.

The World Bank provided budgetary support to the government with the signing of the US\$500-million loan for the

Third Disaster Risk Management Development Policy Loan (TDRMDPL) last April 10, which became effective on April 27.

Last April 27, the government successfully raised US\$1.35 billion from its issuance of US-dollar denominated 25-year global bonds, and another US\$1 billion from its 10-year bonds.

In terms of grants, the ADB has provided US\$3 million for the government's purchase of medical supplies for health workers, and US\$5 million for the government to leverage private-sector donations for a food distribution program that has benefited 55,000 poor households in Metro Manila and neighboring areas.

Earlier, Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez III said President Rodrigo Duterte's "saving-for-a-rainy-day" approach to economic management has gained for the country the trust and confidence of the world's most respected credit rating agencies and development partners," such as the ADB, World Bank and Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank

(AIIB)—"allowing us to borrow money at lower interest rates and longer repayment periods."

Dominguez said the strong demand for the government's latest global bond issue also "demonstrates the resiliency of global investor interest in the Philippine economy despite an environment gripped with pandemic fear."

As a result, the government was able to develop a four-pillar strategy to shield the Filipino people against the adverse impact of the pandemic and craft a recovery program to gradually jumpstart the economic activities. This strategy has a combined value of P1.74 trillion or 9.1 percent of the gross domestic product (GDP).

It covers the following: (1) providing poor and low-income households, small-business employees and other vulnerable groups emergency and wage subsidies; (2) marshalling the country's medical resources and ensuring the safety of healthcare frontliners; (3) fiscal and monetary actions to finance emergency initiatives and keep the economy afloat, and (4) an economic recovery plan to create jobs and sustain growth under a post-quarantine scenario. (DOF)

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who asks for
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EDITORIAL

Untenable statements from four 'Charter framers'

"IT'S preposterous to say that the closure of ABS-CBN was ill-timed because it took place when the nation needs an 'unimpeded, independent media' during the COVID-19 crisis.

Four more emotionally charged and woefully misinformed individuals joined the bandwagon of critics blaming the government for the absence of the ABS-CBN broadcast network from the airwaves. Their public statements reveal the extent of what they do not understand about the legal aspects of the ABS-CBN controversy.

The new critics are members of the 1986 Constitutional Commission that drafted the imperfect 1987 Constitution, namely, Edmundo Garcia, Florangel Rosario Braid, Christian Monsod and Felicitas Arroyo.

That Commission was composed of 48 unelected individuals, 42 of whom were handpicked minions of then President Corazon Cojuangco Aquino. Five members were from the political opposition.

Garcia, Braid, Monsod and Arroyo call themselves "framers of the 1987 Constitution." Whether that title should be something to be proud of is debatable these days, considering the numerous defects in the Charter they clumsily framed.

One conspicuous defect in the 1987 Constitution is a provision in Article II which outlaws "political dynasties." That provision recklessly left the job of defining the term "political dynasties" to Congress.

Reckless, indeed, because Congress, which is dominated by political dynasties, cannot be expected to outlaw the same. That's like having the wolf guard the hen house, so to speak.

Because of that, political dynasties control Congress today.

The framers denounced the National Telecommunications Commission (NTC) for its refusal to comply with the promise it made to Congress in March 2020 that it will issue a provisional permit to ABS-CBN to allow the network to continue operations even after the expiration of its legislative franchise on 4 May 2020.

It was, the framers said, inexcusable for the NTC not to issue the provisional permit because Justice Secretary Menardo Guevarra already gave his go-signal. They also said the closure of ABS-CBN took place during the worst of times, when the COVID-19 crisis calls for the presence of an unimpeded, independent media.

These critics also cited a sloppily crafted provision of the 1987 Constitution, namely, Section 10, Article XVI, which requires the State to provide a "policy environment" for communication structures suited to the needs of the nation. Sloppily drafted, definitely, because the provision does not define the term "policy environment"; uses the word "policy" twice in the same sentence; and is listed under Article XVI (General Provisions) instead of under Article II (State Policies) where it belongs.

The group's statements indicate that some framers of the 1987 Constitution are so fixated on the text of the imperfect charter, and have not bothered to read up on the latest Supreme Court (SC) rulings applicable to the ABS-CBN franchise controversy.

If these four framers did their homework before they started complaining, they would have realized that the promise of the NTC to issue a provisional permit to ABS-CBN is legally void. A ruling of the SC in February 2003 states that the NTC is not authorized by any law to issue a provisional permit to operate to a broadcast station whose legislative franchise has already expired.

Clearly, these framers cannot scold the NTC for reneging on a promise to perform an unlawful act.

As lawyers, Monsod and Arroyo are expected to know the latest jurisprudence. They also ought to know that Secretary Guevarra's go-signal cannot overturn a ruling of the SC.

It's preposterous to say that the closure of ABS-CBN was ill-timed because it took place when the nation needs an "unimpeded, independent media" during the COVID-19 crisis.

Legally speaking, there is no closure to speak of. The network had to go off the air because its franchise expired on 4 May 2020. That expiration date is stated in the 1995 franchise of ABS-CBN, which was enacted long before COVID-19 threatened the world.

ABS-CBN news programs are still accessible on the ABS-CBN News Channel (ANC) on Sky Cable TV, and on their TV Plus platform. There are other media around, too, like GMA TV and CNN Philippines that provide news in the country.

By the way, Monsod used to work for the Lopez family which controls ABS-CBN.

Garcia, Braid, Monsod and Arroyo should read up before making untenable public statements which may mislead others.

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/3/ Sa labas ng Kilusan, maraming kasabayan sina Maita at Edel na lumaki sa pagdidisiplina at pagsasalita sa mga anak na matatawag sigurong abuso sa pamantayan ng kasalukuyan. At nadala nila ito hanggang sa kanilang mga anak. Kakatwa, pero baka kailangang dumaan sa mga maka-kaliwang feministang Amerikano...

Kwento ng Aprikanong si bell hooks, noong bata siya ay palakwestyon, palakomento at rebelde siya sa patriyarkal na awtoridad ng kanyang mga magulang sa kanilang pamilya. Ang tugon daw sa kanya ng mga ito ay ang "supilin, hadlangan, parusahan."

Sabi pa raw minsan sa kanya ng nanay niya, "Hindi ko alam kung saan kita nakuha pero sana pwede kitang isaui," bagay na ipinagdamdam niya. Ipinanganak siya noong 1952.

Abante sa dekada 80, kung kailan tila lumakas ang presyur para sa kabaligtaran ng ganitong pagpapalaki ng anak. Ang tunguhin noon, babala ni Barbara Ehrenreich, ay ang gustuhin ng mga magulang na gawing full-time — parang hindi angkop ang salitang "pultaym" — na aktibidad ang pagpapalaki sa mga anak.

Kwento niya, "Ang ipinag-aalala ng kabataang kababaihan ay kung pwedeng magpalaki ng mga bata nang mahusay habang pinapanatili ang pagiging miyembro ng pwersa ng paggawa. Narinig nila ang tungkol sa 'quality time.' Nag-aalala sila na may makahulagpos na yugto ng paglaki ng mga bata" ["Stop Ironing the Diapers," 1989].

Malinaw kung alin sa dalawang tipo ng pagpapalaki ng anak ang naging dominante sa paglaon. Naging bulnerable sa paghusga ang naunang henerasyon. Pero sabi nga ni bell hooks, nakatulong ang "teorya," ang "pagbibigay-kahulugan sa mga nangyayari," ang "pagmumuni at pagsusuri" para "ipaliwanag ang sakit at mapaalis ito."

Sabi niya, "Dumulog ako

sa teorya dahil may dinaramdam akong sakit... Dumulog ako sa teorya nang desperado, gustong umunawa... Pinakamahalaga, gusto kong paalisin ang sakit. Nakita ko sa teorya ang lugar para sa paglunas (healing)" ["Theory as Liberatory Practice," 1991].

/4/ Nasa puso ng mga sulatin ni Garcellano ang tunggalian ng mga uri — lalo na kaugnay ng panitikan, edukasyon at kultura. Pero mayroon din ditong mayamang tema ng henerasyon, kapwa sa konteksto ng mga pamilya at pakikibaka, kung saan ibang lohika ang umiiral.

Sa kanyang koleksyon ng mga sanaysay, laging may mga pagsusuri sa mga akda ng mga nakakabatang manunulat, at laging malay ang awtor sa sariling edad at henerasyon.

Ang First Person, Plural (1987), nagtapos sa sanaysay na liham sa mga susunod na henerasyon; ang Intertext (1990) at Interventions (1998), sa mga seksyon tungkol sa kabataan. Ang huli, nagbukas sa pagsuri sa kabuluhan ng Panulat para sa Kaunlaran ng Sambayanan o PAKSA, progresibong organisasyon ng mga manunulat na itinatag bago ang Batas Militar, sa kasalukuyan.

Nasa tema rin ng henerasyon ang isa sa maraming posibleng paliwanag sa pamoso niyang mahirap na estilo sa mga sanaysay. Maaalala si Pilosopo Tasyo ni Jose Rizal, na nagsusulat sa mga hiroglipiko (hieroglyphs) "Dahil hindi ako nagsusulat para sa henerasyon na ito, kundi para sa ibang panahon.... [A]ng henerasyon na makakaunawa sa mga karakter na ito ay matalinong henerasyon..."

Sa tunggalian ng mga uri, ang tugon ng mga pinagsasamantalahan sa mga nagsasamantala ay pagtuligsa at paglaban. Sa ugnayan ng mga henerasyon — syempre pa, sa loob ng kinabibilangan o pinaglilingkurang uri — ang tugon ng mga nakakabata sa nakakatanda ay pagkatuto, pagpulot sa tama at pagtapon sa mali, at pag-unawa.

Ipinapamalay ni

Garcellano ang mga pagkakataon na ang mga wasto at mali ng naunang henerasyon, bukod sa kaugnay ng uri, ay kaugnay rin ng panahon — ng mga posibilidad at limitasyon nito. Kadikit ang kwento ni Maita, kahit ang abanteng destakamento, na laging nagsisikap maging nasa unahan ng panahon, ay nakapaloob pa rin sa panahon.

Sa larangan ng mga henerasyon: "We did not know any better." May mga magagawang mali kahit yakap ang pinakamainam na mga intensyon at kaisipan. "Laging nasa bagong henerasyon ang pasanin ng pag-unawa." May pag-unawa na mas malalim sa pagtukoy lang ng tuwid at baluktot, humihingi ng paglulugar sa galit at antagonismo, at nag-uudyok na sumulong lang nang sumulong.

/5/ Tahas ang pagtatapos niya sa tanging panayam na ibinigay niya, sa panahong sariwa pa ang ikalawang pagwawasto sa kilusang Kaliwa: "Ang rigor ng analysis ay nasa generation ninyo... Precisely that everything is not right, you have the possibility of changing it. For the better. But mind you, still within the ambit of capital and labor problematic."

Dagdag pa niya, "Kung may problema ang generation ninyo, it should go beyond the capabilities and inadequacies of our generation. If you cannot succeed in this everything is lost, in which case malaki ang burden ninyo, just as we were burdened by our forebears."

Sadyang ibinigay raw ang pag-asa para sa mga walang pag-asa, at malungkot ang bayang nangangailangan ng bayani. Ang pag-asa ng mga walang pag-asa, ang bayani ng bayang malungkot, ang hahawi sa tradisyon ng lahat ng yumaong salinlahi na nakapasan na parang bangungot sa utak ng mga nabubuhay — uusbong sa bagong henerasyon.

Sang-ayon si Garcellano sa ganyang hamon.

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Ayuda sa panahon ng COVID-19

By Jerome Carlo R. Paunan

Napabilang ka ba sa mga nakatanggap ng ayuda mula sa Social Amelioration Program (SAP), mga food pack subsidy at cash aid na galing sa inyong lokal na pamahalaan ngayong panahon ng lockdown bunsod ng panganib na dulot ng COVID-19?

Para sa ilang residente ng Lungsod Makati, napakalaking bagay ang dagdag tulong na nagmula sa kanilang pamahalaang lungsod dahil sa mga paraan na tulad nito nila nararamdaman na may malasakit para sa kanilang kapakanan ang kanilang gobyerno.

Isa na rito si Diana Oblino na taga-Barangay Olympia, na ipinagmalaking dahil limang miyembro ng kanyang pamilya ang may

Makatizen Card, umabot sa P25,000 ang kabuuang halagang natanggap nila mula sa lungsod. Bukod sa nakapagbayad sila ng naipong bayarin sa tubig at kuryente, nakapagbukas pa sila ng maliit na sari-sari store na siya ngayong pinagkakaabalahan ng kanyang mga magulang sa panahon ng quarantine.

Aniya, kaagad na nag-apply para sa Makatizen Card ang kanyang mga magulang noong ilunsad ito taong 2017, at hinikayat siya at dalawa pang kapamilya na kumuha rin nito. Laking pasasalamat nila sa maagap na ayudang naiparating sa kanila gamit ang Makatizen Card.

Kabilang din sa mga unang nakatanggap ng P5,000 na ayuda si Joeffrey Furo ng Barangay Rizal, may asawa at isang anak. Ginamit niya ang

perang pang-kapital sa kanyang e-loading business, maliit na sari-sari store at computer repair shop. Si Furo ay isang PWD dahil naputulan ng isang paa matapos ma-hit and run.

Ipinahayag naman ni Agnes Bungay ng Guadalupe Nuevo ang kanyang pasasalamat sa lungsod dahil nakapagbukas siya ng sari-sari store gamit ang P5,000.

Sa gitna nito, masayang ibinalita ni Makati City Mayor Abby Binay na umabot na sa mahigit P1 bilyon ang naipamahaging ayuda ng pamahalaang lungsod sa pamamagitan ng electronic money transfer.

Ito ay sa ilalim ng Makatizen Economic Relief Program o MERP na nagbibigay ng P5,000 tulong pinansyal sa bawat kwalipikadong

Makatizen.

Ayon kay Mayor Abby, ang cash assistance ay naipamahagi ng lungsod sa pamamagitan ng GCash sa loob lamang ng dalawang linggo matapos simulan ang MERP. Sa ngayon, umabot na sa mahigit 207,000 ang naitalang benepisyaryo ng programa.

Ikinatuwa rin ni Mayor Abby ang balitang marami sa mga nakatanggap ng P5,000 ang nakapagsimula ng kanilang sariling negosyo, bukod sa pangtustos sa pagkain, at pagbabayad ng tubig at kuryente.

Marami na ring Makatizens ang nakapagsimula ng kanilang online food selling business gamit ang ayudang galing sa lungsod. Kabilang dito sina Peachy Margallo ng Barangay Pinagkaisahan, Ligaya Panganiban ng Barangay Pembo, at Marielle Joyce Pabarlan ng Barangay Cembo.

Ibinahagi naman ni Rinalyn Binongo ng Barangay West Rembo sa Facebook kung papaano niya ginamit ang pera pangdagdag kapital para mapalago ang kanyang online

food selling business.

Ang taga-Barangay La Paz na si Elisa dela Cruz ay nagpost ng video habang nagluluto siya ng turon na pambenta, at pinasalamat si Mayor Abby sa ipinaabot na tulong.

Ayon naman kay Evangelina Minton, isang 67 taong gulang na residente Barangay Pio del Pilar, ginamit niya ang P5,000 upang palaguin ang kanyang lugawan at dagdagan ang kanyang paninda ng iba pang mga produkto.

Sa e-loading business naman ipinuhunan ng taga-Barangay Comembo na si Gemaima Laoagher ang kanyang natanggap na ayuda.

Sa ilalim ng MERP, kwalipikado bilang benepisyaryo ang mga residente ng Makati edad 18 taon pataas, kabilang ang mga nakatira sa relocation areas ng lungsod sa San Jose del Monte City, Bulacan at Calauan, Laguna.

Kailangan ding rehistrado bilang Makatizen Cardholder, o Yellow Cardholder, o botante ng Lungsod ng Makati. (PIA NCR)

CAVITEVIEW

Adopt 'Pula': Help raise funds for PRC's COVID-19 response operation

By April M. Bravo

Looking for a gift that's not just useful or pretty to look at but something that gives generosity a whole new meaning?

And when your co-worker, friend or family member learns that their new gift also helped someone else or supported a good cause, they'll be doubly pleased by it.

Why not adopt "Pula" and give your purchase a little extra purpose and a reason to remember—"bear" the true spirit of giving and sharing?

As part of its fundraising efforts in this time of pandemic, the Philippine Red Cross (PRC)-Ilocos Sur Chapter is urging kind-hearted individuals to serve as foster parents of Pula – a huggable, warm teddy bear which is sure to bring comfort to those who are in need of loving kindness.

Fashioned in a red and white T-shirt with the logo of the PRC, Pula is a furry, brown teddy bear that serves as a symbol of love, security and treasured memories.

With the price of Php 799.00 each, every one Pula bear you avail will help support PRC's coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) response

operation that will provide hygiene kits and family packs to affected individuals and families in this time of crisis.

Veronica Tactay, administrator of PRC-Ilocos Sur chapter, said that whenever one adopts a Pula bear, it will also aid to the needs of frontliners.

Joyah Mae Quimoyog of Salcedo, Ilocos Sur was happy to be an agent of help by adopting Pula.

She said, "Nagpapasalamat ako sa Philippine Red Cross for always initiating projects na hindi lang nakakatulong kundi nagbibigay din ng kasiyahan sa atin."

"I adopted a Pula bear and I am happy kasi I am able to help other people and become a foster parent to this cute bear," she added as she encourages others to do the same by saying, "Sana marami pang mag-adopt ng mga Pula bear. May cute bear ka na, nakatulong ka pa. Saan ka pa?"

Tactay said, "Once you bring Pula home, challenge your friends and loved ones to do the same by posting a photo of you and Pula in your Facebook wall with the hashtag #WeCareChallenge and let us

make it widespread to help save lives."

"For more information and if you opt for delivery, do not hesitate to reach us through our hotlines: 0917-542-3796 or 0917-519-0107 or call us at (077) 722-2684 or visit our office located beside the Provincial Capitol at Burgos Street in Vigan City," she added.

Beyond the symbolic act of giving, donating blood is so uniquely powerful for its life-saving impact.

With that, the PRC-Ilocos Sur Chapter is also appealing to the public to donate blood to help sustain the blood supply.

"The need of patients never stops. Help us to provide safe blood to our patients confined in hospitals. Blood cannot wait. Find a hero in you," she said.

Tactay assured the public that the safety of willing blood donors is their priority and the staff strictly follow protocols such as frequent

hand washing and sanitizing, use of face masks, regular disinfection of equipment and social distancing.

Everybody loves giving and receiving gifts. Whether it be for a birthday, Mother or Father's Day, the holidays, or a special occasion, selecting the perfect gift can be challenging especially in a world where we already have so much.

So what about giving these kind of gifts that give back? Your gift will not only give delight and joy to the recipient, it will also give back to someone in need. (JCR/AMB/PIA Ilocos Sur)



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Anti-VAWC (Violence Against Women and Their Children) Laws

Last March 2020, our International Women's Month celebration was unexpectedly interrupted. Despite this, we know that every day is a celebration of women, their strength, and their freedom.

We celebrate women working hard in their respective fields—the frontliners who work to ensure the safety and security of others, especially in these trying times; the workers and the professionals who support themselves and their loved ones; those in government and non-government service, who make sacrifices that they may serve the nation; and those who choose to stay at home to care for their families.

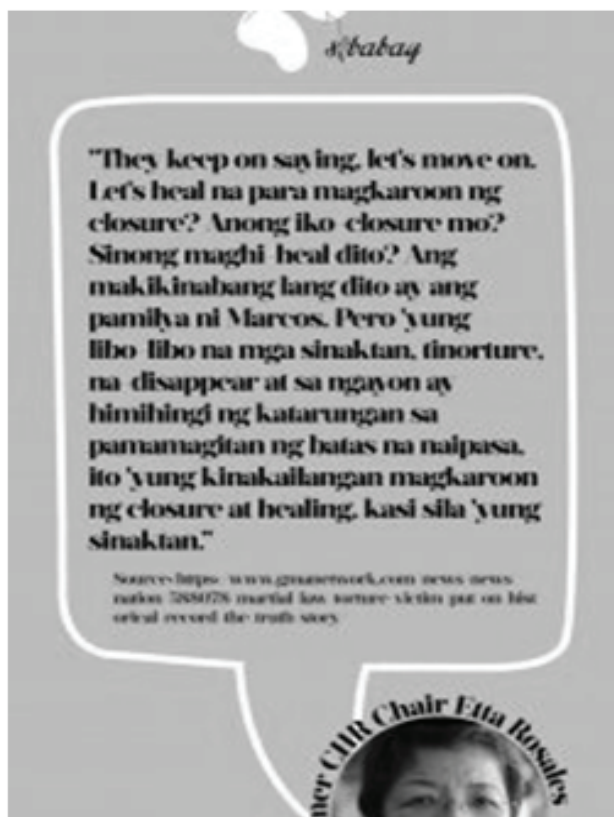
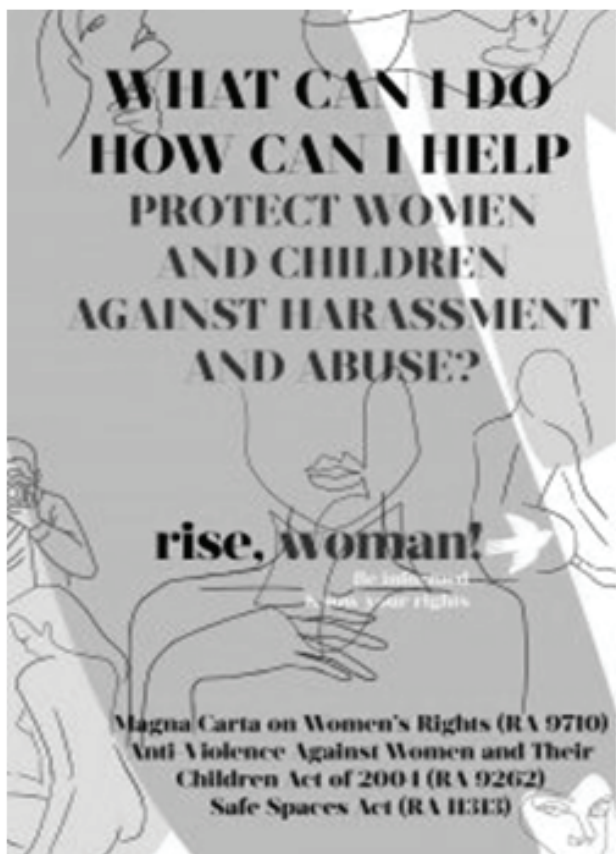
We celebrate the strength of women by birth and by choice who are survivors of violence and exploitation,

the women who have courageously fought and spoken up for all women who have experienced the same abuse. Moreover, we stand with those who are still trapped and struggling, who face these terrors every day, especially during this quarantine. We stand against all types of physical, emotional, and psychological domestic and child abuse.

We celebrate the freedom of women in their day to day lives—to decide for themselves their circumstances, their futures, and what empowers them; to decide what to wear, what profession to take, and how they choose to express themselves—as we fight for a future in which this freedom is experienced by all.

We in Sibabay believe that every month is women's month. As the united front of women's and advocacy organizations in the UP College of Law, we continue to work towards equality among all genders and the eradication of all discrimination and gender-based violence. In this light, we are launching an anti-VAWC campaign, especially due to increased cases of domestic violence in the time of COVID.

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DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE ESTATE OF LATE ROMEO FORMARAN BARCELONA

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late ROMEO FORMARAN BARCELONA who died on February 4, 2007 at Manila Philippines leaving a parcel of land covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-686392, located at Brgy. Anabu & Pasong Buaya Imus, Cavite has been extrajudicially settled by his heirs as per Doc. No. 385; Page No. 78; Book No. IV Series of 2020, Notary Public Atty. Albert C. Arpon.

Ang Cavitenos
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Word Search Puzzle

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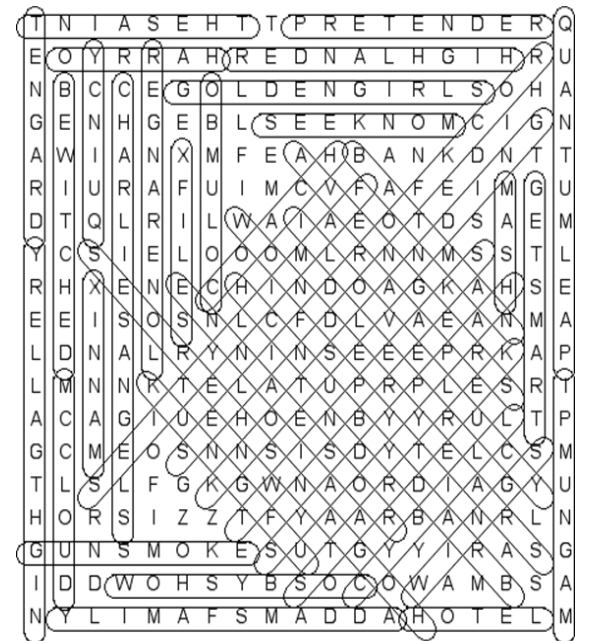
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PCCI head says CREATE to give PHL 'fighting chance' in attracting more investments

MANILA -- The head of the largest umbrella group of business organizations representing some 30,000 large and micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) across the country has sought the immediate congressional passage of the proposed Corporate Recovery and Tax Incentives for Enterprises Act (CREATE), to give the Philippines a "fighting chance" in attracting more foreign direct investments (FDIs) under the "new normal."

Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI) president Benedicto Yujuico said the revisions to the original Corporate Income Tax and Incentives Rationalization Act (CITIRA), which is now known as the CREATE bill, will boost the recovery of firms reeling from the economic slowdown spawned by the coronavirus crisis.

During a recent virtual meeting of local and foreign business groups held via Zoom,

Yujuico said the immediate reduction of the corporate income tax (CIT) from 30 percent to 25 percent will bring the country's rate closer to the ASEAN average, and help "draw in multinational firms seeking alternative sourcing markets and manufacturing base."

"The damage COVID-19 and the corresponding lockdown imposed to mitigate its spread has seriously damaged the economy. The business sector needs the package of reforms introduced under CREATE to help businesses recover, ensure their resilience and create more sustainable economic opportunities," Yujuico said.

"We therefore call on the Senate and the House of Representatives to accelerate the enactment of the law," he added.

The PCCI's membership roster includes private companies and enterprises, industry

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Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI) president Amb. Benedicto Yujuico (Photo from PCCI/PNA)

Bong Go encourages public to report anomalies, other acts of corruption amid COVID-19 crisis

PASAY CITY -- In both Senate health committee hearings held last May 26 and 28, Senator Christopher Lawrence "Bong" Go urged the public to report anomalies and corruption-related acts to authorities, especially if in connection with the purchase or selling of medical supplies and equipment amid the country's fight to control the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak.

"Hinihimok ko ang

bawat Pilipino na magsumbong kung may nakikitang korapsyong ginagawa ang mga opisyal o pribadong kompanya," Go said.

"In times of crisis, every peso counts. While government maximizes its limited resources, a lot of our fellow Filipinos have also lost jobs, livelihood and savings. We are fighting for survival — as survival is the name of the game here. We should not allow corruption and

abusive business practices to take advantage of the vulnerabilities of fellow Filipinos," he explained.

"Kung may alam po kayo na mga abusadong mga indibidwal sa gobyerno man o sa pribadong sektor, huwag po kayo matakot magsumbong sa amin ni Pangulo... Ako po mismo magbubulong ng inyong hinaing kay Pangulong Duterte at sisiguraduhin natin na

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DOF secures US\$4.55-B in newly contracted foreign loans for COVID-19 response

MANILA-- The Department of Finance (DOF) has secured a total of US\$4.55 billion in newly contracted foreign loans from multilateral lenders and the commercial markets as of mid-May this year to boost the government's ongoing efforts to suppress the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic and provide relief to the most affected sectors.

This amount in budgetary support financing for the COVID-19 emergency came from loans extended by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the World Bank, and the government's issue of US dollar-denominated global bonds last month, the DOF said.

Of the amount of US\$4.55 billion, US\$1.7 billion came from the ADB, US\$500 million more was from the World Bank, and another US\$2.35 billion was raised from the dual-tranche issuance of the Philippines' global bonds, which fetched coupon rates of 2.45 percent for the 10-year and 2.95 percent for the 25-year, the lowest ever for a Philippine dollar bond in both tenors.

The World Bank also accelerated its disbursement of the US\$200-million additional financing for the ongoing Social Welfare Development and Reform Project II to the Philippines, bringing the total amount for budgetary support financing sourced by the government from foreign loans for the COVID-19 response to US\$4.75 billion.

In terms of project loan financing, the Philippines signed a US\$100-million loan with the World Bank last April 28 for the government's COVID-19 Emergency Response Project (ERP) that aims to strengthen the country's capacity to prevent, detect and respond to the threat posed by the COVID-19 pandemic and boost its national systems for public health preparedness.

The DOF also raised an additional US\$8 million in grant financing from the ADB to support two projects implemented by the Department of Health (DOH) and other government agencies dealing with the COVID-19 emergency.

These financing packages for budgetary support,

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Senator Bong Go urged the public to report anomalies and corruption-related acts to authorities, especially if in connection with the purchase or selling of medical supplies and equipment amid the country's fight to control the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak. (Photo from OSBG)