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CALAX Toll Operations, upcoming section inspected

Photo courtesy of PIA CALABARZON

By Ruel B. Francisco

TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite -- The Toll Regulatory Board (TRB) recently inspected the operational segments and upcoming section of the Cavite Laguna Expressway (CALAX), one of the road infrastructure projects of the MPCALA Holdings, Inc. (MHI), a subsidiary of the Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation (MPTC) in partnership with the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH).

TRB's newly appointed Executive Director Atty. Alvin A. Carullo led the inspection team together with TRB Chief of Regulation Division Joz Carlos G. Ordillano, TRB Communication Head and Spokesperson Julius Corpuz, and Department of Transportation Representative for TRB BGen. Melquiades V. Ordiales, Jr., and TRB audit and inspectorate team.

The inspection covered the overall toll operations of CALAX's operational segment which spans from Mamplasan, Biñan to Santa Rosa-Tagaytay Road, the toll plazas including the safety and security features in

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Villanueva welcomes vaccination roll out for economic frontliners in June

PASAY CITY -- Senator Joel Villanueva thanked the government for heeding his call to expand the A4 vaccination priority list to include economic frontliners, who are set to be vaccinated in June.

In a statement, Villanueva, chair of the Senate labor committee, said the workers in the A4 priority list, where economic frontliners will be lumped together with essential workers, could continue on with their jobs while mitigating the risk of contracting severe or critical symptoms of COVID-19 once they get vaccinated.

"Araw-araw pong nakikipagsapalaran ang ating mga manggagawa, tulad ng economic frontliners at essential workers, upang ipagpatuloy ang kanilang mga trabaho. Ngayong mababakunahan na po sila, mababawasan po ang kanilang alinlangan sa pagpasok sa trabaho dahil may kaukulan na silang proteksyon laban sa COVID-19," Villanueva said.

"Sa mga kamay ng ating manggagawa nakasalalay ang muling pagbangon ng ating bayan. Salamat po sa ating IATF, lalo na po kay Secretary Vince Dizon, na ating nakaagapay sa pagsulong ng pagbabakuna sa mga essential workers at economic frontliners, including workers in the formal and informal sectors," he continued.

Villanueva issued the statement after Dizon announced during the inauguration of the Joni Villanueva Memorial Hospital in Bocaue on Thursday afternoon that the vaccination of workers would start in June.

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Quarantine violators' rights to be upheld in arrests, PNP assures

QUEZON CITY -- Philippine National Police (PNP) Chief, Police General Guillermo Lorenzo T Eleazar allayed concerns of the Commission on Human Rights on the arrest of quarantine violators, including barangay chairpersons, amid the pandemic.

The CHR has reminded the PNP that respect for human rights and the rule of law should be the guiding principles when arresting violators of minimum public health safety standards and quarantine protocols.

"I would like to assure the CHR that our personnel are aware of their accountability and responsibility to always abide by police operating procedures and uphold human rights in their operations. May mga mekanismo po kaming nakalatag upang masigurong nasusunod po ng ating kapulisan ang mga protocols," PGen Eleazar said.

"I would also like to reiterate that the Department of Justice and the Department of the Interior and Local Government have set guidelines for the arrest of violators of minimum public health safety standards and quarantine protocols by which we will abide," he added.

President Rodrigo Roa Duterte initially ordered law enforcers to arrest those not wearing face masks or those who wore them

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Metrobank Foundation donates P1M to fire-hit PGH

By Jimmyley E. Guzman

PASIG CITY -- Metrobank Foundation, Inc. (MBFI) turned over a donation amounting to P 1 million to Philippine General Hospital (PGH) Medical Foundation, Inc. recently.

The MBFI said through the "Helping Hands" program, the donation will aid in the rehabilitation of the hospital's Operating Room Sterilization Area (OSRA) damaged by fire last May 16.

MBFI Grants and Healthcare Unit head Marievic Mariano turned over the cash donation to PGH Director Dr. Gerardo Legaspi during a simple ceremony witnessed by Manila Doctors Hospital (MDH) Director Dr. Hian Ho Kua and MDH Medical Director Dr. Mario Juco.

The MDH, MBFI's healthcare affiliate, holds several years of partnership and collaboration with PGH in extending medical assistance to indigents and other medical intervention.

The donation shall fund the equipping of damaged facilities after reconstruction, which includes the purchase of autoclave machines or steam sterilizers, computers, and setting up of a fire protection system. (PIA NCR)

Photo shows (L-R) Manila Doctors Hospital (MDH) Director Dr. Hian Ho Kua, PGH Director Dr. Gerardo Legaspi, MBFI Grants and Healthcare Unit head Marievic Mariano, and MDH Medical Director Dr. Mario Juco at the ceremonial turnover. (Contributed photo)

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Dasma chess wizards to represent country in FIDE Chess World Cup

By Ruel B. Francisco

TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite -- Daniel Quizon and Michael Concio, Jr., two 16 year-old Grade 10 students of the Dasmariñas Integrated High School will represent the country in the FIDE World Cup chess tournament in Sochi, Russia on July 2021.

The chess athletes ranked top 2 in the recently concluded Asian Zonal 3.3 Chess Championships after winning against Indonesian Grand Masters who represented Indonesia in the Board 1 and 2 of the Chess Olympics.

During the last round of the championships, Quizon tied with Indonesian Grand Master Susanto Megaranto leading with 7 points - 5 wins and 4 draws while Michael Concio scored 6.5 points as he defeated Indonesian Grand Master Novendra Priasmoro in the last round in 103 moves.

The Asian Zonal 3.3 Chess Championship was held via online using the Tornelo platform where the boys played from the home of their coach FIDE Master Roel Abelgas.

Fourth District Representative Pidi Barzaga was proud and expressed support to the teen chess wizards.

"Nakaka-proud isipin na pawang disi-sais anyos ang dalawang batang Pinoy na sina Quizon at Concio ay Grade 10 sa Dasmariñas Integrated High School. Congratulations and keep up the hard work! Ang buong lunsod ng Dasmariñas ay patuloy na sumusuporta sa ating mga batang atleta," said Congressman Barzaga.

(It makes me proud to think that two young Filipinos, Quizon and Concio, are both 16 years old and are in Grade 10 at Dasmariñas Integrated High School. Congratulations and keep up the hard work! The entire city of Dasmariñas continues to support our young athletes.)

The solon thanked the rest of the Team Dasma, coaches GM Darwin Laylo, Fide Master Roel Abelgas, and Chester Caminong for relentlessly guiding the young athletes.

The International Chess Federation (FIDE) is the governing body of the sport of chess and regulates all international chess competitions. (Ruel Francisco with reports from Rep. Pidi Barzaga FB page)

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City Government of Baguio, Municipal Government of Bauang, La Union, and the Municipal Government of Cantilan, Surigao del Sur.

As part of the service quality improvements initiatives through the establishment of ISO 9001 QMS, the DAP also extends its support to the 2021 beneficiary agencies, under the NLAs and LGUs, that may express their interest to expand their ISO 9001-certified QMS in the same year.

For process scope expansion, the two agencies are: Technical Education Skills Development Authority (TESDA) and the National Police Commission (NAPOLCOM).

DAP-PDC Advocacy and Institutional Development Office Director Evangeline M. Macariola, stressed that, "the adoption of QMS, which was institutionalized through Executive Order No. 605, increases the organization's awareness of its duties and commitment to fulfill the needs and expectations of its customers, ensuring consistent delivery of quality products and services."

The GQMP technical assistance intervention is composed of training, workshops, guidance sessions, and assessments. Upon completion of the project by December 2021, the agencies are expected to be certified to ISO 9001:2015 QMS standard within the next six months.

In her closing remarks, DBM Systems and Productivity Improvement Bureau Director Emelita B. Menghamal expressed that, "Beyond satisfying the needs and requirements of stakeholders, organizations must also strive to exceed their expectations through continually improving the way things are being done in the government. Establishing the QMS can contribute immensely to the country's productivity and competitiveness as it addresses the requirements of the different sectors of the bureaucracy and promotes effective governance."

As of December 2020, the GQMP has provided technical assistance to 50 beneficiary agencies in the development and/or expansion of ISO 9001:2015 QMS. At present, 38 of the GQMP beneficiary agencies already have their QMS certification, while the rest are currently working on their respective certification process. For more information about the GQMP, contact the Government Quality Management Program Office at gqmpo@dap.edu.ph.

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that she was able to help a lot of applicants to enter the PNP and will help until they take the oath. She even boasted that her "pamato" or the person helping her is a doctor with the rank of Police Colonel.

Eleazar also warned police applicants from falling into the money-making rackets promising that they could buy their entry to the police organization.

"Sa ating mga aplikante, huwag kayong maniniwala sa mga ganitong klaseng modus. Binago na natin ang kultura ng korapsyon at palakasan sa recruitment system kaya masasayang lang ang pera ninyo," said PGen Eleazar.

"Sa pamamagitan ng Comprehensive Online Recruitment Encrypting System (CORES) na inilunsad natin kahapon, ang tanging tiket ninyo para makapasok sa PNP ay ang inyong qualifications at ang performance ninyo sa mga evaluation," he added.

PGen Eleazar also ordered the ACG and the IMEG to further intensify the operations against this kind of modus operandi and to investigate if Aleman has indeed cohorts in the PNP, including her husband who is confirmed to be a policeman.

He also urged police applicants to immediately report to the PNP, through the e-sumbong, any person who would approach and offer them assistance in the recruitment system.

"Bilang mga susunod na pulis, it is a challenge for you now to live up to the expectations of being a policeman. Pulis na tapat, pulis na may integridad, pulis na may pagmamahal at malasakit sa ating PNP," said PGen Eleazar.

"At sa mga katulad nitong si Evah Aleman, ang pagkaka-aresto niya ay isang patunay na nakatutok kami sa inyo ngayon at sinisuguro ko na mahuhuli kayo at pagbabayarin sa mga kalokohan ninyo," he added.

The QR Code System will be used to ensure the concealment of the identity of the applicant. Only the applicant's qualifications will be evaluated in determining if he/she will be accepted in the police force.

It will be utilized in the entire application process of the applicant, including the Body Mass Index and agility test, drug and neuropsychiatric test, and physical, medical and even dental examinations.

Aleman is now under the custody of the IMEG and will be facing appropriate criminal charges. (PIA NCR)

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provide commuters, especially the elderly, persons with disabilities (PWD), and pregnant women with transport hubs to safely board and get off vehicles; and safe walkways to cross EDSA from one side to the other. The EDSA Busway Concourse will be located at the SM Mall of Asia, SM North EDSA, and at the SM Mega Mall.

Active Transport

Pastor added that the DOTr has also provided cyclists with dedicated bicycle lanes in partnership with other government agencies and the private sector. The DOTr is set to complete 535 kilometers of bike lanes in Metro Manila, Cebu, and Davao in June.

The DOTr, he said, also continues to promote active transport such as cycling with the launch of a Bike Manual. The manual aims to educate cyclists, motorists, pedestrians, and other road users about road safety, road courtesy, road sharing, and road etiquette.

Free Ride for healthcare workers, APORs

The official also mentioned the DOTr Free Ride Program for health care workers and Authorized Persons Outside Residence (APORs).

Since the start of the pandemic last 18 March 2020, the "Libreng Sakay" program of the DOTr has served 2.3 million person-trips for healthcare workers and 5.5 million person-trips for APORs.

Pastor added that the DOTr Free Ride initiative also complements the Service Contracting Program that now benefits drivers, operators, and other workers in the transport sector who were displaced by the COVID-19 pandemic.

DOTr actions to further improve mobility

Meanwhile, the DOTr official stressed that the DOTr has already acted on some of the mobility suggestions mentioned in research papers presented during the forum. Among these is the expansion of the bike lane network which was proposed as part of the DOTr's budget request for 2022.

Additionally, the DOTr has proposed a higher budget for the Service Contracting Program to accommodate more routes, PUV drivers, and operators nationwide.

Asec. Pastor also made mention of the DOTr's Public Utility Vehicle Modernization Program (PUVMP) which aims to remove unsafe public utility vehicles (PUVs) from the streets and replace these with modern, safe, and environment-friendly ones for the convenience of commuters.

Likewise, he added that under the PUMVP, PUVs are also no longer allowed to use streets as terminals.

To help local government units set up off-street PUV terminals in their respective areas, the DOTr he said, is providing guidance in the planning, design, funding, and construction of these transportation terminals.

Concluding his presentation, Asec. Pastor recognized the effects of COVID-19 on the country's road transportation system.

As a transition to the new normal, he underscored the need for reliable and efficient transport infrastructures as the public depends on mass transportation.

"Rest assured that the research papers and the corresponding budget recommendations shall be carefully evaluated by the Department. Partnerships with the LGUs will also be considered for a more efficient implementation of programs and projects," he said. (PIA NCR)

DHSUD chief ensures high quality shelters; inspects housing projects in Cavite

NAIC, Cavite -- To ensure that no sub-standard housing units are built, Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development (DHSUD) Secretary Eduardo Del Rosario conducted site inspections in various housing projects by private developers in Cavite.

On Tuesday, the housing czar inspected two different project sites, including a socialized housing project in Naic and Tanza.

At the site, the housing czar checked on the actual construction of housing units and the model shelters.

On Friday, Secretary Del Rosario inspected a vertical socialized housing project in Tanza by another private developer, whom he credited for its high-quality shelters.

"We are indeed very grateful to see very beautiful projects like these, housing projects, because this is our commitment to the Filipino people. We are one with the developers who we can say is really a partner of the Filipino people," Secretary Del Rosario said.

"Yan po ang mandate ng ating department – to provide decent and affordable housing to Filipinos," he added.

Joining the housing czar during the site inspections were DHSUD Assistant Secretary Leira Buan, PagIBIG Fund Chief Executive Officer Acmad Rizaldy Moti, DHSUD Region 4A Director Jann Roby Otero and other DHSUD and Pag-IBIG Fund officials.

Also in attendance were Cavite Gov. Jonvic Remulla and Naic Mayor Junio Dualan. Swiss Ambassador to the Philippines H.E. Alain Gaschen attended Friday's house-warming in Tanza.

In his messages, Secretary Del Rosario highlighted the importance of ensuring quality, affordability and durability of housing products being constructed nationwide. He called on all developers to always look after the welfare of the general public, especially the underserved who wish to have a decent and affordable house they can call their own.

"Do not limit your expertise and capacity, expand in other areas so that more Filipinos can benefit from such high-quality and affordable housing projects," the housing czar stressed.

Part of DHSUD's key strategies for this year is boosting engagements with all clients and housing stakeholders, as well as push for stronger partnerships with LGUs in upholding its mandate of providing decent, resilient and affordable housing for Filipinos, particularly the underserved. (DHSUD)

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improperly in public places.

Just recently, he directed police to nab barangay chairpersons who fail to enforce quarantine protocols in their areas. This came as gatherings, including parties and drinking sessions, became rampant in Metro Manila and in nearby areas.

"Dati naman na po tayong may batas o ordinansa na pinagbabasehan ng mga pagarestong ating ginagawa. Mas pinaigting lang po natin ngayon ang pagpapatupad nito dahil talagang marami pa rin ang pasaway sa ating mga kababayan. Nandito pa din ang banta ng COVID-19 pero heto sila at nagpaparty, nagiinuman, nagsusugal at kung ano-ano pang mass gathering," PGen Eleazar said.

According to the PNP Chief, "Maski tayo, as much as possible, ayaw natin ang mang-aresto pero kung ito ang kailangan para masigurong ligtas sa COVID-19 ang ating mga komunidad at matuto sumunod sa minimum public health safety protocols ang ilan nating mga kababayan na may katigasan ang ulo, gagawin nating mang-aresto."

The Department of Justice and the Department of the Interior and Local Government are expected to issue the guidelines to the PNP sometime soon.(PNP-PIO)

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place, such as the newly installed Emergency Call Boxes (ECBs) which motorists can use for immediate roadside assistance.

MPCALA team also introduced the barrierless entry coupled with Automatic License Plate Recognition (ALPR) system and RFID lanes, to give its motorists a smooth and convenient driving experience.

"Okay yung toll collection system ng CALAX. So far, isa na ito siguro sa mga pinaka-advanced na toll collection system na na-inspect namin. Ito siguro ay magiging model for toll collection systems in the Philippines," commended TRB Executive Director Atty. Carullo.

Likewise, the site inspection showed the already-built plaza structures for the Silang East Interchange of the Subsection 5 which is expected to operate by the 3rd quarter of 2021. TRB was also briefed with the developments of its upcoming toll collection system.

"As to the new segment in CALAX, hopefully we can open it na para sa kaginhawaan ng ating mga motorista. May gagawin pa, pero sa pagtutulungan ng CALAX Management at DPWH, with the assistance ng TRB, I am sure ma-oopen natin ang segment na ito within its timeline," added Carullo.

Meanwhile, MPCALA President and General Manager, Robert V. Bontia is optimistic on their current collaboration with TRB to make their toll roads more efficient, safer, and convenient for motorists.

"We welcome the new chief of the Toll Regulatory Board Executive Director Atty. Alvin Carullo and wish him all the best. We are optimistic that as our regulator, win-win initiatives and new regulations for both operators and motorists will be reached," said Bontia.

CALAX is a 4-lane expressway that will soon connect the Manila-Cavite Expressway (Cavitex) in Kawit, Cavite to the South Luzon Expressway (SLEX) at Greenfield (Mamplasan) Interchange in Biñan, Laguna which is seen to cut the travel time between Cavite and Laguna from 2 hours to under an hour. (Ruel Francisco with reports from the MPTC)

Raise awareness and public confidence in vaccines to address hesitancy and accelerate rollout, incentivize if needed

PASAY CITY -- Senator Christopher "Bong" Go called for a whole-of nation approach to raise awareness and public confidence in vaccines in order to address fears and hesitations of some to get inoculated. This was reflected in recent surveys showing high hesitancy of Filipinos to get vaccinated despite the available supply.

As Chair of the Senate Committee on Health, Go said that in order to accelerate rollout and attain herd immunity soon, the public must be given the right information as assurance that vaccines are safe, effective, and necessary in order to overcome the COVID-19 pandemic.

Go welcomed initiatives by various groups to encourage Filipinos to get vaccinated saying that government must explore more creative ways to raise public confidence as it prepares to implement the next phases of the vaccination rollout.

In an interview given after the separate launches of the 115th and 116th Malasakit Centers at the Dr. Jose Fabella Memorial Hospital and Jose Reyes Memorial Medical Center, both in Santa Cruz, Manila City on Friday, May 28, Go noted that a number of countries are offering different incentives to get people vaccinated.

"Maganda naman 'yun. Kanya-kanya naman tayo ng paraan para ma-engganyo ang mga kababayan natin. Kung makaka-engganyo, bakit hindi? Sa ibang bansa sinasali nila sa lottery at dito nagpapa-raffle. Sa Amerika, binibigyan pa nila ng mga incentives," he began.

He further explained that getting more people vaccinated is one of the best ways to push others to overcome their hesitancy. He warned that vaccine hesitancy is a real threat to public health and stressed the need for strategies to combat the fear among some Filipinos.

"Ang atin dito kunin natin ang tiwala ng tao. Kapag marami ang naeengganyo, marami ang magpapabakuna. Ang iba kasi nag-aantayan 'yan … kaya ako mismo nananawagan sa mga ospital na magpabakuna na. Huwag kayo matakot sa bakuna, magtiwala kayo dahil ito ang tanging solusyon natin sa pandemyang 'to," continued Go.

"Ang attitude ng mga Pilipino ay ma-engganyo lang 'yan 'pag nakikita nilang maganda ang epekto. Pero habang hindi nila nakikita ang magiging resulta, hindi magpapabakuna ang mga iyan," he said.

On that note, the Senator reiterated his appeal to the government to educate the public further on the COVID-19 vaccine roadmap and boost its information campaign. A robust information campaign, he explained, is necessary in building vaccine confidence and sustaining the public's cooperation as it will address concerns on fake news and misinformation and mitigate fear.

"Gawin natin ang lahat para ipakita sa tao na mapagkakatiwalaan ang bakuna … dahil nandiyan pa rin ang takot ng Pilipino. Hindi maiiwasan 'yan lalo na sa mga probinsya," said Go.

"Pumupunta ako sa Laguna, Batangas at mga malalayong probinsya. Tinatanong ko ang mga kababayan natin kung sino ang gusto magpabakuna at konti ang nagtataas ng kamay … Karamihan sa mga mahihirap ayaw kaya kailangan natin sila i-encourage para bumuti at unti-unting ng bumalik sa normal ang buhay nila," he added.

The Senator emphasized that the stakes could not be higher. Attaining herd immunity at the community level, he explained, is critical to ending the ongoing pandemic and that means having anywhere from 60% to 90% of the population vaccinated.

"Kailangan natin mabakunahan ang more than 50% ng Pilipino para ma-achieve ang herd immunity. Kung hindi natin ma-achieve 'yun, kakalat pa rin ang coronavirus. Hindi natin alam ang mga katabi natin positibo na pala," he said.

"Kaya kailangan talaga mabakunahan para maging protektado at kahit magka-COVID ka man, hindi magiging severe ang kaso mo. Ang importante dito 'yung buhay ng bawat Pilipino," maintained Go. (OSBG)

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Dizon credited Villanueva for relentlessly advocating for the vaccination of essential workers, such as security guards, market vendors, delivery riders, public utility drivers, supermarket staff, sanitation workers, and media workers, among others.

In January, Villanueva campaigned for the inclusion of essential workers at the Senate Committee of the Whole hearing into the COVID-19 vaccination program of the country. The testing czar, a resource person at the committee hearing, confirmed the IATF's commitment to include essential workers in the vaccination priority list.

The lawmaker pointed out that the only way to boost the confidence of workers to go to their jobs daily was through vaccination.

Citing government data, Villanueva said the unemployment rate last year reached double digits--10.3 percent or about 4.5 million workers. (OSJV)

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Regional laggard once again?

Despite an improved Covid-19 management, observers believe the Philippines has not made it out of the woods yet. But it's slowly learning its lessons.

A record economic slump last year coupled by a sluggish recovery moving forward may have made the Philippines the "sick man of Asia" once again.

Instead of people lining up for the grand opening of giant retail stores like the boom seen two years ago, long queues are now snaking around community pantries organized to support the struggling residents weighed down by the various nationwide lockdowns.

If there's one thing that the unseen coronavirus has exposed, it is the structural defect that a decade-long outsourcing boom and remittances from migrant workers have glossed over. Together, they helped raise incomes and lifted at least two million Filipinos out of poverty at the turn of the century.

It was good while it lasted.

After that, the consumption-led economy took a complete tailspin, its momentum weighed down by high unemployment and underemployment as Covid-19 reared its ugly head.

The situation, according to analysts, worsened with the mass return of migrant workers who faced loose quarantine requirements and unreliable Covid-19 testing, even as more contagious variants of the virus took hold. The Philippines has recorded more than 1.1 million Covid-19 cases, the second-most in Southeast Asia.

The country is expected to suffer the highest unemployment rate this year among major Asian economies, according to a Bloomberg survey.

The pandemic likewise exposed a decentralized health care system and rampant inequality that took its toll on the country's once juggernaut business environment.

Amid all these contributing factors, consumer sentiment has been described as "deep in the red," giving rise to speculations that the economy will not easily return to pre-pandemic levels until possibly the end of next year.

In contrast, neighboring countries such as China, Taiwan and Vietnam have already returned to previous output levels, while South Korea, Indonesia and Thailand are expected to move on this year.

This should make the country once again the clear laggard in the region, according to observers.

Despite implementing one of the world's longest lockdowns that included a mass transport shutdown and ban on children and the elderly outside of their homes, authorities only managed to quell the outbreak for a few months before a fresh surge in cases forced renewed restrictions last March.

With such a scenario, Philippine economy nosedived in the first quarter and is now seen to be among the slowest in Asia to recover.

Even by 2025, output will remain 11.5 percent below what it would have been if pre-pandemic trends had continued, according to Fitch Solutions Inc. Life in lockdown, it said, has worsened the already stark inequality.

While relatively affluent Filipinos worked at home, ordering in groceries, prescriptions and wine, the unemployed grasped at odd jobs as delivery riders or online sellers, with many yet to rejoin the labor force.

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Even as restrictions have been loosened, Filipinos, according to Google Data have been the least mobile in Southeast Asia, an ominous trend for household consumption, which makes up more than 70 percent of the economy.

The government is likewise gradually rolling out digital contract tracing and pinning its hopes on the vaccines, with deliveries expected to reach 21.8 million doses this quarter.

With lessons learned at the height of the lockdown last year, the government is now opting for more targeted restrictions than the blunt lockdown that closed 75 percent of the economy last year. Mass transport is operating in a limited capacity, and work in most sectors continues.

Despite an improved Covid-19 management, observers believe the Philippines has not made it out of the woods yet. But it's slowly learning its lessons.

Economic Planning Secretary Karl Kendrick Chua has a better way of putting it: "Instead of avoiding the risk, we are now managing the risk."

Let's keep our fingers crossed.

KAPIRASONG Kritika

Ni Teo S. Marasigan

Hipnotiko ang Himig Niya

PATAY na pala si Mike Francis, musikerong Italyano. Noong una, gusto kong awayin ang mga kaibigan ko dahil walang nagsabi sa akin. Ano'ng klaseng kaibigan sila, kayo kung nagbabasa kayo nito? Pero hindi naman sikat si Mike Francis sa kanila, at naguguluhan siguro sila sa dami ng sinasabi kong paborito.

Nagyu-YouTube ako kanina ng mga paborito kong kanta noong nakita ko sa video ng "Hey Survivor" ang tunay na pangalan niya (Francesco Puccioni) karugtong ng mga taon ng buhay niya (1961-2009). Ngayong taon! Bakit? Nag-Google ako at nakita ko ang artikulo sa Inquirer.net tungkol sa pagkamatay niya.

Bata pa ako noong sumikat siya sa bansa noong dekada '80. Ate at mga pinsan ko ang naaalala kong may gusto sa kanya. Sabi ng nabasa ko sa kung saan, "penomenong La Salle" ang pagsikat niya – kung paano sigurong "penomenong Ateneo" ang pagsikat ng Stephen Speaks ("Passenger Seat") nitong ilang taon.

Hindi ko alam kung totoo. Walang nakapag-aral sa angkan namin sa La Salle, kahit sa Ateneo. Salamat kay Ate Sienna, naaalala ko ngang mahilig maglagi ang ate ko noon sa Corinthian Gardens. Akala ko naman, "Bible study." Iyun pala, nakikinig – at umiindak! – ang lintek sa ebanghelyo ni Santo Mike Francis.

Nagustuhan ko na lang si Mike Francis sa pakikinig nitong nakaraang mga taon sa Crossover 105.1. Gusto ko rin ang "Let Me In" (na bastos daw sabi ng iba), "Friends," "Dusty Road," "Suddenly Back to Me." Pati ang "Room in Your Heart" na pinakabago niya sa radyo – at tunog-kursilyo sabi ng isang kakilala.

Magaang sa pandinig ang tunog niya, hipnotiko at nakaka-engganyo. Masarap sabayan ang boses niyang mababa, lalo na ang pabugsu-bugsong pagpasok ng mga chuwariwariwap (back-up vocals) niya. Masarap pakinggan sa gabi, lalo na kung kasama ang mga kaibigan o bumibyahe. Okey din sa hapon, nakaka-relaks.

Ano kaya ang konteksto ng pagsikat niya? Sa Italya, noong dekada '80, kakatapos lang ng panahong malakas ang Kaliwa – ang kilusang Autonomia o Operaismo, halimbawa – noong dekada '60 at '70. Panahon ito ng terorismo at ng kontrobersyal na pagkidnap at pagpatay kay Aldo Moro, bantog na pulitiko.

Sumikat si Mike Francis sa panahong malakas ang kontra-Kaliwa sa Italya at sa mundo. Mukhang naging himig siya ng kilusang masa noon na nakita hindi sa mga demonstrasyon kundi sa disco – noong pinalitan ng droga ang diskusyon sa isip ng tao. Kakatwang hindi siya nakilala sa US, sentro ng kontra-Kaliwa noon.

Sakto sa ganitong panahon ang mga tema ng mga kanta niya – indibidwalidad at pag-ibig na walang pakialam sa mundo. Pati ang himig niya – nagpapaindak pero malambing, mapaglaro pero paulit-ulit. Sa isang banda, kalaban ng kulturang progresibo, pero pwede ring kanlungan lang sa magulong mundo.

Sa Pilipinas, noong huling hati ng dekada '80, nagagasgas na ang Kaliwa sa mga ultra-kaliwang hakbangin nito. Sa kabila ng masaklaw nitong propaganda, buhaghag ang pag-oorganisa nito sa masa, kahit sa mga kabataan-estudyante. Maging ang mga aktibista kaya, mas nahahatak ni Mike Francis sa sayawan?

Partikular sa akin, naaalala ko ang pagkabata ko. Panahon iyon na parang walang problema sa mundo. Mag-aaral ka lang at maglalaro. Hindi naman sa gusto mong balikan. Siguro mas paalalang kahit gaano kahirap ang buhay ngayon, dinanas mo rin ang maging bata – masaya dahil wala pang muwang.

Anu't anuman, tulad ng iba, may mga kantang gusto kong pakinggan kapag masaya, malungkot, galit, puno ng diwang palaban. Para sa akin, laging kasama ang mga kanta ni Mike Francis sa mga nagpapasaya. Bata man siyang namatay, mananatiling bata ang himig niyang naiwan sa mga tulad kong tagahanga niya.

25 Abril 2009

TOWN in FOCUS

Ang Community Pantry ng 4Ps Pantawid Garden, damayan sa panahon ng pandemya

By Lucia F. Broñio

ANG bayanihan at damayan ay isang kulturang nakakintal na sa ating pagkakakilanlan bilang mga Pilipino na nagpapatuloy hanggang sa ngayon at mas lalong pinatingkad sa panahong ito ng pandemya.

Marami na ang nagpatunay na buhay na buhay pa rin ang diwa ng bayanihan at damayan lalo na ngayong panahon ng pandemya, at isa na nga rito ang "community pantry" na pinasimulan ni Bb. Ana Patricia Non sa Maginhawa, Quezon City. Maraming kababayanan ang nahimok na magtayo rin ng community pantry sa kani-kanilang lugar.

Bunga ng nasabing inisiyatibo, ang Pantawid Garden mula sa Barangay Talon Kuatro, Lungsod ng Las Pinas ay nagsagawa rin ng sarili nilang bersyon ng Community Pantry na kung saan libreng ipanamamahagi ng mga miyembro ng nasabing grupo ang kanilang mga inaning gulay mula sa kanilang mga taniman.

Ika-30 ng Abril taong kasalukuyan nang magsimula ang pagkukusang ito kung saan ay pitumpung (70) pamilya ang nakatangap ng libreng gulay sa unang araw ng kanilang community pantry. Hinalaw mula sa mga katagang "from farm to table", ang Pantawid Garden ay umangkla sa konsepto ng "from garden to people", kung saan ay namahagi sila ng mga inaning sariwang gulay mula sa kanilang mga gulayan.

Bukod sa gulay na kanilang ipinamahagi sa unang araw ng kanilang community, ang pera na kanilang napanalunan bilang 1st runner up sa isinagawang Inter-Barangay Urban Gardening Competition mula sa Sipag Villar noong Abril 29, 2021 ay ipinambili nila ng bigas upang ipamahagi sa kanilang komunindad.

"Nagtayo po kami ng community pantry dahil nais po naming ibahagi ang mga biyayang aming natatanggap at upang makatulong sa aming kabarangay. Hangad namin na kahit tayo ay nasa gitna ng pandemya ay magkaroon pa rin ng masustansiyang pagkain na maihahain ang kanilang mga pamilya", pagbabahagi ni Gng. Dominga Modequillo, lider ng Pantawid Garden.

Ang kanilang community pantry ay nagsilbing inspirasyon sa kanilang mga kabarangay at kapwa miyembro ng Programa na naging daan upang makipagkapit-bisig ang mga ito upang magbahagi rin ng tulong para sa community pantry.

Boluntaryo silang nagbigay ng mga pagkain tulad ng mga gulay, itlog, noodles, bigas at iba pa. Higit pa rito, noong ika-9 ng Mayo, bilang bahagi ng pagdiriwang ng Araw ng mga Ina, ay siyamnapung (90) pamilya sa kanilang komunidad ang natulungan ng community pantry ng 4Ps Pantawid Garden.

Tunay na likas na sa atin ang pagiging matulungin at mapagkalinga sa kapwa. Buhay na patotoo rito ang nabuong Community Pantry kung saan ang pangunahing layunin ay magbigay tulong sa mga nangangailan. Nawa'y ang pagtutulungan na ito'y magsilbing inspirasyon sa bawat pamilyang Pilipino na bukas-palad na mabigay ayon sa kanilang kakayanan. (PIA NCR)

CAVITEVIEW

UNFPA report links PH teen pregnancy to women's rights

By Patricia Bermudez

CALAMBA CITY - The right of Filipino women and girls to decide over their own sexual and reproductive health remains unclear as adolescent pregnancy becomes a matter of national social emergency in the country, the United Nations Populations Fund (UNFPA) reports.

During the launch of the 2021 State of the World Population last May 19, in partnership with the Commission on Population and Development (POPCOM), UNFPA Representative to the Philippines Dr. Leila Jouane underscored the challenges women face in enjoying their right to bodily autonomy, especially in the Philippines.

"The Philippines fared better as women have the power to decide on contraception and healthcare. However, we can see disparities across age, income, and location still exist," Joudane said.

'My Body is My Own'

This year's UNFPA State of the World Population (SWOP) report highlighted the legal, economic, and social barriers to securing bodily autonomy that would have allowed women and girls to ake their decisions over their own welfare.

According to the same report, 20 countries have "marry your rapist" laws where rapists escape punishments by marrying their victims, denying survivors an opportunity to attain justice. With only 55 percent of Filipino girls and women who are able to make their own decisions concerning their own welfare, the Philippines records the fourth highest maternal mortality in Asia. By global standards, it also ranks 54th out of 79 countries in the world in terms of promoting maternal health.

Bodily autonomy and teen pregnancy

Population experts believe that adolescent pregnancy has become a national, social emergency as the Philippines records one of the highest adolescent birth rates among ASEAN countries, where 47 for every 1,000 women aged 15 to 19 years old give birth.

"For women and girls, the decision making power is not always realized or respected," Joudane admits, as very few girls and women enjoy their right to body autonomy, or those who have the means to determine their lives and future free from violence.

This lack of body autonomy, as exemplified by the culture of child marriage in some parts of the Philippines, is also one cause for the rising number of teen pregnancies in the country.

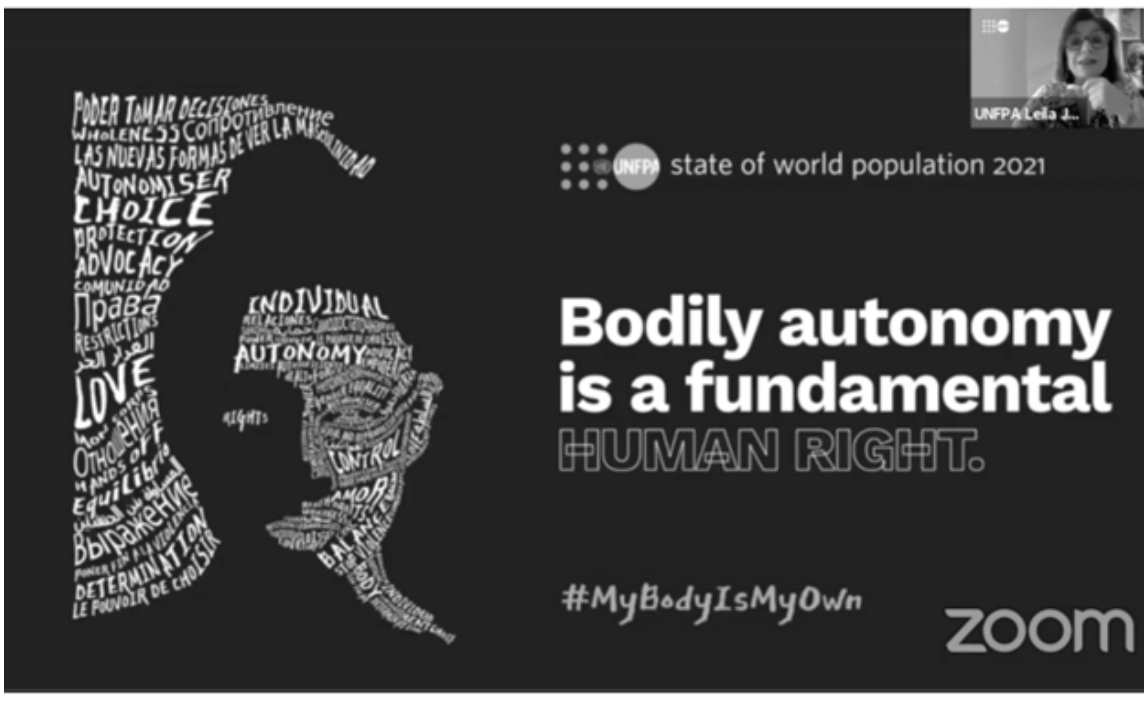
"In many of our laws, we tend to limit women's rights and it is changing the gender equity laws that we can make it possible for women to exercise their rights," POPCOM Executive Director, Usec. Juan Antonio Perez admitted.

"POPCOM's analysis reveals a degree of abuse. Many young FIlipinas are also subject to archaic practices, such as arranged marriages," he continues, citing the 'very timely' SWOP reports as the nation tackles the rising number of unplanned pregnancies among the youth.

Aside from being mothers at an early age, Joudane said child brides are also prone to Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) where they experience abuse at the hands of their partners or spouses.

"Humanitarian crises negatively impact women's bodily autonomy because our social system break down," Jouane said, citing the 2017 Marawi siege has made child marriage a negative coping mechanizem for families.

Since the COVID-19 related quarantine began, UNFPA said that 12,000 additional IPV cases have been reported each month. (PB)



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

NATIONAL HOME MORTGAGE
FINANCE CORPORATION (NHMFC)
Mortgagee,

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

-versus-

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

FC NO. 17075-20
x- x

AMENDED NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 as amended by Act 4118 filed by National Home Mortgage Finance Corporation, mortgagee/ assignee, with principal office at 104 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Village, Makati City, against SPOUSES REYNALDO A. BATHAN and ANA V. BATHAN, and Ms. SUSAN A. BATHAN, mortgagors, with residence and postal address at 2348 Radium St., San Andres, Manila and/or Golden City- Lot 26 Block 46 Brgy. Anabu II, Imus, Cavite to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of December 31, 2019 amounts to ONE MILLION ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY EIGHT THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED EIGHTEEN PESOS and 79/100 (P1,178,318.79), Philippine Currency, excluding interest and penalty charges, attorney's fees, sheriff's fees and all other charges incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff IV will sell at public auction on July 20, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. or soon thereafter at the main entrance of the Office of the Clerk of Court, RTC-Imus, Bulwagan Ng Katarungan, Aguinaldo Highway, Imus, Cavite, to the highest bidder, for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all the improvements therein, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITE NO. T-375964

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

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on July 27, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. without prior notice.

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

Imus, Cavite, Philippines, May 25, 2021

ISRAEL S. MEDINA
Sheriff IV

APPROVED:

ARMIE A. FRANCISCO
Clerk of Court V
Officer in Charge

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

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

Ang Caviteno
May 31, June 07 & 14, 2021

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
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OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT
CITY OF IMUS, CAVITE

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND
(PAG-IBIG FUND) represented by ATTY.
NICOLINA C. MADRID,
Mortgagee,

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

-versus-

JOEBETH A. MAGKAISA
Mortgagors.

FC NO. 17001-20
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AMENDED NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 as amended by Act 4118 filed by HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (PAG-IBIG FUND) represented by ATTY. NICOLINA C. MADRID, mortgagee, with principal office at The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City, against JOEBETH A. MAGKAISA, mortgagor, single, of legal age, Filipino citizen, with residence and postal address at Lot 31, Blk. 7 Ph 6 ACM Woodstock Homes, Alapan I, Imus, Cavite to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of December 27, 2019 amounts to TWO HUNDRED TWENTY TWO THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED TWELVE PESOS and 19/100 (P222,112.19), Philippine Currency, including interest and penalty charges but excluding attorney's fees, sheriff's fees and all other charges incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff IV will sell at public auction on July 20, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. or soon thereafter at the main entrance of the Office of the Clerk of Court, RTC-Imus, Bulwagan Ng Katarungan, Aguinaldo Highway, Imus, Cavite, to the highest bidder, for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all the improvements therein, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITE NO. T-803710

"A parcel of land (Lot 31, Blk. 7 of the subd. Plan. Psd-04-101436, being a portion of Lot 1288, Imus Estate (Rs-04-002511), L.R.A. Rec. No. 8843), situated in the Bo. of Calsadang Bago, Mun. of Imus, Province of Cavite, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the W., along line 1-2 by Lot 29, Blk. 7; on the N., along line 2-3 by Rd. Lot 7; on the S., along line 3-4 by Lot 33, Blk. 7, and on the E., along line b4-1 by Lot 32, Blk. 7 all of the subd. Plan. x x x containing an area of THIRTY SIX (36) SQ. METERS. x x x"

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

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Home Development Mutual Fund (Pag-Ibig Fund)
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Unit 1911, 19/F Herrera Tower V.A. Rufino cor. Valero Streets, Makati City

JOEBETH A. MAGKAISA
Lot 31, Blk. 7 Ph. 6 ACM Woodstock Homes, Alapan I, Imus, Cavite

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
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BRANCH 5, TRECE MARTIRES CITY
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JACKSON G. BRIONES,
Petitioner,

Civil Case No. TMCV-085-19
For: Declaration of Nullity of Marriage

Versus

VIVIAN C. DULAY,
Respondent.
x- x

ORDER

Pursuant to A.M. No. 20-12-01-SC, videoconference hearings shall be allowed in court towards all cases where the conditions warrant to prevent the spread of the Corona Virus Disease and to protect the health and welfare of the court personnel, litigants and other court users. The court allows videoconference hearings provided that the technical equipment are all complied with, there is no problem with the internet connection of all the parties, and the court can observe the demeanor of the witness while testifying.

During today's remote videoconference hearing, the petitioner Jackson G. Briones and his counsel Atty. Cecilia M. Misola are present. The respondent is absent. Prosecutor Crisostomo A. Dario, Jr. appeared for the state.

Since the respondent is now working abroad and is no longer residing at Sta. Rita West, Aringay, La Union as stated in the Sheriff's return, petitioner's counsel moved that summons be served through publication which was granted by the court. The petitioner is hereby directed to serve a service of summons through publication once a week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines. In addition, a copy of the summons shall be served on the respondent's last known address at Sta. Rita West, Aringay, La Union by registered mail.

The summons to be published shall be contained in an order of the court with the following date: 1) title of the case; 2) docket number; 3) nature of the petition; 4) principal grounds of the petition and the reliefs prayed for; 5) a directive for the respondent to answer within thirty (30) days from the last issue of publication.

The petitioner is hereby directed to coordinate with the Clerk of Court for the publication of summons.

Let this case be set for monitoring on the publication on 30 July 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

SO ORDERED.

GIVEN IN OPEN COURT on 7 May 2021 in Trece Martires City, Cavite, Philippines.

FLORDELIZACABANLIT FARGAS
Presiding Judge

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Pros. Crisostomo A. Dario, Jr. Conforme: _____
Trial Prosecutor

Atty. Cecilia M. Misola Conforme: _____
Counsel for the petitioner

Jackson G. Briones Conforme: _____
Petitioner

Vivian C.Dulay Conforme: _____
Respondent

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CIVIL CASE NO. TMCV-085-19
FOR: DECLARATION OF NULLITY OF MARRIAGE

Versus

VIVIAN C. DULAY,
Respondent.
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SUMMONS
(by Publication)

TO: VIVIAN C. DULAY
Sta. Rita West, Aringay, La Union

GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, on 9 December 2019, JACKSON G. BRIONES though counsel, Atty. Cecilia M. Misola filed before this court a petition for declaration of nullity of marriage against VIVIAN C. DULAY.

WHEREAS, on 7 May 2021, counsel for the petitioner moved that Summons be served through publication.

WHEREAS, on 7 May 2021, an Order was issued granting the motion of th petitioner to served summons by publication.

NOW THEREFORE, VIVIAN C. DULAY, you are hereby directed to get a copy of the Petition personally or thru an authorized representative, and re required to file your answer at this Court sitting at the Government Center Building, Trece Martires City, within thirty (30) days from the last publication of this summons. If you fail to answer within the aforesaid time, the petitioner will take judgement against you and may be granted the relief for in said petition.

Let a copy of the Summons and the Order of the Court be also served upon respondent VIVIAN C. DULAY at her last known address at Sta. Rita West, Aringay, La Union.

WITNESS THE HONORABLE FLORDELIZA CABANLIT-FARGAS this 25 May 2021 at Trece Martires City.

MICHAEL A. LEVITA
OIC/Acting Clerk of Court

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Word Search Puzzle

Astronomy

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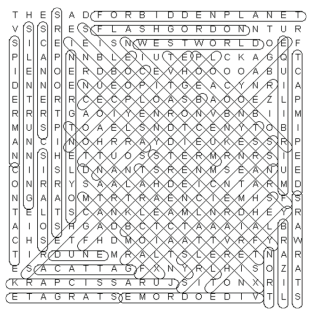

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If you use logic you can solve the puzzle without guesswork.
Need a little help? The hints page shows a logical order to solve the puzzle. Use it to identify the next square you should solve. Or use the answers pag if you really get stuck.

Sudoku hint

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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 Nemuel R. Camarse.

Ang Caviteno
May 17, 24 & 31, 2021

RELEASE QUITCLAIM AND UNDERTAKING

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late Mary Jane B. Abellanosa who died at Imus Cavite leaving a bank account at Philippine Savings Bank (PSBank) with account number of 200111004548 amounting of THREE HUNDRED SIXTY ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY FIVE PESOS AND 16/100 (P361,985.16) has been extrajudicially settled by her heirs as per Doc. No. 307; Page No. 22; Book No. XVIII; Series of 2021 Notary Public Atty. Eliseo S. Calma, JR.

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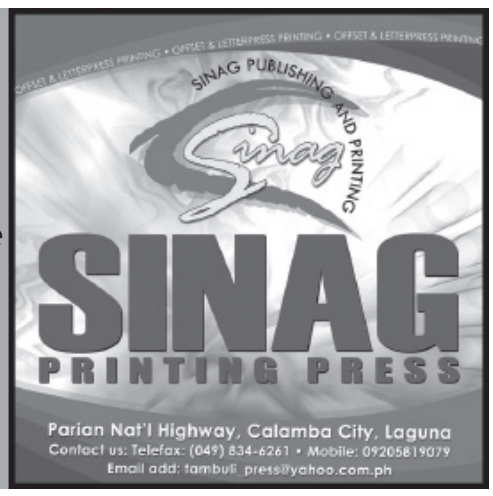

Police goes after those involved in money-making rackets in PNP recruitment

By Nonette N. Castillo

CALOOCAN CITY -- Philippine National Police (PNP) Chief General Guillermo Lorenzo T. Eleazar has warned unscrupulous individuals and groups engaged in recruitment rackets that their days are numbered.

This, after the Integrity Monitoring and Enforcement Group (IMEG) under Police Brig. Gen. Thomas Frias arrested a woman who claimed that she could assist police applicants in this year's recruitment of more than 17,000 Patrolman/ Patrolwoman.

PGen Eleazar identified the arrested suspect as Evelyn M. Aleman, alias Evah Fonda, married, PSSLAI Agent, and a resident of Bicutan, Taguig City. She was arrested in an entrapment on Thursday evening, May 26, in Bicutan Taguig after reportedly receiving the money from the poseur applicant amounting to P50,000.

Quoting report from the IMEG, the PNP chief said the operation stemmed from the result of the cyberpatrolling of operatives of the Anti-Cybercrime Group (ACG) who monitored that Aleman has been offering assistance to PNP Recruitment Applicants in exchange for money in her Facebook account.

He said Aleman allegedly has been asking P50,000 per applicant as payment to secure the passing of Neuro Psychiatric Exam.

The suspect claimed

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Philippine National Police recruits in a parade rest at the PNP Academy. (PNP RSS photo)

DAP briefs 14 agencies chosen to get technical assistance on quality management system

PASIG CITY -- The Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP), through the Productivity and Development Center (PDC), recently conducted a management briefing for the 14 selected beneficiary agencies of the technical assistance projects on the development or enhancement of the Quality Management System (QMS).

Being at the forefront of advocating for the government-wide adoption of ISO 9001 QMS to effect systemic improvement in the delivery of public service and bringing the government closer to the people, the DAP-PDC's GQMP Office took the lead in orienting the 2021 beneficiary agencies on the program and project requirements, as well as, secured their commitment to complete the project by 31 December 2021. The briefing was attended by 60 representatives from various government agencies.

In her welcome remarks, DAP Programs' Senior Vice President Magdalena L. Mendoza said that, "It is only right and just to establish QMS in the whole of government, as it provides a framework to ensure quality and continuous provision of more value-adding services. It provides the foundation for government agencies to effect actual process and service improvements through simple and breakthrough innovations."

The 14 beneficiary agencies were selected after careful and thorough deliberation of the technical working group, composed of representatives from the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), the Civil Service Commission (CSC), the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), and the DAP.

For QMS development, the selected beneficiary agencies that will be assisted by the DAP are the following national line agencies (NLAs), including pilot sites (as applicable): the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT), DSWD – National Council Disability Affairs (NCDA), Movie and Television Review and Classification Board (MTRCB), DoTR – Philippine Railways Institute (PRI), and the Philippine National Volunteer Service Coordinating Agency (PNVSCA). Also included are two state universities and colleges (SUCs): Mindanao State University (MSU), Apayao State College (ASC); and five local government units (LGUs): City Government of Davao, City Government of Butuan,

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DOTr pushes for efficient road mass transport systems amid new normal

By Susan G. De Leon

CALOOCAN CITY -- The Department of Transportation (DOTr) is continuing to push for efficient and reliable public road transportation systems as the country transitions to a "new normal" amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

In a virtual public transport forum Wednesday, DOTr Assistant Secretary for Road Transport and Infrastructure Mark Steven Pastor, who represented Secretary Art Tugade, shared that the DOTr is pushing for reforms and improvements in the country's road transportation system.

"Kaisa n'yo po kami, sa hanay ng Kagawaran ng Transportasyon, sa hangaring mabigyan ng komportable, ligtas, maasahan, accessible, environmentally-sound, at higit sa lahat, inclusive na public transportation system para sa ating mga kababayan," Asec. Pastor said commenting on a research presentation titled "Move As One's Biyahenihan Mobility Solutions Package and National Budget Proposal for 2022 Onwards" by the Move As One Coalition Secretariat.

EDSA Busway

During the forum, he mentioned that included in the innovative mass transport projects being pushed by the DOTr is the EDSA Busway, which is a free bus rapid transit system on EDSA.

He said through the EDSA Busway, the movement of people is being prioritized as there is now a dedicated median lane for the use of public utility buses. With the EDSA Busway, travel time by bus for commuters from Monumento to the Parañaque Integrated Terminal Exchange (PITX) and vice versa was slashed to about an hour from the previous three hours.

"Sa Busway sobrang dami talaga nating pasahero gawa ng libre ang sakay dito ngayon as mandated by Secretary Tugade upang magkaroon ng mabilis na access ang ating mga kababayan at makakamenos sa pang-araw-araw na gastos nila," Pastor said.

Complementing the EDSA Busway is the EDSA Busway Concourse which will

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The EDSA Busway project, bike lane network, and free rides for healthcare workers and authorized persons outside of residence (APORs) are just some of the transportation systems developed by the Department of Transportation as Metro Manila gears toward the new normal. (DOTr photos)