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BREAKING COMMUNICATION BARRIERS THRU SIGN LANGUAGE TRAINING



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DRIVEN by the aim to break the communication barrier particularly with the deaf, mute as well as visually-impaired members of society and formally address one major concern of persons with disabilities, the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office (PSWDO) facilitated a Deaf Sensitivity and Conversational Sign Language Training on May 15-17, 2019 at PCLEDO Training Area, CaCoDec, Trece Martires City. The said training was attended by

30 PGC frontline personnel from different offices who usually cater to PWD clients.

Social Welfare Officer IV Ms. Darylvy R. Avila acknowledged all the participants and echoed the importance of the training as it would help to easily reach out and understand the needs of the deaf and mute through their language.

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PH improves on SDGs – PIDS

QUEZON CITY--The country is making headway in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly in terms of increasing labor productivity and reducing income equality, said a senior research fellow of state think tank Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS).

Citing results of the Philippines 2019 Voluntary National Review (VNR) Report on the SDGs during a policy dialogue recently organized by the Institute and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, Dr. Jose Ramon Albert said the Philippines' labor productivity grew by 8.4 percent in 2017.

He also noted that unemployment in the country has significantly improved at 5.7 percent last year—one of the

lowest since 2005. However, he said the jobs agenda continue to be a pressing issue given the nation's 16.-percent underemployment rate. "This suggests that a considerable proportion of those employed are looking for extra work or other jobs, which implies that the quality of jobs in the Philippines needs improvement," Albert posited.

A way to resolve this, he proposed, is to strengthen the government's implementation of the Inclusive Innovation Industrial Strategy or i3S, which aims to build new industries, clusters, and agglomeration, as well as ensure growth of micro, small, and medium enterprises, and strengthen human resources. Also, Albert stressed that the provision of a full and productive employment and decent work is *continue to page 3*

DOH provides training on menu planning for nutritionists in Calabarzon

QUEZON CITY- The Department of Health (DOH) Calabarzon (Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal, Quezon) together with the Philippine Association of Nutritionists conducted a "Menu Planning Workshop for Nutritionists" for non-communicable diseases (NCDs) to further improve and enhance their knowledge in the development of an appropriate meal plan for patients affected by lifestyle related diseases such as diabetes, kidney, cardiovascular diseases, and cancer.

According to Regional Director Eduardo C. Janairo, the regional office will conduct four batches targeting nutritionists and dietitians

of various hospitals of Calabarzon including training and educating school canteen chefs and managers on proper nutrition and diet. "Canteen in schools performs a significant part in the promotion of healthy eating habits of children. It is their responsibility to ensure that meals prepared are well-balanced and nutritious and with the right amount of energy school children needs."

"We will be introducing new approaches on nutrition to combat NCDs and to educating health personnel in preparing an effective menu plan that is specific for patients affected with these illnesses," he disclosed.

Janairo added that

nutritionists will learn to integrate nutrition education in the management of lifestyle-related diseases including incorporating the value of nutritional health in the preparation of their patient's meal plan.

During the workshop course, participants will learn to assess a patients' health needs and diet according to his health condition, provide counsel and guidance to patients on proper nutrition and healthy eating habits, develop meal plans, taking into consideration the cost and the preference of the patient and evaluate the effects of the

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Distribution of Paint Materials in Public Elementary and High School in the Province of Cavite

AS part of the yearly celebration of the Brigada Eskwela with this year's theme "Matatag na Bayan para sa Maunlad na Paaralan", the provincial government of Cavite represented by Provincial Administrator for Community Affairs Alvin Mojica distributed eight million worth of paints and paint materials to public central schools all over the province on May 20-22, 2019. During the distribution, Mr. Mojica enjoys other

stakeholders to partake on the clean-up activities and respond to the needs of the public schools to cater a more innovative educational system in the province. The beautification exercise during the week-long celebration of the Brigada Eskwela will definitely help the children in maintaining an enjoyable learning environment and will give comfort to pupils in gaining a fruitful educational experience.





PGC's Operation Tuli Program Continues in Cavite City

Operation Tuli Program of the provincial government continues in Cavite City on May 22, 2019 where a long line of young boys anxiously waited for their turn to be circumcised at Ladislao Diwa Elementary School. The Office of the Provincial Governor-Extension in partnership with the Provincial Health Office and Cavite City Health Office spearheaded the program and rendered their services to a total of 279 boys. Dr. Liza Ramirez, a private practitioner, also extend her service for free together with some barangay health workers who assisted the medical team during the outreach event.

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(PNP).

As co-chairpersons of the 2019 OBE, Undersecretary for Planning, Human Resource and Organizational Development, and Field Operations Jesus Mateo, and Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs Service and Alternative Learning System Program and Task Force G. H. Ambat expressed their gratitude to the representatives of the IATF who presented their respective preparations for the school opening.

PNP's Ligtas Balik Eskwela shall deploy approximately 6,000 personnel for the National Capital Region (NCR) alone, and 150,000 personnel nationwide to prevent and suppress the occurrence of criminal and terroristic incidents targeting the general public including students, teachers, and parents.

DTI, meanwhile, is conducting a series of OBE Diskwento Caravan through its Consumer Protection and Advocacy Bureau. It also published the Gabay sa Presyo ng School Supplies as it intensifies its weekly price monitoring activities from May to June.

PAGASA delivered rainy day safety reminders and discussed the protocols on warning services, while DPWH

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shared the maintenance activities of its district engineering offices inside and within the vicinities of the schools including the repainting of pedestrian markings and de-clogging of drainages.

Maynilad Water Services, Inc. assured the public that there will be no pipe-laying/repair activities near schools on school opening and that ongoing excavations near schools shall be safe/passable for motorists and pedestrians. They also presented their Lingkod Eskwela Program which gives public school students access to potable water through the drink-wash facilities they installed.

The MMDA's Balik Eskwela Program this year shall focus on increasing awareness on smoke-free campuses and protecting the youth from the dangers of smoking, while the DILG directed its local chief executives to support the OBE activities.

MERALCO shared their various activities including the assessment of schools' electrical connections and trimming of tree branches along electrical facilities. DOE, meanwhile, discussed the power situation/outlook in Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao, as well as its coordination efforts with power generation companies and other relevant institutions.

President...

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future as the country affirmed the larger international frameworks and mechanisms that paved the way to the Asian century that everyone now enjoys.

“He will likely also highlight how addressing domestic imperatives provides the conditions by which we will collectively shape Asia's future,” he told Palace reporters.

The President is participating in this year's conference upon the invitation of Nikkei Inc, marking his third visit to Japan since assuming office. His first visit

to one of Asia's economic powerhouses was in October 2016 and the second one was in October 2017.

The Nikkei Conference on the Future of Asia is an annual meeting held in Tokyo, which gathers government and business leaders to share their respective assessment of Asia's prospects and regional direction.

With its solid track record of featuring Asian leaders and speakers, the conference has earned a reputation of being one of Asia's top foreign policy in economic fora.

This year's 25th

Finally, DSWD assured the public on the on-time payout of Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) cash grants.

Public Assistance Command Center

The Public Assistance Command Center (PACC), stationed at the Bulwagan ng Karunungan in DepEd CO, shall be operational from May 27 to June 7 to address the problems, queries, and other concerns commonly encountered by public at the start of the school year, and to ensure that all learners are properly enrolled and able to attend school on the first day of classes on June 3.

The PACC shall also serve as the information and complaints processing and routing zone for the duration of the OBE. Regional and schools division offices are also enjoined to set up a command center to receive and respond to concerns directly from the ground.

The following channels shall be open to the public through the PACC: hotlines (636-1663; 635-9817; 638-7530; 633-1942; 638-8641; 638-7529; and 634-0222 (fax)); email (action@deped.gov.ph); text messaging (09194560027); social media (Department of Education-Philippines on Facebook and DepEd_PH on Twitter); walk-in assistance; and legal assistance, if applicable. (DepEd)

conference will be held on May 30 and 31 at the Imperial Hotel in Tokyo with the theme “Seeking a New Global Order — Overcoming the Chaos.”

Other Asian leaders who are expected to attend and address the conference include Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir bin Mohamad, Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheik Hasina, Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen, and Lao Prime Minister Thongloun Sisoulith.

The deputy prime ministers of Vietnam and Singapore will also be in attendance along with ministers from Japan, Brunei, Myanmar, Thailand, and Indonesia. (PND)

Salceda seeks SC TRO vs. MMDA prov'l bus ban

Naghain ng Temporary Restraining Oder (TRO) si Albay Rep. Joey Sarte Salceda sa Supreme Court laban sa ‘provincial bus ban’ sa EDSA ng Metro Manila Development Authority's (MMDA) at paglipat ng bus terminal Valenzuela City para sa mga bus mula sa hilaga, at sa Sta. Rosa, Laguna para naman sa mga galing timog. Ang layo ng Sta Rosa ay Maynila ay halos 39 kilometro.

Binansagan ni Salceda ng “anti-majoritarian, anti-proletariat, anti-probinsyanong mahihirap ang bus ban ng MMDA, na ayon sa kanya ay hindi solusyon sa masikip na trapik sa Metro Manila, at lilikha lamang ng ibayong pahirap, dahdag na oras at perhuwisyo sa mga ‘provincial commuters.’”

“Ipagbabawal ng MMDA ang 6,000 provincial bus na ilang oras lang ang inilalagi sa Maynila ngunit hahayan namang palitan sila ng mga 20,000 iba't-ibang sasakyan sa EDSA, kasama ang bagong itim na 14,000 Premium taxi (na hindi pa alam kung sino ang may-ari) na may P70 ‘flag down rate, 2,000 bagong P2P bus at libu-libong UV Express van. Anong klasing solusyon ito,” tanong niya

Ayon kay Salceda, dapat balansihin ang magkakaibang interes at dapat papanagin ang lalong nakararami. Ang nakataya dito, dagdag niya ay interes ng 13 milyon mula sa Kamaynilaan at 50 milyon o 74% ng mahihirap na Pinoy mula sa Luzon, na lalo pang pahihirapan.

“Inamin mismo ni MMDA Traffic Manager Bong Nebrija ang kabanuan ng bus ban sa EDSA nang aminin niyang pinagpasiyan ito ng MMDA at

Metro Manila Council (MMC) ng WALANG KONSULTASYON SA PUBLIKO noong Enero,” pahayag ng mambabatas.

Nakalaang ipatupad ng MMDA at ban simula ika-1 ng Hunyo. “Lalong palalalain lamang ng bus ban ang trapik sa EDSA dahil ni hindi sinabi ng MMDA sa MMC na 235,000 o 72% ng 330,000 sasakyan sa EDSA ay drayber lamang ang sakay ngunit higit nilang gustong pahirapan ang mga provincial bus na 2% lamang ng mga sasakyang dumadaan sa EDSA,” dagdag ni Salceda.

Ipinaliwanag ni Salceda na sa buong mundo, maging sa New York o sa Tokyo, ang mga provincial bus terminal ay nasa gitna mismo ng lungsod dahil higit na pinahahalagahan ang ‘public transport’ kaysa mga pribadong sasakyan. Dito sa Kamaynilaan, 6,000 provincial bus lamang ang bumabiyahe at kaunti lang ang nasa lungsod anumang oras, kung ihahambing sa 2.8 milyong sasakyan nananatili sa lungsod, puna niya.

“Bakit naman pinipiling pahirapan ang mga pobreng probinsyanos para tugunan ang gulo ng trapik sa Manila traffic? Mga 50 pasahero ng bus samantalang lima lang ang kaya ng kotse. Ang dapat harapin ng MMDA ay ang 800,000 utility vehicles, 400,000 kotse, 120,000 trak at 1.4 million traysikel na nagaagawan ng espasyo sa Kamaynilaan,” dagdag ng mambabatas.

“Ang tiyak, hindi bilang ng mga provincial bus ang sanhi ng magulong trapik sa Kamaynilaan kundi kawalan ng desiplina ng mga drayber,” patapos niyang puna.

Accelerated...

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Public Works and Highways (DPWH) and Department of Transportation (DOTr), will cover its target disbursement for the rest of 2019 and assured that the implementation of its priority socioeconomic programs, including the Pantawid Pasada, Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps), National ID System, Fuel Marking, and Social Pension, will boost spending and growth.

Dominguez also reported that the growing population of the country requires double efforts from the agriculture sector to expand by at least two percent annually.

Legarda suggested that there should be sustained efforts in improving the environment and conditions for farmers, particularly in providing fertilizer and access to roads and addressing irrigation, climate change, and other land issues. She agreed with Dominguez that agricultural research must be improved and convergence

among agencies in rural and agricultural areas must be strengthened.

Legarda will also conduct a hearing with other government agencies, especially the Department of Agriculture, to discuss strategy on how to meet the two percent growth target because in 2018, the agriculture sector only grew by 0.1 percent.

“May this be a lesson for the government and for all of us. The underspending of P1 billion per day could have gone to education, health care, and social services. It resulted in the delay of programs and greatly affected the lives of our constituents,” said Legarda.

“However, we are confident with the commitment of the DOF and of the government to drive our economy to the growth we aim for, as well as to ensure that the government continues to deliver quality services and programs to the people. We must not only meet our growth targets, but also ensure that the lives of Filipinos are improved,” Legarda concluded. (OSLL)

Annual Nutrition Evaluation, on-going in Cavite Province

THE Provincial Nutrition Evaluation Team (PNET) composed of different departments of the provincial government and national agencies in Cavite conducts the Annual Monitoring and Evaluation of City/Municipal Nutrition Program Accomplishments in 2018 using the new Monitoring and Evaluation of Local Level Plan Implementation Pro tool (MELLPI-Pro). It is the updated monitoring and evaluation framework and system for the nutrition sector covering assessment of nationwide initiatives along policy and legislation, nutrition service delivery, and capacity building. MELLPI Pro is coined from the words Protocol that includes procedures and tools; Promotive since it promotes awareness and observance to existing laws, rules and guidelines; Progressive that scoring is based on desired progress of LGUs in terms of nutrition program implementation and Professional because it promotes professional and objective review of evidence using rubrics and spider web diagram. The new tool was designed to evaluate and assess the performance of the City/Municipality and local nutrition workers including Nutrition

Action Officers.

The validation visit kicked off in the Municipality of Rosario on May 2, 2019 and will conclude on June 7, 2019 in the Municipalities of General Mariano Alvarez and Silang. So far, Tanza and the cities of Damariñas, Bacoor and General Trias had been validated by the team.

During the visit, the PNET conducts a desk review of accomplishment reports based on the Nutrition Action Plans and other pertinent documents from where individual rating, consensus rating then finalization of rating will be generated. A report will be prepared to be presented to the Local Nutrition Committee in a meeting and members of the team will review the MELLPI Pro Process, the over-all results and highlights of nutrition-related policies, programs and services. The team acknowledges the LGUs performance and best practices and recommends actions for improvement based on the PNET's monitoring. A summary of evaluation findings and recommendations and the signed Form 4 are submitted to the Local Nutrition Committee or Local Nutrition Worker during the exit meeting.



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Breaking...

Specialist Atty. Khervy B. Reyes delivered an inspirational message and hoped that the training would be a venue for continuous initiatives in eliminating discrimination of PWDs.

The 3-day training aims to equip the front liners with proper knowledge on how to communicate thru sign language to persons with hearing and visual impairments.

Meanwhile, Guidance Counselor of Philippine School for the Deaf Ms. Irish Casaljay, Resource Speaker, elaborated the topic on Hearing Impairment/ Handling PWDs with Hearing Impairment in which she provided an overview about the types of hearing loss and deafness, causes and symptoms of hearing

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impairment, and deaf culture. Actual demonstration on proper hand sign language for alphabet, numbers, colors, foods, places, pronouns, quantity and office terminologies was done. She also trained the participants on how to greet, tell time and days, and count.

The last part of the training was a blindfold activity wherein partakers experienced what it felt to walk in darkness relying only from the assistance and instructions of their partners. The activity was a revelation to the participants of the plight of the visually impaired and how significant the senses are.

In conclusion of the 3-day activity, participants expressed their full commitment to extend and continuously apply the learnings to be effective service providers to constituents.

**SOMETIMES WE'RE TESTED
NOT TO SHOW OUR WEAKNESSES,
BUT TO DISCOVER OUR
STRENGTHS.**



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not the sole responsibility of the Department of Labor and Employment, but of the whole government system particularly agencies like the Department of Trade and Industry, Department of Agriculture, Department of Finance, Department of Budget and Management, National Economic and Development Authority, Department of Education, Technical Education and Skills Development Authority, and the Department of Public Works and Highways,

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in collaboration with the business community.

The country has also improved in reducing income inequality. But these reductions varied drastically across regions in the country. Albert said, the "average per capita income has been growing at 1.7% from 2006 to 2015, with the bottom 40% of the income distribution even growing faster at 2.2% in the same period".

However, "regional income disparities are stark. For

instance, the average per capita income of the National Capital Region is thrice that of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao," he pointed out.

To sustain the country's momentum in achieving the SDGs, the government should continue to provide social protection, focus on community development, and implement employment programs. It should also continue to implement the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program, the Sustainable Livelihood Program, and Kalahi CIDSS, among others. (PIDS)

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meal plan and modifying the meal plan as needed.

"Choosing the right diet helps prevent or control lifestyle-related diseases including avoiding certain risk factors for cancer and heart disease, that is why nutrition education is very important and always remember to include adequacy, balance, calorie control, moderation, variety and nutrient density

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when planning a healthy diet," Janairo reminded nutritionists.

Based on the 2013 Food and Nutrition Research Institute (FNRI), a total of 67% of the total deaths in the country were caused by lifestyle-related diseases. Simultaneously, diet-related health concerns are also on the rise due to the advent of fast food and unhealthy eating habits as shown by the increase in the prevalence of

overweight and obesity.

Lifestyle-related diseases are group of illness linked with how the way people live with unhealthy diet and lack of physical activity being the main factors responsible for the development of such diseases along with drug abuse, smoking and alcohol drinking. People who have this lifestyle are predisposed to coronary artery diseases, diabetes, stroke and cancer. (DOH4A)

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EDITORIAL

A requiem for the Liberal Party

The resignation of Senator Francis Pangilinan as president of the ill-fated Liberal Party (LP) was inevitable in view of the total defeat of the LP's Otso Diretso eight-man senatorial ticket in the recent election. He was in charge of the ticket's national campaign.

Pangilinan's task was not enviable.

The LP is an awful political product to sell to the electorate on account of the abusive behavior of LP politicians when their top partymate, President Benigno Aquino III, was in power.

Aquino's tenure was marred by illegal pork barrel allocations of LP politicians, a defective metropolitan train system, an extensive narcotic trade in the national penitentiary, inaction on the Philippine claim to Sabah, and the Mamasapano incident where mismanagement led to the massacre of 44 elite policemen by Muslim bandits in Maguindanao.

There are three other senators affiliated with the LP — incumbents Franklin Drilon, Risa Hontiveros and Leila de Lima. That number does not constitute a bright political future for the party.

Actually, the anomalies and abuse of authority attributed to the LP are nothing new. The history of the Philippines shows that administrations run by the LP have been discredited.

Immediately after World War II, and with the blessings of General Douglas MacArthur, Manuel Roxas seized political power from his erstwhile ally, President Sergio Osmeña, who headed the Nacionalista Party (NP). Together with Senator Elpidio Quirino, Roxas created a separatist faction in the NP and called it the Liberal Wing of the NP. That "wing" eventually became the LP. In the 1946 election, Roxas ran under the LP banner and defeated Osmeña and became the first president of the Republic of the Philippines.

Since Roxas owed his victory to MacArthur and the United States government, he allowed the Americans to establish military bases in the Philippines. He also granted Americans in the Philippines parity rights — the same economic rights as Filipinos in the Philippines, except the right to hold public office.

Roxas also strengthened the communist movement in Central Luzon by ousting a number of duly-elected "socialist legislators" from the House of Representatives to ensure the smooth passage of parity rights in Congress.

The Roxas administration was short lived, though. In 1948, Roxas died of cardiac arrest while delivering a speech inside Clark Air Base in Pampanga.

Roxas' successor, President Elpidio Quirino, was criticized for alleged corruption. In addition, communist cadres from Central Luzon almost captured Manila during his watch.

Although Quirino won the presidency in 1949 against Jose P. Laurel of the NP, historians maintain that the election was very dirty. By 1953, the extensive public antipathy toward the LP thwarted Quirino's reelection.

Diosdado Macapagal was the third Philippine president elected under the LP banner. His administration (1961-1965) was marred by a scandal involving Harry Stonehill, a controversial American businessman who had shady dealings with top government officials in the Philippines.

Ostensibly, Macapagal ordered his Justice Secretary, Jose Diokno, to investigate Stonehill's businesses. When the investigation threatened to incriminate Macapagal, the latter fired Diokno and ordered the immediate deportation of Stonehill. The scandal contributed to Macapagal's defeat to the NP's bet, Ferdinand Marcos, in the presidential election of November 1965.

Included in the infamous list is Benigno Aquino III, the fourth and, hopefully, the last president elected under the LP banner. Considering the litany of scandals attributed to him earlier in this essay, Aquino III is arguably the worst among the four.

His mother, Corazon Cojuangco Aquino, did not win under the LP banner. In fact, she did not win as president. She seized power in the aftermath of the 1986 EDSA revolt.

Fortunately, the end came for the LP in May 2016 when the LP bet for president, Mar Roxas, lost to the very popular President Rodrigo Duterte.

The LP attempted a comeback through Otso Diretso but it failed miserably. With President Duterte continuing to enjoy immense popularity today, the LP will not be a force to reckon with in 2022.

Therefore, the Otso Diretso defeat means a requiem for the LP. If the nation's good fortune continues, there will be no more LP politicians to mortgage the country's future after the 2022 election.



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, didilalan 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 ipinakitang 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 Sinalay 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 proto-sosyalista 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 uunlad 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 paraan ay nagsilbing tulay para sa iyo? Paano ka magpapaalam sa taong tumulong sa iyong pasukin ang isang klase ng buhay na sa kabilang ng lahat ng kahirapan at panganiib ay hindi mo ipagpapalit sa kahit ano?

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 pasalamatang 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 kabilang ng lahat ng kahirapan at panganiib ay hindi mo ipagpapalit sa kahit ano?

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

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

FC No. 16770-19

RCBC SAVINGS BANK
Mortgagee/ Assignee,

-versus-

SPS. RANNIE REY PALATINO AND
MARY KRIS MARQUILENCIA PALATINO
Mortgagors.
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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 as amended by Act 4118 filed by RCBC SAVINGS BANK, mortgagee/assignee with principal office at 31/F RCBC Savings Bank Corporate Center, 26th & 25th Sts. Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City against SPS. RANNIE REY PALATINO and MARY KRIS MARQUILENCIA PALATINO with residence and postal address at Blk. 18, Lot 6, Phase 4, Wallflower St., Primarosa North Village, Mambog 3, Bacoor, Cavite and/or Blk. 2, Lots 2 & 3 Rosedale Subd., San Sebastian, Kawit, Cavite to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of May 6, 2019 amounts to TWO MILLION ONE HUNDRED TWENTY NINE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED TWELVE PESOS and 37/100 (P2,129,112.37) Philippine Currency, including interest and penalty charges but excluding attorney's fee, sheriff fees and all other charges incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the Undersigned Sheriff IV will sell at public auction on July 2, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. or soon thereafter at the main entrance of the Office of the Clerk of Court, RTC Multiple Sala, 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. 071-2018000882

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Portion of : Lot 3, Pcs-04-025796; LRC RECORD NO. FREE PATENT
LOCATION: BARANGAY OF SAN SEBASTIAN,
MUNICIPALITY OF KAWIT, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON.

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION

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2-3	SE	LOT 4, BLOCK 2, PSD-04-235318
3-4	SW	LOT 6, BLOCK 2, PSD-04-235318
4-1	NW	LOT 2, BLOCK 2, PSD-04-235318

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3-4	N. 19° 10' W	7.00 M.
4-1	N. 70° 51' E	9.93 M.

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Imus, Cavite, Philippines, May 10, 2019

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DOTr amends guidelines for premium taxis

By Susan G. De Leon

QUEZON CITY—The Department of Transportation (DOTr) has amended the guidelines for the operation of Premium Taxis to benefit both commuters and drivers.

DOTr Secretary Arthur P. Tugade signed the guidelines, known as the "Taxi Modernization Program," on 08 May 2019.

The program seeks to respond to the needs of the riding public for a safe, comfortable, and reliable public transport service by providing a reasonably priced option with high-end safety and comfort features.

A notable amendment in the guidelines is the provision of driver's salary. The Taxi Modernization Program requires compensation and benefits for the drivers as mandated by the Labor Code, along with a training requirement that shall be determined by the LTFRB.

"When our drivers are salaried, they do not need to rush on the road to maximize the number of passengers and flagdowns they could get in a day. We, thus, reduce the risk of road incidence. And, with the amended vehicle specifications for premium taxis, we put on our roads vehicles that are safer and environment-friendly," Tugade said.

Vehicle Reclassification and Specifications

Operational requirements under D.O. No. 2019-007 also include a maximum age limit for the vehicles, which shall not exceed seven (7) years from its year model as reflected in the Certificate of Registration or subject to Motor Vehicle Inspection Station (MVIS) Roadworthiness Certificate.

Premium Taxi service franchises will soon open in highly urbanized cities outside of Metro Manila. The DOTr-LTFRB shall rationalize the number of Premium Taxi units allowed to ply per region.

The guidelines also require all Premium Taxi units to be at least Euro-4 compliant and air-conditioned. They are also reclassified as either Silver or Gold.

Based on body types per registration with the Land Transportation Office (LTO), sedans may be classified as either Silver or Gold. Meanwhile, Multi-Purpose Vehicles (MPV) and Utility Vans (UV) will fall under Silver Taxis; whereas Sports Utility Vehicles (SUV) and Utility Vans (Premium) will be classified as Gold Taxis.

The parameters that define Silver and Gold Taxis are upon the determination of the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB). These include, but are not limited to, displacement or power rating, leg room and luggage compartment.

For applicants who intend to operate a premium taxi service, the units to be applied shall not be more than three (3) years old upon application of Certificate of Public Convenience (CPC.) The year model of the unit shall be based on the date of manufacture as reflected in the Certificate of Registration from the LTO.

Electric vehicles with at least 100-kilowatt output and hybrid vehicles with at least 1,800 cubic centimeters (cc) rated engine displacement shall also be accepted as alternative vehicles.

For the exterior color of Premium Taxis, the Silver Taxi will be in black with silver markings, while the Gold Taxi will also be in black but with gold markings.

The maximum passenger capacity for Premium Taxis has also been increased. For Silver Taxi, the maximum number of passengers is four (4) for Sedan; six (6) passengers for MPV; and seven (7) passengers for UV. For the the Gold Taxi, only a maximum of four (4) passengers for both Sedan and SUV is permitted, while (7) passengers with pilot seats for the UV.

Safety and Modern Taxi Features

To promote the safety of passengers, all Premium Taxi units are required to have front-facing seats, seatbelts for all passengers and driver, airbags for the driver and front passengers, and windows in clear tempered glass.

D.O. No. 2019-007 also mandates modern PUV features for Premium Taxis, such as free internet access for passengers, on-board navigation system (GPS) or mobile-based application, dashboard and occupancy cameras with continuous recording of the past 24 hours of operation.

Tugade said the government's transport modernization programs aim to uplift three elements: the safety and comfort of the riding public, the state of road transportation, and the welfare of transport operators and drivers.

"Through the Taxi Modernization Program, in particular, we provide additional options for mobility to the public while giving our taxi drivers regular compensation and benefits," Tugade said. (PIA InfoComm/DOTr)

Tropical Wines and Spirits Pavilion presents unique PH's alcoholic beverages

With a vision for the Philippines to be Asia's best source of tropical fruit wines and spirits, some of the country's best local manufacturers unite to collectively present the sublime quality of alcoholic beverages unique to the Philippines.

The cluster of homegrown wine makers aims to have a unified voice in showcasing their health-laden alcoholic beverages using Philippine indigenous ingredients. The goal in bringing together the alcoholic beverage companies is to professionalize the industry and capture niche markets here and abroad.

For this reason, the 13th edition of IFEX Philippines dubbed NXTFOOD ASIA, is the best platform to reach their mission of going global. From May 24, until Sunday, May 26, the tropical wines and spirits group will showcase their top-of-the-line ensemble of liquors and spirits based from various Philippine fruits and vegetables at the World Trade Center Metro Manila.

Exciting lineup of tropical wines and spirits

Filipino alcohol drinkers may not be familiar with the bubble gum or raspberry-flavored fermented coconut sap lambanog called "Lambalites." Perhaps even

more so with the Libug (Lipote-Bugnay) and Malibug (Mango-Lipote-Bugnay), local berry-based red wines that have already received awards from international wine competitions.

What started as an advocacy that aims to convert denuded forests into productive agricultural lands is now producing world-class Bignay wine.

A local honey-based wine believed to cure colds and cough problems that started as a hobby is now entering the mainstream wine market.

Rice wines, oregano-based wines and other exciting alcoholic beverages are now displayed not only for foreign buyers, wine enthusiasts and connoisseurs but also for the local market to taste and relish. These healthy alternatives to mainstream alcoholic brews are now set to elevate the alcoholic beverage sector.

The public is invited to appreciate the abundant and diverse ingredients that make the Philippines one of the best sources of delectable food products and culinary inspirations offered by more than 600 local and international exhibitors from different food sectors.

IFEX Philippines NXTFOOD ASIA is organized by the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) through the Center for International Trade Expositions and Missions (CITEM), and co-organized by DTI's Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise Development (MSMED) Council, the Department of Agriculture (DA) and the Philippine Exporters Confederation, Inc. (PHILEXPORT). (DTI-CITEM)



The exhibiting companies include Aldio Food and Beverage, Broadchem St. Ambrose Int'l Ltd. Corp., Dielle's Apiary and Meadery, Inc., Dory's Distillery, Inc., Kapwa Greens Lifestyle, Inc. (Tsaa Laya), Philippine Rice Research Institute, Vino Arsan Enterprises and Yulaik Food Products.



The Tropical Wines and Spirits special setting at the IFEX Philippines NXTFOOD ASIA.

Word Search Puzzle

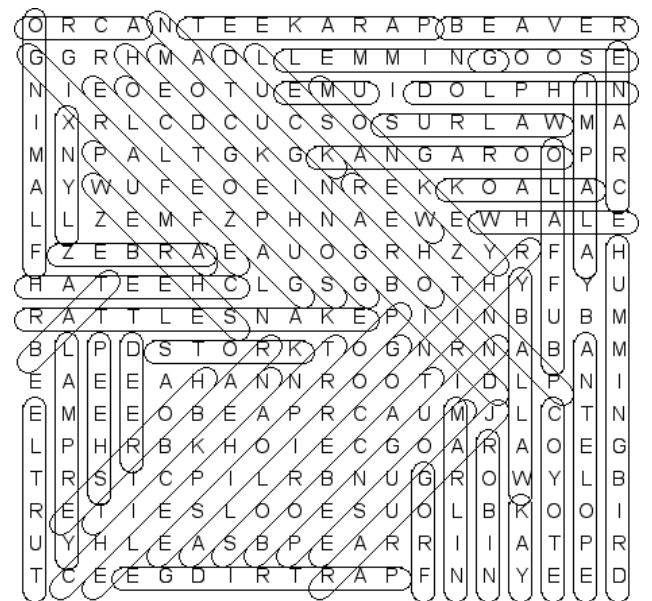
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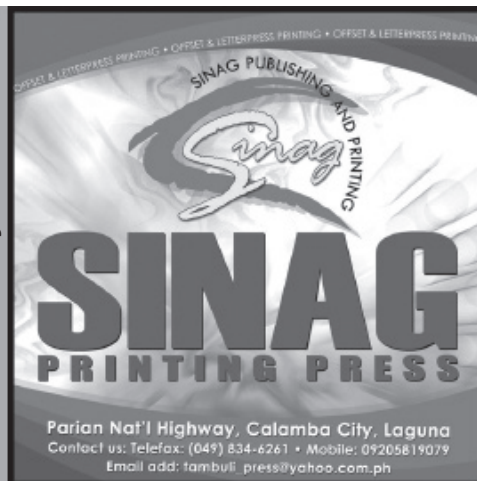
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 If you use logic you can solve the puzzle without guesswork.
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President Duterte to hold bilateral meeting with Prime Minister Abe during Japan visit

MANILA -- President Rodrigo Roa Duterte will hold a bilateral meeting with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe next week at Nikkei's 25th International Conference on the Future of Asia, an official of the Department of Foreign Affairs said on Friday.

Immediately after delivering his keynote address at the Nikkei conference on May 31, President Duterte will meet with Prime Minister Abe, Foreign Affairs Assistant Secretary Meynardo Montealegre said in a pre-departure briefing in Malacañang.

"This will be the 7th meeting between the two leaders taking place roughly about half a year since their meeting in November 2018 at the sidelines of the 33rd ASEAN Summit in Singapore," said Montealegre of DFA's Office of Asian and Pacific Affairs. "This will

be an opportunity for both leaders to take stock of the progress of the strengthened strategic partnership between the Philippines and Japan in both areas of our mutually beneficial cooperation."

High on the agenda in the bilateral meeting will be defense and security, economic cooperation, infrastructure development, entry of Filipino skilled workers to Japan, Japanese assistance for the Bangsamoro region, as well as regional issues such as Korean Peninsula and the South China Sea, according to Montealegre.

Maintaining peace and stability in the region is a mutual concern to both the Philippines and Japan and the South China Sea is a central issue.

In the Nikkei conference, Montealegre said the President will likely assert Asia's role in charting its own

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President Duterte's visit to Japan in October 2017. (PCOO FILE PHOTO)

DepEd launches 2019 Oplan Balik Eskwela

PASIG CITY -- To ensure the smooth opening of classes for School Year 2019-2020, the Department of Education (DepEd) converged its partner government agencies as it formally launched today the national Oplan Balik Eskwela (OBE).

"Ang konsepto natin dito ay ang edukasyon ay hindi lamang responsibilidad ng Department of Education. Lahat ng ating government agencies, including the private sector, ay

nagtutulungan para sa paghahanda sa pagbabalik-eskwela ng ating mga bata," Education Secretary Leonor Magtolis Briones shared during the press conference at the Bulwagan ng Karunungan, DepEd Central Office.

Inter-Agency Task Force This year's OBE Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) consists of the Department of Energy (DOE); Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG); Department of Health (DOH); Department of National Defense (DND); Department

of Public Works and Highways (DPWH); Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD); Department of Trade and Industry (DTI); Department of Transportation (DOTr); Manila Electric Company (MERALCO); Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS); Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA); Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical, and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA); and the Philippine National Police

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Accelerated spending needed to achieve growth target for 2019

PASAY CITY -- In Monday's committee hearing on the status of implementation of the 2018 budget and the effect of the four-month re-enacted budget on the 2019 projected economic growth, Senator Loren Legarda, Chair of the Senate Committee on Finance, said that accelerated spending and implementation of government programs are needed to achieve its growth target for 2019.

Department of Finance (DOF) Secretary Carlos Dominguez said that the growth target for the first quarter of 2019 is between 6.6 and 7.2 percent, however, the impasse on the 2019 budget, among other factors, caused the government to reach an amount of P1 billion underspending per day, decelerated GDP growth by 5.6 percent, and affected the implementation of programs for the first quarter of the year. Among the sectors affected in the delayed passage of the

2019 budget is the education sector because 18,575 classrooms were not repaired and 4,110 classrooms were not constructed. It also caused delay in the implementation of the new school dental health program and in the awarding of grants to 328,889 Senior High School students.

Legarda said that the concerned agencies could have utilized the re-enacted budget of 2018 or an amount not exceeding the 2019 National Expenditure Program (NEP) and should not have waited for the President to sign the General Appropriations Act of 2019.

Moving forward, Legarda agreed with Dominguez that accelerated spending can still allow the government to reach its growth targets.

The DOF guaranteed that the spending commitment of the two main infrastructure agencies, the Department of

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DepEd Secretary Leonor Magtolis Briones led the press conference as part of the launch of the 2019 Oplan Balik Eskwela.