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# PENRO-Cavite leads clean-up drive in protected area on World Wildlife Day



Photo courtesy of PIA CALABARZON

By Ruel B. Francisco  
TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite --The Cavite Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office (PENRO) in cooperation with the local government of Ternate organized a clean-up activity along the roadside of Mounts Palay-Palay-Mataas-na-Gulod Protected Landscape on March 3, 2021. The activity was held in observance of the World Wildlife Day with this year's theme: "Forest and Livelihood:

Sustaining People and Planet" which aimed to clean the road in the protected area, a wildlife habitat, with approximately 5km from Puerto Azul. PENRO Head Ronita A. Unlayao together with MSD Chief Susan L. del Rosario and TSD Reynaldo A. Belen led the clean up activity. Unlayao stressed that illegal waste dumping and littering are prohibited under RA 9003, also known as the "Ecological Solid Waste Management Act 2020." *continue to page 3*

## Cavite Evacuation Plan for Taal volcano eruption bared

MORE than three hundred participating Punong Barangays, respective mayors from four municipalities of Batangas including Agoncillo, Laurel, Lemery and Talisay, and eight LGUs in Cavite composed of Alfonso, Amadeo, General Emilio Aguinaldo, Indang, Magallanes, Mendez, Silang and Tagaytay City as well as other local officials of Cavite attended the Coordination Meeting for the Taal Volcano Eruption Evacuation Plan on March 2, 2021 at the Tagaytay International Convention Center covered court in Tagaytay City.

Cavite Governor Jonvic Remulla personally led the meeting together with Vice Governor Jolo Revilla and underscored the importance of the preparations. He recalled that during the Taal volcanic

eruption in January 2020, more than 52,000 evacuees from Batangas went to Cavite and how both provinces met many challenges along the way. This prompted the provincial government to craft disaster preparedness measure as the activity of Taal volcano cannot be predicted. The evacuation plan is being rolled out to all the involved LGUs specifically to Punong Barangays who are on the ground for them to understand the procedures and protocols that will be observed especially during the time of COVID-19 pandemic should Taal volcano erupt. He also added that the ultimate aim of the activity is to institutionalize the evacuation plan so that preparations are in place when the disaster occurs *continue to page 3*

## Pagbabakuna laban sa COVID-19 sinimulan na sa Lungsod ng Bacoor

By Ruel B. Francisco

LUNGSOD NG BACOOR, Cavite --Sinimulan na kahapon, Marso 10, ang pagbabakuna laban sa COVID-19 sa lungsod na ito matapos dumating ang 114 vials na single dose Sinovac vaccine mula sa alokasyon ng National Government noong Marso 9, 2021.

Ang vaccination roll-out na idinaos sa Southern Tagalog Regional Hospital (STRH) ay pinangunahan ni Punong Bayan Lani Mercado-Revilla kasama

sina Deputy Speaker at Cavite 2nd District Rep. Strike Revilla at Kagawaran ng Kalusugan - CALABARZON Regional Director Eduardo Janairo.

Sa kanyang mensahe, sinabi ni Rep. Strike Revilla na isang taon na ang nakaraan at napakalaking hirap na ang dinanas ng lahat dulot ng pandemya.

"Napakahirap ng dinanas natin, kaya eto na ngayon. Ito na ang magbibigay ng kalayaan sa atin. Unti-unti, alam ko ngayon ay muling tumataas ang bilang ng kaso ng

COVID-19, nakakalungkot kaya dapat ay paalalahanan natin ang ating mga kababayan sa patuloy na pag-iingat," pahayag ni Cong. Revilla.

S a m a n t a l a , pinasasalamatan ni Mayor Lani Revilla ang national government sa pangunguna ni Pangulong Rodrigo Duterte sa pagbibigay prayoridad sa lungsod para sa alokasyon ng bakuna sa kabila ng kakapusan ng supply nito.

Malugod ding ibinalita niya na sa pagdating ni Director Janairo ay may dalang karagdagang 238 doses para sa *continue to page 3*

## DSWD supports discounts for online transactions of senior citizens, PWDs

QUEZON CITY -- The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) expressed its support for the provision of discounts for the online transactions of senior citizens and persons with disability (PWDs).

As part of the vulnerable sectors, senior citizens and PWDs are entitled to receive discounts as part of their benefits under Republic Act (RA) No. 9994 or the Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010 and RA No. 10754 or the "Act Expanding the Benefits and Privileges of Persons with Disability."

Moreover, the online discounts will be beneficial and

convenient for the said sectors considering that their mobility are restricted due to their inclusion in the vulnerable groups who are high risk for COVID-19 infections.

As of press time, the DSWD said that it will meet on March 12 with the Department of Trade and Industry and other concerned agencies to discuss the draft guidelines on online purchases for seniors and PWDs prepared by the latter.

The Department vowed to continue to uphold the interest and welfare of senior citizens and PWDs especially amid the ongoing health crisis. (DSWD)



Cavite Evacuation Plan for Taal volcano eruption bared (Contributed photo)





Nagsimula na rin ang malawakang pagbabakuna kontra COVID-19 sa 114 healthcare workers ng Southern Tagalog Regional Hospital sa lungsod ng Bacoor, Cavite nitong Miyerkules, Marso 10. (PIA4A)

## Kumpiyansa ng publiko sa bakuna, inaasahang tataas pa

By Charmaine Odong

LUNGSOD NG CALAMBA, Laguna--Inaasahan ng Department of Health (DOH) na mas tataas pa ang kumpiyansa ng publiko sa bakuna matapos ang naging matagumpay na vaccination rollout sa iba't-ibang lungsod sa rehiyon ng Calabarzon, kabilang na ang Lungsod ng Bacoor nitong Miyerkules, ika-10 ng Marso.

Ayon kay DOH Calabarzon Regional Director Eduardo C. Janairo, unti-unti nang nadadagdagan ang bilang ng mga healthcare worker na nais magpabakuna bilang proteksiyon sa COVID-19.

"Considering Laguna, Antipolo, Batangas Medical Center pati na rin ang Batangas City mismo ay tumawag sa amin na gusto na nilang magstart na magbakuna, nakikita ninyo yung taas bigla, nung una walang kumikibo pero ngayon gusto na nilang mauna specially sa Antipolo," pahayag ni Janairo.

Batay sa datos ng DOH, tinatayang 1.5 million na healthcare worker sa rehiyon ang target mabakunahan ng

pamahalaang nasyunal. Sa kasalukuyan ay nasa 1,700 pa lamang ang nababakunahan simula noong nakalipas na linggo.

Bunsod ito ng availability ng suplay ng mga bakuna at pagbibigay prayoridad sa mga COVID-19 Vaccination Facility na siyang kailangang unahin dahil sa exposure sa nakahahawang sakit.

Paglilinaw ni Janairo, naghihintay na lamang ng pagdating ng alokasyon ng bakuna ang ilang mga hospital upang masimulan na rin ang kanilang pagbibigay bakuna sa mga medical frontliners na kabilang sa master list.

Gayundin ay hinikayat niya ang mga frontliners na huwag matakot sa bakuna kahit ano pa ang dumating dahil pangunahing layunin ng bakuna na bigyan ng panlaban sa nakahahawang sakit ang katawan ng mga taong matuturukan nito.

"Mag-ingat po tayong lahat, wala pong pinakamabisang panlaban maliban sa bakuna kundi ang inyong mataas na panlaban sa sakit ang immune system ninyo at ang pagtupad ng health protocol," mensahe ni Janairo. (CO/PIA4A)

## DILG.....

easily implement the same curfew hours across Metro Manila.

"With the imposition of the common curfew hours plus the other policies currently being implemented in Metro LGUs such as localized/granular lockdowns and the crackdown of violators of minimum public health standards, we hope to see a decline of coronavirus cases in the following weeks; therefore we urge the public to cooperate," he said.

DILG OIC Bernanrdo Florece recently ordered the Philippine National Police to implement a crackdown on quarantine violators, impose a curfew, and intensify the enforcement of minimum public health standards in all barangays.

Apart from the setting common curfew hours, the MMDA resolution likewise imposes granular lockdown, strict implementation of health

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protocols and standards, and intensified testing, contact tracing, and isolation.

Malaya explained that, as a general rule, workers returning to or going to work are exempted from the unified curfew if they present their company IDs or other proof that they are going to work or returning home from work to police or barangay authorities/checkpoints.

Operators, and/or employees of medical/health care/emergency service, public utility vehicles, food delivery, convenience stores, restaurants, business process outsourcing, wholesale markets and delivery, and other similar or related essential personnel and services are also exempted.

Malaya said that LGUs are the ones who will determine who are exempted from the uniform curfew in Metro Manila, especially the sanctions to be imposed on violators.

"We will have a Metro-

wide uniform curfew hours pero ang kapasyahan kung sinu-sino ang maaaring maging exempted ay nasa mga pamahalaang lokal pa rin, maging ang karampatang kaparusahan sa mga mapapatunayang lumabag dito," he explained.

Malaya cited Mandaluyong City, which has been implementing the 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. curfew hours since June 2020, which exempted the delivery of basic necessities like food and medicine; workers assigned on night shifts; and peace and order personnel both in the City and barangay level.

Quezon City likewise committed to imposed more stringent curfew hours "with exemptions for individuals who are still out for purposes of work, or on the way home from work; those dealing with emergencies; or for purposes of air/sea travel as shown by pre-booked tickets".

Also, on a case to case basis in the city, barangays may request the City Government for authority to impose longer curfew. (PIA NCR)

## Legarda....

which could disrupt ecosystem services and lead to severe effects on livelihoods, and in turn, affect human health and migration dynamics, and give rise to potential conflicts.

As the author of landmark laws on climate adaptation and mitigation and environmental protection, Legarda said that policies, plans, and programs should be translated into local action with measurable gains through fair and effective enforcement.

According to the GCA's 2019 flagship report, "Adapt Now: A global call for leadership on climate resilience," adaptation investments were found to consistently deliver high returns, with benefit-cost ratios ranging from 2:1 to 10:1 and "often creates more jobs per dollar spent than more traditional investment, with superior local benefits.

Legarda also noted that in the recent Climate Adaptation Summit, governments and businesses committed to bring climate finance to 50 percent adaptation from being skewed in favor of mitigation, and addressed the problem that only 10 percent of climate finance actually reaches local communities.

With this, Legarda underscored the need to promote the principles of "locally-led adaptation" where frontline vulnerable populations must have a voice and role in shaping the recovery in every key sector and system.

"The response must address underlying inequities in society affecting the capacity of local

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actors to adapt even as they stand on the frontlines of climate change, including marginalized communities, indigenous peoples, women and children, and youth. Local planning and investments can help ensure that the best information is shared, resources are made available, and the best policies are enacted," Legarda added.

In line with the GCA's "locally-led adaptation" principles, Legarda urged policymakers and leaders to: (1) expand financial resources available to local governments and community-based organizations; (2) facilitate efficient access to international and domestic climate finance and the transfer of technology and knowledge on adaptation and mitigation; (3) adopt nature-based solutions, such as wetlands restoration for water storage and soil moisture, reconnecting rivers to floodplains, planting mangroves to protect from coastal flooding, and increasing green urban spaces; and (4) invest in social preparation for the transformation of all sectors towards low carbon development and a green economy, and the sustained implementation and monitoring of outcomes of national climate plans.

"Considering that ecosystems contribute at least 30 percent of climate solutions, mainstreaming biodiversity conservation and nature-based solutions should be at the very heart of discourse, planning, and implementation of climate action, with cross-sectoral, cross-pillar, and

multi-stakeholder engagement as its foundation," Legarda added.

Lastly, Legarda emphasized the need to implement science-based global, national, and local action plans and policies to identify specific risks and vulnerabilities.

"As leaders, policymakers, planners, and implementers in our respective fields, let us give our region and the world the best fighting chance to bounce back better from this pandemic, ready and braced to cope with and to overcome the climate crisis."

"Through this summit and beyond, let us learn from another, support each other's adaptation and mitigation actions, advise on strategies, and strike convergence where possible. The Philippines looks forward and stands ready for more meaningful regional partnerships and initiatives that we could scale up at the global level," Legarda further said.

The 7th Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum is being held virtually from March 8-12, hosted by Japan's Ministry of the Environment together with the APAN Secretariat at the UN Environment Programme.

Resilience as the unifying theme of the event is structured around four thematic "streams": (i) inclusive resilience (ii) nature-based resilience, (iii) economic sector resilience, and (iv) communities and local resilience.

Join in the week-long Forum by registering through this link: <https://bit.ly/2YE3Fbt> (PIA NCR)

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The measure proposed to clear the ambiguity surrounding the interchangeably used terms "public utility" and "public service."

The proposal limits public utility to three services: distribution of electricity; transmission of electricity; and water pipeline distribution and sewerage pipeline systems.

The senator explained that public utilities are to be treated as natural monopolies which must be restricted pursuant to Section 11, Article XII of the Constitution. All other public services that are not natural monopolies will be freed from such foreign equity restriction but not from any of their other responsibilities as public service providers, she pointed out.

"We are not redefining things. We are declaring as public policy that the expansion of the investment base will benefit the public by allowing meaningful competition with more players, domestic and foreign, to slug it out to win the satisfaction of the consuming Filipino people," Poe said.

As the realm of public services evolves, Poe said the bill gives the National Economic and Development Authority, Philippine Competition Commission, and all concerned agencies, power to recommend to Congress to reclassify public services as public utilities based on the following criteria: -One, the service regularly supplies and directly transmits and distributes to the public through a network a commodity or service of public consequence; -Two, the service is a natural monopoly; -Three, the service is necessary for the maintenance of life and occupation of the public; and -Four, the service is obligated to provide adequate service to the

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public on demand.

"Maraming safeguards ang inilagay sa panukalang ito na naglalayong protektahan ang interes ng ating bayan at mga kababayan, at siguruhin na walang iisang bansa ang mangingibabaw sa pamumuhunan sa ating mga pampublikong sektor," Poe said.

A provision in the bill mandates the National Security Council to initiate a review of foreign investments that would result in the control of critical infrastructure in the country. These are the transmission and distribution of electricity, water and sewerage pipeline systems, telcos, and common carriers.

In the reciprocity clause, it is also provided that foreign nationals may only own more than 40 percent of the public services identified as critical infrastructure if their country accords a reciprocal right to Filipinos by law, treaty or international agreement.

Moreover, foreign employees are only allowed after a determination of non-availability of a competent, able and willing Filipino. Foreign employment shall not be more than 25 percent of the total employees of any given corporation.

Other safeguards in the bill include the critical infrastructure's compliance with ISO standards on information security, annual performance audit, regular studies and comprehensive baseline survey to be performed by several administrative agencies, and the conduct of a congressional oversight and periodic review.

"These amendments to the Public Service Act have the capacity not only to improve the quality of public services in the country, but also to transform the Philippines into a more globally competitive arena where businesses flourish, and each and every Filipino thrives," Poe said.



## Natatanging Juana sa Bacoor, kinilala ng pamahalaang lungsod

By Patricia Bermudez

CALAMBA CITY- Binigyang pugay kamakailan ng lokal na pamahalaan ng Bacoor ang kontribusyon ng kababaihan mula sa iba't ibang sektor ng kanilang lungsod nitong Martes, Marso 8, kasabay ng pagdiriwang ng Buwan ng Kababaihan.

Bukod sa mga babaeng opisyal ng pamahalaan na pinangungunahan nina Mayor Lani Mercado-Revilla, Vice Mayor Catherine Sarino Evaristo, at ang bagong hirang na City Fire Marshal na si CINSP. Jenalyn Cabasal, kinilala rin ng pamahalaang lungsod ang kontribusyon ng kababaihan sa kanilang komunidad.

"Dito sa atin sa Bacoor, espesyal ang pagdiriwang ng Fire Prevention, [dahil kasabay nito ang] International Women's Month pa." ani Mercado-Revilla. "Isa sa mga sektor na naapektuhan ng pandemya ay ang kababaihan," patuloy ng punong chekutibo sa kanyang mensahe, kung saan niya inisa-isa ang ambag ng kababaihan noong pandemya gaya ng pagpapatupad ng health protocol at paghahatid ng serbisyo ng pamahalaan.

Kabilang dito sina Nieves Manalili dela Cruz, isang kagawad ng Barangay Alima; Danica L. Morales na tumatayo bilang ama at ina ng kanyang pamilya habang nagta-trabaho ang kanyang asawa bilang isang Overseas Filipino Worker (OFW); Narcisa Enriquez-Barangay Health Worker mula sa Barangay Aniban 2 at katuwang ng mga Senior Citizen sa kanilang mga programa; Mitos Sayaman na patuloy ang pagtulong sa kanyang mga kapwa babae sa gitna ng pandemya; Kimberly Joy Cuevas na boluntaryong nagbabantay kasama ang mga barangay tanod at tumutulong sa pagluluto ng pagkain ng kanilang mga kabarangay.

Hindi naman alintana ni Teresa Ramos ang panganib habang ginagampanan niya ang kanyang tungkulin bilang tagakolekta ng basura sa kanyang barangay. Bukod dito, nagtatrabaho rin si Ramos bilang isang pedicab driver bilang dagdag kita na siyang pantugon sa pangaraw-araw na pangangailang ng kanyang pamilya.

Kung hindi naman

siya nagsisilbi sa tanggapan ng barangay, namamasada naman si Maria Jonalyn Espiritu gamit ang kanyang pedicab bilang karagdagan kabuhayan ng kanyang pamilya.

Isa naman si Julie Dianne Fernando sa mga nagsilbi bilang contact tracer na kumukuha ng datos ng mga Person Under Investigation (PUI) at Person Under Monitoring (PUM) sa mga lugar na inilagay sa lockdown.

Ayon sa lokal na pamahalaan, bagamat may kaya sa buhay si Fernando ay pinili nitong gumamit ng bisekleta sa tuwing pumapasok trabaho sa Bacoor City Health Center (Alima).

Aktibo rin sa iba't ibang programa ng barangay si Imelda Angeles ng Barangay Dulong Bayan. Bilang isang health worker, bahagi rin si Angeles ng Barangay Health Emergency Response Team (BHERT) at palagiang tumutulong sa mga cleanup drive sa kanilang komunidad.

Maging ang mga lider ng barangay na sina Aida Borja, Mary Ann Sacari, Matilde Dumali, Maribel Paraiso, Maria Lourdes Bautista, ay kinilala rin para sa kanilang hindi matatawarang serbisyo sa kani-kanilang nasasakupan sa kabila ng pandemya.

Nagbuwis naman ng buhay si Emylyn Patrocino na sa kabilang ng makailang beses na nagpositibo sa COVID-19 ay patuloy pa rin siya sa pagkokondukto ng monitoring sa mga kaso ng COVID sa kanilang barangay.

Nagpasalamat rin ang lungsod sa mga healthcare worker na nagserbisyo sa gitna ng pandemya gaya nina Dr. Ruby Ann Punzalan, isang solo parent, at 93-taong gulang na si Dr. Conrada Episcopo na nagserbisyo maging sa kalapit na barangay.

Bagamat siya ay kabilang sa sektor na nasa laylayan, hindi ito naging hadlang para kay Maribel Macalalag na aktibong nakikiisa sa mga cleanup drive sa lungsod.

Miyembro naman ng LGBTQ+ community si Susan Sauquillo na isang tanod mula sa Barangay Mambog 3. Bukod sa pagluluto ng pagkain sa mga frontliner sa kanilang lugar, siya rin ang tumatayong ama at ina ng kanyang pamilya.

Ilan lamang sila sa mahigit 80 na natatanging babae sa lungsod na walang sawang naglaan ng kanilang oras at talento upang makapagsilbi sa kanilang komunidad. (PB)

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## PENRO....

"We need to continuously educate the public to avoid littering especially when entering a biodiversity-rich area and to always practice waste segregation where we are," Unlayao said.

Coinciding with PENRO's National Women's Month celebration with this year's theme, "Women Can Make Change Amidst Climate Crisis and CoViD-19," all

women employees of the office participated in the clean-up activity, all dressed in purple shirt to honor the extraordinary role of women in society as leaders and forerunners of change.

About 69 sacks of non-biodegradable wastes composed of PET bottles, plastic wrappers, and facemasks were collected during the clean-up that were hauled by the Ternate Municipal Garbage Collector. (Ruel Francisco with reports from Dennis Abrina)



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kabuung 352 doses ng Sinovac na sigurado nang maibibigay sa 191 healthcare workers ng STRH para sa 1st and 2nd dose.

"Malaking tulong ito sa amin para mas mapalakas namin ang aming kampanyang LIGTAS BACOOR! Bacoor, Yes sa Bakuna! na kung saan ay maipapaliwanag ang kahalagahan ng bakuna at mahikayat ang mga Bacooreño na magpabakuna," pahayag ni Mayor Revilla.

Sa pagsisimula ng

pagbabakuna pinangunahan ni Dr. Efraim Rubiano, OIC Hospital Director ng STRH ang hanay ng healthcare workers ng pasilidad, kasunod si City Health Officer Dr. Ivy Marie Yrastorza, at STRH Dentist Head Dr. Marilou Rivera, upang maipakita ang tiwala nang pamunuan sa bakuna at mahikayat ang mga kasamahang healthcare workers ng pasilidad ng magpabakuna na rin.

Ayon kay Dir. Janairo, ang Cavite ang ika-4 na lalawigan

na kung saan nasimulan na ang vaccination rollout.

"Bagamat kaunti pa lamang, at least ngayon ay mayroon na tayong panlaban sa COVID-19 kaya po wag nating sayangin at pag-isipan pa," pahayag ni Janairo.

Mariin ding sinabi ni RD Janairo na ang pinakamabisa pa ring panlaban ay ang patuloy na pagsunod sa minimum health protocols, ang maghugas, dumistansya, at magsuot ng mask at face shield. (Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite)

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regardless of the incumbent administration. This will be done thru regular simulation of the evacuation procedures and continuous practice of preparation measures.

Ms. Eloisa Rozul of the Cavite Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office led the rollout of the evacuation plan to the attendees. Highlight of the presentation is the twinning of Batangas and Cavite LGUs to facilitate evacuation. Evacuees from Laurel, Batangas will be sheltered in the town of Alfonso. Those coming from Talisay, Batangas will be received by the municipalities of Silang ang Indang. The municipality of Mendez as well as Tagaytay City will receive evacuees coming from Agoncillo, Batangas. For evacuees coming from Lemery,

four LGUs of Cavite namely Magallanes, General Emilio Aguinaldo, Tagaytay City and Amadeo will provide shelter. Designated pickup points in the different subject municipalities of Batangas have been initially identified as well as the evacuation sites in partner Cavite LGUs.

Cavite province will facilitate transportation of evacuees from the strategic pickup points in Batangas. Swabbing of evacuees will also be done in identified swabbing areas in Cavite as a safety protocol in light of the COVID-19 pandemic before proceeding to the assigned evacuation areas.

Mayors of the eight Cavite LGUs represented by Cavite Mayors' League President Frederrick Vida of Mendez unanimously expressed

their commitment to accept and provide for the needs of those who will be displaced from the province of Batangas if and when Taal volcano erupts.

Meanwhile, local chief executives from Batangas expressed their gratitude for the support and shelter provided to their constituents during the 2020 Taal volcano eruption. Mayors' League President of Batangas, Mayor Valentino Patron of San Jose said that the show of support of the province of Cavite to their constituents lifts their morale and that the act will never be forgotten. In a gesture of appreciation, they presented to the Governor the infamous 'balisong' of Batangas as a token of gratitude.

The forging of partnership between the two provinces was witnessed by Presidential Chief Legal Counsel Salvador Panelo who was incidentally visiting the province.

## Cardinal Santos vaccinates close to 1,900 healthcare workers to complete first round of COVID jabs

By Ma. Elaine P. Allanigue

QUEZON CITY -- The Cardinal Santos Medical Center (CSMC) in San Juan City on Friday concluded its first round of vaccine rollout for close to 1,900 of its healthcare workers against COVID-19.

"Today marks another milestone for Cardinal Santos Medical Center as the hospital concludes the eight-day vaccination of its hospital workers," the CSMC told the PIA-NCR.

"A total of 1,890 personnel were inoculated with Sinovac and AstraZenica vaccines," the hospital said.

"This includes medical doctors, nurses, employees and contracted staff," the hospital added, further saying that, the hospital is

targeting to administer the second doses of vaccine by April.

The CSMC in San Juan City is one of the first private hospitals to get a hand on COVID-19 vaccines under the World Health Organization's COVAX facility.

"I was told by the LGU [local government unit] that they are getting the vaccine for us," said CSMC chief medical officer Dr. Zenaida Javier-Uy, in an interview with CNN Philippines.

San Juan City Mayor Francis Zamora, for his part, also confirmed that the private hospital will get Pfizer vaccines.

"Ang national government ay maglalaan sa San Juan pati sa Metro Manila LGUs [local government units] ng Pfizer," Mayor Francis said.

He said the national government will be allocating Pfizer vaccines for San Juan and for other Metro Manila LGUs.

The first batch of Pfizer vaccines that will arrive in San Juan are meant for healthcare workers, medical frontliners, wherein the Cardinal Santos is included.

"Ang unang batch na darating na Pfizer na darating sa San Juan, ito po ay para sa kategoryang ito, for the healthcare workers, for medical frontliners wherein kasama po ang Cardinal Santos diyan."

CSMC has earned its place as one of the country's leading hospitals specializing in the fields of Cardiology, Neurosurgery, Oncology, and Rehabilitation Medicine. (PIA NCR)



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## EDITORIAL

### JBC rule is unconstitutional

UNDOUBTEDLY, this extraordinary preferential treatment given to this special class of government officials under this rule is patently arbitrary.

The Judicial and Bar Council (JBC) is the office created by the Constitution to screen applicants for appointment to judicial posts.

One who seeks appointment as a Justice of the Supreme Court must satisfy the requirements set forth in Section 7, Article VIII of the Constitution. Thus, one must be a natural-born citizen of the Philippines, at least 40 years old, and a judge of a lower court or a law practitioner for at least 15 years.

Under Section 11 of the same article, the compulsory retirement age for justices of the Supreme Court is 70 years.

The JBC may not add to or deduct from the foregoing requirements. To do so is to amend the Constitution, and the JBC does not have that power.

Those premises considered, it is alarming to find out that last year, the JBC came out with a rule governing applications for a seat in the Supreme Court. That rule states that the JBC will process the application forms only of those who can serve in the Supreme Court for a "reasonably sufficient time."

More specifically, that rule provides that candidates for the Supreme Court must not be older than 67 and a half years old if the candidate is an appellate court justice, the court administrator, a chairman of a constitutional commission, the solicitor general, or a department secretary. All other applicants must not be older than 65 years.

That rule is unconstitutional because it amounts to an amendment of the Constitution by the JBC.

The JBC's requirement that an applicant must be able to serve in the Supreme Court for a "reasonably sufficient time" is not found or authorized anywhere in the Constitution. It constitutes an addition to the qualifications for membership in the Supreme Court recited in Section 7 of the charter. In doing so, the JBC amended the Constitution, and as stated earlier, the JBC has no power to amend the charter.

This JBC rule is unconstitutional also because it violates the equal protection clause of the Constitution.

In a decision promulgated in November 2020, the Supreme Court ruled that equal protection simply requires that all persons similarly situated should be treated alike, and that there should be no arbitrary discrimination. The Supreme Court also emphasized that the classification of persons, to be valid, must be made on distinctions which make real differences.

If what the JBC had in mind is to limit applications to those who can serve in the Supreme Court for a "reasonably sufficient time," why then does the rule allow a higher age ceiling for processing the applications of an appellate court justice, the court administrator, a chairman of a constitutional commission, the solicitor general, or a department secretary, and a lower age ceiling for other applicants?

For that matter, what makes these specified government officials so special in the eyes of the JBC anyway?

Undoubtedly, this extraordinary preferential treatment given to this special class of government officials under this rule is patently arbitrary. The rule should be revoked, there being no public announcement to the effect that it has been set aside.

It appears that at the time this new rule was issued, the JBC was composed of, among others, Chief Justice Diosdado Peralta (as ex officio chairman), Justice Secretary Menardo Guevara and former Supreme Court Justices Noel Tijam and Jose Catral Mendoza. All of them are supposed to be leading experts in law, so how could they have allowed this unconstitutional rule to get away in the first place?

A third constitutional issue stalks the JBC.

It is claimed that "as a matter of tradition," the two most senior associate justices of the Supreme Court participate in the deliberations of the JBC.

If that "tradition" is really a practice, it is unconstitutional because under the charter, the JBC is composed of only seven people.

This is not the first time this newspaper has exposed anomalies in the JBC. Its past anomalies include its having nominated candidates who are not qualified to be in the judiciary.

Public interest demands a total revamp of the JBC.



# KAPIRASONG Kritika

Ni Teo S. Marasigan

## Mad Max Masyado

### PART 1

Bago pa man matapos ang 2015, itinatanghal na ng mga kritiko sa ibang bansa ang Mad Max: Fury Road na pinakamagandang pelikula ng taon. Nitong Disyembre ko lang napanood ang obra ni George Miller, direktor ng mga seryeng Mad Max at Happy Feet, at may batayan, sa tingin ko, ang mga kritiko sa kanilang mga papuri, kahit mula sa perspektibang progresibo.

Una, ang kontrabidang si Immortan Joe ay inaakusahang nangwasak sa daigdig at may monopolyo sa tubig at halaman. Naghahari siya sa malayong hinaharap, matapos gawing mala-disyerto ang modernong sibilisasyon ng delubiyong nuklearyar. Sa ilalim ng kanyang "Citadel," kaharian sa isang mataas na bundok, dumudulog ang mga taong naiwan, na marami pa rin, para humingi ng limos niyang tubig. Gumagamit siya ng hukbong pandigma para protektahan ang kanyang kaharian. Hindi mahirap makita sa kanya ang mga monopolyo-kapitalistang naghahari sa mundo ngayon: tuluy-tuloy na nagmomonopolyo ng mga rekursong nakakabuhay sa sangkatauhan, sumusupil sa mga lumalaban, at nakadireksyong wasakin ang mundo.

Ikalawa, at spoiler agad ito, tinalo siya nina Emperor Furiosa (Charlize Theron), Max Rockatansky (Tom Hardy) at mga kasamahan. Nanguna si Furiosa sa pagtakas sa Citadel gamit ang War Rig, sasakyang pandigma ni Immortan Joe, kasama ang mga sex slave at paanakan ng huli. Si Max, rebelde kay Immortan Joe na nauna nang nadakip, ay nagawang umanib kina Furiosa matapos isama sa pagtugis ni Immortan Joe sa War Rig – bilang bihag na pampataas ng morale ng kanyang hukbo. Hawak ni Immortan Joe ang yaman at kapangyarihan, kasama na ang malaki at malupit na hukbong pandigma, pero tinalo siya nina Furiosa, Max, at mga

kasamahan na ang tanging alas ay ang kapasyahan at kakayahang lumaban.

Ikatlo, interesante kung paano tinalo si Immortan Joe – bukod sa marami, mahahaba at nakakaatake-sa-pusong bakbakan. Nagsimula ang tunggalian sa pelikula sa pagtakas nina Furiosa para pumunta sa "Green Place" – isang buhay na lugar na pinanggalingan at natatandaan niya kung saan nakakabuhay ang klima at may tubig at halaman. Matapos ang maraming buwis-buhay na habulan at labanan papunta, natuklasan nina Furiosa, Max at mga kasamahan na wasak na rin ang Green Place, naging isa nang matubig, maputik at madilim na lugar. Sa puntong ito sila nagpasya-naobligang bumalik sa pinagmulan para agawin ang Citadel kay Immortan Joe.

Para sa may kahit bahagyang kaalaman sa paghahari ng malalaking kapitalista sa mundo ngayon, hindi mahirap makita sa kalagayang pinaghaharian ni Immortan Joe ang tinutungo at posibleng kahantungan ng daigdig. Tuluy-tuloy ang pagkopo at pagsasakalal ng malalaking kapitalista sa mga rekursong daigdig na mahalaga o rekisito pa nga para mabuhay ang tao – pagkain, gamot, at tubig. Nito ngang 2015, nabalitang nagsimula nang tipunin ang sariwang hangin at ibenta bilang kalakal sa China. Isang sukdulang hantungan ang paghahari ni Immortan Joe ng tinawag na "proseso ng pribadong pag-angkin ng yamang komon" at "nagpapatuloy na pulitika ng pag-angkin at akumulasyon sa pamamagitan ng pang-aagaw at pagkakait" ng Marxistang geographer na si David Harvey [Seventeen Contradictions and the End of Capitalism, 2014]. At ipinapaalala rin ng pelikula na kakambal ng ganitong mga proseso ang digmaan at ang pagpapagiting nito ng mga makapangyarihang bansa.

Mahalaga naman ang pagkatuklas nina Furiosa, Max at mga

kasamahan sa pagkasira ng Green Place at ang pagkatanto nila na kailangang agawin ang Citadel kay Immortan Joe. Agad maaalala ang utopyanong sosyalismo na kapwa hinangaan at kinritika nina Karl Marx at Friedrich Engels, partikular ang tipo na kinatawan ng industrialistang Ingles ng ika-18 siglo na si Robert Owen. Sa isang banda, gagap ni Owen ang kaapihan ng mga manggagawa sa ilalim ng kapitalismo. Sa kabilang banda, ang alternatiba niya ay magbuo ng mga komunidad na hiwalay sa kapitalismo, pero kasabayang umiiral nito at sa aktwal ay sinubsidyuhang ng tubo niya sa pagnenegosyo.

Kahalintulad din ng pagkatuklas sa pagkawasak ng Green Place ang maraming krusyal na yugto ng kinakailangang pagbasag sa mga ilusyon sa kasaysayan ng mga rebolusyon para mas mapagpasyang harapin ang mga tungkulin para magtagumpay. Tampok marahil sa kaso ng Rusya ang pagwawaksi sa buhaghag na konsepto ng Partido at sa namumunong papel ng burgesya sa rebolusyon. Sa kaso ng China naman, ang pagwawaksi sa insureksyunismo sa maagang yugto ng pakikibaka.

Ipinapaalala rin sa partikular ang isang panawagan ni Mao Zedong na titulo ng isa niyang artikulo: "Iwaksi ang mga ilusyon, maghandang lumaban." Sa artikulong ito na isinulat bago ang tagumpay ng Partido Komunista ng Tsina, binabasag ang mga ilusyon ng mga intelektwal ng China hinggil sa relasyon ng kanilang bansa sa mga imperyalistang bansa partikular ang US. Ang klasikong sipi: "Lumaban, mabigo, lumaban muli, mabigo muli, lumaban muli... hanggang sa tagumpay; iyan ang lohika ng sambayanan..." Dagdag pa niya, "Nagtutunggali ang mga uri, may uring nagtatagumpay, may ibang napapalis. Ganyan ang kasaysayan...."

29 Enero 2016

*Itutuloy*







REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT  
TRECE MARTIRES CITY

BDO UNIBANK, INC.,  
Mortgagee,

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-005-21

-versus-

FRANCIS RAY A. ESPINO  
Debitor/Mortgagor

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#### NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed by Mortgagee, BDO UNIBANK, INC., with business address at BDO Corporate Center, 7899 Makati Avenue, Makati City, against the Mortgagor, FRANCIS RAY A. ESPINO represented by NINA LADEZA NINO as his ATYY-IN-FACT with residences and postal address/es at (1) Block 16, Lot 1, Brgy. St. PeterII, Dasmariñas City, Cavite, and (2) Block 70, Lot 21, Phase 1, Phirst Park Homes-Tanza, Brgy. Tanauan, Tanza, Cavite, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of 15 January 2021, amounts to ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY SEVEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED ELEVEN PESOS AND 20/100 (Php2,557,711.20), Philippine Currency, including interest, penalties 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 May 20, 2021 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. 057-2019027723

LOT NO. 21 BLOCK: 70 PLAN NO. : PCS-04-030746

PORTION OF : LOT 2171-B-1, PSD-04-003866, Lot 2171-N-B, FLS-1479-D STA CRUZ DE MALABON ESTATE, LOT 2171-B-2-1, PSD-04-025600 & LOT 2171-B-2-3, PSD-04-024600  
LOCATION: BARRIO OF TANAUAN, MUNICIPALITY OF TANZA, PROVINCE CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON

#### BOUNDRIES:

| LINE | DIRECTION | ADJOINING LOT(S)                |
|------|-----------|---------------------------------|
| 1-2  | SOUTH     | ROAD LOT 88, PCS-04-030746      |
| 2-3  | WEST      | LOT 20, BLOCK 70, PCS-04-030746 |
| 3-4  | NE        | LOT 1, BLOCK 79, PCS-04-030746  |
| 4-1  | EAST      | LOT 22, BLOCK 70, PCS-04-030746 |

AREA: FORTY FIVE SQUARE METERS(45). 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 date and time, it shall be held on Mary 27, 2021 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.

TreceMartires City, March 2, 2021

ANDRES B. ESPINA  
Sheriff IV

Copy Furnished:

BDO UNIBANK, INC.,  
RISKMANAGEMENTGROUP-REMEDIALMANAGEMENT UNIT  
11th Floor, BDO South Tower, BDO Corporate Tower  
7899 Makati Avenue, Makati City 0726

FRANCIS RAY A. ESPINO  
NINA LADEZA NINO  
Block 16, Lot 1, Brgy. St. PeterII, Dasmariñas City, Cavite 4114  
Block 70, Lot 21, Phase 1, Phirst Park Homes-Tanza, Brgy. Tanauan, Tanza, Cavite 4108

WARNING: It is absolutely prohibited to remove, deface or destroy this Notice of Extra Judicial Sale on or before the date of sale

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION  
FAMILY COURT  
BRANCH 4  
IMUS CITY, CAVITE

Spec. Proc. Case No. : 1854-21

IN THE MATTER OF CORRECTION AND CANCELLATION OF ENTRIES IN THE CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH OF ALIAN ROQUIN BAGONTE,  
Petitioner,

-versus-

THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF CITY OF IMUS, CAVITE, PHILIPPINE STATISTICS OFFICE (PSA), OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR GENERAL (OSG), EBRAHIM MACADINDANG BAGONTE, and all persons who have claim or any interests which would be affected thereby,  
Respondents.

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#### ORDER

Petitioner Alian Roquin Bagonte, a minor, through her mother Lesyl Bandol Roquin, filed this verified petition for the correction and cancellation of entries in her Certificate of Birth.

Petitioner alleged in her Petition, that:

1. Petitioner is a minor, represented herein by her mother Lesyl Bandol Roquin, legal age, Filipino, single and both residing at Block 64 Lot 14, Bautista Property, Zone 6, Dasmariñas City, Cavite;

2. Respondent Local Civil Registrar of Imus City, Cavite is the custodian of all record of birth of persons born in Imus, Cavite and holding office at Local Civil Registry, City Hall, Imus City, Cavite. Respondent, Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) and respondent Office of the Solicitor General (OSG) are holding offices at Edsa, Quezon City and at No. 134 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Village, Makati City, respectively. Respondent Ebrahim Macadindang Bagonte, is of legal age, Filipino, and the father of herein petitioner, Alian Roquin Bagonte and the residence and postal address at 496 F. Medicion I-C, Imus, Cavite

3. Respondents maybe served with summons and other processes of the Honorable Court at their respective addresses.

4. Other respondents and all persons who have claims or any interest that would be affected by the instant petition may be sent with notices through publication in a newspaper of general circulation;

5. Petitioner was born on 15 December 2014 in Imus, Cavite, as evidenced by her Certificate of live Birth, copy of which is hereto attached as Annex "A";

6. Recorded in her Certificate of Live Birth are as follows;

|                             |                               |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Name                        | : ALIAN ROQUIN BAGONTE        |
| Sex                         | : Female                      |
| Date of Birth               | : 15 December 2014            |
| Place of Birth              | : Imus, Cavite                |
| Name of Mother              | : Lesyl Bandol Roquin         |
| Citizenship of Mother       | : Filipino                    |
| Name of Father              | : Ebrahim Macadindang Bagonte |
| Citizenship of Father       | : Filipino                    |
| Date of Marriage of Parents | : August 9, 2014              |
| Place of Marriage           | : Imus, Cavite                |

7. The father of the said child is Ebrahim Macadindang Bagonte and her mother is Lesyl Bandol Roquin. Petitioner's father and mother were not in reality, legally married, herein petitioner for all intents and purposes is the illegitimate daughter of Lesyl Bandol Roquin and Ebrahim Macadindang Bagonte;

8. That this fact of non-marriage of petitioner's parents is supported by Certificate of No Marriage (CENOMAR) OF Ibrahim Macadindang Bagonte dated December 28m 2020, and CENOMAR of Lesyl Bandol Roquin dated July 29, 2020 respectively, both issued by PSA, belying the fact that petitioner's parents were married. Copy of CENOMAR of Ebrahim M. Bagonte attached as Annex "B" and CENOMAR of Lesyl B. Roquin attached as Annex "C", hereof;

9. Likewise, Petitioner secured a Certification from the Local Civil Registry of Imus City, Cavite attesting to the fact that the office has no record of marriage between Ebrahim Macadindang Bagonte and Lesyl Bandol Roquin allegedly on August 9, 2014 in Imus, Cavite. Copy of the Certification dated January 5, 2021 marked as Annex "D" hereof:

10. That in the Certificate of Live Birth of herein petitioner, the following entries are recorded:

1. Name of Child, Entry No. 1.

ALIAN ROQUIN BAGONTE

2. Date and Place of Marriage of Parents, specifically in Entry No 20A

20A Marriage of Parents  
Date: August 9, 2014  
Place: Imus, Cavite

11. Considering that the petitioner is the illegitimate child of Lesyl Bandol Roquin and Ebrahim Macadindang Bagonte petitioner prays that her mother's maiden surname be followed and used by the said petitioner which is "Roquin" pursuant to the provisions of Article 176 of the Family Code of the Philippines that illegitimate child follows the surname of the mother;

12. Likewise, entries in the date and place of marriage of parents be cancelled and corrected to "Not Married" or "Not Applicable" or other words of similar import;

13. That the petitioner is about to enter school and the wrong entries in her Certificate of Live Birth need to be corrected in all her records to reflect her true and correct status;

14. The requested corrections are substantial as well as controversial, which can only be established in an appropriate proceedings, as a remedy for the adjudication of real and justiciable controversies involving actual conflict of rights the final determination of which depends upon the resolution of the issues of nationality, paternity, filiation or legitimacy of the marital status for which existing substantive and procedural laws as well as other rules of court amply provide (Tan Pong vs Republic, 30 SCRA 380; see also Chua Tan Chuan vs. Republic, L-25439, March 28, 1969; 27 SCRA 447-449; Republic vs. Maddela, L-21664, March 28, 1969. 27 SCRA 702, 705; reyes vs Republic, L-17642, November 27, 1964, 12 SCRA 376. 379);

15. It being so, all interested parties, particularly petitioner's father are being impleaded herein (Emperatriz Bayo-Rowe vs Republic of the Philippines, GR. No. L-53 417, December 8, 1988, 168 SCRA 294);

16. In the above case of Labuyo-Rowe, the Supreme Court said "It Highlights the necessity of impleading indispensable parties in a petition which involves substantial and controversial alterations." And in the case of Republic of the Philippines vs. Julian Edward Emerson Coseteng-Magpayo (AKA Julian Edward Emerson Marquez-Lim Coseteng, G.R. 189476. February 2, 2011, the Honorable Supreme Court, through the Third Division, said "In fine, when a petition for cancellation or correction of an entry in the civil registrar, involves substantial and controversial alterations including those on citizenship, legitimacy of paternity or filiation or legitimacy of marriage, a strict compliance with the requirements of Rule 108 of the Rules of Court in mandated."

The petitioner prays that this Court, after due notice and hearing issued an Order directing the respondents Civil Registrar of Imus City Cavite and the Civil Registry General, Philippine Statistics Authority, to correct the Certificate of Live Birth of Alain Roquin Bagonte under Registry No. 2015-01 for the following entries, to wit:

A. Entry No. 1 – ALIAN ROQUIN BAGONTE to ALIAN ROQUIN

B. Entry No. 20A Date and place of Marriage of Parents from August 9, 2014 Imus, Cavite, to "Not Applicable" or "Not married" or any words of similar import.

WHEREFORE, finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the Court hereby schedules the hearing on May 27, 2021, at 8:30 a.m.

Let this Order be published once a week for three (3) consecutive week in a newspaper of general circulation, as may be chosen by raffle.

The Local Civil Registrar of the City of Imus, Cavite, a representative of the PSA and the OSG, Ebrahim Macadindang Bagonte, and any person having or claiming any interest under the entry whose cancellation or correction is sought may, within fifteen (15) days from notice of the petition, or from the last date of publication of such notice, appear and file his Opposition thereto.

Furnish a copy of this Order to the Office of the Solicitor General, the Philippine Statistics Office, the Local Civil Registrar, Imus City, Cavite and to Ebrahim Macadindang Bagonte.

SO ORDERED.  
Imus City, Cavite, January 21, 2021.

ADELIZA H. MAGNO-GINGOYON  
Presiding Judge

Copy Furnished:

Office of the Solicitor General  
134 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Village Makati City

Office of the Local Civil Registrar  
Imus City, Cavite

Philippine Statistics Authority  
PSA Vidal Bldg., EDSA cor. Quezon Avenue, Quezon City

Ebrahim Macadindang Bagonte  
496 F. Medicion I-C, Imus City, Cavite

Lesyl Bandol Roquin  
Alian Roquin Bagonte  
Block 54 Lot 14, Bautista Property, Zone 6 Dasmariñas City, Cavite

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION  
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT  
CITY OF IMUS, CAVITE

NATIONAL HOME MORTGAGE  
FINANCE CORPORATION (NHMFC)  
Mortgagee,

EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF  
REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT  
3135 AS AMENDED BY ACT 4118

-versus-

SPOUSES REYNALDO A. BATHAN and  
ANAV. BATHAN, and Ms. SUSAN A. BATHAN  
Mortgagors.

FC NO. 17075-20

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 as amended by Act 4118 filed by National Home Mortgage Finance Corporation, mortgagee/assignee, with principal office at 104 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Village, Makati City, against SPOUSES REYNALDO A. BATHAN and ANA V. BATHAN, and Ms. SUSAN A. BATHAN, mortgagors, with residence and postal address at 2348 Radium St., San Andres, Manila and/or Golden City- Lot 26 Block 46 Brgy. Anabu II, Imus, Cavite to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of December 31, 2019 amounts to ONE MILLION ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY EIGHT THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED EIGHTEEN PESOS and 79/100 (P1,178,318.79), Philippine Currency, excluding interest and penalty charges, attorney's fees, sheriff's fees and all other charges incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff IV will sell at public auction on April 6, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. or soon thereafter at the main entrance of the Office of the Clerk of Court, RTC-Imus, Bulwagan Ng Katarungan, Aguinaldo Highway, Imus, Cavite, to the highest bidder, for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all the improvements therein, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITE NO. T-375964

"A parcel of land (Lot 26, Blk. 46 of subd. plan, Psd-042109053270, being a portion of Blk. 39, Pcs-04-006191, LRC Rec. No. ), situated in the Brgy. Of Anabu II, Mun. of Imus, Prov. Of Cavite, Is. Of Luzon. Bounded on the NW., along line 1-2 by Lot 25; on the NE., along line 2-3 by Lot 24, both of Blk. 46; on the SE., along line 3-4 by Rd. Lot 40; & on the SW., along line 4-1 by Lot 28, Blk. 46, all of the subd. plan. x x x containing an area of EIGHTY EIGHT (88) SQ. METERS. x x x"

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on April 13, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. without prior notice.

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

Imus, Cavite, Philippines, November 6, 2020

ISRAEL S. MEDINA  
Sheriff IV

APPROVED:

ARMIE A. FRANCISCO  
Clerk of Court V  
Officer in Charge

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National Home Mortgage Finance Corp.  
104 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Village  
Makati City

SPOUSES REYNALDO A. BATHAN AND  
ANA V. BATHAN, and Ms. SUSAN A. BATHAN  
2348 Radium St., San Andres, Manila and/or Golden City-Imus  
Lot 26 Block 46 Brgy. Anabu II, Imus, Cavite

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March 15, 22 & 29, 2021

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION  
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT  
CITY OF IMUS, CAVITE

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND  
(PAG-IBIG FUND),  
Mortgagee,

EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF  
REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT  
3135 AS AMENDED BY ACT 4118

-versus-

GERALDINE I. DE GUZMAN  
Represented by her Atty-in-Fact,  
ELSA I. DE GUZMAN  
Mortgagors.

FC NO. 14259-16

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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 HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (PAG-IBIG FUND), mortgagee, with principal office at The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City, against GERALDINE I. DE GUZMAN Represented by her Atty-in-Fact, ELSA I. DE GUZMAN, mortgagors, with residence and postal address at Lot 28 Blk. 3 Greenplace Homes 2 Subdivision Malagasang 2-A, Imus, Cavite and/or Lot 29 Blk. 1 No. 35 Sta. Teresita St., Villa Magdalen 2, Subd., Caramin Road, Caloocan City to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of March 14, 14, 2016 amounts to SEVEN HUNDRED NINETY THREE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY SIX PESOS and 82/100 (P793,786.82), Philippine Currency, including interest and penalty charges but excluding attorney's fees, sheriff's fees and all other charges incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff IV will sell at public auction on April 6, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. or soon thereafter at the main entrance of the Office of the Clerk of Court, RTC-Imus, Bulwagan Ng Katarungan, Aguinaldo Highway, Imus, Cavite, to the highest bidder, for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all the improvements therein, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITE NO. 057-2012018810

"A parcel of land (Lot 28, Blk. 3 of the cons. And subd. plan, Psd-042109053270, being a portion of the cons. Of Lots 1846-A, Psd-28429 & 1845-A-2, (LRC) Psd-223425, LRC Rec. No. 8843), situated in the Brgy. Of Malagasang 2, Mun. of Imus, Province of Cavite, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the SW., along line 1-2 by Lot 27, Blk. 3; on the NW., along line 2-3 by Lot 39, Blk. 15; on the NE., along line 3-4 by Lot 29, Blk. 3; and on the SE., along line 4-1 by Road Lot 32, all of the cons. And subd. plan. x x x containing an area of THIRTY SIX (36) SQ. METERS, more or less. x x x"

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on April 13, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. without prior notice.

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

Imus, Cavite, Philippines, December 1, 2020

ISRAEL S. MEDINA  
Sheriff IV

APPROVED:

ARMIE A. FRANCISCO  
Clerk of Court V  
Officer in Charge

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Home Development Mutual Fund (Pag-Ibig Fund)  
The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen Gil Puyat Avenue,  
Makati City

GERALDINE I. DE GUZMAN Represented  
by her Atty-in-Fact, ELSA I. DE GUZMAN  
Lot 28 Blk. 3 Greenplace Homes 2 Subdivision Malagasang  
2-A, Imus, Cavite and/or Lot 29 Blk. 1 No. 35 Sta. Teresita St.,  
Villa Magdalen 2, Subd., Caramin Road, Caloocan City

Ang Caviten  
March 15, 22 & 29, 2021

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE ESTATE OF THE  
LATE RUSTICO V. BINSOL

Notice is hereby given that the late RUSTICO V. BINSOL, who died intestate on January 31, 2018 and who at the time of his death is a resident of Temecula, Riverside County, California, USA, left no debt in favor of any entity or person. That said deceased Rustico V. Binsol left real properties in the Philippines consisting of: 1. A parcel of land located at Kalipayan Homes, Brgy. Sabang, Naic, Cavite covered by TCT No. T-1038559 of the Registry of Deeds for the Province of Cavite; and 2. A parcel of land located at Kalipayan Homes, Brgy. Sabang, Naic, Cavite covered by TCT No. T-994325 of the Registry of Deeds for the Province of Cavite; and are the subject of the Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate executed by the surviving heirs, through their Attorney-in-Fact, duly acknowledged before Atty. Kara Mae Aurora R. Chua, Notary Public for and in the City of Makati, on March 10, 2021, as per Doc. No. 282, Page No. 58, Book No. II, Series of 2021.

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late NATALIO M. TABBU, who died intestate sometime on August 3, 2017, leaving 9 parcel of land covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 032-2012-003948, Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-114608, Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-130453, Lot No. 4265-B-2-B-3-B-2-A, Transfer Certificate of Title No. 032-2013002758, Transfer Certificate of Title No. 032-2013002759, Transfer Certificate of Title No. 032-2013002760, Transfer Certificate of Title No. 032-2012001140, Transfer Certificate of Title No. 032-20166042388, located at Barrio Natappian, Solana Cagayan, Barrio San Gabriel Tuguegarao City Cagayan, Barrio Lanna Solana Cagayan, Brgy. Tabon Kawit Cavite respectively, has been extrajudicially settled by his heirs as per Doc. No. 341; Page No. 64; Book No. II, Series of 2018, Notary Public Atty. ChuChie L. Flores-Barias.

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**Bill filed expanding protection of women against discrimination at work**

By Jimmyley E. Guzman

PASIG CITY -- A bill expanding the list of prohibited acts in the Labor Code that constitute discrimination against women has been filed in the Senate by Senator Joel Villanueva, chairperson of the Senate Committee on Labor.

"As presently worded, the Labor Code of the Philippines already prohibits certain acts of discrimination against women," Villanueva said in the bill.

However, he said the law should adapt to changing times.

"Considering that almost 50 percent of our labor force is women, it is but proper to further expand and elaborate on the prohibited acts of discrimination against them," he said.

Under Senate Bill No. 2093 authored and filed by Villanueva, these acts are defined as forms of discrimination against women and are prohibited:

- Favoring a male over a female employee with respect to assignments and dismissal solely on account of gender
- Denying employment or statutory benefits to women by reason of gender

The measure also seeks to penalize not only employers, who commit any of the prohibited acts of discrimination, but also employees or persons "who aid or abet in the commission of such acts."

The Labor Code already prohibits, among other things, payment of lesser compensation to women for the same work as men, promoting men over women because of gender, discharging pregnant women and refusal to take women back at work for fear of a future pregnancy.

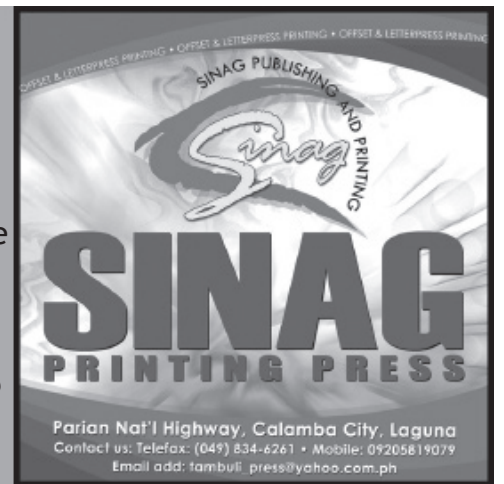
"While these provisions in the Labor Code were a laudable effort to ensure the protection of women in the workplace and guarantee their equal treatment by employers, we believe it is necessary to revisit the scope of the prohibited acts of discrimination," Villanueva said in the bill.

"Women shouldn't be the last to be hired and first to be fired. When a firm is retrenching workers, women shouldn't be the first to be shown the door simply because of her gender. Promotion should be based on performance and not denied on the basis of sex," the lawmaker added. (PIA NCR)



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# More choices, better services, lower cost seen with Public Service Act -Poe

By Lucia F. Broño

CALOOCAN CITY-- Senator Grace Poe on Wednesday said the passage of the amendments to the Public Service Act (PSA) will usher in more choices, improved services and lower cost of basic services which the people badly need amid the pandemic era.

“Magiging paligsahan ang pagbibigay ng dekalidad na serbisyo at produkto sa pinakamababang presyo para sa mga Pilipino. Inaasahan nating ito na ang magwawakas sa ‘take it or leave it’ attitude ng mga nagpakasang monopolya nitong nakaraang siglo,” Poe said in her sponsorship speech of the committee report of the Public Service Act Amendments.

The measure seeks

to amend the 85-year-old Commonwealth Act 146 or the Public Service Act to make it in tune with the needs of the 110 million Filipinos for more and better providers of public services.

Poe said one of the amendments being pushed is the increase of the measly P200 penalty per day of violation of service providers to P2 million, plus “disgorgement of profits” and additional “treble damages.”

“Sa lumang kalakaran, marahil ay mas makakatipid pa sila kung magbayad ng multa kaysa pagandahin ang kanilang serbisyo publiko... If public interest is not enough incentive, we certainly hope that these updated fines will,” Poe said.

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## Legarda: Translate national plans, policies into local action to enhance resilience

By Jerome Carlo R. Paunan

CALOOCAN CITY -- Deputy Speaker Loren Legarda today called for greater solidarity, cooperation, and action in enhancing the resilience of the Asia-Pacific region in light of the intensifying effects of the climate crisis and the crippling effects of the COVID-19 pandemic as Keynote Speaker at the Plenary Session on Policy and Climate Governance of the 7th Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum.

“The massive scale of the climate crisis has never been more evident than today. We meet today in recognition of a planet that is fast declining, as record highs of 2020 as the warmest year and the period 2011 to 2020 as the warmest decade on record, worsening effects of climate change, and economic shocks from this pandemic set us back to achieve our goals on sustainable and resilient development,” said Legarda, a three-term Senator who is also Global Champion for Resilience of the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction and National Adaptation Plan Champion of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change.

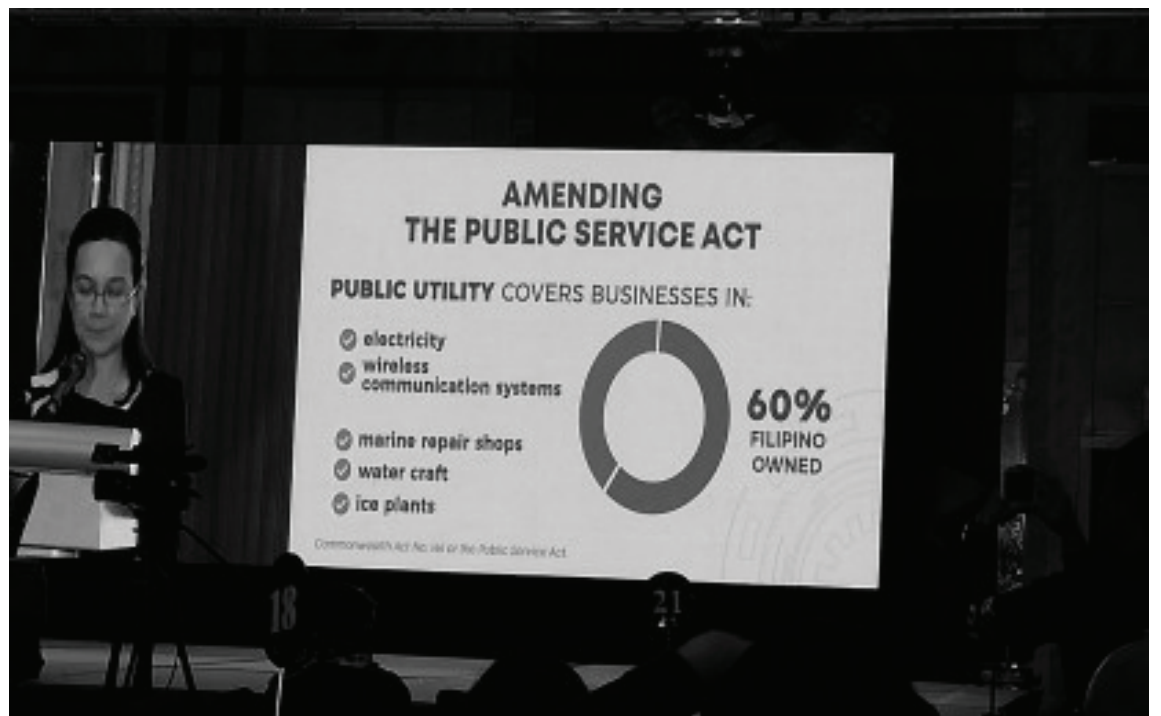
The weeklong forum aims to exchange good practices of climate governance at the international, regional, and national levels that support adaptation actions towards

building the resilience of sectors, including shaping a green recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. The Asia-Pacific region is considered as highly vulnerable to climate and disaster impacts, with the 2019 Asia-Pacific Disaster Report finding that “economic losses due to disasters are larger than previously estimated with most of this additional loss linked to the impact of slow onset disasters in the agricultural sector” and that “multi-hazard average annual loss (AAL) for the region is \$675 billion, of which \$405 billion, or 60 percent, is drought-related agricultural losses, particularly in rural economies.”

Legarda also cited a study from the Asian Development Bank, which said that “even under the Paris consensus scenario in which global warming is limited to 1.5°C to 2°C above preindustrial levels, some of the land area, ecosystems, and socioeconomic sectors will be significantly affected by climate change impacts, to which policymakers and the investment community need to adapt.”

The legislator, who is also a Commissioner of the Global Commission on Adaptation, stressed that the Asia-Pacific region could expect prolonged heatwaves, coastal sea-level rise, and changes in rainfall patterns,

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Senator Grace Poe discusses the then proposed amendment to the Public Service Act of 1936 to allow foreign direct investments in the telecommunications, transportation, and multimedia industries during the BusinessWorld Industry 4.0 Summit in Taguig in 2019. (Philippine News Agency photo)

## DILG thanks metro LGUs for setting uniform curfew hours, providing exemptions

By Jerome Carlo R. Paunan

CALOOCAN CITY-- The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) on Saturday welcomed the decision of all 17 local government units (LGUs) of Metro Manila to set a standardized unified curfew hours from 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. starting March 15 calling it “a necessary measure to address the spike of COVID-19 cases.”

The Metro Manila Council (MMC), composed of the

local chief executives of all the LGUs in Metro Manila, adopted Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA) Resolution No. 21-03 S. 2021 implementing common curfew hours for the whole NCR on March 15-March 31, 2021.

DILG Spokesperson Undersecretary Jonathan Malaya said that the move of Metro Manila LGUs in declaring unified curfew hours is urgently needed for the public to be able to comply with the new regulation. He said

that the Department of Health and other health professionals are one in saying that there is an urgent need to regulate the movement of people within and around Metro Manila because of the spike in cases which has reached more than 4,000 daily.

The DILG earlier appealed to Metro Manila LGUs to adopt uniform curfew hours as people live and work in different LGUs and for the National Capital Region Police Office (NCRPO) to

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Former DILG Assistant Secretary now Undersecretary Jonathan E. Malaya during one of the fora on federalism