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DA-4A turns over P3.9M agri & marketing interventions to GenTri farmers



Photo courtesy of PIA CALABARZON

By Carlo P. Gonzaga

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna --The Department of Agriculture IV-CALABARZON turned over a total of P3.9-M worth of agricultural and marketing interventions to the farmers of General Trias, Cavite on May 10.

DA-4A OIC-Regional Executive Director Vilma M. Dimaculangan led the distribution of the interventions as part of the celebration of the Farmers and Fisherfolk Month with the theme "May Pandemya man o

wala, Masasaka't Mangingisda, Maaasahan ng Bansa."

Dimaculangan handed over about P2,107,970 worth of interventions to the Samahan ng Nagkakaisang Maggugulay ng Lungsod ng General Trias with funding from the Bayanihan II Act and High Value Crops Development Banner Program Quick Response Fund.

The interventions include: mushroom house, mushroom bags, bagging machine, improvised autoclave, heavy dust cast aluminum pressure cooker, multipurpose portable spin drying dehydrator, *continue to page 3*

BFAR 4A namahagi ng mahigit 205K Tilapia fingerlings sa mga iba't ibang bayan sa CALABARZON

LUNGSOD NG CALAMBA-- May kabuuang 205,700 piraso ng Tilapia fingerlings ang naipamahagi ng Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resource (BFAR) 4A sa may 10 bayan sa CALABARZON sa nakaraang buwan.

Noong Abril 30, may 100,000 piraso ng Tilapia fingerlings ang ipinagkaloob ng BFAR 4A sa pamahalaang lokal ng Siniloan, Laguna bilang katugunan sa kahilangan ng pamahalaang lokal upang ipamahagi sa mga fish cage/fish pond owners sa nasabing bayan.

Maliban sa Tilapia fingerlings, kabilang din sa kahilangan ng pamahalaang lokal ang maisama ang bayan sa mga programa ng BFAR 4A tulad ng lake/river seeding, pamamahagi ng mga gamit

pang-pangisdaan at mabigyan ng libreng pagsasanay sa fish processing.

Lubos naman ang naging pasasalamat ng lokal na pamahalaan at MAO sa BFAR 4A sa pagtugon sa kanilang kahilangan na mabigyan ng paunang 100,000 piraso ng Tilapia fingerlings.

Ang pamamahagi ng semilya ay pinangunahan ng Provincial Fisheries Office (PFO)-Laguna at ng BFAR 4A Fisheries Production and Support Services Division (FPSSD) kaagapay ang MAO Siniloan.

Nauna rito, may kabuuang 105,700 piraso ng Red at IExcel Tilapia fingerlings ang naipinamahagi na ng BFAR 4A-Freshwater Demonstration *continue to page 3*

DepEd to roll out connectivity load to teachers next month

PASIG CITY-- In continuous support to teachers in administering blended learning, the Department of Education (DepEd) is set to distribute a connectivity load sufficient for three months to teachers by next month.

"With or without the pandemic, the Department has

actively advocated for policies and programs that will further support our teachers. Through this connectivity allowance, we hope to continuously assist our teachers in their duties to deliver quality education to our learners amidst the situation," Education Chief Leonor Magtolis Briones said.

DOH chief: Goal is to bring down COVID-19 cases to lower than 2,000 per day

By Joedie Mae D. Boliver

CALOOCAN CITY -- Department of Health Secretary Francisco Duque III on Thursday said the country's goal is to bring down daily COVID-19 cases to below 2,000.

"Our goal is to bring it down to lower than 2,000 cases per day which was the pre-surge number," Duque said in a media briefing after a symbolic vaccination at Makati Medical Center in Makati City.

In Metro Manila, the Health Secretary said the government would like to bring down the COVID-19 to "less than 500 [a day], which was the pre-surge number."

Duque also sought the public's help to "sustain the

downward trend" in COVID-19 cases.

He said this can be achieved by strictly complying with minimum public health standards.

"There has been a downward trend in the number of cases," said Duque.

"If you look at the trend, it's quite clear, it's going down" he said, noting that for the past four weeks, the numbers of COVID-19 cases – based on a 7-day moving average – have been going down.

For the downward trend to be sustained, Duque urged everyone "to work together."

As of May 13, active COVID-19 cases went up slightly to over 55,000 with 6,385 new infections. (PIA NCR)

During the EduAKSYON press conference in Region XI, Undersecretary for Administration Alain Del Pascua said the Department has started the procurement process of the connectivity load that will provide public school teachers with 30 to 35 GB data allocation per month.

"We will begin to roll out siguro next month. We will be asking our teachers to register in DepEd Commons para mabigyan sila ng load sa kani-kanilang cellphone," he added.

Usec. Pascua noted that the 35GB per month is adequate for the teachers' online teaching *continue to page 3*



Health Secretary Francisco Duque III (PIA NCR file photo)



PIA CALABARZON file

DOH-CALABARZON reminds vax recipients to take 2nd shot

By Patricia Bermudez

CALAMBA CITY--The Department of Health Region IV-A (DOH IV-A) reminds COVID-19 vaccine recipients to take their second dose of vaccines to get full protection amid the rising number of COVID-19 cases in the region.

In a press release, Regional Director Eduardo Janairo emphasized that although they will not be completely immune against the coronavirus, those who got vaccinated against the disease will be able to form antibodies needed in combating severe forms COVID-19.

“Tandaan natin na nagkaroon na nga maraming variant ang virus kaya napakaimportanteng makumpleto natin ang ang bakuna natin upang masiguro na ang katawan natin ay may kumpletong panlaban sa COVID-19,” Janairo explains.

In its May 4 report, the DOH said around 132, 180 doses of COVID-19 vaccines have been administered to priority groups in the Calabarzon

region using vaccines made by drugmakers Sinovac and Oxford-AstraZeneca.

Around 154,347 (93.8%) have already received their first dose, while 10,154 (5.2%) were given their second shot.

Despite getting inoculated, the region’s top doctor reminded those who have been vaccinated have to continue following minimum health protocols such as wearing face masks, physical distancing, and regular handwashing as they may still get infected by the virus.

“Only upon receiving the second dose of Covid vaccine can you get the full protection against the virus. Huwag po natin itong ipagwalang bahala dahil mahirap po ang magkasakit dahil sa covid. Mahirap ma-hospital at hindi rin madaling gumaling dahil dito,” Janairo said.

According to the region’s top doctor, those who received AstraZeneca vaccines will have 12 weeks to get their second dose, while those who were inoculated with Sinovac shots have 28 days or 4 weeks to get their second shot. (PB/DOH 4-A)

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of 60,000-70,000 jabs per day, walang masasayang na vaccines at makakarating ito sa mga dapat bakunahan. We can definitely consume the 1.5 Million AstraZeneca doses in 30 days as set by Vaccine Czar Carlito Galvez,” he added.

Meanwhile, DILG Undersecretary and Spokesperson Jonathan Malaya said to brace for the millions of vaccines already distributed and the millions more in the pipeline, the LGUs can prepare by doing microplanning

and simulations for ramped up vaccination.

LGUs must identify additional possible vaccination sites, available local cold-chain storage facilities, and transportation mechanisms. “Additional vaccination sites may also be visited by the DOH if the LGU needs assistance,” he said.

Possible vaccination sites to be utilized for inoculation include infirmaries (private and public), Rural Health Units, health facilities of other government agencies, private clinics, schools,

barangay halls, and other open-air establishments.

He also said LGUs must ensure a sufficient vaccination workforce in their localities to support the increase in vaccination. LGUs may engage and include other professionals such as teachers, counselors, pharmacists, medical and allied health professionals and interns; and the private sector as part of the vaccination workforce.

“LGUs must also develop a firm workflow for particular vaccine requirements from storage to transport and administration,” he said. (DILG)

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of time for their effectiveness.”

The national government has presented to the private sector and LGUs its focus and expand strategy, aimed at prioritizing areas with high economic, social, and health risks, Secretary Carlito Galvez said in his report to the President.

Health experts have already identified those areas, Galvez said, noting the government will provide steady supply of vaccines in those jurisdictions once the bulk of supplies arrive.

Among those areas

include the so-called NCR Plus, Metro Cebu, and Metro Davao.

For the NCR Plus, the vaccine czar said there’s a need to allocate 3.3 million every month. For Davao and Cebu, the allocation should be 400,000 each month.

He predicted that once this monthly allocation is reached, herd immunity could be achieved by November or by December.

Similar initiatives will be done in Central Luzon, Mimaropa, Calabarzon, Cagayan de Oro City, Baguio City, Cagayan Valley, CAR and Zamboanga.

“Ang gagawin po talaga

natin is ‘yong tinatawag nating for focus targeting para ‘yong centers of gravity iyon kaagad ang ating i-strengthen para ‘yong risk mawala po, sir, ang risk,” he said.

“Mawala rin ang economic risk at puwede na po tayong mag-open ng ating economy. Iyon po ang ating strategy po na gagawin, Mr. President.”

The government has so far administered 2.6 million doses with a nationwide daily average of 83,000.

The government has a total vaccine inventory of 7.7 million doses and was able to put up 3,458 vaccination sites. (PND)

DOH reaffirms commitment to ensure unhampered delivery of HIV services despite covid-19 pandemic

MANILA -- The Department of Health (DOH) today joined the world in the observance of the International AIDS Candlelight Memorial Day, which commemorates the lives of those who have died due to AIDS-related complications. Aligned with this year’s theme “We Remember, We Take Action, We Live Beyond HIV”, which aims to increase public awareness on HIV and AIDS, the DOH reaffirmed its commitment to address the HIV epidemic and break the stigma surrounding HIV.

“Today we join the rest of the world in honoring the lives of people who have succumbed to AIDS and in celebrating those

who have dedicated their lives to help increase HIV awareness and address HIV-related stigma and discrimination,” Health Secretary Francisco T. Duque III said. “As we commemorate the AIDS Candlelight Memorial Day, we reaffirm our commitment to ensure continuous access to HIV services and strengthen our efforts to control and eventually reverse the HIV epidemic,” Sec. Duque added.

The COVID-19 pandemic challenged the uptake of HIV services. According to DOH data as of December 2020, HIV testing decreased by 61% and treatment initiation was reduced by 28% in 2020. Moreover, only 70% of the estimated 111,400

Filipinos who are living with HIV in 2020 are aware of their status, while only 61% are on life-saving antiretroviral therapy. A total of 4,574 deaths have been reported since 1984 up to 2020.

With the pandemic being a major deterrent to accessibility, the DOH and partners from local government units through its Social Hygiene Clinics, public and private HIV treatment facilities, community-based organizations (CBOs), and advocacy groups are working together to ensure continuous provision of HIV prevention, testing, treatment, care and support services for key populations with primary focus on ensuring continued support for people living with HIV.

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“Right now it would benefit our hospital system and even our medical frontliners if we could both reduce the numbers of those infected and reduce the treatment time of COVID patients,” said Nograles.

“This way, the resources of our medical facilities will not be overly stretched beyond their intended capacities.”

The Palace official said the government recognizes that health workers and medical frontliners in the NCR Plus Bubble “have had to work multiple shifts, and really work overtime to care for those who have contracted COVID-19.”

“We recognize their dedication and the sacrifices they have made. So if we can do something to lighten their burden, dapat gawin natin. Kailangan natin magtulungan.”

Prior to the four Bulacan hospitals, three other Level 1 hospitals in Bulacan likewise received VCO supplies: Ospital ng Guiguinto, Romel Cruz Hospital, and Guiguinto Polymed Hospital, Inc.

Nograles revealed that he has tapped the help of the media and other concerned parties to encourage individuals that have contracted COVID-19 to try VCO because of its potential benefits and practically zero side effects.

Individuals with COVID-19 symptoms are advised to take one tablespoon of VCO after each meal for three straight days. If tolerated well, they are then advised to double the dosage from the fourth day onward, until the patient tests negative. Patients may also rub VCO on their nostrils and gargle with VCO to help alleviate symptoms. (OCS)

In line with ensuring continuous provision of HIV services, the DOH encouraged key populations and all interested individuals to get tested and know their status, emphasizing that HIV testing is free in Social Hygiene Clinics or Reproductive Health and Wellness Centers and CBO-run community centers.

The Department further called on people living with HIV (PLHIV) to access free HIV treatment and other services and adhere to the treatment regimen. “HIV is not a death sentence. With access to the right information and life-saving treatment, HIV can be managed and those afflicted with the disease can lead happy, healthy, and normal lives. To our PLHIV, help is always available. We urge you to access our free

services and we assure you that support will continue even amid the COVID-19 pandemic. You do not have to go through this alone; do not hesitate to contact your health care providers for any concern, especially in these trying times,” Sec. Duque said.

As part of the priority group A3, DOH also encourages PLHIV to seek medical clearance prior to vaccination and get vaccinated once cleared by their attending physician.

List of HIV treatment facilities can be accessed through <https://bit.ly/hivtxhubs> while the DOH website and hotline at (02) 8651-7800 and the Philippine National AIDS Council (PNAC) facebook page (@pnacph) can be accessed to obtain additional HIV-related information. (DOH)

Proposed local ordinance to protect public, dogs' welfare

By Ruel B. Francisco

TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite --Cavite 4th District Rep. Pidi Barzaga proposed the drafting of a city ordinance in Dasmariñas that will address the perennial problem on stray dogs biting residents, not only to protect the public but the dogs' welfare as well.

According to Rep. Barzaga, the city government allocates almost a million pesos of the LGU's funds on a monthly basis for the purchase of rabies vaccine.

He also cited that 50% of the victims were children or members of the household of dog owners.

As part of the initiative, the city government will undertake the construction of a big impounding center to house stray dogs captured with the support of a centralized dog catching system.

The proposed ordinance will affirm that all stray dogs will be caught and brought to the center. Dog owners will redeem their dogs within 10 days with corresponding fine. Dogs that

will not be redeemed within said period will be placed for adoption, while those that will not be adopted will be "euthanized" as provided by Republic Act 8485 or The Animal Welfare Act of the Philippines.

Moreover, all residents who want to breed dogs will be required to obtain a dog breeder's permit from the city government. Puppies also need to have a cage with corresponding space.

A public hearing will be held for the drafting of said ordinance with concerned stakeholders present to solicit their views on the proposed ordinance.

According to the FB Page of Rep. Barzaga, the ordinance will not only address the safety of the public but also prevent the proliferation of stray dogs, resolve related sanitation problems and significantly reduce LGU expenses every month on anti-rabies vaccine with the savings allotted for other health projects. (Ruel Francisco with reports from Congressman Pidi Barzaga's FB page)



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activities as the 1GB bandwidth a day can be used for eight hours of online webinars, downloading, watching of videos, among others.

In addition, the unused data allocation will be rolled over to the following months up to one year until the user fully consumes the 100GB.

"Ineexpect namin na napakarami ng magagawa mo sa bandwidth na ito, ine-expect namin na higit tatlong buwan hanggang anim na buwan magagamit ng teacher itong connectivity load," Pascua said.

There is also a proposal to give teachers sim cards that could utilize the data connection for school works.

Furthermore, Usec. Pascua also updated everyone

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on the ongoing programs of DepEd that would help establish President Rodrigo Roa Duterte's envisioned Public Education Network (PEN), which aims to connect all schools and DepEd offices nationwide and enable school officials and teachers to push content without internet.

"Pino-procure na rin po ngayon yung ilang libong laptop sa DBM-PS (Department of Budget and Management - Procurement Service) para maibigay din sa ating mga teachers at mga walkie talkie para dun sa mga lugar na mga walang cellphone signal. Ang gagamitin naman natin DepEd Radio through walkie talkie," he shared.

Through its partnership with the Department of Information and Communications Technology and Converge

ICT Solutions Inc., DepEd has also started acquiring satellite connectivity for the Last Mile schools or those in far-flung places.

"So, in a matter of few months, ang ating mga Last Mile schools, mga dalawang libo po sila, magkakaroon sila ng satellite connectivity. They can now be connected," Usec. Pascua said.

These efforts are spearheaded by the Information and Communications Technology Service headed by Director Abram Y.C. Abanil, under the Administration Strand led by Undersecretary Alain Del B. Pascua and Assistant Secretary Salvador Malana III. It is part of the Public Schools of the Future (PSOF) Framework of the Administration Strand under the leadership of Secretary Leonor Magtolis Briones. (DepEd)

Pag-ibayuhin ang training programs sa mga kabataan tungo sa pagbangon ng bansa -Gatchalian

By Lucia F. Broño

LUNGSOD CALOOCAN -- Hinimok ngayong araw ni Senator Win Gatchalian ang pamahalaan na paghusayin pa lalo ang mga skilling at training programs para sa mga kabataan. Ito ay upang iangkop ang kakayahan nila oras na sumabak na sila sa labor market at maging bahagi ng mga industriya, upang matulungan ang pagbangon ng bansa mula sa pinsala ng COVID-19 at matugunan ang suliranin sa jobs-education mismatch.

Sa isang pag-aaral na inilabas ng Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS) noong nakaraang Marso, lumabas ang ilan sa mga hamon at mga suliraning kinakaharap ng skilling at training programs para sa mga kabataan lalo na iyong mga nasa ilalim ng Technical-Vocational Education and Training (TVET). Ayon sa naturang pag-aaral na isinagawa bilang bahagi ng Youthworks PH initiative ng organisasyong Philippine Business for Education (PBE), marami sa mga aspeto ng training regulations ay hindi akma sa mga industry standards---bagay na suliranin na sa bansa bago

pa tumama ang COVID-19 pandemic.

Hindi rin sapat ang kaalaman ng mga trainers at assessors sa pangangailangan ng mga industriya, ayon sa pag-aaral. Samantala, lumalabas na kulang sa soft skills ang mga entry-level workers tulad ng communication skills at disiplina sa trabaho. Dahil dito ay inirerekomenda ng pag-aaral ang pagrepaso sa TVET curriculum upang matiyak na naituturo ang mga soft skills nang husto sa ilalim ng training regulations.

Inirerekomenda rin ang pagpapalawig sa paggamit ng mga flexible learning modalities at pagpapaigting sa mga digital skills, lalo na't napilitan ang mga negosyong magpatuloy online noong tumama ang pandemya. Maliban sa pag-convert ng mga learning materials para sa online at iba pang modalities sa pagtuturo, iminumungkahi rin ang pagsasanay sa mismong mga trainers sa flexible learning.

Isinusulong din ng naturang pananaliksik ang regular na ugnayan sa pagitan ng pamahalaan, mga employers, at mga TVET providers upang matiyak ang pagkakaroon ng

angkop na polisiyang tutugon sa iba't ibang mga isyu. Ang ganitong mga ugnayan o dayalogo ay inaasahang makakatulong sa pagsabay sa ilang mga pagbabago sa industriya, labor market, at training landscape.

Upang makatulong sa pagkamitngmgarekomendasyong ito, isinusulong ni Gatchalian ang pagbuo ng National Education Council (NEDCO). Sa ilalim ng Senate Bill No. 1526 o ang National Education Council Act, paiigtingin ang ugnayan at pagsasaayos ng mga polisiya sa pagitan ng Department of Education (DepEd), Commission on Higher Education (CHED), at Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA).

"Sa pagbangon ng ating bansa mula sa mga pinsalang dulot ng COVID-19, kailangang tutukan natin ang pag-angat ng kalidad ng pagsasanay ng mga kabataan upang maihanda sila kapag sumabak na sila sa trabaho at tiyakin na ang kanilang kasanayan at kakayahan ay angkop sa pangangailangan ng mga industriya," pahayag ng mambabatas. (PIA NCR)

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air fryer, continuous vertical band sealer, assorted vegetable seeds, budded calamansi, garden tools, plastic drum, mulon, knapsack sprayer, seeding trays, organic fertilizer, multitiller, grasscutter, greenhouse with hydroponics, and plant growth enhancer.

Aside from the abovementioned interventions, the farmer-beneficiaries also received P600K worth of bags of muriate of potash fertilizer with funding source from the Taal volcano eruption quick response fund of DA-4A.

On the other hand, the General Trias Dairy Raisers Multi-Purpose Coop (GTDRMC) received a P1.2-M financial grant through the Enhanced KADIWA Program. The first tranche worth P1M was used by the cooperative for the purchase of a hauling van while the remaining P200K will be utilized for the procurement of an automatic

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sealing machine.

"Sa ngalan po ng aming kooperatiba, kami po ay nagpapasalamat sa pamunuan ng DA, lalo na kay Ma'am Vilma, dahil napakalaking tulong po nitong financial grant na naipagkaloob sa amin. Malaki po ang aming kakulangan, pero sa tulong ng DA ay matutugunan po ang lahat ng aming pangangailangan. Tunay nga pong sila'y laging nakaalalay sa mga magsasaka," GTDRMC Chairman Alonzo Papaun Reyes said.

In her message, Director Dimaculangan thanked the farmers for their continued drive in producing food and recognized them as true heroes especially in these trying times. (CPG, PIA 4A with report from DA-RFO IVA, RAFIS)

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pang mga lugar sa Cavite; sa Laguna, kasama ang Calamba 3,300 piraso, Los Baños, 10,000 piraso, at San Pablo, 100 piraso; sa Batangas, nabigyan ang mga bayan ng Malvar 5,000 piraso at Lobo 10,000 piraso; at sa Quezon naman ang mga bayan ng San Antonio 2,000 piraso at Lucban 65,000 piraso.

Ang pamamahagi ay naging matagumpay sa pakikipag-ugnayan at pakikipagtulungan ng Provincial Fisheries Office ng Batangas, Cavite, Quezon at Laguna. (CPG, PIA-4A at ulat mula sa BFAR 4A FB Page)

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Fish Farm (FDFF) sa mga lalawigan ng Cavite, Laguna, Batangas at Quezon simula Abril 19-23, 2021.

Ito ay bilang pagtugon ng BFAR 4A sa kanilang kahilingan na mabigyan ng mga panimulang aalagaan at palalakihin na Tilapia sa kani-kanilang mga palaisdaan.

Kabilang sa mga bayan na binigyan ng Tilapia fingerlings at bilang ng ipinagkaloob ay ang mga sumusunod: Mendez, Cavite, 300 piraso ng red Tilapia at 300 piraso ng hito at 10,000 piraso ng Tilapia fingerlings sa iba

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Where's Aquino?

For one, Aquino was central to the militarization of the WPS long before the 2016 Hague arbitral decision and before others used water cannons against fishermen (2014-2015).

There is an elephant in the room. To its misfortune, it thinks it can avoid detection by keeping to the shadows and hiding behind the furniture. Like all pachyderms, it is thick-skinned, its leathery hide caked in grime from the slime and mud it wallows in. While it probably thinks the mud camouflages, its overpowering stench and the unmistakable mounds of excrement it trails are dead giveaways.

The extended metaphor that relates Benigno Aquino III to the discourse on the unfortunate militarization of the West Philippine Sea is not only apt but reveals critical questions the public would want him to answer directly as he remains unaccountable for what we now know was his catalytic role in worsening tensions in waters the opposition would now have foisted on Rodrigo Duterte.

But where is Aquino? And why is he in hiding?

For one, Aquino was central to the militarization of the WPS long before the 2016 Hague arbitral decision and before others used water cannons against fishermen (2014-2015). Prior to his recklessness, the unarmed flotilla was largely composed of fishing vessels. Now there are armed cutters and naval warships, exponentially larger than our total navy.

For another, by hiding behind the walls of inherited wealth, privilege and the protection of Hacienda Luisita, there engaging in personal puerile pleasures he enjoys, he has turned a psychopathic eye to tensions he spawned that could lead us into a shooting war he so stupidly shoved us into as Commander-in-Chief.

While he deliberately hides from the public, the stench of what he left behind cannot be denied.

Aquino is not simply complicit in endangering us and taking us to the brink of war, it was he who ignited the militarization that compelled superior retaliatory naval forces in the area.

Review the timeline.

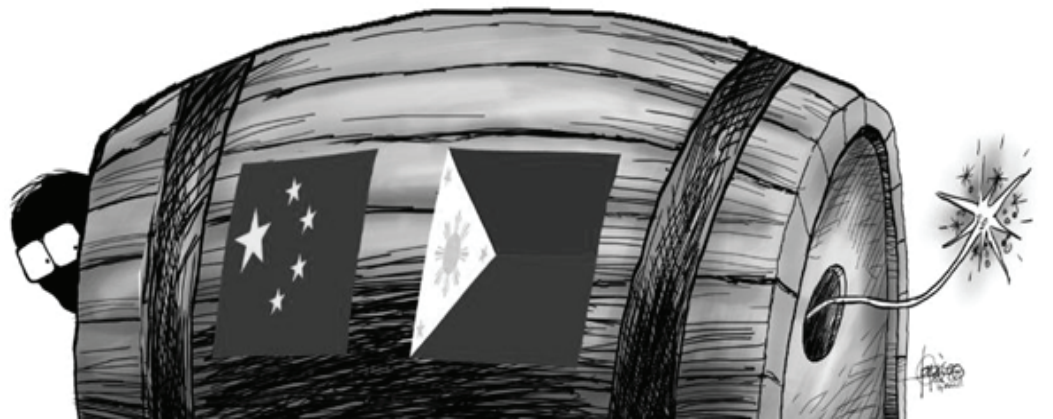
In April 2012, three months after being commissioned into the Philippine Navy, thrilled to show off his latest toy, rather than deploy the Coast Guard to investigate an incident of illegal fishing off Bajo de Masinloc, Aquino sent our naval flagship, the BRP Gregorio del Pilar, to apprehend and board smaller unarmed foreign fishing vessels. Introducing a warship, a naval Man-o-War designed for combat, where neither challenges nor threats were present was totally unnecessary.

As a tense stand-off ensued when two surveillance ships arrived to prevent the BRP Gregorio del Pilar from arresting the fishermen, strategic positions were irretrievably lost when Aquino, rather than trust the Department of Foreign Affairs to diplomatically ease tensions, decided to send an inept and inexperienced minion on a secret mission. Suffice it to say the secret mission failed.

The former Commander-in-Chief has a childish predilection for playing with toy soldiers at the cost of real lives brutally lost.

As a test of his leadership, during critical hours at the height of the Luneta Massacre, he went missing and was only later seen giggling amidst the carnage. During the overly-extended Zamboanga Siege, he donned combat fatigues, unaware how his cosplay made him an object of ridicule. His deadliest misadventure, the Mamasapano Massacre, need not be retold. Imagining himself a military strategist and spymaster, he again fantasized another secret mission. This time his fancies and subsequent inaction led to the death of heroic policemen and civilians.

It behooves us to ask, what rock is he now hiding under that he might again escape responsibility for losing the WPS?



KAPIRASONG Kritika

Ni Teo S. Marasigan

Ka Dante

Hindi pa siya aktibista noon. Unang mga araw ng unang semestre ng unang taon sa kolehiyo. Pumasok ang propesor, bumati at nagpakilalang magiging guro sa Kasaysayan I. Isinulat nito sa pisara ang pangalan: "Dante L. Ambrosio." Ngayon, sa harap ng balitang namatay ang guro, nabibigyan niya ng karampatang halaga ang mga sumunod na araw mula sa pagpapakilalang iyun.

Banayad at hindi tensyonado ang takbo ng klase. Maraming pakulo ang propesor. Minsan, pinabasa nito ang tulang "Prometheus Unbound" ng makatang si Jose F. Lacaba para turuan ang mga estudyante ng mapanuring pagbabasa. Ito raw ang kakayahang nawala sa editor ng isang pahayagan kaya nalathala, noong batas militar, ang tulang may islongang "MARCOS HITLER DIKTADOR TUTA." Ikinwento niyang kinumpiska ng mga awtoridad ang kopya ng mga dyaryo, pero huli na ang lahat.

Maraming tanong na nakakapagpapisip ang propesor, kahit sa ganito nakikita ang kanyang pampulitikang kulay. Si Benigno "Ninoy" Aquino Jr., halimbawa, ang itinuturing na bayani ng batas militar ni Marcos. Pero ang nanatili sa bansa at namuno, bagamat palihim, sa mga protestang nagluwal ng People Power I, ay si Jose Maria "Joma" Sison. "Hindi ba si Joma ang mas dapat ituring na bayani?"

Minsan, kwela rin ang propesor, bagamat madalas naman itong nakangiti. Noong itinuturo nito ang pagkilatis sa mga batis na pangkasaysayan, ipinakilala niya ang konsepto ng historikal na anakronismo. Halimbawa raw, nagsusuri ka ng dokumento ng mga Katipunero. "Tapos biglang makikita mo, may salitang 'badaf' doon..." Hindi maramot ang propesor sa mga kwento. Bukod sa mga isinalaysay ni Prop. Judy M. Taguiwalo sa parangal ng huli tungkol sa mga protesta noong batas militar, may dalawa pa siyang naaalala. Isinusuksok daw sa kung saan-saan sa katawan ng mga aktibista ang lumang tipo ng sticker noong panahong iyun. Pagkatapos, didilaan ang likod para maidikit sa kung saan-saan.

Noong nasa ilalim daw ng batas militar ang Unibersidad ng Pilipinas, tahimik na magmamartsa ang mga estudyante mula sa ikaapat na palapag ng Palma Hall. Habang pababa ang hanay, parami nang parami ang sumasali. Kapag dumating na ang mga pulis, na kadalasan ay tuwing nasa unang palapag na ang martsa, kakanta na ng "Lupang Hinirang" at titigil sa paglakad, tatayo nang tuwid ang lahat - pati ang mga pulis. Sa ganito, unti-unti nang makakatakas ang mga lider.

Pero kung may isang bagay man na pinakamahalagang ginawa ang propesor, iyan ay ang inobluga nito ang klase na magbasa. Tumungo sa aklatan at magbasa. Pawiin ang takot sa hindi alam, tumungo sa aklatan at magbasa.

Dito niya nabasa ang maraming sulatin

ng dakilang makabayang intelektwal na si Renato Constantino. Bagamat ipinakilala ng propesor ang Lipunan at Rebolusyong Pilipino sa klase - at ipinaliwanag na ang pangalan ng awtor na "Amado Guerrero" ay nangangahulugang "Minamahal na Mandirigma" o "Beloved Warrior" - ang librong The Philippines: A Past Revisited ang ipinabasa niya.

Ipinabasa rin ng propesor ang debate hinggil sa A Past Revisited - bagay na mas nakahikayat sa kanyang magbasa at magsuri. Kung nagkakasya na ang ibang propesor sa pagsasabi na larangan ng tunggalian ang katotohanan, kongkretong ipinakita ito ng propesor. Ipinabasa nito ang pag-atake sa libro ng kontra-makabayang historyador na Amerikano na si Glenn A. May, gayundin ang pagdepensa sa libro na pinamunuan ni Silvano V. Epistola, propesor sa Pilosopiya. Itinulak ng propesor ang mga estudyante na magsaliksik tungkol sa kasaysayan nitong nakaraang mga dekada ng nakatalagang probinsya ng bansa. Natatandaan pa niya ngayon ang Sipalay at Hinoba-an na mga bayan ng Negros Occidental, ang probinsyang itinalaga sa kanya.

May magandang tinungo kahit ang ganitong pagpapabasa. Gitna ng dekada '90 noon, at namamayagpag ang globalisasyon at pagiging Newly-Industrializing Country bilang mga pantasya ng bansa at ang neoliberalismo bilang bungkos ng mga patakaran na ipinapatupad ng pamahalaan. Sa mga magasin na kinailangan niyang basahin, makikita ang naunang panahon, ang dekada '70 at '80, kung saan mababasa ang kahirapan at kagutuman ng mga mamamayan, gayundin ang lawak at lakas ng mga protesta. Ang reyalisasyon niya: "Hindi laging ganito ang kalagayan."

Isa pang mahalagang bagay na ginawa ng propesor ang ibukas ang kanyang kwarto sa mga estudyanteng naghahanap ng konsultasyon. Hindi pa para kanlungin ang mga estudyanteng grade-conscious, kundi para ipakita ang mismong kwarto at ang paninindigang malinaw na ipinapamalay nito.

Muli, kalagitnaan ito ng dekada '90 noon, at ipinagsisigawan ng mga naghaharing uri sa mundo na lipas na si Marx at bigo ang sosyalismo. Sa Pilipinas, nahati ang Kaliwa at natural na naguluhan ang publiko sa kung ano ang ano at sino ang sino.

Sa kwarto ng propesor, malinaw ang tindig: Sa isang kwadro, may larawan nina Karl Marx, Friedrich Engels, Vladimir Lenin at Mao Zedong. Katabi nito sa pader ang larawan ni Albert Einstein at nasa katapat na pader ang kay Hesukristo. Nagpahayag ang una na isa siyang sosyalista, habang protosozyalista at rebolusyunaryo ang ikalawa. Naghahanap siya ng salita: "relihiyoso" para sa mga naniniwala at "estetiko" marahil para sa mga hindi, ang karanasan niya nang unang pumasok sa kwarto. Hinahanap niya ang mga aktibistang propesor noong

pumasok siya sa UP, at ang nakuha niya ay kung hindi neoliberal ay walang pakialam. May nangaral pa nga na hindi unlad ang Pilipinas hangga't walang diktadura dahil bansang tropikal ito, sadyang nakakatamad para sa mga tao. Sa wakas, isang gurong aktibista - at higit pa nga siguro! Sa sumunod na taon, sumali na siya sa aktibistang organisasyon.

Noong aktibista na siya, doon lang niya nalaman na ang propesor, na kumilos pala nang buong panahon sa kilusang manggagawa, ang tanging aktibistang pambansa-demokratikong may tenure sa Kolehiyo ng Agham Panlipunan at Pilosopiya. Kakaalis lang patungong ibang bansa ng isa at ang isa'y pana-panahon na lang nagtuturo sa mga nakakataas na taon - at hindi magtatagal ay aalis din ng bansa. Kaya naman ang propesor ang ginawang tagapayo ng mga organisasyong aktibista at tagapagsalita sa samu't saring porum na pumapaksa sa espesyalisasyon nito.

Isang beses lang niyang nakausap nang malaliman ang propesor matapos niyang tumanda bilang aktibista - noong matatawag na niya itong "Ka Dante," na hindi rin niya ginawa bunsod ng pagkahiya. Naghahanap ito ng masiglang pakikipagdebate, "pakikipag-polemika," ng mga Marxista sa mga kinatawan ng reaksyunaryong kaisipan sa pamantasan. May binanggit siyang isang guro na gumagawa nito. "Pero," ang sagot ng propesor, "mas post-istrukturalista naman ang kanya kaysa Marxista."

Pumunta siya sa Philippine Heart Center nang mabalitaang isinugod doon ang propesor. Naabutan niya itong nag-aagaw-buhay at hirap na hirap na ang katawan, hindi na rin makausap. Sa tabi ng kama nito, kalmado na ang mga kaanak nito at dating kasamahan sa Kilusan. Nagpakilala siya bilang "dating estudyante" at agad niyang naramdamang kulang na kulang ang mga salita. Pinilit niyang sabihing "Mahalaga po siya kung bakit ako naging aktibista." Pero hindi na niya natapos ang huling salita dahil inunahan na siya ng mga luha.

Ngayong patay na ang propesor, gusto niyang sabihing "Pagpupugay, salamat at paalam sa iyo, Ka Dante." Pero alam niyang kulang na kulang iyun. Paano mo pagpupugayan ang taong nagpabilis ng pagtungo mo sa pagiging aktibista? Paano mo pasasalamatan ang gurong nagpakatatag sa isang mahirap na panahon at sa gayong paraan ay nagsilbing tulay para sa iyo? Paano ka magpapaalam sa taong tumulong sa iyong pasukin ang isang klase ng buhay na sa kabila ng lahat ng kahirapan at panganib ay hindi mo ipagpapalit sa kahit ano?

Ka Dante, yumao man kayo, nagsisikap na yumabong at magpunyagi ang mga binhing iniwan ninyo. Pagpupugay. Salamat. At paalam po.

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Silang's centuries-old church now a Diocesan Shrine

SILANG, Cavite--As a testament of the ever-growing devotion of Silang folks to its Patron Saint - Our Lady of Candelaria, the Bishop of Imus His Excellency Reynaldo Evangelista - along with the Council of Presbyters, granted the elevation of the old Silang Parish as a Diocesan Shrine in a solemn ceremony held May 4.

Phillip Lacson Medina of Silang Parish Council for Culture and Heritage, shared that this promotion of Nuestra Señora de Candelaria to a Diocesan - the first in Upland Cavite,

“is a testament of the ever-growing devotion to Our Lady of Candelaria whose Marian devotion history can be traced back as early as 1640.”

“A timely event, as the nation celebrates 500 years of Christianity, this declaration acknowledges Silang Church's role in the mission of evangelization since most of the upland churches were born from the Mother Church of Silang,” adds Medina.

Silang Church made the news in 2017 when its complex and Retablos Mayor and Mayores were declared

National Cultural Treasure (NCT) by the National Museum. Since then, the local parishioners are active year after year in their devotion and promulgation of faith.

It was in April this year, when Silang folks – spearheaded by its local faithful leaders, submitted its application for the promotion of Silang Church from parish to Diocesan Shrine.

The 298-page dossier contains the history, iconography, devotions and traditions relevant to the deepening of Marian Devotion in upland Cavite.

A special Ad Hoc Committee was, then, created

by its Parish Priest Rev. Father Marty Dimaranan composed of laity devotees appealing for the Diocesan Shrine cause.

Said committee is composed of Seminarian Bro. Earl Tan, local church leaders Hilario Pallera, Jay Blandres, Lynette Velasco, Ellen Estrada, Donald Manzon, Dulce Zacarias, Charles Daven Capagcuan, Hervinne Manzon, Harold Aquino, Joshua Vidal and heritage advocate Phillip Medina. Along with the cooperation of the Silang Parish Pastoral Council, Barangay Pastoral Council, Knights of Columbus, various Marian organizations and the Cofradia de la Virgen de Candelaria.

After going through the process of deliberation by the Council of Presbyters Diocese of Imus, the solemn declaration went through memorably last May 4, amidst

the strict health protocol of the pandemic.

Now a Diocesan Shrine, Nuestra Señora de Candelaria is no longer just a parish, but a shrine of Mary open to all pilgrims, a challenge by the Bishop to all Silanguenos to make the devotion ever stronger than before, Medina explains.

An honor bestowed to few churches, both the church and the state recognize the church's history and local's intense devotion. Since its early beginnings in 17th century, where the church was first made of wood and a beautiful statue was placed on the main altar of the church, Silang has evolved to be a National Historical Landmark (2008, National Historical Institute) and a National Cultural Treasure (2016, National Museum). Silang now celebrates its 426th year as a Diocesan Shrine. (Gladys Pino)

CAVITEVIEW

Tuberculosis survivors campaign for TB-free Philippines

FOR many tuberculosis (TB) survivors here in the Philippines, the fight against the disease continues even after they were cleared of it.

Once an aspiring architect, Louie Teng recalled the biggest turning point in her life back in 2007 when she discovered she had extrapulmonary TB (EPTB) called Tuberculosis Meningitis (MTB), a rare form of TB. Meningeal tuberculosis affected her brain causing her to lose her eyesight in the process of treatment.

“Like many people with TB, I had to conquer my fears. I was scared to let people know about my story. But being scared means being powerless. So I had to take control of my own life,” Teng said.

Battling TB, Teng shared, was one of the most difficult stages in her life, and losing her vision made it even worse. This led her to experience stages of depression, anxiety, and fear of discrimination from something that she considered to be an “old disease”.

Her recovery was considered a “miracle” by her doctor, as she was told MTB could have resulted in a fatal incident since there were no existing cases locally at that time.

After months of treatment and rehabilitation, Teng used her experience to provide a ray of hope to those still battling the disease.

As the president of TBPeople Philippines Organization, Inc. and a survivor advocate for the Department of

Health's #TBFreePH campaign, she uses her platform to educate and help those who do not fully monitor their treatment, those in far-flung communities, and those who have both TB and existing disabilities.

“We just want people to listen. Filipinos are just looking for direct intervention, complete with a lot of these programs and proper messaging like for example, we have to be clear and concise with the six-month medication, not just two,” emphasized Teng, who meets and listens to stories of currently treating patients via the #TBFreePH Facebook community page.

“With everyone connected through social media, we are able to get more inquiries and refer them to TB facilities and healthcare providers,” she added. “Through this, we can get back on track and reach the ultimate goal which is finding and treating 2.5 million Filipinos by 2022.”

Fellow survivor and advocate Mark Agana encourages patients to get the right treatment, knowing first-hand how self-medicating when he was first diagnosed with Pulmonary Tuberculosis (PTB) in 2014 resulted in reactivation in 2016. Mark Agana continues to echo the voice of Filipino men to getting screened, tested, and treated for TB, as well as erasing all stereotypes of men having no weaknesses.

He was diagnosed with pulmonary tuberculosis (PTB) in 2014 and considered himself to be a very healthy and athletic person. Like the majority of TB patients,

Mark did not take the necessary precaution with TB treatment, and instead, he self-medicated which resulted in reactivation of TB in 2016.

He highlights that anyone is vulnerable to getting infected with TB, people who are active in sports and live a healthy lifestyle can also acquire it when exposed to the bacteria. After listening to different TB stories from other patients during his incubation period, Mark started to blame himself for not getting

the necessary TB treatment sooner since getting TB once was already difficult but twice was too much.

Malaya Relacion, another survivor and advocate, fights for more efficient TB detection processes, following her bout with PTB after she visited various remote areas in 2012 as part of her work for a non-government organization.

She continued, “Doing community-based forums to inquire about TB should also be established as well as making sure government officials directly communicate that there is free TB medication so everyone can easily access it,” a timely concern citing how the lockdowns contributed to the emotional distress of TB patients because of the lack of access to proper service from healthcare institutions.

With the current pandemic, Relacion encourages active and former TB patients to speak up and empower themselves through their experiences and stories. “Like many people with TB, I had to conquer my fears. I was scared to let people know about my story. But being scared means being powerless. So I had to take control of my own life.” “Today, I am here to let people know what it really means to be TB-free,” she enthused.

EDITORIAL NOTE: #TBFreePH is an advocacy campaign launched by the Department of Health through aid of FHI 360's project Philippines TB Innovations and Health Systems Strengthening funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).



Louie Teng, president of TBPeople Organization

'No room for complacency in fight against COVID-19': Bong Go urges gov't to further accelerate vaccination rollout

PASAY CITY -- To ensure the efficient rollout of COVID-19 vaccines, Senator Christopher "Bong" Go reiterated his appeal to concerned authorities to fast-track the rollout throughout the country as the government prepares to implement the next and larger phase to vaccinate the wider population.

"Bilisan natin ang ating vaccine rollout. Huwag na sana tayo umabot sa punto na mae-expire ito dahil nandiryan na 'yung mga bakuna. Dapat nakaplano ito nang maigi, na wala pong masasayang, dahil talagang agawan ang supply ng bakuna. Paigtingin at bilisan natin ang pagbabakuna para ma-attain natin 'yung herd immunity sa community," said Go.

Go also stressed that the government is in a race against time as vaccines have a limited shelf life, and new variants may threaten to reduce the effectiveness of the vaccines and possibly reverse any progress.

"Siguraduhin dapat na maayos ang storage, walang masisira at walang masasayang na bakuna dahil pinaghirapan po natin ito," he emphasized.

"Sa mga kasamahan ko sa gobyerno, bilisan natin ang rollout, i-deploy na dapat sa iba't ibang parte ng bansa, at siguraduhin ni isang bakuna ay walang masayang at magamit sa tama at wasto ayon sa ating ipinapatupad na vaccine program upang maproteksyunan ang buhay ng bawat Pilipino," he added.

While government expects more vaccine doses to arrive from various sources soon, Go reminded that current stocks must be deployed immediately and more vaccination sites should be established to improve the country's vaccination rate.

"Marami pa pong parating na bakuna sa mga susunod na buwan kaya kung anuman ang meron tayo ngayon, magamit na dapat para maturukan ang mga natitirang frontliners, vulnerable at essential sectors lalo

na sa critical areas kung saan mataas pa ang bilang ng kaso," he said.

"Pagkatapos nito, dapat makarating ang bakuna sa kahit saang sulok ng bansa lalo na sa mga lugar kung saan hindi pa nga nila nasusulyapan kung ano ang bakunang ito. Siguraduhin nating walang maiiwan tungo sa ating muling pagbangon," he added.

On this note, the Senator, who also serves as Chair of the Senate Committee on Health, strongly reminded concerned authorities to follow the government's vaccine prioritization framework in order to ensure that the country's healthcare workers and most vulnerable citizens are vaccinated already.

"Nakikiusap ako sa mga namamahala ng vaccination sa iba't ibang lugar na wala dapat palakasan dito. Wala dapat pa-VIP at mas lalong wala dapat pulitika sa pagbabakuna. Kung sino ang dapat mauna, iyon dapat ang maturukan agad," he stressed.

Go warned that failure to adhere to the framework will result in missed doses and needlessly slow down the vaccine rollout. He also advised those already eligible to be inoculated not to hesitate and trust the vaccination efforts.

"Para naman doon sa parte ng priority sectors, bagamat hindi namin kayo mapipilit, nakikiusap ako na magtiwala po kayo sa bakuna dahil kapakanan ninyo ang inuuna namin. Kapag panahon niyo na para magbabakuna, huwag na kayo mag-alinlangan pa, magbabakuna na agad kayo," he appealed.

"Libre naman ang bakuna at importante ito para malayo kayo sa peligro. Ang bakuna ang poprotekta sa buhay ninyo laban sa COVID-19 na nakamamatay. Ito ang susi o solusyon para unti-unti na tayong makabalik sa ating normal na pamumuhay," he continued.

He also advised concerned authorities to already prepare for the eventuality that the country would need to acquire more vaccines to address newer variants given the evolving nature of COVID-19.

"Ngayon pa lang paghandaan na natin para hindi tayo mabigla. Maglaan na dapat ng pondo kasi hindi natin masabi kelan ito matatapos at kung kailanganin pa ng another shot of vaccines after a year kung may panibagong variant ng sakit na ito na umusbong," he explained.

Meanwhile, following the recent announcements of general community quarantine restrictions in the National Capital Region Plus areas, Go warned the public against being complacent and urged them to continue exercising

the necessary health and safety protocols especially amid the emergence of new variants of COVID-19.

"Huwag tayong mag-panic dahil ginagawa naman ng gobyerno ang lahat para matugunan ito. Gayunpaman, 'wag rin tayong magkumpiyansa. Kailangan dito ang disiplina at kooperasyon ng lahat. Sumunod tayo sa mga patakaran at mag-ingat tayo lalo kahit nag-GCQ na sa ibang lugar," he said.

"Kung hindi tayo susunod sa patakaran at tataas nanaman ang kaso ng COVID-19, maaaring kailanganing higpitan pa lalo ang quarantine restrictions at magresulta na naman ito sa pagsara ng kabuhayan. Mas hahaba pa ang ating kalbaryo laban sa pandemyang ito," he added.

On Thursday, May 13, President Rodrigo Duterte downgraded the quarantine classification in Metro Manila and its surrounding provinces of Bulacan, Cavite, Laguna, and Rizal from modified enhanced community quarantine to general community quarantine "with heightened restrictions" from May 15 to 31, 2021.

"As government strives to balance the need to protect public health along with reviving the economy and livelihoods of Filipinos, we should not lose sight of the necessity of being vigilant. Our continued cooperation can save lives," Go reiterated. (OSBG)



Senator Christopher "Bong" Go reiterated his appeal to concerned authorities to fast-track the rollout throughout the country as the government prepares to implement the next and larger phase to vaccinate the wider population. Photo by OSBG.

EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF REAL ESTATE WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late TOMAS CRUZAT MENDOZA, who died on September 2, 1880 and CATALINA ENDOZO MENDOZA who died on October 4, 1890 at Maitim II, Tagaytay City Cavite, respectively, VICTORINO ENDOZO MENDOZA, who died on February 22, 1947 and YSADORA ENDOZO MENDOZA who died on March 2, 1951 at Maitim II, Tagaytay City Cavite and Brgy. Banga Talisay Batangas, EDUARDO ENDOZO MENDOZA, who died on April 19, 1977 and ANA AMBULO MENDOZA who died on October 22, 1974 at Silang Cavite, respectively, TERESITA MENDOZA COSTA, who died on May 10, 2019 and ERNESTO CONSTANTINO COSTA at Maitim II, East Tagaytay City Cavite, respectively, BUENAVENTURA AMBULO MENDOZA, who died on June 28, 2011 and GLORIA ISLA MENDOZA who died on July 7, 2008 at Alfonso, Cavite, respectively; MARCELO ENDOZO MENDOZA, who died on November 24, 2001 and CRISANTA MIRANDA MENDOZA who died on August 8, 1974 at Sungay West Cavite Respectively; REYMUNDA MENDOZA VITO, November 14, 1977 and PASCUAL VITO who died on June 5, 1975 at Tagaytay City and East Tagaytay City respectively and GREGORIA MENDOZA VITO who died on March 8, 1995 at Sungay West Tagaytay City leaving a parcel of land covered by Tax Declaration of Real Property With ARP No. 28-0004-00796 has been extrajudicially settled by her heirs as per Doc. No. 356; Page No. 72; Book No. 384, Series of 2021, Notary Public Atty. Mariano Villanueva.

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NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned majority members of the Board of Directors and the corporate Secretary of ICONX PHILS., INC., do hereby certify and notify the dissolution of the ICONX PHILS., INC., by majority of vote of the directors and the vote of stockholders representing at least two-thirds (2/3) of the outstanding capital stock at a meeting held on March 1, 2021 at the principal office of the corporation.

ICONX PHILS., INC., a corporation duly registered and existing under SEC Registration Number CS201703654 and was incorporated on February 1, 2017 with principal address at 2nd Floor, Deloso Building, A. Soriano Highway, Timalan Concepcion, Naic Cavite.

Doc. No. 99; Page No. 20; Book No. LVII; Series of 2021, Notary Public Atty. Celia N. Closa.

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AFFIDAVIT OF SELF ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late DANILO CABALLERO PASCUAL who died on April 6, 2021 in Cavite City leaving a pension in Philippine Navy with LandBank Savings Account No. 0311-1411-39 has been extrajudicially settled by his heirs as per Doc. No. 236; Page No. 49; Book 08; Series of 2021, Notary Public Nemeul R. Camarse.

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EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF SPS. HENRY MUNAR CHAN BY AND AMONG HIS SURVIVING SPOUSES AND SEVEN (7) CHILDREN WITH IRREVOCABLE DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE OF THE PROPERTIES BY THE HEIRS TO VENDEE SENEN ISRAELARABACA

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late HENRY MUNAR CHAN who died on November 9, 2006 at Pasig City leaving a Nineteen parcel of land (19) covered by TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 809213; TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 809603; TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 809214; TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 803572; TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 809518; TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 809517; TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 809520; TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 809217; TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 809216; TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 809521; TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 1000474; TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 809215, 809213; TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-301400) T-1436; TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 809516; TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 809604; TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 803573; TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 809519 LOCATED AT Barangay Lantic, Carmona Cavite has been extrajudicially settled by his heirs as per Doc. No. 301; Page No. 30; Book No. 3; Series of 2021, Notary Public Atty. Francis B. Contreras.

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Travelers from 7 countries banned from entering PH –BI

PASAY CITY -- The Bureau of Immigration (BI) announced the implementation of the extended travel ban, to include Oman and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) starting May 15.

BI Commissioner Jaime Morente shared that they received an order from Malacanang extending the ongoing temporary travel ban for travelers coming from India, Pakistan, Nepal, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka until May 31, 2021.

"Following said order, those coming from Oman and UAE will temporarily be barred as well, until the end of the month," said Morente. "Those who will be coming from, or have a travel history within the last 14 days from the 7 countries will be excluded and sent back to their port of origin," he added.

BI Port Operations Division Chief Atty. Carlos Capulong stated that they are not expecting anyone coming from said countries, as airlines were instructed not to allow the boarding of passengers prohibited from entering, unless they are part of repatriation efforts of the national government.

Meanwhile, Capulong clarified that those who will be merely transiting through said region will be allowed to enter. "Transiting would mean that they did not leave the airport terminal, were not cleared by immigration authorities, and are just there for a layover," he stated.

The flight ban was implemented to stop the entry of the new Covid-19 variant from India. (BI)

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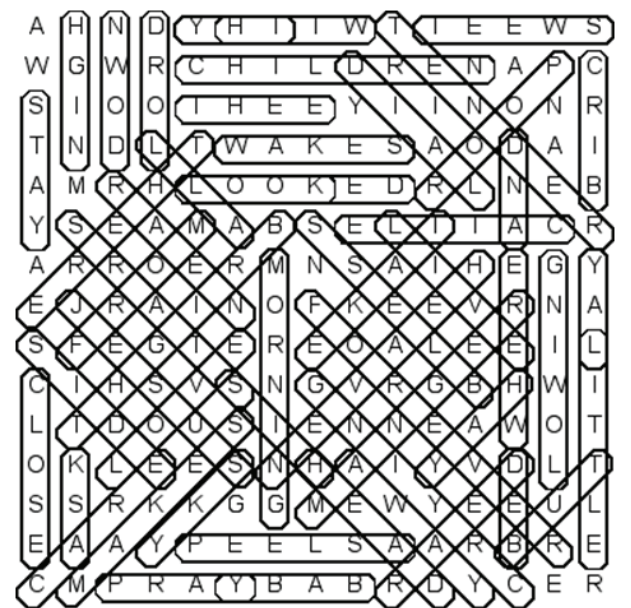
Movies: Science Fiction

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- ALIEN
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- BODY SNATCHERS
- BRAZIL
- COCOON
- CONTACT
- CUBE
- DARK CITY
- DEEP IMPACT
- DUNE
- EQUILIBRIUM
- FANTASTIC VOYAGE
- FLASH GORDON
- FLATLINERS
- FORBIDDEN PLANET
- FRANKENSTEIN
- GATTACA
- INDEPENDENCE DAY
- JURASSIC PARK
- LOGAN'S RUN
- MAD MAX
- METROPOLIS
- ROBOCOP
- SCANNERS
- SHIVERS
- SILENT RUNNING
- SOLARIS
- SOYLENT GREEN
- SPIDER-MAN
- STAR WARS
- STARGATE
- STARMAN
- STARSHIP TROOPERS
- TERMINATOR
- THE ABYSS
- THE FLY
- THE MATRIX
- THEY LIVE
- TOTAL RECALL
- TRANCERS
- TRON
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Sagot sa nakaraan



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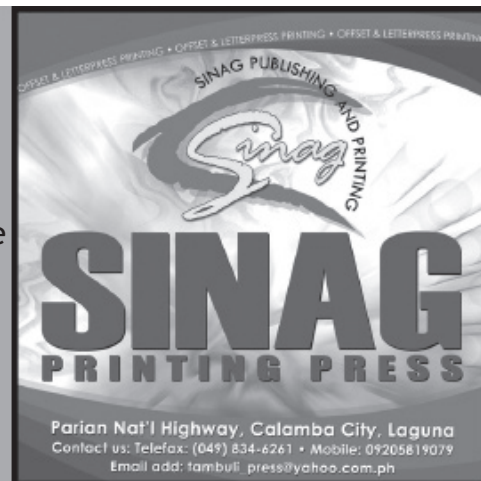
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Fill in the blank squares so that each row, each column and each 3-by-3 block contain all of the digits 1 thru 9. If you use logic you can solve the puzzle without guesswork. Need a little help? The hints page shows a logical order to solve the puzzle.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

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LGUs must have necessary infra for an effective vaccine rollout—President Duterte

MANILA -- Local government units should have the necessary infrastructure to conduct mass inoculation drive and avoid wastage, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte said on Thursday.

“We know that you can do it but see to it that the mechanism, ‘yong infrastructure ninyo sa baba kailangan must be able to come up with the numbers required kasi itong mga bakuna may expiry date. It cannot be effective forever. The efficacy loses in a less period of time than other medications,” President Duterte said during his public address on government response on COVID-19.

“So kailangan pagdating doon sa inyo mapatakbo na kaagad ninyo ‘yong administrative pati siguro mga local --- may mga hospital. Magtulong-tulungan na lang so that we would not waste

the vaccines because we were not able to deliver it on time.”

It would be a problem if the vaccines expire due to lack of infrastructure on the part of the LGUs who are supposed to facilitate giving the shot to the targeted population on time, the President said.

Some vaccines are so sensitive that require certain temperature to maintain their efficacy such as Pfizer BioNTech and Moderna.

“I am just saying this because I do not want to lose the battle here through negligence,” he stressed. “Alam ninyo, you --- mga doktor all throughout alam nila ‘yan. It’s a very simple way of explaining to the people. The only problem is you are not able to administer the vaccines on time because there is a limited period

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DILG tells LGUs to prepare for ramped-up vaccination program

QUEZON CITY -- With the continuous arrival of millions of COVID-19 vaccines in the country, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) today urged local government units (LGUs) to brace for more vaccine supplies and ramp up their vaccination efforts in order to reach 4 million jabs by end of next month.

Patuloy ang pagdating ng mga vaccines sa bansa at kasabay nito ang pag-asang maging protektado at ligtas ang ating mga kababayan mula sa virus. I am therefore calling on our LGUs to increase their capacity for vaccination so that we can administer 3-4 million jabs a month starting this June,” said DILG Secretary Eduardo M. Año.

Año said that the target in the National Capital Region is to do 120,000 jabs a day starting next month with the help of the private sector who has already started simulation exercises with the private supply chain experts.

The country has so far received 7,764,050 total vaccine doses from various suppliers including the COVAX facility as of May 11, 2021 and 83% of this has been distributed to 3,688 vaccination sites across the country.

He said that following the center of gravity principle, more

vaccines will be allocated to the National Capital Region, Bulacan, Rizal, Laguna, Cavite, Batangas, Pampanga, Cebu, Davao, and other areas with high number of active cases to contain the spread of covid.

“Sa umpisa pa lang ay kasama na natin ang private sector sa ating vaccination efforts and nakikipagtulungan tayo sa kanila para agarang mabakunahan ang mga mamamayan, lalo na iyong mga nasa priority list,” he said.

The DILG Secretary also dismissed speculations from Dr. Tony Leachon that the government might not be able to cope with vaccination as 1.5 million AstraZeneca vaccines delivered on May 8 are set to expire by the end of June.

“The 1.5 million AstraZeneca vaccines have already been deployed to various LGUs nationwide. 1 million of these will be taken as the first dose while some 525,600 doses have also been reserved for the second dose,” he said.

Año said Dr. Leachon is painting a different picture to create panic and belittle or cast doubt on the government’s capacity to administer the doses. “Sa panahon ng pandemya, ang kailangan natin ay pag-asa at hindi spekulasyon at paninira. Magtulongan na lang po tayo,” he said.

“With the current daily average

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VCO to help mild COVID cases recover faster, ease burden on health system—Nogralles

MANILA -- Even with heightened restrictions in the National Capital Region Plus bubble to help continue the downward trend in COVID-19 cases in the area, efforts should be made to ramp out treatments for mild COVID-19 cases in order to help ease the stress on the hospital system in the NCR and its neighboring provinces.

This according to Cabinet Secretary Karlo

Nogralles, who over the weekend led the distribution of virgin coconut oil (VCO) to Level 1 hospitals in Bulacan tasked to treat COVID-19 cases with mild symptoms.

Four hospitals treating a total of 46 COVID-19 patients—Dr. Yanga’s Hospital, Inc., Malolos San Vicente Hospital, Mary Immaculate Maternity and General Hospital, and La Consolacion University General

Hospital—received VCO as part of a personal initiative of Nogralles, who also co-chairs the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF).

Nogralles pointed out that “studies conducted by the DOST (Department of Science and Technology) indicate that VCO can help those with COVID-19 recover faster.”

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Cab. Sec. Karlo Nogralles distributed Virgin Coconut Oil at Yanga’s Hospital, Inc.