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# DOH Calabarzon presents accomplishments under the Duterte Administration



Assistant Regional Director Paula Paz M. Sydiongco presents the accomplishments of DOH-CALABARZON under the Duterte Administration during the launching of the Duterte Legacy Campaign with the theme, "Barangayanihan Caravan Towards National Recovery" at the Batangas Police Provincial Office located at President Jose P. Laurel Highway, Camp Malvar, Batangas.

THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH) – CALABARZON (Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal, Quezon) today presented its accomplishments as it joined the launching of the Duterte Legacy Campaign with the theme, "Barangayanihan Caravan Towards National Recovery" at the Batangas Police Provincial Office located at President Jose P. Laurel Highway, Camp Malvar, Batangas.

showcased the successful implementation of various programs, policies and projects by government agencies that provided better services and directly benefitted the people including those in Geographically Isolated and Disadvantaged Areas (GIDAs).

Assistant Regional Director Paula Paz M. Sydiongco, who represented Regional Director Eduardo C. Janairo, showcased the significant accomplishments of DOH-CALABARZON under the Duterte Administration which includes the establishment, *continue to page 3*

## Hunt on vs. cop's killers in Cavite drug sting

By Christopher Lloyd Calivan

be held accountable," Eleazar said in a statement.

MANILA – Philippine National Police (PNP) chief, Gen. Guillermo Eleazar, on Thursday ordered a manhunt against the drug suspects who killed a police officer during a buy-bust operation in Cavite on Tuesday night.

The suspects identified as Marlon Pacia, Jun-Jun Javier, and Jomarie Pacia were able to flee while other suspected drug personalities, Jesabel Cadag, Jemuel Pillar, John Pacia, and John Lloyd Pacia, were arrested. According to a police report, the suspects sensed that they were transacting with police operatives in Barangay Salawag, prompting one of them to pull out a .45-caliber pistol and shoot Manzanilla and another police officer, Pat. Ariel Maribojo.

"I have already directed the Regional Director, Police Region Office (PRO) 4A (Calabarzon) Brig. Gen. Eliseo Cruz to do everything in his power to hold those responsible for the death of Staff Sgt. Karl Marty Manzanilla accountable. Hindi ako papayag na hindi makamit ng pamilya ni S/Sgt. Manzanilla ang katarungan kaya tinitiyak ko sa kanila na mananagot ang may mga gawano (I will not allow the family of S/Sgt. Manzanilla to be deprived of justice so I assure them that those who did it will

Manzanilla and Maribojo were rushed to Dasmariñas City Medical Center but Manzanilla died on the way to the hospital. "Ang nangyaring madugong engkwentro sa Cavite ay pagpapatunay lamang na *continue to page 3*

## PRC distributes food in vulnerable Laguna and Cavite communities

MANDALUYONG CITY — As the pandemic persists and continues to affect vulnerable families, the Philippine Red Cross (PRC) also perseveres to assist communities all over the country.

given hot meals and packs of bread. This included individuals in quarantine and isolation areas, and priority individuals in line for vaccination.

PRC chapters in Laguna and Cavite recently conducted food distribution and Hot Meals On Wheels forays into areas affected by quarantines and restrictions. The PRC Cavite Chapter, with the support of the National Headquarters Welfare Services, also distributed food packs at the Alfonso Central School, Alfonso, Cavite on Wednesday, September 28. Two hundred eighty individuals were

Food distribution also happened in Brgy. Cambuja, Sta. Maria, Laguna on September 29. Red Cross 143 volunteers of PRC Laguna Chapter reached out to 500 senior citizens, children, pregnant women, and solo parents as they were provided with hot food through the PRC Hot Meals On Wheels program.

"This is in line with our commitment to help the most vulnerable families in the country. Tutulong ang Red

Cross sa mga nangangailangan at patuloy kaming susuporta sa mga komunidad na kailangan ng ayuda. Through this activity, we hope we can bring hope to make you feel na hindi kayo nag-iisa. We are in this fight together," PRC Chairman and CEO Sen. Dick Gordon said.

Aside from hot meals distribution, the PRC also provides cash assistance to families greatly affected by the long-standing pandemic through its chapters nationwide. (Philippine Red Cross)

## VICE MAYOR ONY CANTIMBUHAN, TATAKBO BILANG BOARD MEMBER NG IMUS SA HALALAN 2022

OPISYAL nang naghain ng Certificate of Candidacy si Imus City Vice Mayor Ony Cantimbuhan ngayong Biyernes, para sa pagtakbo nito bilang Board Member ng Ikatlong Distrito ng lalawigan ng Cavite. Ayon kay Vice Mayor Cantimbuhan, hangad niya na maituloy pa ang serbisyong nasimulan.

ako ay patuloy niyong suportahan at pati na rin ang aking mga kasama, gaya ng pagtangkilik na inyong pinaramdam sa aking pagsisilbi bilang inyong Vice Mayor," ani Vice Mayor Cantimbuhan sa kanyang Facebook page.

"Makakaasa po kayong ang atensyon natin ay nananatili sa patuloy na pagseserbisyo sa ating lungsod," dagdag niya.

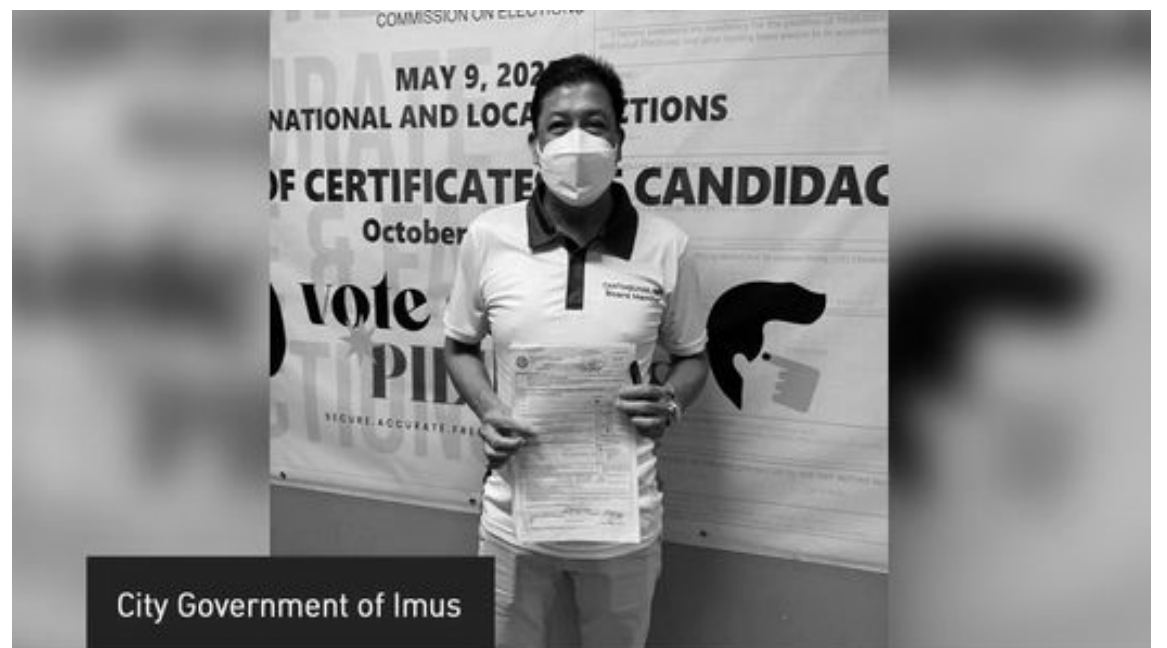


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"Hiling ko lamang po na





## CAMPAIGN NG IMUS, NADAGDAGAN NG ISA PANG VACCINATION CENTER

NAGBUKAS na ang panibagong vaccination site ng #BidaAngMayBakuna campaign na nakalagak sa 4th Floor ng Robinsons Place Imus.

Sa unang araw rin nito ay tinutukan ng kampanya ang pagbabakuna ng mga kabilang sa A4 o mga economic frontliners. Ayon kay Mayor Emmanuel Maliksi, ito ay bahagi ng mga inisyatibo para sa ligtas na pagbawing lokal na ekonomiyang

lungsod. Aniya, “napakahalagang protektado mula sa sakit ang mga nagtatrabaho at halos araw-araw ay exposed sa COVID-19.”

Ang vaccination center sa Robinsons Place Imus ay isa pang karagdagang paraan para makapagpabakuna sa lungsod, at inaasahang mas magpaparami pa sa daily jabs ng lungsod, na siya ring isa sa mga nangunguna sa lalawigan ng Cavite.

## DHSUD....

and other key DHSUD officials, spearheaded the ceremony that also served as the fourth episode of the “Kapihan sa DHSUD: Housing Matters.”

Joining the event virtually were KSA heads and top officials and representatives from the private sector, particularly partner developers.

Making their presence felt virtually to support the National Shelter Month were Pag-IBIG Fund Chief Executive Officer Acmad Rizaldy Moti, National Housing Authority Assistant General Manager Vic Balba, Social Housing Finance Corporation President Arnolfo Ricardo Cabling, National Home Mortgage Finance Corporation President Carlo Luis Rabat and Human Settlements Adjudication Commission Executive Commissioner Melzar Galicia.

Officials from partner-developers – namely the Subdivision and Housing Developers Association, the National Real Estate Association, the Organization of Socialized and Economic Housing

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Developers of the Philippines Inc and the Chamber of Real Estate and Builders’ Associations – also participated via videoconference and also delivered their respective messages of support for the month-long activity.

According to Secretary Del Rosario, the theme “Ligtas at Matatag na Tahanan at Pamayanan, Kanlungan sa Gitna ng Pandemya at Nagbabagong Panahon” is very timely especially as the country is battling the adverse impact of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

“We all know that our beloved Philippines is a tropical country. As one, we have been beset by droughts, rising sea levels and floods, among many natural disasters. And, for nearly two years now, the COVID-19 pandemic has been plaguing nations and has forced us to hunker down in our homes,” the DHSUD chief stressed.

“Now, more than ever, we need resilient shelters not only to stay safe from calamities but to also take refuge from this unseen enemy. These challenges inspired us and our key shelter agencies to

come up with the theme for this year’s National Shelter Month celebration,” he noted.

Secretary Del Rosario likewise stated that DHSUD and its key partners remain adamant on easing the hardships of Filipinos through the provision of safe, resilient and affordable shelters.

Lined up for the month-long celebration are a series of activities such as virtual seminars, forums and summits meant to raise public awareness on government housing projects, protect the welfare of homeowners and property buyers.

There will likewise be workshops organized by the Department’s regional offices with topics ranging from measures to assist local government units on how to utilize and craft effective shelter and land use plans amid the ongoing pandemic.

Secretary Del Rosario also expressed hope that the celebration will help appease some of the hardships that our countrymen are facing and wished that the public can gain additional knowledge during the month-long event. (DHSUD)

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accomplish more than 100 percent of its target next year.

Del Rosario also made comparisons of the previous administrations’ data from 1975 to 2021, through available record since the government started compiling housing data in 1975. According to Del Rosario, during the Marcos’ years, the annual average is 13,576 units; president Corazon Aquino, 59,948; president Fidel Ramos, 147,000; president Joseph Estrada, 108,000; president Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, 96,000; and president Benigno Aquino III, 174,000.

During President Duterte’s term, the yearly average is 195,687 units, Del Rosario said.

He also reported the accomplishments of DHSUD’s attached agencies. For the National Housing Authority (NHA), he said the agency was able to provide 336,493 housing assistance and resettlement nationwide.

This is composed of informal settler families, 63,366 units; assistance to those affected by the calamities, 139,303; housing for government employees, 8,419; settlements upgrade, 8,924; and assistance

provided under the Emergency Housing Assistance Program of NHA, 115,649 families.

Also, the Social Housing Finance Corp., through its Community Mortgage Program, has assisted 104,334 informal settler families nationwide from 2016 to June 2021.

Under this community-based modality, homeowners from different barangays nationwide organized themselves into homeowner associations to purchase lots and build homes through loans from the Social Housing Finance Corp.

The DHSUD became the newest department in the government bureaucracy after the President signed Republic Act 11201 creating the Department of Human Settlements on February 14, 2019.

The government’s National Shelter Program has three major components: regulations, finance, and production.

Different agencies tasked to undertake these components include DHSUD for regulation, Pag-IBIG Fund or HDMF, National Home Mortgage Finance Corp., and Social Housing Finance Corp. for finance, and the NHA for shelter construction. (PND)

## DepEd launches National Quality Management System to enhance education delivery, client satisfaction

PASIG CITY — Fostering continuous improvement within the agency, the Department of Education (DepEd) has launched the National Quality Management System (NQMS) certifiable to the ISO 9001:2015 standards to improve basic education service delivery and client satisfaction nationwide.

“I am delighted to share with you that after several years of continuous efforts and tireless preparations to align DepEd processes and systems with ISO9001-2015 QMS standards, DepEd now endeavors mightily to establish and implement a QMS that is certifiable to ISO 9001:2015 standards,” Education Secretary Leonor Magtolis Briones said.

According to DepEd Order No. 009, s. 2021, the QMS aims to integrate and streamline the systems

and processes within the Department through the QMS Manual and Procedures, and Working Instructions Manual (PAWIM) that will serve as a guide for all DepEd offices and schools.

Briones also acknowledged the Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP) through the Government Quality Management Program (GQMP) for providing support and technical assistance to NQMS pilot offices namely, the Central Office, Region IV-A, CALABARZON, Schools Division Office of Biñan, Biñan Elementary School, and Biñan Integrated National High School.

OIC for Office of the Undersecretary for Human Resource and Organizational Development Wilfredo Cabral explained that the QMS manual details the agency’s

declared processes such as the management core support and outsource processes, list of stakeholders and partners, and its commitment to the mandate.

On the other hand, the PAWIM provides the procedures on the conduct of the QMS in the Department, including procedures on management review, internal quality audit, corrective action risk management, documented information management, citizen or client satisfaction feedback management, training and advocacy, and knowledge management.

“Likewise, these documents will ensure that all the processes across all governance levels are systematically interconnected and seamless for a better provision of quality basic education services,” OIC Usec. Cabral said.

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and no longer holds. “Sustainable business practices and reporting do not only improve a company’s brand but have positive financial implications,” she explained.

“It is important to have an inclusive stance in business; otherwise, we might be left behind. Sustainability is everyone’s responsibility. We should not expect other people to do sustainability practices for us. We must also do our role in making our planet last for the next generation. In short, we must be remarkable ancestors who champion sustainability for our descendants,” she concluded.

Meanwhile, BHROD Director Jenifer Lopez encouraged all DepEd personnel to work towards achieving the goal of quality management for DepEd’s stakeholders.

“All of us, DepEd employees, teaching and non-teaching personnel, must be aware that our individual

The DPRM, led by the Philippine Institute for Development Studies, is celebrated every September to promote nationwide awareness of the importance of policy research in crafting evidence-based policies, plans, and programs, pursuant to Malacañang Proclamation No. 247 signed in 2002. This year’s theme is “Reset and Rebuild for a Better Philippines in the Post-Pandemic World”, or in Filipino, “Muling Magsimula at Magtayo Tungo sa Mas Matatag na Pilipinas Pagkatapos ng Pandemya”. (PIDS)

contribution is important to DepEd’s overall success and commitment to quality. Hence, we call for your support. Your proactive participation and strong involvement to build this organizational culture of providing quality services within the Department of Education,” Dir. Lopez noted. (DepEd)



# Cavite buy-bust nets P1.21-B shabu

By Christopher Lloyd Calivan

MANILA – Police and anti-narcotics agents arrested three suspects and seized PHP1.21 billion worth of shabu in a buy-bust in Bacoor City, Cavite early Friday.

In an initial report, the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) said suspects Jorlan San Jose, 26; Joseph Maurin, 38; and Joan Lumanog, 27, all of Dominorig, Talatag Bukidnon, yielded 149 kilograms of shabu in an operation inside a subdivision in Barangay Molino

3 at around 6:40 a.m.

Also confiscated from the operation were one piece PHP1,000 genuine buy-bust money, boodle money and a mobile phone.

The confiscated pieces of drug evidence will be brought to the PDEA Laboratory Service for qualitative and quantitative analysis.

The suspects will be charged with the violation of the Republic Act 9165, also known as Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002. (PNA)



(Photo courtesy of PDEA)

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upgrading of services and renovation of health facilities including 43 hospitals, 33 rural health units and 74 barangay health stations together with the installation and provision of 113 various equipment in the hospitals, 184 in rural health units and 193 in barangay health stations.

“We have provided 7 sea ambulance, 158 land ambulance and 100 bicycles for barangay health workers,” Sydiongco shared in her presentation.

The regional office also upgraded the services, facilities and equipment of its apex hospitals namely the Batangas Medical Center in Batangas City, the Maria L. Eleazar District Hospital in Tagkawayan, Quezon, the Southern Tagalog Regional Hospital in Bacoor City and the Northern Tagalog Regional Hospital in Rodriguez, Rizal will start construction this year.

A JICA project with 500 bed rehabilitation facility is currently on-going construction in Trece Martires, Cavite.

“For Covid-19 response, critical care capabilities of intensive care units (ICUs) of five key Covid referral facilities were enhanced and improved including the installation of six ICUs and 11 ward tents to augment hospital capacities.”

“Dialysis centers were established in Cabuyao City Hospital and San Pablo City District Hospital (SPCDH) for Covid patients.”

“To provide access to specialized health care services, particularly in remote areas, the regional office established telemedicine services including the Kapit-Bisig Helpline for mental health, O-HI Doc for tele-dentistry and the KonsultaMD for primary healthcare services,” she narrated.

The first Traditional Complementary and Alternative Medicine (TCAM) Center located at the Batangas Medical Center and Pagsanjan Rural Health Unit were inaugurated to highlight and put into mainstream the accepted forms of oriental therapy, such as acupuncture, homeopathy.

In preparation for the “Doktor Para sa Bayan Act”, the regional office has partnered with medical schools including Southern

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Luzon State University, Cavite State University and Batangas State University where medical scholarships will be provided to deserving students who will then render a return service.

DOH-CALABARZON also facilitated the establishment and licensing and provided technical support for the 25 molecular laboratories in the region, located in Cavite (5), Rizal (3), Laguna (8), Batangas (7) and Quezon (2). A total of six extensive Temporary Treatment Monitoring Facilities (TTFM) were also established.

“These accomplishments were done through the collaboration and support of other government agencies, the local government units and our various stakeholders under the Duterte Administration.”

“These were implemented with regard to our people. Gaya ng sabi ng ating mahal na Presidente, kailangan lahat ng nangangailangan ng tulong pangkalusugan ay mapagbibigyan at walang maiwanan. Government services, especially health services must be directly felt by our people, Kailangan nilang maramdaman ang mga seryosong binibigay ng ating gobyerno dahil ito ay kanilang Karapatan,” Sydiongco stated. — DOH4A

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palaban at seryoso ang banta ng mga nagtutulak ng droga at isa sa mga napakaraming patunay na hindi maaamang tupa at mga biktima ng umano’y human rights abuses ang mga ito na gaya ng gustong palabasin ng iba (The bloody encounter in Cavite is just proof that the threat of drug pushers is serious and real and that they are not tame sheep or victims of alleged human rights abuses, as others want to make it appear),” Eleazar said.

Meanwhile, the arrested suspects will face charges for violation of Republic Act 9165 or the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002. (PNA)

## Medical experts back business sector’s call to reopen the economy and mobility for the fully vaccinated

QUEZON CITY — Medical professionals, including two former secretaries of the Department of Health (DOH), have declared support for the business sector’s call to ramp up vaccination as a way to protect the citizenry while allowing more mobility for vaccinated individuals to sustain the economy. The dialogue between medical experts and the business sector was held last September 27, and was facilitated by Presidential Adviser for Entrepreneurship and Go Negosyo founder Joey Concepcion.

“We need to open the economy and move to at least Alert Level 3 this fourth quarter. The last quarter is when consumers spend a lot of money. This can be done for areas with high vaccination, or around 80%,” Concepcion said. During the dialogue, former Health Secretary Dr. Esperanza Cabral said learning how to live with COVID-19 is the best way to keep the economy alive. “This is the time to live with COVID. It is important that we have an economy if we are to live with COVID,” she said.

Manuel Dayrit, another former Health Secretary, said the national government’s alert levels or quarantine restrictions must be in accordance with the country’s vaccination levels. “The alert levels or the quarantine restrictions must be in accordance with vaccination levels already,” said Dayrit, a former Dean of Ateneo de Manila University School of Medicine and Public Health.

Experts and the government have noted the encouraging indicators in the Philippines’s COVID-19 situation. OCTA Research Group fellow Dr. Guido David reported a decline in the reproduction growth level of COVID-19 cases in various regions in the country; the research group expects the reproduction number and other indicators – such as ADAR (average daily attack rate), ICU utilization, and positivity rate – to improve in the remaining months of 2021. Meanwhile, Metro Manila Development Authority chairman Benhur Abalos reported

that as of September 27, the National Capital Region has over 7.1 million fully vaccinated individuals, representing 72.65 percent of the target population.

Concepcion had earlier called for more mobility and less restrictions for fully vaccinated individuals under the proposed Bakuna Bubble scheme. The proposal is meant to protect unvaccinated individuals while at the same time mobilizing the fully vaccinated to safely reopen the economy. It received support from the doctors present during the dialogue, as well as from over a thousand business owners, franchisees and executives from various sectors and industries.

Philippine Medical Association President Dr. Benito Atienza reiterated their position of being pro-people, pro-life and, pro – economic recovery. He also called on encouraging vaccination of pregnant women and OFWs residing in provinces.

“By pushing for privileges for the vaccinated, then we can allow people to really appreciate the value of vaccines aside from protection from COVID,” said Dr. Lulu Bravo, Committee Chairperson of the National Adverse Events Following Immunization and Pediatric Infectious and Tropical Diseases Professor at the UP Manila.

Dr. Raymundo Lo, head of the Philippine Children’s Medical Center’s COVID-19 testing, said that ramping up vaccination is the only way to encourage more people to get vaccinated. He added that having several privileges for the fully vaccinated will also help entice unvaccinated persons to get shots against COVID-19.

Meanwhile, Dr. Minguita Padilla, President and Chair OF Eye Bank Foundation of the Philippines, addressed concerns that the proposal discriminates against the unvaccinated, saying, “It is not discrimination since the unvaccinated have the choice. Discrimination occurs when there is not choice for them.”

During the dialogue, the medical experts batted for intensified testing, contact tracing and vaccination rollouts,

especially on senior citizens, overseas Filipino workers, and pregnant women.

“OFWs can be given less quarantine restrictions since most of them are already fully vaccinated,” infectious disease expert Dr. Benjamin Co said.

Other incentives were also put forward by airline industry representatives during the dialogue, including reducing quarantine periods, allowing passengers to quarantine from the comfort of their homes, and presenting vaccination cards in place of RT-PCR tests.

Stakeholders also called for the creation of a unified data recording system from the government to analyze data and to have a unified protocol of restrictions for local government units.

Concepcion, for his part, thanked the medical community’s support for the safe economic reopening. He then asked members of the medical groups to help amplifying the message of granting mobility for the vaccinated and convince the government to bring down the quarantine levels.

“Now is the time to join forces with the private sector as we reopen the economy. We are willing to listen to your recommendations to do this safely and if we do this in unity, we will be able to succeed,” Concepcion stressed.

Concepcion added that allowing the businesses to bounce back will prevent the frightening after-effects of this pandemic to the economy.

“We have to save lives, but we must not kill the economy by doing so,” he said, while pointing out that granting greater mobility and more privileges to the vaccinated is already a strategy being implemented in other countries.

Among those who attended the meeting and provided support for safe reopening of the economy for the fully vaccinated are Dr. Roberto Padua, Jr., President, Philippine Society of Pathologists, Dr. Oscar Tinio, Chairman of Philippine Medical Association, Dr. Phil Pangilinan, President of the Philippine College of Occupational Medicine, and Dr. Tony Leachon, Independent Health Reform Advocate and Past President, Philippine College of Physicians. (MCG/PIA-IDPD/Go Negosyo)



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## EDITORIAL

### Comelec spokesman James Jimenez should read the Constitution

If Jimenez continues passing off wrong interpretations of the Constitution as legal truth, then the credibility of the Comelec itself will be in serious jeopardy.

What happens when an Election commission spokesman who apparently does not read the Constitution gives press statements about what the Constitution provides? He ends up misleading the unsuspecting public. That is what James Jimenez, the spokesman of the Commission on Elections (Comelec), did last week.

In a statement he gave to media, Jimenez said while the Comelec agrees with President Rodrigo Duterte that the 2022 elections should be peaceful, the Comelec, and not the President, has the sole authority to call on the military to ensure the peaceful conduct of the polls.

Jimenez was reacting to an announcement made by President Duterte, who said he is ready to use the might of the military establishment to ensure peaceful and violence-free elections next year.

President Duterte was invoking his authority under Section 18, Article VII of the Constitution, which states, "The President shall be the Commander-in-Chief of all armed forces of the Philippines, and whenever it becomes necessary, he may call out such armed forces to prevent or suppress lawless violence, invasion or rebellion...."

It looks like Jimenez is intoxicated with the extensive publicity he is getting as Comelec spokesman, now that the election season is near. That's because what Jimenez told the media is false and misleading.

Under Section 2(4), Article IX-C of the Constitution, the power of the Comelec to call on the military to ensure peaceful elections is not exclusive (as Jimenez claims), and is actually subordinate to the explicit authority of the President:

"The Commission on Elections shall exercise the following powers and functions:

"(4) Deputize, with the concurrence of the President, law enforcement agencies and instrumentalities of the government, including the Armed Forces of the Philippines, for the exclusive purpose of ensuring free, orderly, honest, peaceful and credible elections."

It is clear from the text quoted above the Comelec does not have the sole or exclusive power over the military establishment for the purpose of ensuring free, orderly, honest, peaceful and credible elections in 2022. That's because although the Comelec can deputize military personnel for the purpose of ensuring free, orderly, honest, peaceful and credible elections, the Comelec must get the prior approval of the President.

Simply stated, the Constitution recognizes two ways for the President to call on the military to ensure peaceful elections. One is through the President's exercise of his broad powers as Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) under Section 18, Article VII quoted earlier. The other is for the President to allow the Comelec to deputize the AFP for that same purpose, in the exercise of the President's specific power under Section 2(4), Article IX-C above. In either way, it is the President, not the Comelec, who calls the shots.

Even assuming that there is a law which supports Jimenez's claim, that law cannot amend or modify what is explicitly provided in the Constitution as quoted above. If such a law does exist, it is unconstitutional.

Jimenez's irresponsible and misleading public statement should be a cause for serious concern and alarm for the Comelec. If Jimenez continues passing off wrong interpretations of the Constitution as legal truth, then the credibility of the Comelec itself will be in serious jeopardy. For that reason alone, the Comelec should consider Jimenez as the biggest threat to credible elections.

Having graduated from law school, Jimenez is expected to be familiar with what the Constitution says and means. He is a disappointment, considering he obtained his law degree from a reputable university in Manila.

Voters are entitled to the truth about what the Constitution provides regarding elections. They should not be exposed to Jimenez's misleading interpretation of Philippine elections laws.

Jimenez should resign as Comelec spokesman, or at least read the Constitution before speaking anew for the Comelec.



# KAPIRASONG Kritika

Ni Teo S. Marasigan

## Ain't Scalice to Forget

### Last Part

(5) It instigated a generation's political awakening. The Diliman Commune served as an eye-opener and baptism of fire for a generation of activists who continued in the struggle for genuine social change, and served as the backbone of the anti-dictatorship struggle. Highlighting the regime's repressive response to a legitimate demand of the people and showing the possibilities brought forth by united and militant struggle, it steered the determination of those activists to persevere in the revolutionary struggle. In this and in other senses, it paved the way for the 1986 People Power uprising that toppled the US-backed Marcos dictatorship.

As Bonifacio P. Ilagan, KM-Diliman chairperson during the Diliman Commune and a member of the commune's directorate, says in his response to Scalice ["Against historical distortions about the Diliman Commune"]: the Diliman Commune "further consolidated our commitment to do our bit in social transformation, na ka-kapitbisig ang batayang masa at sambayanang Pilipino [while linking arms with the basic masses and the Filipino people]. We may not have prevented the full-scale imposition of a fascist dictatorship as Scalice had wished, but the Diliman Commune steered us to face up to martial law when it arrived."

Third in his claims about the historical event, Scalice says that the Diliman Commune benefited the elite opposition to Marcos — "in particular Benigno 'Ninoy' Aquino Jr., the Lopez brothers (Vice Pres. Fernando Lopez and businessman Eugenio Lopez), and the Liberal Party."

In relation to his claim that the commune was not spontaneous but was a planned and coordinated action, it seems that what Scalice really wants to say is that it was organized to advance the interests of the elite opposition to Marcos. In relation to his claim that the commune was a failure for the students and UP sectors, as well as for KM and SDK, it seems that what Scalice really wants to say is that only the bourgeois opposition to Marcos really benefited from the Diliman Commune.

He cites the following forms of cooperation between the Diliman Commune and the elite opposition to Marcos: (1) On the third day of the commune, senators Aquino, Salvador Laurel and Eva Estrada-Kalaw came to the campus to take the side of, and speak to, the communards, with Aquino bringing "bags of food." (2) TV and radio giant ABS-CBN, owned by the Lopez family, helped the communards' radio programs broadcast through DZUP to attain a nationwide reach. (3) Most important of all, DZUP became the outlet for the controversial "Dovie Beams tapes" which the ABS-CBN radio stations, claimed Scalice, could not air. As is well-known,

the said tapes contained recordings of the Hollywood star's sexual encounters with Marcos, and their release created one of the biggest scandals that rocked Marcos' pre-Martial Law regime.

Scalice connects these forms of cooperation to the election in November 1971, for which the elite opposition "sought another explosion of protest to destabilize the president and secure sympathy for the opposition slate." Scalice says "another" because this is how he also views the First Quarter Storm of 1970, a series of big protests.

It appears, however, that the actions stated above benefited both the KM-SDK, or the Philippine Left as a whole, on the one hand and the bourgeois opposition, on the other. It can even be argued that the activist organizations benefited more than the elite opposition. The latter united with the communards in their call against military and police presence in campus and amplified the communards' radical radio messages to the entire country. Broadcasting the "Dovie Beams tapes" to the national public and attacking Marcos are in the interest of both the KM-SDK and the elite opposition.

Scalice, however, can and perhaps does claim that the entire Diliman Commune was carried out to serve the interests of the elite opposition — and that the actions stated above are mere indications of this "conspiracy." The empirical evidence that he presents to support this claim, however, are woefully insufficient. His basis for this is the class line of the CPP, which the KM and SDK also adhere to, and which will be discussed below.

It must be said, however, that this accusation that the Philippine Left stirs up protests to merely help the elite opposition boost its chances in elections is a most curious one. The Philippine Left led the protest movement during the darkest years of Martial Law, when the prospects of elections being held were close to nil. It actually boycotted the election that finally enabled the elite opposition to Marcos to finally take power. After 1986, the Philippine Left opposed all ruling regimes, even those that allied with when they were still in the opposition.

Fourth and most problematic among Scalice's claims about the Diliman Commune is his major basis for saying that it was "an unmitigated defeat for the radicalized youth and students of 1971." Scalice asserts in his Rappler.com essay that "The fundamental task confronting workers and youth in 1971 was to prevent the imposition of dictatorship. To hail the Commune as a victory when the writ of habeas corpus was suspended within months and martial law imposed the next year is to ignore the realities of history."

Here, Scalice again displays a persistent weakness in his essays: the failure

to grasp dialectics and materialism and apply these in concrete conditions. Was the suspension of the writ of habeas corpus and the declaration of martial law a result of the Diliman Commune and other protests? Was preventing the imposition of dictatorship really in the hands of the KM-SDK, the CPP, and even the entire mass movement? Were they to blame, wholly or even partly, for Marcos' declaration of martial law? More generally, are revolutionaries responsible for the actions of reactionaries — especially the repressive ones? If "Every rise of fascism bears witness to a failed revolution," as the philosopher Walter Benjamin claims according to the philosopher Slavoj Zizek, are the revolutions to blame for the rise of fascist leaders and regimes?

Answering these questions in the affirmative, as Scalice seems to do, would only delight the reactionaries. He is in fact echoing the Marcos' line about the declaration of Martial Law and other repressive measures: they are necessary because of a Left-Right, Communist-oligarch conspiracy against the Republic! The affirmative answer is also wrong. Marcos declared Martial Law even if the revolutionary movement was still too weak to seize state power. He did not impose martial rule, ultimately, because of what the Left did, but because of what his faction of the ruling classes and the US neocolonial power want in the country and Southeast Asia.

The only way that the Left could have prevented the imposition of Martial Law was making the revolution win — but that was out of the question at the time, even in its most optimistic reading of the situation. What the Left set as its objectives were more modest, but proved to be correct: opposing Marcos' dry-runs for and build-ups to declaring Martial Law and, more importantly, strengthening itself so it can survive and persevere in the likely occurrence that Marcos imposes open dictatorial rule.

One wonders: what could be Scalice's preferred tactics "to prevent the imposition of dictatorship" before September 1972? What tactics are these, which he uses to evaluate the Philippine Left's tactics and through which he found the latter wanting? We know what the Marcos regime would want the Philippine Left to do in order to desist from imposing martial rule: drop dead, stop the struggle, abort the revolution.

This, presumably, is not what Scalice wants the Left to do at the time. He talks about leading "the independent fight of workers for a socialist program" and refusing to be subordinated to "the conspiratorial interests of a rival faction of the elite." Does he think that doing these would bring the revolution to victory before the declaration of Martial Law? What are his bases?



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## DHSUD kicks off National Shelter Month celebration

QUEZON CITY — The Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development (DHSUD) will be kicking off this year's celebration of the National Shelter Month through a series of activities for the whole month of October.

Carrying the theme "Ligtas at Matatag na Tahanan at Pamayanan: Kanlungan sa Gitna ng Pandemya at Nagbabagong Panahon (Safe and Resilient Shelter in the Time of Pandemic and Changing Climate)," the

month-long event aims to further highlight the role of DHSUD and its key shelter agencies in providing access to decent, resilient and affordable shelters to Filipino families, especially amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

No less than DHSUD Secretary Eduardo Del Rosario will spearhead the opening ceremony of the National Shelter Month during the fourth episode of the "Kapihan sa DHSUD: Housing Matters" on Friday together with the

Department's senior officials, led by Undersecretary Marylin Pintor, KSA heads and partners from the private sector.

Joining the Secretary virtually are Pag-IBIG Fund Chief Executive Officer Acmad Rizaldy Moti, National Housing Authority Assistant General Manager Vic Balba, Social Housing Finance Corporation President Arnolfo Ricardo Cabling, National Home Mortgage Finance Corporation President Carlos Luis Rabat and Human Settlements Adjudication Commission Executive Commissioner Melzar Galicia.

Officials from partner-developers — the Subdivision and Housing Developers Association, the National Real Estate Association, the Organization of Socialized and Economic Housing Developers of the Philippines Inc and the Chamber of Real Estate and Builders' Associations — will likewise deliver their respective remarks expressing support to the housing sector.

Lined up for the celebration of the National Shelter Month are a series of housing fairs organized by DHSUD's bureaus, services and regional offices; KSAs, and partner-developers like online forums and webinars as well as exhibits and virtual learning platforms.

There will also be MOA-signing ceremonies for several housing projects across the country, as well

as ceremonies meant to recognize local government units, developers, HOAs and other stakeholders for their contributions in empowering further the housing sector.

An education and information campaign promoting the event will also be carried out through DHSUD's official Facebook and Twitter pages, with topics ranging from securing consumer welfare to raising public awareness on the importance of the Comprehensive Land Use Program high on the agenda.

Proclamation No. 662 declares the month of October every year as National Shelter Month, recognizing housing as vital to the overall development of the country and enhancement of the social, economic and spiritual well-being of Filipinos. (DHSUD)

# CAVITEVIEW

## PULITIKA NG LARO

by Josh Paradeza

PAGKATAPOS ng tagumpay ng mga pelikula ng Hunger Games (2012), hango sa mga librong isinulat ni Suzanne Collins, mapapansin ang sunud-sunod na pagsulpot ng mga palabas na kagaya nito.

Dumating ang *The Gods Will* (2014), *Alice in Borderland* (2020): lahat, tungkol sa mga laro o paligsahan, na bagaman nagpapangako ng malaking premyo (karangyaan, kayamanan, o kaligtasan), buhay ang nakataya. Kadalasan ay labag sa kalooban ng manlalaro ang mga itinakdang patakaran. Naging mas madali rin ang pagtukoy ng iba pang may parehong tema, gaya ng naunang *Battle Royale* (2000) at *Saw* (2004).

Ngayon, ang pinakabagong series na *Squid Game* (2021) mula sa South Korea ang nagpapatuloy ng ganitong tradisyon. Ang laro

Sinusundan ng *Squid Game* ang kwento ni Gi-hun (Lee Jung-jae), diborsiyadong lalaki, lulong sa sugal, patuloy na umaasa sa kanyang ina para sustentuhan ang kanyang pang-araw-araw na pangangailangan. Umpisa pa lang ay pinakita na ang mga kahinaan niya bilang indibidwal, bilang isang ama at anak.

Sa panahon ng lubhang kagipitan, nakatanggap siya ng imbitasyon para lumahok sa isang laro kung saan maaaring magwagi ng salapi na magiging solusyon sa kanyang mga problema. Makikilala niya ang iba pang gaya niyang gipit (migranteng walang mga legal na dokumento at babaeng tumawid sa border ng North Korea ang ilan). Doon nila matutuklasan na ang mga kinagigiliwan nilang larong pambata ay tila naging parusa.

Hindi kagaya ng *Hunger Games* at *Battle Royale*, pinaghahalo ng *Squid Game* ang konsepto ng tsansa at kompetisyon sa bawat laro. Habang inaasahan ka nitong magtagumpay gamit ang sariling

lakas at galing (halimbawa sa pagtakbo at biglaang pagtigil sa *Red Light, Green Light*, o sa tug of war), nakasalalay rin sa suwerte ang pagkapanalo (pagtukoy kung odd o even ang bilang ng holen sa kamay ng kalaban o pagpili ng hugis sa hindi pa tinutukoy na laro).

Ang kalikasang ito ng *Squid Game* ang naglalalatag ng kondisyon para mas bumaba ang tiyansang manalo ng mga manlalaro. Maging ang lebel ng bawat lumilipas na laro ay humihirap nang humihirap, para masiguradong iisa lang ang magwagi sa dulo.

Ang mga naglalaro at pinaglalaruan

Pinapakita sa serye na nakadiseno ang laro para biguin ang kakayanan ng tao upang magbuklod-buklod. Anumang binuong alyansa o pagkakampihan ay panandalian lang at siguradong mauwi sa madugong pagtatapos.

Sa unang episode, pagkatapos ng unang laro, nagbotohan ang lahat kung itutuloy pa ba nila ang kompetisyon o hindi, pagpoposturang nananatili pa rin ang demokrasya dito. At kahit na pinauwi na ang mga manlalaro, sigurado ang gamemaker na babalik ang kalakhan para ituloy ang sugal. Sa katunayan, halos wala pang isang araw nang muli silang makatanggap ng panibagong imbitasyon para bumalik.

Maging sa sleeping quarters, kahit na hindi direktang sinabi, ang katahimikan ng mga staff at guwardiya sa karahasan sa pagitan ng mga manlalaro ay implikasyon ng pagpapahintulot nito. Ang ganitong patakaran—o kawalan ng patakaran—ang nag-udyok sa ilan upang gumawa ng paraan para mabawasan ang mga kakompetensiya at mas tumaas ang tiyansa para sa sarili. Nakalulungkot ngang ang tanging paraan para masabing naigpawan ng isang tauhan ang kasakiman o karahasan na niyakap niya'y kailangan niyang mamatay.

Gaya ng malalaking

korporasyon at asyenda, iginigiit din ng mga nasa likod ng laro na malinis ang kanilang mga kamay sa anumang sakripisyo't pinsala na dadanasin ng manlalaro dahil kusang-loob nilang isinusuko ang sarili kapalit ng malaking halaga. Ipapaalala sa mga manlalaro ang pinirmahan nilang kontrata na nagsasabing di nila maaaring baliin ang mga patakaran, hindi maaaring tumigil hangga't di pinahihintulutan.

Sa mundo ng *Squid Game* (o sa mundong kanyang sinasalamina), ang mga manlalaro—parehong ang mga sadlak sa kahirapan at maging ang mga ubod nang yaman na tumataya sa paborito nila—ay pumapasok sa pantay at patas na kasunduan, anuman ang rason ng kanilang paglahok. Sabi pa nga ng karakter ni Il-nam (Oh Yeong-su), ang pagkakapareho ng walang makain sa napakayaman ay ang kawalan ng ligaya sa buhay, kaya nagsisilbing pag-asa ang *Squid Game*, bilang dingas sa namamatay nang apoy ng buhay.

Dito siya nagkakamali, sa aking palagay. Ang kawalan-ng-pag-asa na nararamdaman ng api ay kumukubaw, kundi man

nag-uugat, sa pagpapatuloy ng makauring pag-aalipusta sa kanila ng nasa itaas. Ang dahilan ng kalakhan ay pang-ekonomiya—bagaman may tendensiya ring magpakita ng dahas, at maaaring malisyoso pa nga ang intensiyon ng ilan, base pa rin ang lahat ng ito sa reyalidad na lahat ay kapit sa patalim at ang buhay na naghihintay sa kanila sa labas ng laro ay walang dangal, walang pag-asa, kung mananatiling mahirap.

Tinutukoy ng *Squid Game*, at ng iba pang palabas gaya nito, ang paghihinalang ang mga buhay nati'y tila bahagi ng isang malaking laro, pakikipagkompetensiya sa iba at pag-asa sa sariling swerte. Tahasan nitong hinahayag na ang larong kinapapalooban natin ay kontrolado at dinidiktahan ng mga makakapangyarihang nilalang.

Pero, higit sa lahat, ipinakita din nitong ang problema'y sistematiko at pangmalawakan. Tignan na lang ang orihinal na bilang ng mga manlalaro: 456, lahat may nakalululang utang sa bangko, loan sharks, saanman. Binanggit pa sa isang balita ang krisis na kinakaharap ng mga mamamayan sa pagkalubog nila sa utang. Malinaw na hindi ito tadhana, kundi manipestasyon at epekto ng disenyo ng sistemang ito. Mga nagwagi

Kahit naitakda ang nanalo sa *Squid Game*, tila walang tagumpay sa dami ng buhay na nasayang. Ang natatanging nakalabas nang buhay, si Gi-hun,

ay kinain ng sariling konsensiya at nagpasyang mabuhay gaya ng dati, walang balak galawin ang napanalunan. Nagising na lang siya nang muling mabigyan ng imbitasyon para sa huling laro. Doon nabunyag na ang may pakana ng lahat.

Nagpustahan ang dalawa kung may tutulong sa pinapanood nilang lasing sa gilid ng daan, kung mamamatay ba ito sa lamig o maaabutan ng tulong, bago pumatak ang alas-dose. Kahit papaano ay nagwagi si Gi-hun dito. Testamento ito na sa mundo ng karahasan at lipunang pilit na pinaglalaman-laban ang mga mamamayan, may bakas pa rin ng pag-asa na maaaring umiral ang kabutihan, ang pagiging makatao. Ang mga sadlak sa hirap ay hindi lang kabayong pinagpustahan sa karera, kundi mga tao, buhay at puno ng lakas, may napakalaking kapasidad para sa pagbabago ng sarili at lipunan.

Natapos ang *Squid Game* sa patuloy na pag-iral ng laro, mga bagong manlalaro, at mga bagong tagapagmasid sa karahasang ito. Personal nang palagay ang pagtingin na hindi na kailangan ang open-ended na pagtatapos bilang posibilidad para sa sequel. Sa kabilang banda, maganda rin, marahil, na tanawin ang posibilidad na iyon.

Mananatili ang pagkakatagibang ng laro, nakadiseno hindi para magwagi ang mga api kundi para magkaroon ng pampalipas oras ang may kapangyarihan, hangga't walang tunay na sistematikong pagbabago.



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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT  
TRECE MARTIRES CITY

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

-VERSUS-

MARIA LORENA T. RODELAS, married to  
RODRIGO M. RODELAS JR.,  
Mortgagors.

FORECLOSURE CASE NO F-080-21  
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#### NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed by Mortgagee, BANGKO MABUHAY (A RURAL BANK.) INC, with business address at A. Soriano Highway, Daang Amay III, Tanza, Cavite, against the Mortgagor, MARIA LORENA T. RODELAS, married to RODRIGO M. RODELAS JR, with residence and postal addresses at 97 D.P Jimenez Wawa III, Rosario, Cavite, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness as of 26 July 2021 amounts to FIVE HUNDRED SIXTEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY NINE PESOS & 60/100 (Php516,559.60), Philippine Currency, including interest, penalties, and other charges as of said date but exclusive of all the other expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on NOVEMBER 25, 2021 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at the main entrance of the Government Central Bldg. located at the Provincial Capitol Compound, Trece Martires City, to the highest bidder of CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following described property with all the improvements thereon, to wit.

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 077-2015003888

A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 2,BLK.19 OF THE SUBD. PLAN,PSD-04-083941, BEING A PORTION OF LOT 1, BLK,148,PCS-042122-009141,LRC REC NO.). SITUATED IN THE BRGY M. GREGORIO, CITY OF TRECE MARTIRES, BOUNDED ON THE E, ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT3, BLK 19, ON THE S., ALONGLINE 2-3 BY RD LOT 16, ON THE W., ALONGLINE 3-4 BY LOT 1, & ON THEN, ALONG" P"ON PLAY xxx CONTAINING AN AREA OF ONE HUNDRED TWENTY (120) SQ. METERS. xxx

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date and time, it shall be held on DECEMBER 16, 2021 without further notice.

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

Trece Martires City, SEPTEMBER 14 2021

REYNALDO L. SALOMA  
Sheriff IV

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BANGKO MABUHAY (A RURAL BANK.), INC.,  
A. Soriano Highway, Daang Amaya III, Tanza, cavite

MARIA LORENA T. RODELAS, married to RODRIGO M. RODELAS JR.  
97 D.P. Jimenez Wawa III, Rosario, Cavite  
AND LOT 16 BLOCK 2 VILLE DE PALME SUBD SANTIAGO  
GEN TRIAS, CAVITE

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TRECE MARTIRES CITY

BDO UNIBANK, INC.,  
Mortgagee

-VERSUS-

RYAN BANDONG SAMSON  
Mortgagors.

FORECLOSURE CASE NO F-059-221  
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#### NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed by Mortgagee, BDO UNIBANK, INC., with business address at BDO Corporate Center,7899 Makati Avenue, Makati City against the Mortgagor, Ryan Bandong Samson, with residence and postal addresses at (1) Blk. 4, Lot 24 Green town II Subd., Toolong II-B, Imus, Cavite; and (2) Blk. 8 Lot 2 Phase 5, Somerset, Navarro, Gen. Trias City, Cavite to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness as of 15 June 2021 amounts to THREE MILLION NINE HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY PESOS AND 98/100 (Php3,920,845.98), Philippine Currency, including interest, penalties, and other charges as of said date but exclusive of all the other expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on NOVEMBER 25, 2021 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at the main entrance of the Government Central Bldg. located at the Provincial Capitol Compound, Trece Martires City, to the highest bidder of CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following described property with all the improvements thereon, to wit.

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 057-2016022899

LOT NO. 2 BLOCK;8 PLAN NO: PCS-04-028155

PORTION OF : LOT 1706-R-1,(LRA) PSD-413926; LOT 1706-S,PSD-04-002033; LOT 1709,S.F.D.M ESTATE: LOT2, BLOCK 9, PCS-04-028063 & BLOCK 11, PCS-04-028064, DECREED NO.4270; LRC REC NO. 5964  
LOCATION: BARANGAY OF NAVARRO, MUNICIPALITY OF GEN. TRIAS, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON

#### BOUNDRIES:

LINE	DIRECTION	ADJOINING LOT(S)
1-2	SW	LOT 3, BLOCK 8,PCS-04-028155
2-3	SW	LOT 13,BLOCK 8,PCS-04-028155
3-4	NW	LOT 1, BLOCK 8, PCS-04-028155
4-5-6	NE	ROAD LOT 7, PCS-04-028155
6-7-1	SE	ROAD LOT 12, PCS-04-028155

AREA: ONE HUNDRED NINETY THREE SQUARE METERS (193), MORE OR LESS

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RISKMANAGEMENTGROUP-REMEDIALMANAGEMENT  
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RYAN BANDONG SAMSON

(1) Blk. 4. Lot 24, Greentown II Subd, Toolong II-B, Imus, Cavite  
(2) Blk. 8 Lot 2 Phase 5, Somerset, Navarro, Gen. Trias City, Cavite  
Block 70, Lot 21, Phase 1, Phirst Park Homes-Tanza, Brgy. Tanauan, Tanza, Cavite 4108

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#### AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late JOHANN K. TAN AND MARICEL D. TAN, who died intestate on September 25, 2019 at Malay, Aklan, leaving a parcel of land covered by TCT No. 005-2015000776, located at Barangay Talon Dos, Las Pinas City, Metro Manila and leaving also Memorial Service Plan with Contract No. AP-0012366-E, Contract No. AP-0013401-P, Contract No. AP-008375-P, Contract No. AR-36195-C has been extrajudicially settled by their heirs as per Doc. No. 262; Page No. 54; Book No. 7; Series of 2020, Notary Public Atty. Antnio T. Nicolas

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## 'October is Consumer Welfare Month (CWM)': DTI lines up activities in celebration of CWM

QUEZON CITY — The Department of Trade and Industry, through its Consumer Protection Group (DTI-CPG), spearheads the annual celebration of the Consumer Welfare Month (CWM) this October with various activities lined up starting on 1 October 2021.

“Digital Consumers: The New Normal” is this year’s theme, and it highlights the government’s continued consumer protection programs in today’s heightened utilization of electronic commerce.

“We encourage everyone to join us in celebrating CWM by participating in our virtual activities and assisting us share DTI’s programs for the consumers,” says DTI-CPG Undersecretary Atty. Ruth B. Castelo.

To kick-off the month-long celebration, the Consumer Policy and Advocacy Bureau (CPAB) will hold another virtual dance and fitness class, dubbed as “Consumer Welfare Zumba” on 1 October 2021. The CPAB enlisted the help of the National Telecommunications Commission to broadcast information relative to the CWM celebration via public service announcements through text message to further promote DTI’s CWM activities.

Furthermore, the DTI continues to hold throughout the month in the NCR the Presyong Risonable Dapat Program – Frozen Meat Edition and the CWM Diskwento Caravan. In addition, from 19-21 October 2021, the CPAB plans to hold a CWM Online Sale, where discounted goods will be available to the public via participating manufacturers’ websites.

Other activities include the conduct 4th Consumer Youth e-Forum on 20 October to equip the youth with the knowledge to understand and maximize the opportunities in e-Commerce and enable them with the tools to help them overcome the challenges and risks they may face as young entrepreneurs and consumers.

The Bagwis E-Convention will also be conducted on 22 October during which the CPAB will recognize the 2020-2021 Bagwis Awardees for the Bronze, Silver, or Gold levels for NCR and will present the proposed revisions on the Bagwis Award Implementing Guidelines. This year, the CPAB is also set to organize a Debate E-Tournament among college students on 24 October 2021.

A key activity is the National Conference for the ASEAN Peer Review on Consumer Protection in the Philippines which will take place on 18 October 2021 to present the key findings of the External Peer Review Report on the country’s consumer policy formulation, advocacy, monitoring and enforcement, and redress. The Philippines is the first country in ASEAN to undertake peer review. Another key event is the Consumer E-Congress on 29 October 2021, which aims to bring together consumer champions and stakeholders from across the country for a virtual discussion of topics that will raise awareness on consumer protection in the digital economy.

Meanwhile, aside from the CWM Celebration, the Bureau of Philippine Standards (BPS) is set to observe the 47th National Standards Week from 8-14 October 2021 with the theme, “Shared Vision for a Better World.”

On 11 October 2021, the BPS will have its “Kapihan sa BPS,” an interactive question-and-answer session with the Standards Conformity Division Heads. Other activities include the BPS Testing Laboratory Tour via Zoom and the annual Standards Stakeholders Conference, among others.

Meanwhile the Fair Trade Enforcement Bureau is set to hold an IREGIS E-Rollout and E-TANONG/E-SAGOT @ DTI during the last week of October 2021. For more information about the 2021 CWM activities, everyone is enjoined to visit the DTI Consumer Care and Konsyumer Atbp (KATBP) Facebook pages or send an email to CPAB@dti.gov.ph. (DTI)

#### NOTICE TO DISSOLVE

The public is hereby informed that KAAKBAY KA MULTI-PURPOSE COOPERATIVE, Balsahan, Naic, Cavite, has been voluntarily dissolved as of October 25, 2019

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# Word Search Puzzle

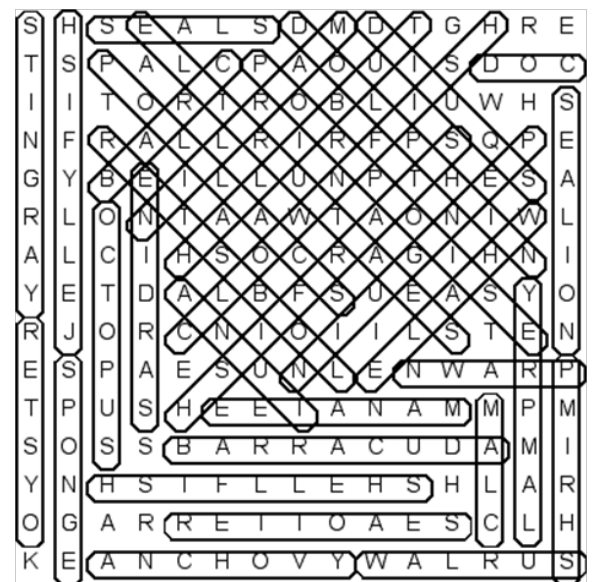
## Types of Music 1

Find and circle all of the different types of music that are hidden in the grid. The remaining 14 letters spell an additional type of music.



- ACAPELLA
- ACID ROCK
- ACOUSTIC
- AMBIENT
- AVANT-GARDE
- BIG BAND
- BLUEGRASS
- BROADWAY
- CABARET
- CHORAL
- CHRISTMAS
- CLASSIC ROCK
- DANCE
- DISCO
- ELECTRONICA
- FLAMENCO
- FOLK
- GANGSTA RAP
- GOthic
- HEAVY METAL
- HIP HOP
- INDIAN
- INDIE
- JAZZ
- LATIN MUSIC
- LOUNGE
- MERENGUE
- MEXICAN
- NEW WAVE
- POLKA
- PSYCHEDELIC
- PUNK
- ROCKABILLY
- SAMBA
- SOUL
- TANGO
- WALTZ
- WORLD

## Sagot sa nakaraan



# Sudoku

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## Sudoku hint

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# Duterte gov't eyes to build 1.2 million housing units until 2022

MANILA — The Duterte government built more than one million housing units from January 2016 to June 2021, with the majority of the shelters intended for the country's low-income families, the secretary of the Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development (DHSUD) said on Thursday.

In his report to President Rodrigo Roa Duterte, Human Settlements and Urban Development Secretary Eduardo Del Rosario said his department has so far constructed 1,076,277 housing units produced and financed from 2016 to June 2021.

"Ang target po ng department to be accomplished until 2022 is 1.2 million. Kaya po ang ating

accomplishment ngayon is 84 percent and with this 84 percent, 1.07 million, 96 percent of housing units are socialized," Del Rosario told the President.

Socialized housing is the cheapest with a price ceiling P580,000, while the low-cost or economic housing has a ceiling of P1.7 million, according to Del Rosario.

"Ito po 'yung mga bahay na binibili nung mga sabi natin na low-income families and the poorest of the poor. And we are 12 percent higher than the previous administration," he said.

The department still has six months to build more houses this year, plus a year in 2022, Del Rosario said, expressing optimism that DHSUD can

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## SEC official urges companies to implement sustainable, ethical business practices

QUEZON CITY — A company should be socially responsible in all its dealings, especially within the community where it operates.

Atty. Rachel Esther Gumtang-Remalante, director of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)'s Corporate Governance (CG) and Finance Department, emphasized this in her presentation during the 19th Development Policy Research Month (DPRM) virtual kick-off forum.

She also stressed that a firm should serve the environment and its stakeholders in a positive and progressive manner.

According to Gumtang-Remalante, SEC issued the memorandum on Sustainability Reporting Guidelines for Publicly Listed Companies (PLCs) in the Philippines to encourage businesses to adopt a globally recognized standard framework in reporting sustainability and nonfinancial issues.

Through this notable effort, the UN Conference on Trade and Development awarded SEC the International Standards of Accounting and Reporting (ISAR) Honours in 2019 for promoting best practices in sustainability and reporting on the SDGs. This year, it received the Global Good Governance

Advocacy and Commitment to Corporate Governance Award from the London-based Cambridge International Financial Advisory. The award recognizes individuals and institutions that treat governance and sustainability as a strategic priority.

"[The memorandum] is intended to help PLCs assess and manage nonfinancial performance across economic, environmental, and social aspects of their organization and enable them to measure and monitor their contributions towards achieving universal targets of sustainability, such as the United Nations (UN)' sustainable development goals (SDGs) as well as the national policies and programs such as the AmBisyon Natin 2040," she said.

Gumtang-Remalante noted that 91 percent of the PLCs submitted their sustainability report in 2019, a "big improvement" from the submission in 2017, which is less than 22 percent.

She disclosed that many corporate managers still believe that dealing with [environmental, social, and (corporate) governance] issues entails sacrificing some financial returns. But this view, she said, is outdated

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## DHSUD, partners vow safer, resilient homes to Filipinos

QUEZON CITY — Filipino families, especially those in the low-income bracket, can rely on the Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development (DHSUD) and its partners in delivering safer and resilient homes amid the challenging times.

This was the focal point of DHSUD Secretary Eduardo Del Rosario's message during Friday's launch of the National Shelter Month celebration this October.

"Let me once again assure you of the DHSUD and its partner-agencies' commitment to improve

the lives of every Filipino family through adequate and affordable housing, inclusive human settlements and well-planned communities," the housing czar stressed.

Secretary Del Rosario, along with Undersecretary Marylin Pintor

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OFFICIALLY OPEN: DHSUD Secretary Eduardo Del Rosario, along with Undersecretary Marylin Pintor and Assistant Secretary Avelino Tolentino III, spearheads the launch of the National Shelter Month during the fourth episode of the "Kapihan sa DHSUD: Housing Matters" on Friday. The housing czar, in his message, pledged that DHSUD and its partners will remain committed to providing resilient and safe shelters for Filipino families, especially the underprivileged.