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Imus City's New Government Center formally opens

By Ruel Francisco

TRECE MARTIRES, Cavite - The city government of Imus held the blessing and inauguration of its New Government Center on April 25.

City Mayor Emmanuel Maliksi led other officials and guests and stated that while the fight against the Covid-19 crisis is the city government's priority, this should not hinder the administration's desire to accomplish other programs and projects aimed at providing for the welfare of the citizens.

The building is designed to be an 'Eco-Friendly Green

Building' because of the green architectural principles such as the solar panels installed to power its lighting and other electrical fixtures. A rain water harvesting system which is stored in tanks can supply the building occupants for at least four days.

Also, a sewage treatment plant ensures water wastes are safe and treated before it is released to the sewerage while a material recovery facility contributes to the solid waste management and recycling as well.

All these features aim to lessen its carbon footprint from its daily operations.

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Photo courtesy of PIA Cavite

PNP-ACG nabs 3 suspects in Smartmatic breach

By Christopher Lloyd Caliwan

MANILA – Authorities arrested three persons for allegedly claiming to have illegally accessed the Smartmatic System to influence the results of the upcoming May 9 national and local election, official of the Philippine National Police-Anti Cybercrime Group (PNP-ACG) said on Tuesday.

Brig. Gen. Robert Rodriguez, chief of the Philippine National Police-Anti Cybercrime Group (PNP-ACG), identified the suspects as Joel Adajar Ilagan, a.k.a. "Borge"; Adrian De Jesus Martinez, a.k.a. "Admin X"; and Jeffrey Cruz Limpiado a.k.a. "Brake/Vanguard/Universe/LRR", members of notorious hackers named "XSOX Group",

who are claiming to have illegally accessed the Smartmatic System. They were arrested on Sunday (April 24) by the Cybercrime Investigation and Coordinating Center (CICC), together with the ACG during an entrapment operation in Imus, Cavite, and Santa Rosa, Laguna.

Rodriguez said the Commission on Elections (Comelec) Smartmatic system is hard to penetrate, as he assured the public that the elections is safe and hack-proof.

"It is really very difficult to access the system. To cheat the election, kailangan mong napakaraming involved na tao (it needs a lot of people) and it is next to impossible. I am assuring the public na based sa kung paano
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Probe death of cops participating in drug ops, Duterte tells CHR

By Ruth Abbey Gita-Carlos

MANILA – President Rodrigo Roa Duterte has urged the Commission on Human Rights (CHR) to also look into the killings of police officers involved in the conduct of legitimate anti-drug operations.

Duterte made the call, as he lamented the death of a cop engaged in a gunfight with a drug suspect during the April 24 buy-bust operation in Tanza, Cavite. He was referring to the case of Cpl. John Paul Digma who was killed in a buy-bust operation in Biga village in Tanza following

an armed encounter with drug suspect, Leovildo Mesa Alangilan.

Digma died after Alangilan, who tried to escape, shot him in the chest.

The police also shot Alangilan who died on the spot.

"See? Gusto kong dalhin din ito sa human rights, ireport ko rin. Kindly investigate bakit ganito ang nangyari. Bakit
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Bacoor learners benefit from DICT project

By Ruel Francisco

TRECE MARTIRES, Cavite - Students and learners from various schools in Bacoor City will benefit from the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) project under its Digital Education Program and Cybersafe Learning for Education Project.

DICT recently donated Information and Technology (ICT) devices such as laptops that will help the students expand their knowledge particularly in advance technology.

The Cybersafe Learning for Education Project is a component of the DICT's Digital Education Program (DEP) which aims to optimize the use of ICT

for the enhancement of cyber education and promotion of digital literacy.

The project also seeks to develop cyberspace learning hygiene for schools to protect students and teachers from various cyber threats.

DICT thru DEP helps facilitate ICT - enabled education in partnership with the local government units (LGUs) during the pandemic.

Bacoor City led by Mayor Lani Revilla expressed gratitude to DICT for the donation of laptops which will be distributed to student beneficiaries of the DEP program.

The first pilot project of the said program is for tablets intended to benefit the students from the University of Makati. (Ruel Francisco/with reports from Bacoor LGU)

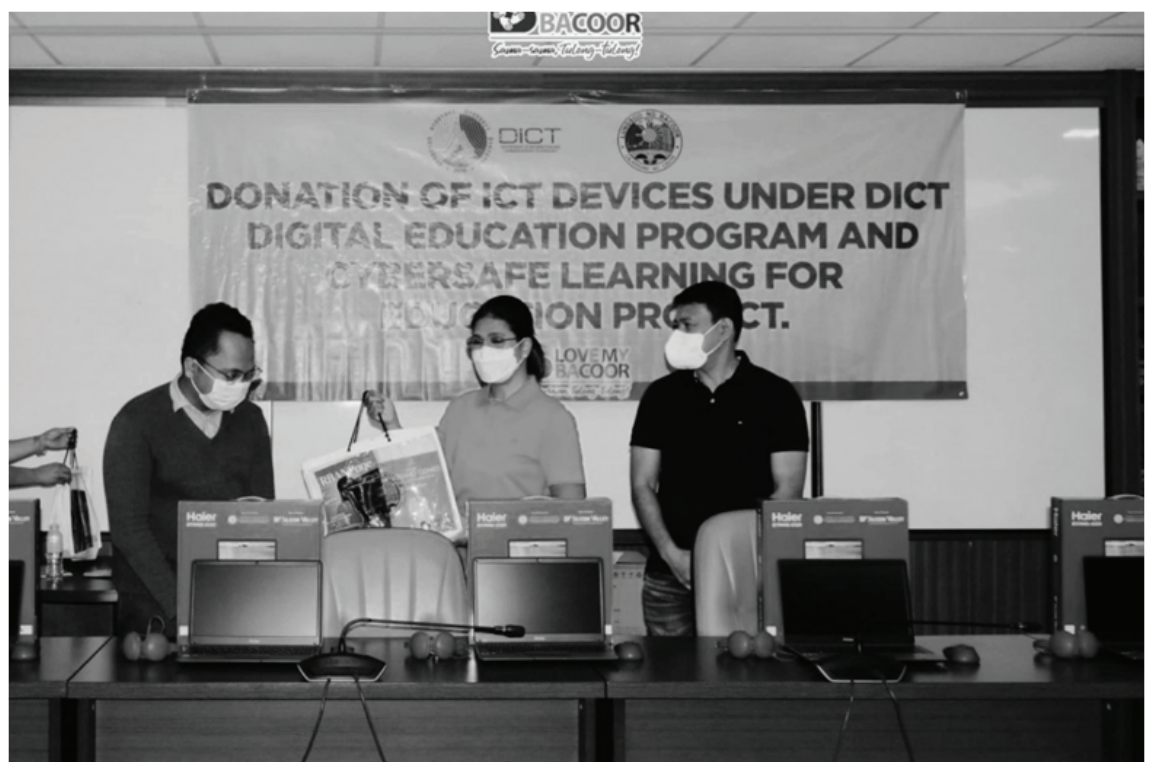


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(Photo courtesy of PNP-PIO)

3 nabbed, P136-M worth of shabu seized in Cavite

By Christopher Lloyd Caliwan

MANILA – Law enforcers have arrested three suspects and confiscated PHP136 million worth of shabu in Cavite on Monday evening.

In a report on Tuesday, the Philippine National Police - Drug Enforcement Group (PDEG) said suspects Isaac Gabriel Ambulo, 29; Roman Hosias Ambulo, 25; and Abdurrahim Ambulo, 41, were arrested during a buy-bust at Molino Blvd, Mambog IV, Bacoor, Cavite City at around 6:15 p.m. Monday.

Recovered from the suspects were 20 kilos of suspected shabu, boodle money, a Honda Civic with plate number ZDJ 368, and assorted identification cards and

documents.

Meanwhile, two suspects identified as Saddam Hadji Gaffor and Nabil Madarang fled during the incident.

The suspects will be charged with violation of the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002 while the seized pieces of evidence were brought to the PDEG Special Operations Unit - National Capital Region (SOU NCR) at Camp Bagong Diwa, Taguig City for documentation.

According to PDEG, the suspects are among the sources of shabu listed under Coplan Rangar, who are openly distributing volumes of illegal drugs in the areas of NCR, Cavite and nearby cities/municipalities. (PNA)

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price increases on the Filipino people.

Dominguez thanked Japanese investors for their support of the Philippines' Samurai bond issuances, which have consistently generated strong demand.

He recalled that last year, the Philippines' offering of its first-ever zero-coupon Samurai bond was almost double the initial target size of 30 billion yen (JPY) to JPY55 billion, despite the pandemic.

The Philippines' recent issuance of its first-ever ASEAN Sustainability bond transaction in the Samurai bond market yielded new investor accounts and demand of more than JPY70 billion in the midst of a volatile market environment, Dominguez noted.

Dominguez also thanked Japan for being "an extremely reliable partner of the Philippines."

He pointed out that Japan remains to be the Philippines' biggest provider of official development assistance (ODA), aggressively supporting President Duterte's signature infrastructure modernization program "Build, Build, Build," the development of Mindanao, and other areas of sectoral cooperation between the two countries.

Japan has also long been one of the Philippines' top investment partners, the country's top export market and second-biggest import supplier.

"As we battled the pandemic, Japan fought shoulder to shoulder with the Philippines. It supported us with budgetary aid and grants as well as donated more than three million doses of AstraZeneca vaccines," Dominguez said.

In pitching the Philippines to Japanese business leaders, Dominguez said the recent enactment of the amendatory laws to the Retail Trade Liberalization Act (RTLTA), Public Service Act (PSA) and Foreign Investments Act (FIA) complete the array of economic reform initiatives that make the country a premier investment destination in the region.

"These three forward-looking measures widen the horizon for investments. They create numerous opportunities for synergy between local and international firms. There is now enough space for international firms, especially those at the cutting edge of information technologies, to form joint ventures with Filipino companies," he said.

Dominguez said that with the Philippines also committing to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions by 75 percent by 2030, he also expects a sharp rise in green investments in

the country in the years ahead.

He urged Japanese investors to establish or expand their retail trade operations in the Philippines, now that the new RTLTA has already lowered the minimum paid-up capital requirement for foreign corporations from about JPY316 million to roughly JPY63 million, among other investor-friendly provisions of the law.

Dominguez said that experienced and strategic investors from Japan can bring in their capital to the Philippines to invest in the fields of telecommunications, media, renewable energy and private transportation vehicles following the enactment of the PSA.

Under the amended PSA, businesses classified as public services are now open to 100-percent foreign ownership, while those considered as public utilities must still be majority owned by Filipinos, subject to the 60-40 ownership rule under the 1987 Constitution.

The list of public utilities is now limited to the distribution and transmission of electricity; water pipeline distribution system, wastewater, and sewerage pipeline systems; petroleum and petroleum products pipeline transmission systems; seaports; and public utility vehicles (PUVs) under the amended PSA.

Japan-based businessmen can also look at and consider the amendments to the FIA as these reforms mandate a review of the Foreign Investment Negative List every two years, and liberalizes the practice of certain professions, so that enterprises that would otherwise be unable to do business in the Philippines without foreign talent would now be able to set up shop in the country.

Dominguez noted that the Duterte administration marked its final full year with an all-time high record of foreign direct investments (FDIs) amounting to US\$10.5 billion or about JPY 1.3 trillion.

The return to robust economic activity is evident in the 5-percent growth of the Philippines' revenue collection in 2021 compared to 2020, he said.

He said revenue collection is expected to return this year to pre-pandemic levels, while total merchandise trade are already above pre-pandemic levels.

COVID-19 cases are also subsiding rapidly owing to the

Philippines' accelerated vaccination program, which has led to the full reopening of the economy and the entry of vaccinated international travelers, Dominguez said.

"Clearly, these bullish signs of recovery are a product of our hard work and preparation before the pandemic hit us," Dominguez said.

He said the three economic liberalization measures complement the earlier array of reforms put in place under the Duterte administration, which include two tax reform programs that lowered tax rates for both individuals and corporations; an accelerated digitalization program and strengthened tax enforcement; the "Build, Build, Build" infrastructure buildup program; a National ID System; the Ease of Doing Business (EODB) Act; and rice tariffication.

Dominguez pointed out that even with a pandemic, the government never wavered in its commitment to institute reforms, as shown by the enactment in 2021 of the Corporate Recovery and Tax Incentives for Enterprises (CREATE) Law, which reduced the corporate income tax (CIT) rate from 30 percent to 20 percent for micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) and 25 percent for all other businesses.

CREATE also enabled the government to choose the kind of investors it wants to do business in the country, as this law allows it to tailor-fit incentives that are performance-based, time-bound, targeted and transparent for prospective businesses, he said.

The implementation of the long-dormant Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT) Law, which has brought in US\$6 billion-worth capital to the property development sector in just two years, is also among the game-changers under the Duterte presidency, Dominguez added.

Dominguez also cited the Duterte administration's accomplishments on the peace and order and good governance fronts; and its investments in the country's greatest asset—the Filipino people—through improved social services and free tertiary education in state universities and colleges (SUCs).

"These game-changing measures and programs made the Philippines one of the economic leaders in the region, growing over 6 percent annually. The same reforms helped us gain the financial strength to weather the worst of the COVID-19 crisis," Dominguez said. (DOF)

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examinees. We are already in close coordination with the authorities for the conduct of a thorough investigation," he said, adding, "I would like to remind everyone that unauthorized possession of examination materials and all forms of cheating in civil service examinations are prohibited, and we will bring the full force of the law on anyone who will attempt to undermine the integrity of the civil service examinations."

Chairperson Nograles also expressed gratitude to everyone involved in the conduct of the exams.

"I would like to thank all CSC staff, as well as the examiners and LGU personnel who, as always, have tirelessly worked with the Commission. We would like to thank as well the examinees for cooperating and complying with exam protocols and COVID-19 minimum public health standards," Chairperson Nograles said.

While the CSC recently opened the application period for the Career Service Examination (CSE)-Professional and Subprofessional levels on 19 June, he shared that slots were quickly filled up in some regions and that many interested individuals were not able to register.

"Our Regional Offices have a combined target number of examinees of more or less 170,000 for the June CSE, yet admittedly, with the suspension of the exams in the last two years due to the pandemic, and the reduction in room

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seating in observance of social distancing especially in Alert Level 2 areas, andami pa ring hindi na-accommodate," he said.

Chairperson Nograles assured the public that the CSC is working on improving testing capacity to be able to cater to more individuals who aspire to obtain civil service eligibility and enter government service.

Nograles stressed, "Kaisa ninyo kami ni Commissioner Lizada at Commissioner Acosta sa adhikaing 'yan, kaya naman patuloy naming pinag-aaralan ang aming mga proseso upang mapabuti ito at madagdagan pa ang bilang ng mga Pilipinong maaaring makakuha ng civil service exams sa mga darating na buwan."

The CSC is scheduled to administer another round of the CSE Professional and Subprofessional tests on 7 August, coinciding with a second run of the CSE-FSO and first run of the Intermediate Competency on Local Treasury Examination or ICLTE, the application period for which will begin on 2 June.

It is also set to hold a second run of the FOE, POE, and BCLTE on 23 October, with applications to be accepted starting 18 August.

Interested individuals are advised to standby for relevant announcements to be posted on the CSC website at www.csc.gov.ph, the official CSC Facebook page at www.facebook.com/civilservicegovph, and the respective CSC Regional Offices' Facebook pages. (CSC)

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was Ms. Viray's answer when asked what she hoped the second booster shot would do. She added that getting the second booster shot is part of their taking care of themselves, because their decisions about their health affect the rest of the family.

When asked how they would encourage other members of the elderly population to get vaccinated, Ms. Viray says she would show them how she and her husband have relative capacity to still enjoy life, because they can be mobile and interact with people with confidence despite their advanced years. Mr. Viray shares that his style is personal; he talks to his friends about the benefits of getting vaccinated.

Ms. Viray says they try to observe all the health protocols as much as possible, because they don't want to abuse the new lease

on life they are enjoying because of the protection that the vaccines give. Mr. Viray attests that since he got vaccinated, he has felt more assured that he is protected. The couple is keen on doing their share in educating the community about the collective nature and solution to the Covid-19 public health emergency.

The PRC's vaccination efforts are part of its mandate as auxiliary to the government in its humanitarian tasks. The PRC started administering Covid-19 vaccines in March 2021. To date, it has administered 1,153,200 doses of Covid-19 vaccines and boosters through its Bakuna Centers, Bakuna Teams, and Bakuna Buses nationwide. It has fully vaccinated 367,985 individuals. (Philippine Red Cross)

2.6 million learners preregister for SY 2022-2023

By Stephanie Sevillano

MANILA – The Department of Education (DepEd) said on Tuesday that 2,571,170 learners have already preregistered nationwide for school year 2021-2022.

In an infographic released by the DepEd, 978,300 learners were enrolled in Grade 1; 566,374 in Kindergarten; 551,281 in Grade 7; and 475,215 in Grade 11, as of April 25.

Figures also showed the highest preregistration record in Region 4-A or Calabarzon (Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal, Quezon), with 257,849 learners.

DepEd Secretary Leonor Briones earlier urged parents to avoid long lines and preregister their kids immediately for them to come up with adequate data needed for efficient planning and preparation for blended learning.

The DepEd's target early registrants is over 7.35 million. Some 28,674,298 million Kinder

to Grade 12 (K-12) enrollees are eyed for the next school year.

Meanwhile, the DepEd has also recorded 25,786 participating schools in the progressive expansion of face-to-face classes, 25,122 of which are public schools, while the remaining 664 others are private schools.

In another statement, the department said they have also updated their School Safety Assessment Tool (SSAT), which now focuses on school operations management, teaching and learning focus, well-being and protection, and school-community coordination.

"We ensure that the health, safety, and well-being of our learners, teachers, and personnel remain our utmost priority. Our revised SSAT will help the Department mobilize the progressive expansion of our face-to-face classes in areas under Alert 1 and 2," Briones said. (PNA)



(PNA file photo)

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kami na-brief, talagang very fool-proof yung system. Hindi basta basta maha-hack (that based on what we were briefed, the system is really fool-proof. It would be very difficult to hack) That is the assurance that we give to the public," Rodriguez told reporters in a press conference held in Quezon City.

With the arrest of the three suspects, Rodriguez said, "we can assure the public that the threat to rig our electoral process through hacking is substantially diminished as these are the only remaining known hackers who are persistently visible on the dark web claiming that they can manipulate election results."

He added that through the assistance of the Department of Justice, and the National Prosecution Service, criminal cases were filed against the suspects for violation of the Cybercrime Prevention Act of 2012, particularly System Interference, Illegal Access, and attempts in the commission of Cybercrime.

For his part, Undersecretary Cesar Mancao, executive director of the CICC divulged the group is asking for PHP60 million in order to influence or change the vote results for a certain candidate.

"Ang direktang kausap ng suspect na si alias "Grey" na ngayon napag-alaman natin na si Jeffrey (Limpiado) na siya rin ang utak ng XSOX group, ay siyang huling tumanggap ng actually boodle money na PHP10 million kasi humingi nga ng PHP60 million pero initial downpayment ang PHP10 million (Suspect Jeffrey (Limpiado), alias Grey, head of the XSOX group, was the one who received the PHP10 million boodle money as downpayment

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for the total PHP60 million that the group is demanding)," Mancao told reporters during a press conference.

Mancao said there are several candidates who have contacted the group but they did not name them pending investigation.

"Sa ngayon, sabi nila na kung actually naghanap sila ng mga kandidato na sumasang ayon sa kanilang mga plano na maghack at papanalunin. Ayaw namin banggitin ang mga pangalan at probinsya subalit meron na at alam namin sa ngayon masasabi namin together with the PNP na ito napakalaking scam (For now, they said they are looking for candidates who will agree to their plan of hacking and make them win. We will not mention the names and provinces but yes, there are some who want to engage their service and we can say that this is a big scam)," he said.

Mancao added the group possibly has links to Ricardo Argana, a former contractual employee in the alleged data breaching of a technology firm, Smartmatic, a software provider on contract with the Commission on Elections (Comelec).

"Yung kanilang na-hack, totoo nga meron silang nakuhang access sa Smartmatic system nung una subalit doon nga sa nakuha kay Argana ay ganun din. Hanggang doon lang sa mga preparation pero sa actual election hindi na, napakahirap talaga i-access nitong ating Comelec system na nakuha from Smartmatic. Ang dami hong mga klaseng firewalls, multi level checking (What they hacked, and yes it is true they were able to gain access to the Smartmatic system at first, but what they did and what Argana got is the same.

It is only up to the preparations, but the actual elections is hard to access because the Comelec system from Smartmatic is hard to crack. There are a lot of firewalls and multilevel checking)," he said.

Mancao said Limpiado, a 31-year-old businessman, was reportedly good at hiding his data and is experienced in hacking. Martinez, on the other hand, reportedly gained notoriety over credit cards, while Ilagan is an 18-year-old who knows his way in computers and programming.

In a statement, PNP Chief General Dionardo Carlos, said the successful operation has guaranteed the deterrence of possibly influencing the results for the upcoming May 9 polls.

"This is a proof that the public can give their full trust to the PNP organization in securing the people's votes from being altered -- that may endanger the integrity of the elections," he said.

Rodriguez said the ACG assured it will continue to monitor and closely watch any other similar illegal activities online, especially with respect to the upcoming elections.

"We assure the public that your PNP-ACG, together with our counterparts in CICC, NBI-Cybercrime Division, and the DOJ will always be ready and vigilant to fight against cybercriminals in order to achieve a cyber-safe Philippines. We would like to encourage victims and informants to come forward and file their complaints to our office, PNP – Anti-Cybercrime Group (acg.pnp.gov.ph or at 0998 598 8116); CICC (report@cicc.gov.ph) or at ((02)7091-9513) or to our institutional partners, the NBI-Cybercrime Division (nbi.gov.ph or at (877) 624-7077), and DOJ – Office of Cybercrime (+632 523 8482). (PNA)

IMUS...

The government building is also considered a "Smart Building" because of its computer-based building management and maintenance system.

The system could control all lighting, the alarm system, its elevator system, 500 CCTV surveillance cameras and other facilities to give access to Persons with Disabilities (PWD).

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The 53,761 sqm lot is located at Pedro Reyes St. in Barangay Malagasang I-G while the Executive Building sits on the 32,871 sqm area near the Ospital ng Imus and Imus Grandstand.

Now that all 72 offices of the city government is housed under one roof, the public is assured to expect a much better service from the city government. (RBF/PIA-Cavite)

PROBE....

kailangan pang magbarilan (I want to bring and report it to the human rights. Kindly investigate why it happened)," he said in his prerecorded Talk to the People aired Wednesday morning.

Duterte also maintained that the drug offenders killed in buy-bust operations resisted arrest.

He said police officers would never kill drug suspects who voluntarily surrender.

"Sinasabi ko sa kanila (I am telling them), go out and hunt for them and arrest them. But if they put up a good fight, a violent resistance that would endanger the life of my police and military personnel, shoot and shoot them dead. Iyan ang sinabi ko noon pa (That's what I have been saying all along)," Duterte said.

'Stupid' commentators

Duterte made the remarks, as he remained unfazed by the criticisms from "stupid commentators" who know nothing about the drug war.

He also took a swipe at the International Criminal Court (ICC), asking the international tribunal about their response to drug problem in the Philippines.

"We never really made it open to the people — and itong mga (these) human rights and ICC — that we were nearing a narco state," Duterte said. "Then I asked the ICC, what gives? How do you solve a problem like that?"

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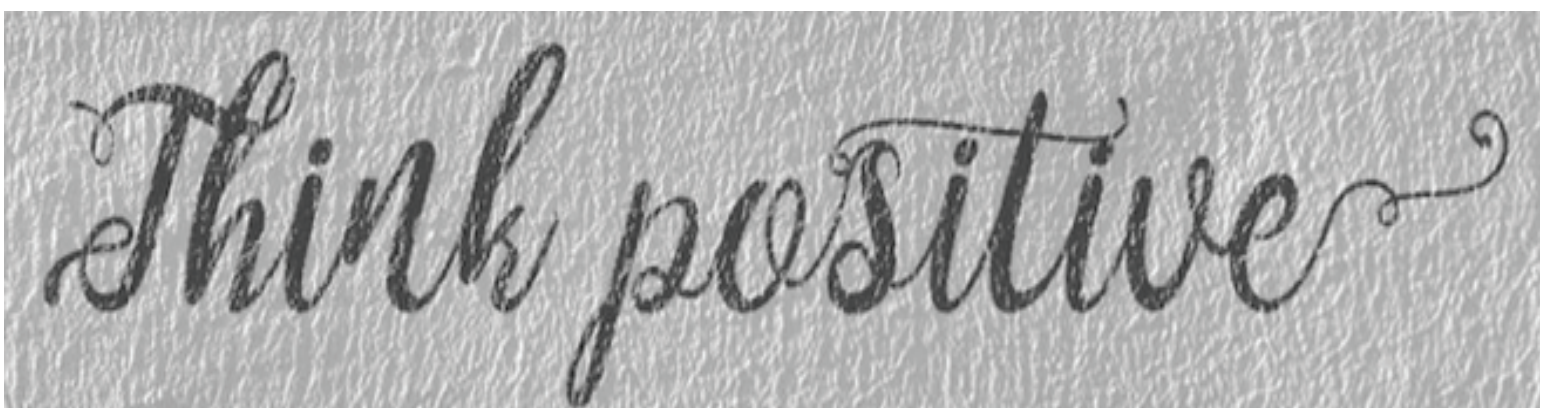
Duterte earlier directed the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) to give human rights a copy of the report on the government's anti-narcotics campaign to enlighten them about the gravity of the drug problem in the country.

A total of PHP76.01 billion worth of illegal drugs have been seized nationwide since the start of Duterte's drug campaign in July 2016, according to the latest Read Numbers data released by the PDEA.

Around 14,648 high-value targets have been arrested, as of February 2022.

Authorities have also arrested 331,694 individuals involved in illegal drugs.

Duterte expressed optimism that his anti-illegal drugs campaign would be continued under the next administration. (PNA)



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EDITORIAL

The decision

The Internet is also burning. Bongbong and Leni are the two top trending aspirants who need not pay for social media space. In 14 days, Filipinos will troop to their precincts to cast their ballots. Each shade will determine the Philippines' future, not of himself, but of his children.

We vote for them. Period.

Colors will no longer have their political meanings after that.

Red will no longer be Bongbong Marcos', but the color of love. Pink will no longer be Vice President Leni Robredo's. It's also the color of love.

Blue will be blue. Green will be green.

It is hoped that the chasms created by these elections that not a few considered the most divisive since the 1986 snap polls that pitted Cory Aquino against the late Ferdinand Marcos close.

This is also the stretch when the aspirants are expected to go all-out in their campaigns. There will be no area snubbed if it's possible for an aspirant's campaign team. In an ideal world, the more areas covered mean the more possible votes he/she could get.

Only two aspirants — Bongbong and Leni — seem to have covered more ground in all three major islands.

If the commissioned and non-commissioned surveys would be the basis, Bongbong remains the clear frontrunner in these polls. His camp is confident of winning these elections although the challenge posed by Leni is serious.

Leni does not have a chance at victory if the surveys would prove to be accurate.

They were in 2016, when then Davao City Mayor Rodrigo Duterte scooted past former survey leader Senator Grace Poe in the surveys en route to his victory as president.

The surveys are now being disputed by those candidates with dismal performance.

The Internet is also burning. Bongbong and Leni are the two top trending aspirants who need not pay for social media space. Google Trends says Leni is the most searched presidential aspirant. Davao City Mayor Sara Duterte, who is running for vice president under Bongbong's ticket, meanwhile, is the most searched in that field.

The company had accurately predicted the victory of President Duterte in 2016.

Not much noise is heard from the other presidential candidates after that Easter Sunday press conference, though.

Manila Mayor Francisco "Isko Moreno" Domagoso is hoping for the last kick, a strong one that would catapult him past Bongbong and Leni.

Senators Ping Lacson and Manny Pacquiao remain chill in their campaigns. Not much noise but both have gained much respect over the handling of their campaigns.

Ka Leody de Guzman, whose chance of winning the presidency is unlikely, has now become the face of the Philippine labor movement.

The choice is ours now. Make it right.

Best wishes, Philippines!



KAPIRASONG Kritika

Ni Teo S. Marasigan

Walang Ilusyon sa Eleksyon

PART 1

Bago ito: isang araw pagkatapos ng eleksyon, parang tapos na rin ang bilangan — hindi katulad dati na umaabot nang ilang linggo at buwan. Presidente na si Noynoy Aquino at bise-presidente na si Jojo Binay, kung hindi umaapela si Mar Roxas sa Malakanyang. Kondukta ng eleksyong automated

Para sa tulad kong sinikal sa takbo ng eleksyon sa ilalim ng sistemang panlipunan sa bansa, parang hindi kapanipaniwala ang ipinapakitang kredibilidad ng halalan. Oo, hanggang ngayon, kalat-kalat at hindi malalaki ang mga ebidensya para kwestyunin ito — kaya pwedeng sabihing wala akong patunay para tuligsain ito. Pero nasaan naman ang mga patunay na magpapatibay sa kredibilidad ng eleksyon? Masyadong sarado ang sistemang automated sa pagsipat at pagberipika ng ibang grupo bukod sa Comelec. At hindi ito usapin ng pagbanat sa mga nanalo, kundi historikal na duda sa proseso.

Noong umaga lang ng eleksyon, usap-usapan ang hindi pagboto ng maraming botante — dahil sa pagbubungkos ng mga presinto at sa samu't saring problema ng mga makinang PCOS na parehong nagdulot ng paghaba ng pila sa botohan. Naniniwala akong nagpunyagi ang mga tao para makaboto — hinabaan ang pasensya, ininda ang init, tynaga ang pila — para maranasan ang unang eleksyong automated ng bansa at para magprotesta rin sa rehimeng Arroyo. Pero hindi ako makumbinsi ng 75% turnout na sinasabi at ipinagbubunyi ng Comelec. Hindi kaya lumobo ito sa ibang dahilan?

Mula sa dating kaliwa't kanan ang reklamo sa eleksyon, tahimik ngayon ang mga dapat nagbantay ng botohan at bilangan. Ang PPCRV nga, naging tagabilang na lang ng resultang inilalabas din ng makina ng Comelec. Sa isang banda, iyun naman ang layon ng eleksyong automated, ang alisin ang mga bulnerabilidad sa pandaraya ng proseso. Pero ang nangyari, hindi narin maberipika kung tama pa ang nagaganap — natatakpan ng plastik ng kable, dumadaloy sa alambre at ere. Ang nakakatanaw lang sa buo at pwedeng magsabi na ayos ang lahat ay ang Comelec. Lubos ba ang tiwala natin dito?

Sa mata ng publiko siguro, may kredibilidad ang inilalabas ngayong resulta dahil tugma sa tinakbo ng mga sarbey bago ang botohan. Bago ang 10 Mayo, marami ang nangambang "Garci na de-kompyuter" ang magaganap. Pero noong lumabas ang mga resultang tugma sa sarbey, wala nang pumalag. Ganoon na lang ba iyun? Tiwa-tiwala na lang — sa Comelec, Smartmatic-TIM at sa rehimeng Arroyo? O dapat napapatunayan ang kredibilidad ng eleksyon sa kongkretong pagmamatyag? Ano ito, kaisahang ipinapatanggap bilang demokratiko sa pamamaraang kaduda-duda o awtoritaryan?

Pagkatalo ni Manny Villar

Tumanggap na ng pagkatalo si Sen. Manny Villar kay Noynoy. Tugma ito sa sinabi niya noong bumoto siya noong 10 Mayo, na tatanggapin niya ang resulta basta't may kredibilidad ito. May mga nakapansin ding nabawasan ang mga patalastas niya sa telebisyon ilang araw bago ang botohan —

at pinalitan naman ng katakut-takot na patalastas ni Noynoy. Siguro, naramdaman na niyang patalo na ang kampanya niya kaya hindi na siya lumaban pa. Pero posible ring totoo ang usap-usapan tungkol sa kanya: na hindi siya kumprontasyunal, dala ng pagkahubog sa pagiging negosyante.

Ano man ang dahilan nitong huli, ang pag-iwas ng kampanya niya sa mga bakbakang pulitikal ang tampok na kahinaan nito, at malaking salik, kung hindi man siyang pinakamalaking salik, sa pagkatalo niya. C-5 at Taga, Villarroyo, iba't ibang isyu ng katiwalian at kalokohan — hindi maagap at matalas ang sagot niya sa mga ito. Eh sa kulturang pampulitika natin, "Mukhang guilty" ang kahulugan ng pananahimik na ganito. Habang agresibo ang kampo ni Noynoy, at nitong huli maging ang kampo ni Erap Estrada, sa pag-atake sa kanya, hindi rin siya agresibo sa pag-atake sa mga ito.

Pagkapanalo ni Noynoy Aquino Pwedeng kilalanin na nanalo si Noynoy dulot ng malakas na sentimyentong kontra-Arroyo ng mga mamamayan. Matagumpay niyang naipakilala ang sarili bilang kaiba kay Gloria, at kontra pa nga rito — kahit sa larangan lang ng korupsiyon, dahil nga hindi naman ito totoo pagdating sa mga patakarang pang-ekonomiya. Mahalaga sa pagkapanalo niya ang positibong propaganda (Mama at Papa, walang bahid) at negatibong propaganda (pag-atake sa mga kalaban) niya — na buong giliw namang ibinudyong sa mga mamamayan ng midyang halatang kamping-kampi sa kanya.

Itutulong

Republic of the Philippines
Fourth Judicial Region
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT
City of Bacoor

BDO UNIBANK, INC.,
Mortgagee,

Foreclosure No. 2022-28
For: Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of
Real Estate Mortgage

-versus-

BLUEMAX TRADELINK, INC.,
Mortgagor,

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NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135 as amended by Act 4118 filed by the mortgagee, BDO UNIBANK, INC., of BDO Corporate Center, 7899 Makati Ave., Makati City, and against the mortgagor, BLUEMAX TRADELINK, INC, of Unit 264 Cityland Condominium, No. 7648 Dela Rosa Street, Pio Del Pilar, Makati City, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of March 15, 2022, amounts to NINE HUNDRED THREE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED THIRTY NINE PESOS & 79/100 (P903,339.79), Philippine Currency, inclusive of interest, penalties and other charges, the undersigned or her duly authorized representative will sell at the public auction on MAY 17, 2022 AT 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter, at the main entrance of the Hall of Justice of Bacoor City, Cavite, 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. (057-2014067144)
167-2016024081

“A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 67, BLK. 7 OF THE CONS.-SUBD. PLAN, PCS-04-011346, BEING A PORTION OF THE CONS. OF LOTS 1-36, BLK. 2; 1-33, BLK. 3; 11-29, BLK. 4; 1-44, BLK. 5; 1-44, BLK. 6; 1-44, BLK. 7; 1-28, BLK. 8; 1-28, BLK. 9; 1-28, BLK. 1-; 1-36, BLK. 11; 1-36, BLK. 12; 1-36, BLK.13; 1-36, BLK. 14; 1-36, BLK. 15.; 1-27, BLK. 16; 1-14, BLK. 17; BLK. 18; 1-40, BLK. 19; 1-28, BLK. 20, 1-27, BLK. 21; 1-17, BLK. 22, 1-15, BLK. 23, 1-24, BLK. 241-20, BLK. 25; 1-17, BLK. 26, 1-16, BLK. 27; 1-16, BLK. 28; 1-13, BLK.29, BLK. 30; 1-15, BLK. 31, 1-28, BLK. 32, 1-28, BLK. 33, 1-32, BLK. 34, BLK. 35, 1-20, BLK. 36, 1-20, BLK. 37, 1-20, BLK. 38, 1-36, BLK. 39, 1-12, BLK. 40, 1-44, BLK. 41; 1-28, BLK. 42, 1-14, BLK. 43, BLK. 44, ALLEY 1-25, RD. LOTS 1-20 ALL PCS-04-008896, LOT 1, BLK. 2; PCS-04-009924, LOT 1 BLK. 1, PCS-04-009924 & LOT 24 BLK. 19 PCS-04-009924, LRC REC. NO.), SIT. IN THE BRGY. OF MOLINO, MUNICIPALITY OF BACOR, PROVINCE OF CAVITE X X X CONTAINING AN AREA OF ONE HUNDRED THIRTY SIX (136) SQUARE METERS.”

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 May 24, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. without further notice.

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

City of Bacoor, March 28, 2022.

MELY C. HERMOSURA-VISTA
OIC-Clerk of Court V

By:
DEMETRIO T. VILLANUEVA, JR.
Sheriff IV

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11TH Floor, South Tower, BDO Corporate Center, 7899 Makati Ave., Makati City

BLUEMAX TRADELINK, INC.
-Unit 264 Cityland Condominium, No. 7648 Dela Rosa Street, Pio Del Pilar, Makati City
-Lot 67, Blk. 7 Sampaguita Avenue cor. Tulip Street, Mary Homes Subd., Phase 3
Brgy. Molino 4, Bacoor City, Cavite

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HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND,
Mortgagee,

Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of Real
Estate Mortgage Under Act No.
3115, as Amended, Republic Act No. 4118

-versus-

MARY GRACE V. PATA married to
RICHARD C. PATA
Mortgagors,

FC CASE NO. 17258-21
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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 as amended by Act 4118 file by HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND, with office address at The Petron Mega Plaza Bldg. No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Ave., Makati City, against MARY GRACE V. PATA married to RICHARD C. PATA, with residence address at #5405 M.H. Del Pilar Street, La Huerta, Parañaque City, Metro Manila/Lot 12 Block 8 Firenze Subdivision, Brgy. Tanzang Luma, Imus, Cavite to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of September 30, 2021 amounts to ONE MILLION ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY FOUR PESOS & 96/100 (Php1,170,184.96) 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 June 21, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. or soon thereafter at the main entrance of the Office of the Clerk of the Court, Bulwagan ng Katarungan, Aguinaldo Highway, Imus, Cavite, to the highest bidder for cash and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all the improvements therein, to wit:

Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-1246827

“A parcel of land (Lot 12 Blk. 8 of the cons. subd. plan Pcs-

04-021255, being a portion of Lot 3 Block 7, Pcs-04-015994 & Lot 4-A, Psd-04-160056; L.R.C. Rec. No. 8843), situated in the Brgy. Of Tanzang Luma, Mun. Of Imus, Province of Cavite, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the W., along line 1-2 by Lot 10 Blk. 8; on the N., along line 2-3 by Road Lot 4 (8:00m wide); on the E., along line 3-4, by Lot 14; and on the S., along line 4-1 by Lot 11 both of Blk. 8 all of the cons subd. plan x x x containing an area of SEVENTY (70) SQUARE METERS x x x”

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on June 28, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. without prior notice.

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

Imus, Cavite, Philippines, March 31, 2022
ANSELMO P. PAGUNSAN, JR.
Sheriff IV

Approved:
ARMIE A. FRANCISCO
Clerk of the Court VI

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HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND
The Petron Mega Plaza Bldg., No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Ave., Makati City

ATTY. NELSON I. GETIGAN
GCCS & Associates Corp.
RM. 209 Megastate Bldg., No. 737 G. Araneta Ave., Tatalon, Quezon City

MARY GRACE V. PATA married to RICHARD C. PATA,
#5405 M.H Del Pilar Street, La Huerta, Parañaque City, Metro Manila
Lot 12 Block 8 Firenze Subdivision, Brgy. Tanzang Luma, Imus, Cavite

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Word Search Puzzle

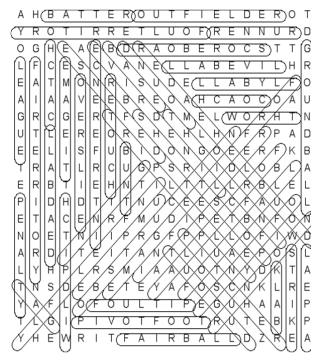
Beatles Songs 1

Find and circle all of the songs by The Beatles that are hidden in the grid. The remaining letters spell the name of an additional Beatles song.

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 A R E T T E B G N I T T E G S H E P S
 I E Y A D H T R I B B N O R E P L Y K
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- ANOTHER GIRL
 - ASK ME WHY
 - BIRTHDAY
 - BLACKBIRD
 - CRY BABY CRY
 - DAY TRIPPER
 - DEAR PRUDENCE
 - DIG A PONY
 - ELEANOR RIGBY
 - FIXING A HOLE
 - FLYING
 - GET BACK
 - GETTING BETTER
 - HELLO GOODBYE
 - HEY BULLDOG
 - HEY JUDE
 - HONEY PIE
 - I ME MINE
 - I WILL
 - IF I FELL
- IN MY LIFE
 - JULIA
 - LADY MADONNA
 - LOVELY RITA
 - MICHELLE
 - NO REPLY
 - OH DARLING
 - PLEASE PLEASE ME
 - POLYTHENE PAM
 - SEXY SADIE
 - SOMETHING
 - SUN KING
 - TAXMAN
 - TELL ME WHY
 - THE END
 - TICKET TO RIDE
 - TWO OF US
 - WAIT
 - YER BLUES
 - YESTERDAY

Sagot sa nakaraan



6	5	9	7	2	1	8	3	4
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3	1	4	9	6	8	5	7	2
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1	4	8	6	9	5	7	2	3
7	9	2	3	8	4	6	1	5
4	6	5	1	7	2	3	9	8
2	7	3	8	5	9	1	4	6
9	8	1	4	3	6	2	5	7

Sudoku hint

	41		30	12			35	20
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38	26	39	45			27	33	46
47	29			17	20		34	

Sudoku

3		8			7	4		
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	4		7		5		9	
	2			4				5
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		4	6			7		2

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.

AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late NELSON D. LARA who died single on May 12, 2001 in Gen. Mariano Alvarez Cavite leaving a parcel of land covered by Transfer Certificate of title (TCT) No. T-866390 located at Blk. 2, Lot 2 Congressional Rd., Brgy. Calimag, Gen. Mariano Alvarez, Cavite has been extrajudicially settled by his heirs as per Doc. No. 45; Page No. 10; Book No. 28 Series of 2022, Notary Public Atty. Angela Lenin F. Emmanuel Paycara

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ERRATUM

In our issue of October 04, 11 & 18, 2022 RE: Notice of Extra-Judicial Sale JOHNNY OLACO REPRESENTED BY HIS ATTORNEY-IN-FACT, ATTY. ANTHONY INVENTADO vs. EMELITA R. SAYON married to NESTOR P. SAYON JR.

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13K take latest civil service exams

QUEZON CITY -- A total of 13,131 examinees turned up for the rescheduled civil service examinations held on Sunday, 24 April, in different parts of the country.

The number of takers represents 73.60% of the expected total number of examinees previously reported at 17,840.

The exams administered were the Career Service Examination for Foreign Service Officer (CSE-FSO), originally scheduled on 12 September 2021 in nine testing centers; the Fire Officer Examination (FOE), Penology Officer Examination (POE), and Basic Competency on Local Treasury Examination (BCLTE) originally scheduled last 10 October 2021.

The CSE-FSO posted 476 actual examinees out of 711 registered or a turnout rate of 66.95%; the FOE with 9,411 actual examinees out of 12,723 registered (73.97%); the POE with 2,235 actual examinees out of 3,111 registered (71.84%); and the BCLTE with 1,009 examinees out of 1,295 registered (77.92%).

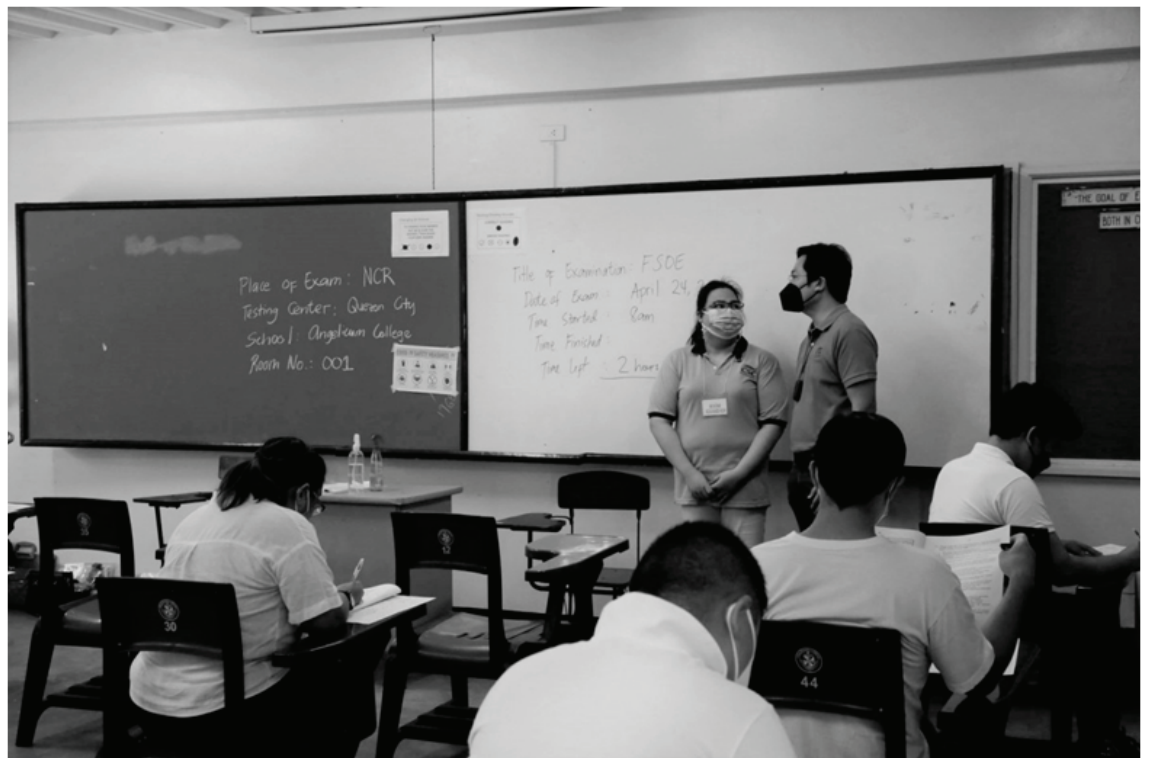
The National Capital Region had the highest number of examinees with 3,067, followed by Region VI (Western Visayas) with 2,153 and Region II (Cagayan Valley) with 1,717.

On the day of the exam, CSC Chairperson Karlo Nograles visited two Quezon City testing sites—Cubao Elementary School and UST Angelicum College—to inspect the venues and the actual examination administration process. He was accompanied by CSC National Capital Region Director IV Judith D. Chicano, as well as Examination, Recruitment, and Placement Office Director IV Maria Leticia G. Reyna.

Chairperson Nograles noted the smooth and successful conduct of the examinations, save for an incident where an FOE examinee in Region II reportedly took the test booklet out of the testing room, which is now being investigated on by CSC Regional Office II.

“We regret the alleged cheating performed by one of the

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Dominguez to Japanese investors: Expand businesses in fully reopened Philippine economy

TOKYO -- Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez III said the robust growth of the Philippines' now fully reopened economy, buttressed by reforms that “widen the horizon for investments,” makes it the best place in the region to do business.

With Japan-based debt watcher Rating and Investment Information Inc (R&I) maintaining the Philippines' “BBB+” credit rating with a stable outlook only a little over week ago, Dominguez called on Japanese investors to further invest and expand their businesses in the country as it returns to normalcy after its COVID-19 cases have continued to subside rapidly.

Dominguez pointed out that in the last quarter of 2021, the Philippines' gross domestic product (GDP) grew by 7.8 percent, making the country's expansion one of the highest in the ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) region and among its credit rating peers globally.

This better-than-expected GDP expansion brought the Philippines' 2021 full-year GDP growth to 5.7 percent, exceeding the government's target and making one of the best economic performances among its regional neighbors and credit rating peers, Dominguez said.

“This year, we are well on our way to returning to normalcy with the Philippine economy expected to expand further between 7 and 9 percent,” Dominguez told Japanese business leaders and policymakers gathered at the Imperial Hotel Tokyo here on Tuesday, April 26, 2022

for the Philippine Investor Briefing (PIB).

Dominguez's optimism on the Philippines' prospects is shared by R&I, which has said that while the world continues to face the challenges of the pandemic, “The Philippine economy has been demonstrating solid growth since the second quarter of 2021” and that “the government debt ratio is expected to stabilize in the near term, supporting the country's economic recovery.”

The investor briefing was organized by Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corp. with the support of the Philippine Embassy in Japan to provide Japanese investors with a comprehensive update on the performance of the Philippine economy and the game-changing reforms that have been carried out to restore the country to its pre-pandemic path of sustained high and inclusive growth.

It was the first face-to-face event of the Department of Finance (DOF) with investors since the pandemic began in 2020.

The briefing was conducted to facilitate a more productive discussion compared to the usual online conferences, Dominguez said. While the government is bullish on the Philippines' economic prospects, Dominguez said this has been tempered by the uncertainties introduced by the Russia-Ukraine conflict.

He said the administration of President Duterte is closely monitoring this geopolitical crisis and has been doing its utmost to mitigate the impact of oil and food

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Philippine Red Cross starts administering second Covid-19 booster shots to the elderly, immunocompromised

MANDALUYONG CITY -- The Philippine Red Cross (PRC) started administering second booster shots of Covid-19 vaccines today, April 27, 2022, in Mandaluyong City, to the elderly and the immunocompromised. The Philippines' Department of Health announced last April 13, 2022 that the Food and Drug Administration has approved the administration of Covid-19 second booster shots to the elderly, the immunocompromised, and frontline health workers.

PRC Chairman and CEO Senator Richard “Dick” J. Gordon

advised the immunocompromised who are fully vaccinated and have the first booster shot to get the second booster shot if the required time interval has lapsed.

“Hinihikayat ko ang ating mga kababayan na immunocompromised na fully vaccinated at may first booster shot na kumuha ng second booster shot sa akmang panahon,” Chairman Gordon said.

The spouses Ninfa and Nicanor Viray, who are both elderly and immunocompromised, had their second booster shots at the PRC today.

Ms. Viray, 84 years old, is a cancer patient who just had a mastectomy. While Mr. Viray, 85 years old, is a diabetes patient. They both had their first booster in December 2021. The second booster shot against Covid-19 is given at least four months after the first booster shot, but the interval could be earlier for other patients if prescribed by a doctor.

“That we'll be more protected from more severe symptoms owing to our age. We'd like to be as protected as possible, considering that sometimes we are also compelled to go out of the house to buy some basic needs,”

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