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Bacoor, Las Piñas fire victims receive assistance from Sen. Go amid enhanced community quarantine



Team of Sen. Bong Go delivers food, groceries and financial assistance to residents who have lost their homes. (Photo from OSBG)

QUEZON CITY -- As Senator Christopher Lawrence "Bong" Go continues to comply with the enhanced community quarantine protocols due to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) emergency in the country, the Senator's office still made efforts to provide immediate assistance to fire victims of Wawa Uno in Barangay Zapote V, Bacoor City, and Talon Village, Las Piñas City.

"Sa panahon ng krisis, hindi pwedeng ipagpaliban ang tulong sa kapwa Pilipino, tuluy-tuluy tayong magseserbisyo," Go said, adding that the government

as a whole should continue to do its job in a manner that will not put the health of others at risk.

On different occasions spanning five days beginning March 25, Go made sure that each affected family is given enough support and help to get through their current ordeal on top of the COVID-19 outbreak in the country. Through the delivery of food, groceries and financial assistance, the team was able to successfully provide immediate relief assistance to those who have lost their homes.

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DA-APCO visits checkpoints in Cavite to disseminate info on continuous delivery of agri & fishery products

By Carlo P. Gonzaga

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna--The Agricultural Program Coordinating Office (APCO) of the Department of Agriculture (DA) Region IV-CALABARZON in Cavite visited checkpoints around Cavite province March 26 to intensify information dissemination on important Memo Circulars issued by the DA and advisories from the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG).

"We gave copies of DA Memorandum Circular Numbers 7 and 9 and DILG Advisory to checkpoint personnel and explained to them carefully the provisions of the memo circular," Eda Dimapilis of DA-APCO said.

DA issued Memo Circulars Nos. 7 & 9 to make sure that deliveries of

both agricultural and fishery products continue to ensure that every Filipino household in Luzon and high dense metropolitan areas will have access to safe and affordable food while under enhanced community quarantine to arrest further spread of COVID-19 in the country.

On the other hand, the DILG issued an advisory for the continuous movement of agricultural and fishery products in response to some reports that small farmers and fisherfolk were not allowed to pass thru checkpoints thus restricting their movements in delivering agricultural products and/or inputs or farming/fishing activity.

Dimapilis, said most of the personnel in the checkpoints they visited are not yet informed of the Memo Circulars and the

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DA CALABARZON issues food lane passes for agri-fishery products deliveries

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna --The Department of Agriculture (DA) Region IV-CALABARZON has issued 2,643 food lane passes and stickers as of March 29, 2020 in line with the Food Resiliency Protocol it crafted to make sure the continuous movement of agri and fishery products despite the implementation of enhanced community quarantine in Luzon to contain the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID)-19. The DA formulated the protocol to ensure that every Filipino will

have accessible and affordable foods on their tables. It also allows producers of agricultural and fishery products and all agricultural supply chain segments to continue their operations.

Accredited farmers, fishers, traders, haulers, and other entrepreneurs were issued with passes to make sure the delivery of agri-fishery products will be unhampered to major demand centers like Metro Manila.

The Agribusiness

and Marketing Assistance Division (AMAD) with support from the Agricultural Program Coordinating Offices (APCOs) in all five provinces of CALABARZON oversees the enforcement of the Protocol. Likewise, various local government units through their agriculture and veterinary offices provide assistance to their constituents.

To be accredited, the applicants need to submit the food lane accreditation application form, food lane reference form, and statement of commitment.

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LGU Imus makes shopping easy with Online Pamilihan

CITY OF IMUS, Cavite --The local government of Imus recently devised an online shopping program to make shopping easy and safe for Imuseños while under enhance community quarantine.

Dubbed as "Online Pamilihan," the program is a door-to-door delivery service of basic prime commodities and other goods for everyday use.

To order, Imus residents must fill-up the order form with the following data: Full Name, Address, Landmark and Mode of Payment (e.g. BDO/PayMaya), Contact Number then list down the orders in 'Mga Order' portion.

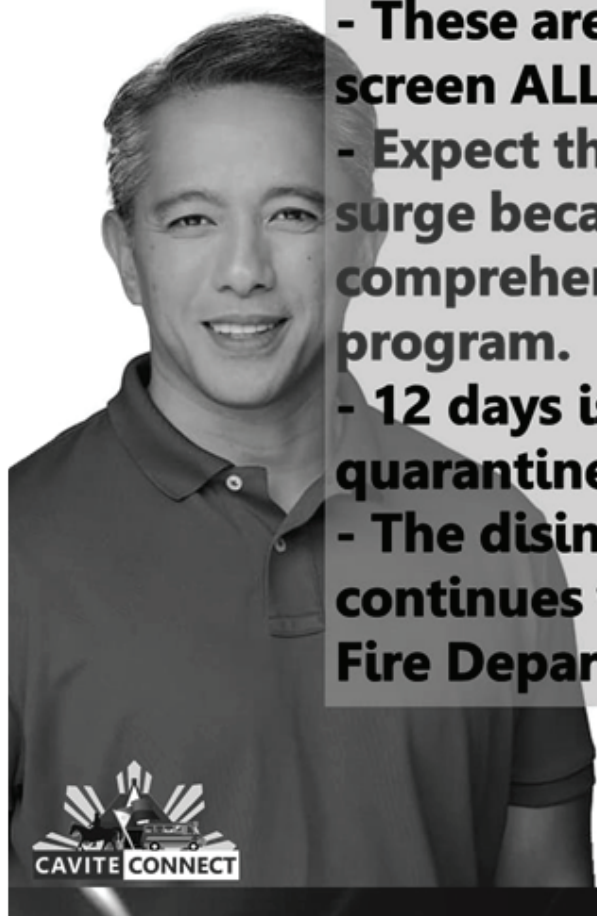
After filling up the order form, send it to YES Coop Facebook Page.

After ordering, payments are made thru online financial transactions like BDO Online Transfer, PayMaya Money Transfer, GCash, and BPI Online Transfer.

The program not only made shopping task easy but also safe. No need for residents to leave the comfort of their house as ordered items will be delivered right at their doorsteps. (Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite with reports from official Facebook page of Mayor Emmanuel Maliksi)



The Online Pamilihan initiative of the local government of Imus makes marketing easy and safe for the residents of Imus. (Photo from Mayor Emmanuel Maliksi's Facebook Page)



“The Province will launch its own Testing Program by the end of next week.
- These are to be used to screen ALL THE PUI’s in Cavite.
- Expect the Positive Cases to surge because of a wider and comprehensive testing program.
- 12 days is unrealistic for the quarantine to end.
- The disinfectant program continues with the help of the Fire Department”

GOV. JONVIC REMULLA

PIA-Cavite

Bayanihan....

P5,000 hanggang P8,000 sa loob ng dalawang buwan.

- Maliban sa hazard pay na ibinibigay sa ilalim ng Magna Carta of the Public Health Workers o Republic Act No. 7305 ay bibigyan din ng “COVID-19 special risk allowance,” ang mga health workers na isinusuog ang kanilang kalusugan at buhay sa atas ng kanilang katungkulan at upang malabanan ang rumaragasang virus na COVID-19.

- Samantala, ang Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (Philhealth) ang itatalagang babalik ng mga gastusing medikal ng mga nasa pribado at pampublikong manggagawa sakaling mahantad sa COVID-19 o anumang karamdaman o pinsala kaugnay ng trabaho sa panahon ng pandemic.

- Sakaling magkasakit ng COVID-19 ang mga manggagawang medikal habang nasa “line of duty”, ay bibigyan ng P100,00 at kung sakaling mamatay sa pagganap ng kanilang trabaho upang malabanan ang nasabing sakit, tatanggap naman ng P1 milyon ang bawat isa. Ang probisyon na ito ay epektibo mula ika-1 ng Pebrero, 2020.

- Ang mga lokal na pamahalaan (LGUs) naman ay awtorisadong gamitin ang sobra sa limang porsiyento ng kanilang alokasyon para sa calamity fund at maaari pang manghingi ng suporta sa national government.

- At upang maibsan ang binabalik ng mamamayan, ang mga statutory deadlines para sa pagsumite ng anumang

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dokumento, pagbabayad at iba pang dapat na bayarin ayon sa batas ay irereksedyul.

- Ang mga bangko at iba pang institusyong pampanalapi ay aatasang magbigay ng 30 araw na palugit para sa pagbayad ng mga utang, kasama ang pagbabayad sa credit card na pumasok sa panahon ng enhanced community quarantine. Ang mga interes, multa at iba pang karagdagang bayad ay tatanggalin na rin.

Sa pangkalusugan:

- Ang Pangulo ay awtorisadong magpatibay at magpatupad ng mga tuntunin para malabanan ang transmisyon at pagkalat ng COVID-19. Magagawa ito sa pamamagitan ng mabisang edukasyon, deteksyon, proteksyon at maayos na pangagamot.

- Kasama dito ang atas upang mapabilis ang akreditasyon ng mga testing kit at mapadali ang pagsusuri sa mga Persons Under Investigation (PUIs) at Persons Under Monitoring (PUMs) ng mga pampubliko at pribadong institusyon.

- Maaari ring idirekta ng Pangulo ang operasyon ng mga pribadong ospital o health facilities o passenger vessel na patirahin ang mga health workers o gawing quarantine areas, medical at relief distribution centers o pansamantalang medical facilities. Pati na ang paggamit ng pampublikong transportasyon upang masakyan ng mga health, emergency, frontline at iba pang taong nagtatrabaho para sa mga pangunahing pangangailangan.

- Tungkulin din ng Pangulo ang masigurong walang pagkabalang sa mga donasyon,

pagtanggap at distribusyon ng mga produktong pang COVID-19 pati na ang pagbili ng mga personal protective equipment at iba pang gamit medikal, pagbili ng mga utilities, telekomunikasyon at iba pang serbisyo kritikal para sa operasyon ng quarantine areas, medical relief at aid distribution center at ang pagkuha ng pansamantalang yamang tao para makatulong sa kasalukuyang “health workforce.”

Sa kaayusang pambayan:

- Awtorisado ang Pangulo magpatuloy na magpatupad ng mga tuntunin laban sa mga mapagsamantala katulad ng “hoarding”, “profiteering”, “injurious speculations”, manipulasyon ng mga presyo, pandaraya ng produkto, kartel at iba pang mapaminsalang gawaing kalakalan.

- Nasa kamay din ng Pangulo ang pagregula at paglimita ng opeprasyon ng lahat ng klaseng transportasyon pati na ang trapiko sa mga kalsada; alternatibong kaayusan sa pagtatrabaho ng mga manggagawa sa lahat ng sangay ng pamahalaan maging sa pribadong sector kung kinakailangan at pagsesegurong may sapat na suplay ng kuryente, tubig, gasolina at enerhiya.

Sa probisyong pananalapi:

- Sa ilalim ng probisyon na ito, maaaaring ipatigil ng Pangulo ang mga programa o proyekto ng anumang ahensiya ng pamahalaan kasama ang government owned or-controlled korporasyon na may nakalaan ng pondo upang idagdag sa mga gawain sa paglaban sa transmisyon ng COVID-19. Maaari namang ipagpatuloy ang mga programang ito sa mga

Cavite to launch testing program for PUIs

PROVINCE OF CAVITE -- In line with the province’s efforts against coronavirus disease (COVID)-19, the provincial government is set to launch testing program for persons under investigation (PUIs).

“The province will launch its own Testing Program by the end of next week which will be used to screen all PUIs in Cavite,” Gov. Remulla announced.

The testing program is in accordance with the Department of Health’s requirements that testing should be done in a hospital facility though there is no statement as to which hospital yet.

Gov. Remulla further explained that with this new development the number of positive cases in the province will surge because more PUIs will be tested.

This is a good news as this will result to more recoveries because more patients will be treated properly with the right care and medication.

On the other hand, Gov.

Jonvic expressed his concern that,”12 days is unrealistic for the quarantine to end,” with the quarantine period now on the third week.

Meanwhile, other measures like the disinfectant program are still being conducted thru the Bureau of Fire Protection in all the cities and municipalities in the province.

Talking about the issue of the National Government’s Social Amelioration Program, the Governor stated that there are still no guidelines to implement the program.

Nevertheless, he assured that everyone would be included, even the middle class residing in subdivisions could avail of this benefit from the government.

“Pinaglalaban ko po na lahat, kahit nakatira sa subdivision, ay recipient ng pangako ng national government,” Gov. Remulla declared. (Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite with reports from the official Facebook page of Governor Jonvic Remulla)

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since Friday of last week. The situations have eased up at checkpoints and we have been hearing more positive feedback on the movement of cargoes,” he added.

This comes after the release of DTI Memorandum Circular No. 20-08 last March 20, 2020, which guarantees the unhampered movement of all cargoes and transit of personnel of business establishments allowed to operate during the quarantine period.

While the MC ensures the smooth and unimpeded movement of all cargoes in the Luzon area, when stopped at any checkpoint for random inspection, the cargo manifest or delivery receipt indicating the destination, nature, and quantity of the loaded goods/cargoes must be presented to avoid delays.

DTI is advising all local government units to strictly comply with the guidelines set by the national government.

“The unhampered movement of cargo is a national policy and a directive of President Duterte,” Lopez said.

“Secretary Eduardo Año released a supplemental memorandum and is continuously coordinating with the IATF to

susunod na taon.

- Ang mga hindi nagamit na pondo ay maari ding gamitin sa krisis pangkalusugan na nangyayari ngayon.

Nagbigay katiyakan naman si Sec. Salvador Panelo, ang Tagapagsalita ng Pangulo, na gagamitin ni Duterte ang Special Power na ibinigay sa kaniya sa maayos na paraan, ayon sa Konstitusyon at para sa pinakamabuting kapakanan ng mamamayan.

ensure proper implementation of this policy,” he added.

“We have also talked with BOC to prioritize the processing of basic necessities, especially medical supplies and food,” he said.

Furthermore, the Trade Secretary is confident that there is enough inventory of food, alcohol, and disinfectants in supermarkets.

“There is no need to panic buy. We have already talked with the manufacturers and cleared up issues. The movement of cargoes has been addressed so there shouldn’t be any problem with production and shortage,” said Sec. Lopez.

He also advised consumers to be wary of fake news circulating and mindful of the prices of goods.

The DTI Consumer Protection Group is closely monitoring the price freeze on basic commodities. Any person or entity found violating the Price Act will be fined between P5,000 and P2 million and face imprisonment between five and 15 years.

Consumers are enjoined to report business establishments that sell beyond the price freeze by calling hotline 1384 or 1-DTI. (DTI/PIA-NCR)

Aniya,”ang maayos at mabilis na implementasyon ng batas na ito ay maseseguro ang tagumpay ng mga tuntuning inilatag ng pamahalaan upang malabanan ang mapanganib na hamon sa ating pambansang kaligtasan.

Kaniya ring inulit ang panawagan na maging maingat sa mga pekeng balita na naglalayong palalain ang kasalukuyang problema. (PIA NCR)

CAVITEX, CALAX offer toll free for medical practitioners

By Ruel B. Francisco

TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite -- Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation (MPTC) announced recently that medical practitioners will enjoy toll free charges in passing thru CAVITEX and CALAX expressways effective March 30, 2020.

MPTC's initiative is the company's way of recognizing the great sacrifice of all the doctors, nurses and other medical staff who are frontliners in the fight against the coronavirus disease (COVID)-19 pandemic.

Medical practitioners should simply present PRC ID to the nearest CAVITEX/CALAX customer service centers to avail of the free pass Easy Trip RFID sticker or convert existing Easy Trip or SLEX RFID to a free pass.

These service centers are the CAVITEX Parañaque

Customer Service Center (southbound and northbound), CAVITEX C5 South Link Customer Service Center-West Service Road compound and CALAX Mamplasan Customer Service Center

The centers which are open daily from 8am-4pm offers new enrollment to Easytrip RFID and activation of SLEX RFID to Easytrip RFID reloading.

CAVITEX four (4) segments: R1 Expressway; R1 Extension; Kabihasan; and C5 Southlink charges toll fees ranging from P8-P64 for Class 1 vehicles, P44-P50 for Class 2, and P66-P194 for Class 3 while CALAX First Segment charges toll fee of P47 for Class 1 vehicles, P95 for Class 2, and P143 for Class 3. (Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite with reports from MPTX Corporate Communications Office)



(MPTX Corporate Communications Office)

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advisory.

"That is why we will continue making rounds to ensure said issuances are properly disseminated down to the checkpoints, especially in the barangay level," Dimapilis added. (CPGonzaga, PIA-4A with report from DA-

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Calabarzon)

TASK FORCE FOOD HELPLINE: Para sa mga concerns gaya ng foodlane, food supply, livestock and poultry, fish, prices, plant quarantine, etc. gamitin lamang ang Gateway Number: 0917-505-3380

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Go, who has made it an advocacy to go around the country to visit and aid fire victims, is currently following the enhanced community quarantine measures and is in self-quarantine. Hence, his visits to fire victims have to be halted temporarily.

"Gusto ko man puntahan at yakapin ang aking mga kababayan, lalo na ang mga nangangailangan, mga nasunugan, kailangan kong sumunod muna sa umiiral na polisiya ngayon para mabilis nating makontrol at masugpo ang pagkalat ng COVID-19 sa bansa," Go said.

The Senator added that it is also for the welfare of the country that everyone stays at home and out of crowds to prevent transmission of the deadly COVID-19 virus.

"Nag-aalala ako sa aking mga kababayan diyan sa Bacoor at sa Las Piñas, lalo na sa panahon ngayon na dapat nasa bahay lamang ang mga Pilipino ngunit sigurado naman ako na sa nangyayari ngayon, hindi rin sila iiwan ng kanilang lokal na pamahalaan," Go added as he worries over the current situation the fire victims are facing.

According to the local government of Bacoor, the fire victims are housed in different public schools as temporary evacuation centers. Meanwhile, fire victims in Las Piñas were evacuated to Las Piñas East National High School - Talon Village Annex. (OSBG)

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Additional documents like business permit, official receipt of registration, certificate of registration as well as handler's license and accreditation of transport carrier from the Bureau of Animal Industry or accreditation of meat transport vehicle from the National Meat Inspection Service are also needed.

There are two ways in which agri-entrepreneurs can be accredited and received their food pass: personal submission or online. The applicants can submit their documents to DA CALABARZON AMAD office in Diliman, Quezon City or for those in provinces, to the respective official addresses of their APCOs. Meanwhile, for online, applicants only need to submit the scanned copies of the requirements to amad_rfu4a@yahoo.com. The applicants

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should submit requirements for every delivery vehicle they want to be accredited. Once processed and approved, the applicants will be advised to go to APCO of their province to get the food pass.

"Maraming salamat po [at] lumabas na po [ang] application namin. Sobrang bilis at alwan po ng aming pagbabahe ngayon. Napakadali na po ng aming pagde-deliver sa Manila. Salamat din po sa pagtulong n'yo sa amin na mga magsasaka. Kayo po ang aming kaagapay at kasama para makamit namin ang tagumpay," Bob Cuasay of Batangas said.

(We are very thankful that we already received our passes. It helps smoothly deliver our products to Manila. Thank you also for helping us, farmers, as your office support us to achieve success.)

Sheryl Mirchandani of Makati City also agreed. She

already received her food lane pass. She shared, "I know you're swamped with concern and I salute your department for your quick response. Let's just help one another. My company is trying our best as well to serve the Filipinos. Have a nice day."

The drivers need to present the food pass accreditation, in addition to the general requirements during normal deliveries, to checkpoints. If they were refused to access, they can report it on DA CALABARZON official Facebook page (www.facebook.com/DA4CALABARZON) or answer the food lane pass survey form (www.tiny.cc/DACLBRZN-FOODLANE).

For more information regarding the food pass project, applicants may contact Ms. Editha M. Salvosa, AMAD Chief, through amad_rfu4a@yahoo.com or 0919 849 8163. (CPG, PIA-4A/DA CALABARZON)

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protocols for referrals, their medical institutions can better address the effects of the virus during this critical phase. Regular transport services, or even temporary accommodation, can also be arranged for healthcare workers," said Pernia.

He also added that LGUs can help in explaining the guidelines issued by the Department of Health, and the Interagency Task Force, and perhaps translate the guidelines into the local dialect.

Phase 1b, meanwhile, consists of public health measures such as ban on travel and crowded gatherings, school closures, flexible work arrangements, limits on business operations, and work suspension.

"It is imperative that proper sanitation is maintained in all public places. LGUs need to inform all establishments of the proper disinfection protocols and other measures to curb the spread of the disease," Pernia said.

He added that to ensure the unhampered flow of basic goods and services, LGUs may

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need to issue special passes for delivery trucks of essential goods and designate special highway lanes, as needed. All checkpoint frontliners must undergo orientation prior to deployment and provided with adequate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

NEDA also called on LGUs to prepare for the implementation of a social amelioration program aimed at mitigating the impact of work suspensions on the poor and vulnerable. Preparations include coming up with a registry of the poor and vulnerable households in their respective areas. The registry should include verifiable information as to the demographic information, socioeconomic status, usual occupation, address, contact information and if currently receiving any assistance from government.

NEDA also encouraged LGUs to set up a system to manage the receiving and deploying of donations and resources coming from well-meaning individuals and organizations.

Phase 1c calls for the

short-term augmentation of health facilities, and human resources for health.

Thus, Pernia urged the LGUs to put up temporary outpatient consultation facilities outside of hospitals. "LGUs can expedite the issuance of permits to facilitate the local production and delivery of the needed materials for the construction of these facilities," he said.

"Consultations for respiratory problems and fever should be done at these temporary facilities. If the LGU is able, a testing laboratory can be set up, subject to biosafety standards," the Cabinet official said.

Pernia added that public school facilities, especially those that are accessible, but not situated in high-density areas, can be an option, subject to the guidelines set by the Department of Education.

"We count on all LGUs, especially the Smart LGUs, to help us in brainstorming innovative ideas, and in implementing these interventions, to curb the spread of the disease in the regions," he said. (NEDA)

Representatives of different government agencies also provided assistance to the fire victims. The Department of Social Welfare and Development, and the Department of Trade and Industry provided services to the victims, such as financial and livelihood assistance. Other agencies, such as the National Housing Authority, also committed to help the fire victims.

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EDITORIAL

COVID-19 must not compromise education quality

THE World Health Organization has finally acknowledged that the world is now facing a COVID-19 virus pandemic.

One sector in the Philippines badly affected by this pandemic is education.

Classes at all levels have been suspended indefinitely. Elementary and secondary school administrators are being pressed to substitute classroom instruction (an important component in the teaching process) with homework, consisting of reading assignments and accomplishing workbooks.

That is easier said than done, because the educational system in the country is, since time immemorial, anchored on classroom instruction, where the presence of a teacher in the classroom is the most influential, if not overwhelming, motivator for pupils to study.

One pronounced danger in resorting to reading assignments is the so-called "sick books" used in many public schools today.

They are called "sick books" because they contain not only clerical and grammatical mistakes, but substantial errors about important persons, places, events and phenomena.

Thanks to the sloppy research and writing on the part of people hired by the Department of Education (DepEd) to write those "sick books," the errors permanently printed in them are passed off as facts to the unsuspecting public school pupils who use them.

Antonio Calipjo Go, the academic supervisor of the Marian School of Quezon City, was the first to expose the "sick books" tolerated by the DepEd. He has been checking textbooks for errors since the 1990s.

Two secretaries of the DepEd, namely, Armin Luistro (2010 to 2016) and the incumbent, Leonor Briones, were aware of this "sick books" problem, but the "sick books" are still around.

Now that the country is facing a pandemic which may require pupils to rely on their "sick books" more than ever, Luistro and Briones have a lot of explaining to do for this dilemma in Philippine education in the time of COVID-19.

Private elementary and secondary schools are better off because there is at least some quality control observed by school management over what books are to be required reading.

At the end of the day, it is the DepEd which must take full responsibility for the quality, or more precisely the lack of it, of the reading materials used by young Filipinos. Thus, Luistro and Briones were bad choices to head the DepEd.

The only mitigating consideration for most elementary and secondary schools is that the semester is practically over, leaving only a few weeks for reviewing and the final examinations. Hopefully, the damage the DepEd's "sick books" will inflict on the students will be kept to a minimum.

Since the COVID-19 pandemic is not showing any sign of dissipating, and with the new semester coming in June 2020, the repeated use of those "sick books" under a homework arrangement in lieu of classroom instruction will continue to sabotage any hope of improving the quality of education in the Philippines.

Meanwhile, the situation at the tertiary level is something else on account of the different school calendar observed by the country's top universities led by the University of the Philippines. Their first semester is from August to December, and the second is from January to May.

University authorities are contemplating finishing the rest of the current semester by discontinuing classroom instruction and replacing it with online classes.

It isn't easy as it sounds. Not all students have access to online facilities, and it is inconceivable how highly technical and specialized subjects can be learned thoroughly outside a classroom environment.

With classes in universities expected to remain suspended indefinitely, allowing college students to finish the rest of the current semester under an untested and virtually experimental online system (instead of the usual classroom experience) will compromise the quality of tertiary education.

In this regard, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte should suspend classes at the college level until the end of May 2020, and let classes resume during the semestral break from June 2020 to the end of July 2020. That should give university administrators enough time to think of a remedial measure that does not compromise the quality of tertiary education.

Who knows? By that time, the COVID-19 problem shall have dissipated, thus fortifying the saying, "What does not kill you, makes you stronger."

KAPIRASONG Kritika

Ni Teo S. Marasigan

Chavez Otra Vez

LAHAT ng matapat na salaysay ng naging buhay ni Hugo Chavez, anti-imperyalistang pangulo ng Venezuela na namatay nitong Marso 5, ay naglalaman ng mahigpit na ugnayan niya sa mga maralita ng kanyang bansa.

Galing siya sa hanay nila, una sa lahat – sa hanay ng mga maralitang sa konteksto ng Venezuela ay binubuo ng mga mas madilim ang kulay ng balat. Isinilang siya sa mababang panggitnang uri, at pumasok sa militar na tanging bukas na landas para sa mga tulad niya tungo sa edukasyon at kahit paano'y pag-unlad.

Nakilala siya sa kudatang pinamunuan niya noong 1992 laban sa gobyernong sunud-sunuran sa mga dikta ng International Monetary Fund. Nang masukol ang kudeta, sinabi niya sa telebisyon na hindi makakamit ang kanilang mga layunin – por ahora, sa ngayon. Ang mensahe: darating ang tamang panahon.

Nanalo siyang pangulo sa eleksiyong 1998, salamat sa suporta ng nakakaraming maralita. Sa kabila ito ng kaliwa't kanang paninira ng mga naghaharing uri sa Venezuela. Kapansin-pansing nanalo rin sa Pilipinas noong 1998 ang nagpakilalang mula at para sa masa, matapos ang isang rehime sagad-sagaring neoliberal.

Bago nito, itinatanghal ang Venezuela na modelo ng demokrasya sa Latin America na nagbubunga ng pag-unlad. Sa unang tingin, sorpresa ang pagkakahalal ng isang progresibong tulad ni Chavez. Pero nakakasorpresa lang para sa mga hindi sigurado sa pagkulo ng diskuntento sa mga patakarang kontra-maralita.

Agad-agad, ikinampanya niya ang pagbago sa Konstitusyon ng Venezuela noong 1999. Pinrotektahan ang mga karapatan ng mga katutubong mamamayan at kababaihan at ang kalikasan, kinilalang karapatan ang mga serbisyong panlipunan, at itinakdang pwedeng tanggalin ang pangulo sa pamamagitan ng reperendum.

Pagkatapos, binawasan ang tubo ng malalaking korporasyong dumudukal sa langis ng Venezuela na mas marami pa sa Saudi Arabia. Ginawa niyang 70% ang 84% naitatabi ng mga korporasyon sa benta ng krudong inilalabas sa bansa. Ginawa niyang 16.6% ang dating 1% kabayaran sa espesyal na krudo sa kanyang bansa.

Nagpasa rin siya ng batas na nagtatakda na ang mga lupang nakatiwangwang at hindi tinatamnan ay dapat ibenta sa mga walang lupa. Kakaiba ito para sa isang lipunang tulad ng Pilipinas na maraming lupa ang kontrolado ng iilang pamilya, habang ang tanging lupa ng nakakarami ay iyung naiiwan sa kanilang kuko't paa.

Dahil sa kanyang mga reporma, na bumawas sa yaman at kapangyarihan ng mga naghahari, kinudeta siya noong Abril 2002. Nailipad na siya paalis sa Miraflores, Malakanyang ng Venezuela, pero agad lumusob ang laksa-laksang masang Venezuelang para igiit ang kanyang pagbabalik sa pwesto. Nabigo ang kudeta.

Sa halip na masindak sa kudeta, lalong tumapang si Chavez sa suporta ng masa. Aniya, utang niya ang nalalabi niyang buhay sa mga maralita ng Venezuela kaya sa kanilang kapakanan na niya ito ilalaan. Sa buhay-at-kamatayang pangyayaring iyon lalo niyang nagagap at nayakap ang halaga ng pagsandig sa masa.

Disyembre 2002, nagwelga naman ang korporasyon ng langis na pag-aari ng gobyerno ng Venezuela. "Pahiyawin ang ekonomiya," pamosang atas ni US Secretary of State Henry Kissinger noon para pabagsakin si Salvador Allende, sosyalistang presidente ng Chile, at ito ang layunin ng welga laban kay Chavez.

Sa paghahanap ng mapagkukunan ng lakas, nakita niya ang isang maralitang ina na humatak sa kanya sa bahay nito. "Tingnan mo ang ginagamit kong panggatong... ang likod ng kama namin. Bukas susunugin ko ang paa, tapos ang mesa, tapos ang mga upuan at pinto. Makakaraos kami, pero huwag kang susuko."

Taong 2006, gumawa ng eksena si Chavez sa General Assembly ng United Nations. Tinawag niyang "Diyablo" si Pang. George W. Bush ng US na nag-iilusong pag-aari niya ang mundo. Hitik sa drama at maanghang na salita ang eksena, sinabi niyang naaamoy pa ang asupre ni Bush at nag-antada pa siya ng krus.

Patok sa balita ang eksena, dahil sa sinabi niya pero dahil rin sa pagkakasabi niya. Hindi para sa kanya ang pulido, mapagmuni at taimtim na mga talumpati. Masa ang target niyang makabalita, hindi dahil maemosyon

silang hindi palaisip, kundi dahil hanap nila ang kagitingan, na kailangan sa ganoong pagtatanghal.

Ang mga kaaway niya, inilantad ang tunay na kulay sa pag-upak sa kanya. Si Pat Robertson, Amerikanong tele-mangangaral, nanawagang patayin siya. Tatal naman daw ay inaakusahan niya ang US na gusto siyang ipapatay. Marami rin daw langis ang Venezuela at hindi na ubra ang gerang magastos tulad sa Iraq.

Sa kanyang pagpanaw, kakatwa ang ibang parangal, dahil naglalaman ng mga datos ng kung paano niya napabuti ang lagay ng kanyang mga kababayan. Kongkretong mga pag-unlad ang binabanggit, hindi lang abstraktong paglago ng Gross Domestic Product o mga pantawid-buhay at panakip-butang na limos ng gobyerno.

Pero hindi Robin Hood si Chavez. Hinikayat niya ang pagbubuo ng mga organisasyon ng mga maralita at paglahok nila sa pagtatakda ng patakaran ng gobyerno. Nakilala siya sa pagiging masalita, na may panapanahong pagkanta at pagtula, at may programa siya sa telebisyon na walang oras, walang tining at tila wala ring daloy.

Sa panahon ng mga lider na waring simbolo lang, kontrolado ng IMF at World Bank at binibihisan ng mga bayarang propagandista, may sariling paninindigan at pag-iisip pabor sa mamamayan si Chavez. Habang may mga pangulong lulong sa mga computer games at bisyong binata, naging abala siya sa mga talakayan at ideya.

Masasabing nakapagtanim ng mga binhi at nakakuha ng panimulang ani ang mga mamamayan ng Venezuela. Sa pagpanaw ni Chavez, tulo-laway ang mga imperyalista at naghaharing uri na salantain ang naipundar nila. Hamon sa kanila na magpunyagi sa nasimulan at magkamit ng mas malalaking tagumpay.

Nakakalungkot man ang pagpanaw ni Chavez, nabibigyan tayo, hindi ng pampalubag-loob na nakakapagpakalma, kundi ng pag-asang nakakapaghikayat, na marami pang tulad niya ang susulpot sa patuloy na pakikibaka ng masa.

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Circa 1740: A Coffee Lover’s legacy

By Mamerta De Castro

ONE lazy afternoon, while riding a public utility bus, coffee lover Kathleen Manto craved for her favorite drink of the day.

While having a sip, she then imagined herself creating her own blend of coffee.

“I was dreaming of having my own coffee shop and creating my own coffee blends, it was such a big, big dream that someday people will know me because of my love for coffee. I then started to study and learn how to create coffee blends after which I asked for comments from friends and family on what I need to improve,” Manto said.

From then on, Manto continued, “the small production has increased. From single proprietorship in May 2019, it became a corporation named

Varacco Inc. and in September 2019, its trade name was registered as Circa 1740 Coffee with me as founder and currently CEO of the company.”

The company’s name came from the history of where coffee was first known in Batangas. Coffee was brought in Lipa City in the year 1740 by Spanish Franciscan monks.

“We want to bring back the golden glory of Barako when Lipa City was the 4th largest exporter of coffee in the world in 1800s. Batangas as we know is the authentic source of Barako coffee,” Manto emphasized.

The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) opened the doors to more opportunities giving the company more privileges to enter into a more dynamic business environment. They started joining Kalakal

Calabarzon and eventually getting a slot under the Kapatid Mentor Micro Enterprise (KMME) Program and chosen as one of the best Business Plan Presentation.

Various blends of coffee with its unique name from Batanguena and Filipina known heroes like Marcela, Gabriela, Teresa, Josefa, Melchora and Gliceria harmonize with its unique flavors of strong barako blends, barako blend with white chocolate and milk, barako blend with coco sugar, barako blend with chili powder and coco sugar.

Circa 1740’s aim is not only to be known as creator of unique coffee blends but also in helping coffee farmers bring back the glory of Batangas barako coffee in these modern times as well as in the

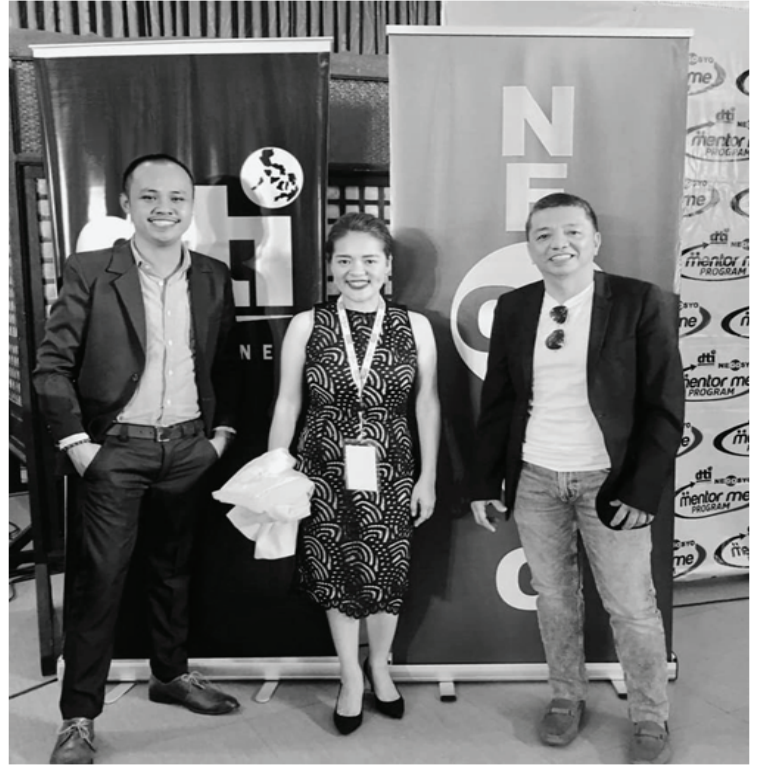
propagation of Liberica coffee which is scarce nowadays. Aside from the coffee farmers, they are also helping at-home moms to work for a living in the packaging of the products.

Currently they are also readying coffee blends with masculine names such as Pepe, Gorio and Apo with stronger flavors than the maiden names variety.

Kathleen envisioned her coffee blends to be known not only in the country but internationally as well. In fact, they have customers from

Australia and some overseas Filipinos purchased their products as “pasalubong” for their relatives or friends in their country of destination.

Except from creating unique blends of coffee, Circa 1740 is on its way in establishing their own coffee shop named “Timplado.” With the establishment of Timplado coffee shop, they are not only helping coffee farmers but also local suppliers of desserts and snacks that will also be available in the coffee shop. (BHABY P. DE CASTRO-PIA Batangas)



Kathleen Manto, CEO and founder of Circa 1740 with business partners Allan and Aristelo Asilo won the Best Presenter in the DTI Batangas 2019 Kapatid Mentor Me Program.

CAVITEVIEW

Rice Tariffication Law brings hope to farmers



Rice plantation in Pagsang-An, Abuyog, Leyte. (rsp/PIA-8)

By Rey S. Perosa

Magtanim ay ‘di biro, maghapon nakayuko

‘Di naman makaupo, ‘di naman makatayo.

The said lines of the famous folk song ‘Magtanim ay Di Biro’ tells about how hard it is to produce rice so Filipinos can have rice to eat.

Ricardo P. Caintoy, 72 years old, farmer, native of Brgy. Pagsang-An, Abuyog, Leyte, the president of Pagsang-An Farming Community Farmer Association (PAFACOFA), used to prepare ricefield for planting in a traditional way. He said that the preparation would take time before the first bud of rice can be planted.

However, with the use of technology and assistance from the government to farmers, planting rice is now easier than ever.

During the 1st

Anniversary Celebration of Rice Tariffication Law, which was held simultaneously nationwide last March 5, 2020, Ricardo attended the event at Abuyog Rice Processing Center, Brgy. Pagsang-An, Abuyog, Leyte.

He attentively listened to the distinguished resource speakers from the Department of Agriculture.

Ricardo is one of the beneficiaries of Rice Tariffication Law, where the attached agency of Department of Agriculture, Philippine Rice Research Institute (PhilRice), provided free seeds for planting with the goal to have a high yield rice harvest.

According to him, they received 80 kilos of inbred rice seeds for every hectare of more or less 80 hectares ricefield.

“I am grateful to the government that we were given seeds for free,” Ricardo said.

Distribution of free seeds to qualified beneficiaries is one of the components of the Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund (RCEF), under the Rice

Tariffication Law, where 67 members of PAFACOFA, where Ricardo is the president, are recipients.

The RCEF has annual budget of P10 billion; 50 percent is allocated to rice farm machineries and equipment; 30 percent for rice seed development, propagation, and promotion; 10 percent for expanded rice credit assistance; and 10 percent for rice extension services.

PAFACOFA submitted its proposal to the Philippine Center for Postharvest Development and Mechanization (PhilMech) to avail machineries to be used in farming. The association proposed to have a 4-wheel tractor for plowing, ‘kubot,a, and combined harvester.

To have all these

machineries would be a great help to Ricardo, to every member of the association.

“We are hoping and praying that our proposal will be granted. Having such equipment is a great help for us farmers,” said Ricardo.

He said further that with the use of those machines, 30 percent of P40,000 estimated cost in farming can be reduced.

Ricardo is thankful that the government has helped them to improve their harvest and still hopeful that their requests for machineries be granted.

He also urged his co-members to be supportive in order to sustain and maintain the association. He also said that farmers should not hesitate to ask help from the concerned agencies of the government because they are there to extend assistance. (ldl/opt/rsp/PIA-8)



Ricardo Caintoy, 72 years old, President of Pagsang-An Farming Community Farmer Association (PAFACOFA) in Pagsang-An, Abuyog, Leyte, is one of the beneficiaries of the free inbred rice seeds from the Philippine Rice Research Institute (PhilRice) under the Rice Tariffication Law. (rsp/PIA-8)

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

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-025-20

BANGKO MABUHAY (A RURAL BANK) INC.,
Mortgagee,

-Versus -

ROELA TRIA C. NAVERA, in-capacity and as
Attorney-in-Fact of, CARMENCITA F. CAPELO
Married to IRINEO M. CAPELO
Mortgagors.
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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 as amended by Act 4118 filed by Mortgagee, BANGKO MABUHAY (A RURAL BANK) INC., with business address at A. Soriano Highway, Daang Amaya III, Tanza, Cavite against the Mortgagors, ROELA TRIA C. NAVERA, in-capacity and as Attorney-in-Fact of, CARMENCITA F. CAPELO married to IRINEO M. CAPELO, with residence and postal addresses at Blk. 7 Lot 16, Sta. Cecilia II, Julugan 8, Tanza, Cavite, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of February 7, 2020 amounts to SIX HUNDRED ELEVEN THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED NINETY ONE PESOS AND 73/100 (P611,491.73) 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 June 3, 2020 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. T-383117

A parcel of land (Lot 16, Blk. 7, of the cons-subd. Plan Pcs-042120-006612, being a portion of the cons. of Lots 1-34, Blk.1, 4-11, 13-26, Blk. 2, 1-15, Blk. 3, 1-18, Blk. 4, 1-8 & 12, Blk. 5, 3-14, Blk. 6, 12-17, Blk. 8 Road Lots 4,5,6 and portion of Road Lots 1,3,7 & 9, all of Psd-04-049309, L.R.C. Rec. No.), situated in Brgy. Hulugan, Mun. of Tanza, Prov of Cavite, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the NE., along line 1-2 by Lot 14 Blk. 7; on the SE., along line 2-3 by Road Lot 3; on the SW., along line 3-4 by Lot 18 and on the NW., along line 4-1 by Lot 15, both of Blk. 7, all of the cons.-subd. Plan. Beginning at a point marked "1" on plan. x x x containing an area of ONE HUNDRED (100) SQUARE METERS, more or less x x x

*A Two-Storey Residential Bldg. (House II-B), situated in Sta. Cecilia II Subd., Julugan, Tanza, Cavite; with floor area of 138sq.m., with market value of P628,894.20. Under Tax Declaration of Real Property No. 19-0023-05110.

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said time and date, it shall be held on June 10, 2020 without further notice.

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

Trece Martires City, March 10, 2020

LUCIO C. ALEJO III
Sheriff IV

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Ang Caviteño Newsweekly
March 16, 23 & 30, 2020

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
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PETITION FOR CORRECTION OF NAME OF REGISTERED OWNER AND FOR CANCELLATION OF ANNOTATION OF NOTICE OF ATTACHMENT ON TCT NO. CLOA-2118

LRC CASE NO. 5964-042-19

SHERWIN A. AMPARO,
Petitioner.
x-----x

ORDER

A verified petition for correction of name of registered owner and for cancellation of annotation of notice of attachment on Transfer Certificate of Title No. CLOA-2118 of the Registry of Deeds for the Province of Cavite, in the name of the real owner.

Let a copy of the petition be furnished to the Office of the Solicitor General together with this order setting the hearing of the same on April 27, 2020 at 8:30 in the morning.

Furthermore, let the same order be published in a newspaper of general circulation once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks at the expense of the petitioner.

SO ORDERED.

Trece Martires City, February 21, 2020

PURIFICACION A. BARING TUVERA
Presiding Judge

Ang Caviteño
March 23, 30 & April 06, 2020

AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late ANNA CECILIA CONEJA AND ZALDY ALCAZAR ACOSTA who died on May 23, 1995 and December 11, 1997 respectively and Fred Corneja Acosta who died on January 31, 2008 in Imus City, Cavite leaving a parcel of land covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-349210 located at Bo. Carsadang Bago, Imus Cavite has been extrajudicially Settled by their heirs as per Doc. No. 779; Page No. 155; Book No. III; Series of 2020 Notary Public Atty. Manolito B. Coronado.

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Palace's statement on the COVID-19 surpassing the 1,000th mark

THE Palace notes that the number of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) cases in the country has passed the 1,000th mark.

Some quarters expressed the opinion that such increased number of COVID-19 cases shows that enhanced community quarantine or partial lockdown is ineffective in flattening the curve.

We beg to disagree. As we have previously stated, the reason for a few reported cases of confirmed cases two weeks ago was because there was a lack of testing kits to ascertain the number of those afflicted with the disease.

As the manufacture and supply of testing kits become available, plus the establishment of additional COVID-19 testing centers, there are more people being tested now than before, necessarily the hitherto unknown cases of COVID-19 have surfaced hence the galloping increase in number.

Had the enhanced community quarantine or partial lockdown not been imposed, the number of the COVID-19 cases could have been staggering, for the simple reason that with unrestricted movement of the population, with each individual being a potential carrier, the coronavirus would have an untrammelled leap-frogging from one person to another.

Our citizenry is assured that the government

Homeless find temporary home amid COVID

By Jimmyley E. Guzman

STAY at home. A constant reminder for all in the midst of a global pandemic due to the dreaded coronavirus disease or simply known as COVID-19.

But for a homeless, where is home?

Recently, the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines (CBCP) lauded Catholic schools in Manila for opening their doors and sharing a piece of 'home' to the homeless.

Bishop Broderick Pabillo, Manila's apostolic administrator, said more Catholic schools have opened their facilities for the street dwellers.

As the pandemic continues, Pabillo said that the homeless can take refuge in the schools, especially during the enhanced community quarantine period in Metro Manila and the whole of Luzon.

The Malate Catholic School, Espiritu Santo Parochial School and the Holy Trinity Academy have opened their doors for the street dwellers.

The Bishop assured the public and students that all necessary precautions were taken to prevent the spread of the virus.

"We strictly follow the requirements of the Department of Health and the World Health Organization," said Pabillo.

The bishop also said that the SVD-run Arnold Janssen Kalinga Center is coordinating the transfer of the homeless to their schools where they can be taken care of.

"The center and its volunteers provide for the basic needs of those who are taking shelter at the said schools," he added.

The Paco Catholic School also accommodated several homeless families under the care of Fr. Luke Mortgart.

Earlier, dozens of homeless people sought refuge at the campuses of the De La Salle University, its sister school College of Saint Benilde, and the St. Scholastica's College in Manila.

Aside from caring for the street dwellers, Pabillo said that the Nazarene Catholic School will also accommodate the healthcare workers from San Lazaro Hospital.

"We laud this gesture of our school directors to provide quarters to the homeless and street dwellers, and health workers where they can be safe and secure," Pabillo said.

Being homeless is first and foremost a poverty issue that disproportionately affects a number of Metro Manila families and individuals. With the service of providing basic shelter in time when government implements strict isolation measures, these schools hope to support these families and individuals achieve well-being and, perhaps, self-sufficiency until everything goes back to normal. (PIA-NCR)

is doing everything to contain, if not permanently halt the spread of COVID-19 in the country. The once inadequate supply of Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs) that cost the lives of nine of our doctors and placed others in critical condition have been addressed at, as donations of PPEs (i.e., surgical masks, head gears, face shields, goggles, gloves, protective gowns and foot covers) coming from many sources have poured in even as their local production is in full swing from our garments manufacturers and local fashion designers. Medical supplies, alcohol, soap and other health items are coming in too from various donors, individuals and private entities. The Bayanihan spirit has caught fire and everyone is chipping in a united front against this unseen deadly enemy.

We remind our countrymen to stay at home and to continue strictly observing the protocols on hygiene like the constant washing of the hands as well as consciously practicing the physical and social distancing, which means we should be not less than two meters away from any person we meet in any place we go to when we step out of our homes, and even when we are inside our houses. In that way, we prevent the virus from spreading and therefore protecting ourselves, our family members, our neighbors, our friends, and our country in the process. Salvador S. Panelo
Chief Presidential Legal Counsel
& Presidential Spokesperson

Word Search Puzzle

Songs From the Year 2002

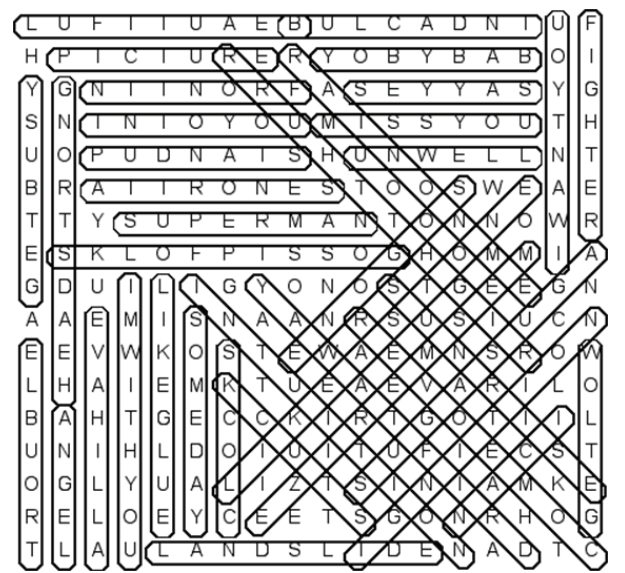
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Fill in the blank squares so that each row, each column and each 3-by-3 block contain all of the digits 1 thru 9.
 If you use logic you can solve the puzzle without guesswork.
 Need a little help? The hints page shows a logical order to solve the puzzle.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

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‘Bayanihan to Heal as One Act’ nilagdaan na ni Pangulong Duterte

By Lucia F. Bronio

LUNGSOD CALOOCAN- Nilagdaan na ni Pangulong Rodrigo Roa Duterte bilang isang ganap na batas ang RA 11469 o “Bayanihan to Heal as One Act” nitong Martes, Marso, 24, 2020. Ang naturang batas ay magbibigay ng “special authority” sa Pangulo para malabanan ang paglaganap ng COVID-19 sa bansa.

Nagpasalamat si Duterte sa mga mambabatas sa pagkakaloob sa kaniya ng espesyal na kapangyarihan upang mapigilan ang COVID-19 krisis sa bansa.

“Sa pamamagitan ng batas na ito, malaya nang magdesisyon ang ehekutibo para sa pinakamabuting interes ng mamamayang Filipino.” anang Pangulo.

Kaugnay nito, narito ang ilang mahalagang mga puntos sa ilalim ng nasabing batas:

Sa pangkabuhayan at tulong pananalapi:

- Ang Pangulo ay binigyang kapangyarihan magdeklara ng ipon o savings ng Sangay ng Ehekutibo at gamitin ito upang madagdagan ang pondo ng COVID-19 para sa madaliang pagtugon at pamimili ng mga pangunahing pangangailangan at kagamitang medikal sa pinakamadaling panahon.

- Tutugunan din ng nasabing batas ang pinansiyal na pangangailangan ng abot sa 18 milyong mahihirap na mga pamilyang nabibilang sa impormal na sector sa pamamagitan ng pagbibigay tulong pinansiyal sa halagang

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Ang paglagda ng Pangulong Rodrigo Roa Duterte sa Bayanihan to Heal as One Act, isang batas laban sa paglaganap ng COVID-19. (Kuha ipinadala ng Tanggapan ni Senator Bong Go)

NEDA urges LGUs outside NCR to better combat COVID-19

MANILA -- Local government units (LGUs) outside the National Capital Region must effectively implement better strategies to contain the spread of COVID-19 in their respective localities, the National Economic and Development Authority said.

“COVID-19 is a novel coronavirus, which means that there is a lot that we do not know about it. Extensive monitoring and health surveillance systems need to be undertaken to build the knowledge base, so that prevention, management and treatment can be improved. LGUs can help in the conduct of these systems. Smart LGUs can contribute even more. Now is the time for these LGUs to brainstorm on ways that they can contribute to this effort,” said Socioeconomic Planning Secretary Ernesto M. Pernia.

The NCR, which hosts big international airports and with its high population density, is currently the epicenter of COVID-19 disease in the country. Before the implementation of the Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ), people from across the country (and the world) have been moving in and out of NCR and this has contributed to the spread of COVID-19 to the

rest of the country.

To contain the spread of the disease, NEDA said it is important for LGUs outside of the capital to be much better prepared.

“We identified ways on how LGUs can carry out the Phases 1a, 1b, and 1c of our proposed program of interventions to address the social and economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Pernia, referring to a report assessing and addressing the social and economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic it released on Tuesday, March 24.

The country is currently at Phase 1 of the mitigating measures to minimize the duration and contain the spread of the virus.

Phase 1a consists of interventions for early detection and testing, effective quarantine systems and management and treatment of cases.

“Many of the interventions on management and treatment of cases are within the domain of medical institutions. But with the LGUs working closely with the regional health offices to set up systems for contact tracing and develop

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DTI chief to business suppliers: Expect normalization of cargo flow this week

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QUEZON CITY—Trade and Industry Secretary Ramon Lopez told manufacturers, retailers, and distributors of improved implementation of policies and coordination with law enforcers at checkpoints after recognizing

the challenges of cargo trucks carrying essential food and non-food materials reportedly being barred at checkpoints due to the enhanced community quarantine (ECQ) in Luzon.

“We can expect order and normalization in the movement of cargo this week,”

Lopez told reporters during his market monitoring at Unimart Supermarket Greenhills on March 23, 2020.

“While there were initial difficulties during the first two or three days of implementation, improvements have been reported

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Trade and Industry Secretary Ramon Lopez told reporters, “We can expect order and normalization in the movement of cargo this week” during his market monitoring at Unimart Supermarket Greenhills. (Photo courtesy of DTI-OSEC-PRU)