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Noveleta LGU turns over 3,000 computer tablets to DepEd



Photo Courtesy of Mayor Dino Reyes Chua's Facebook

By Ruel B. Francisco

NOVELETA, Cavite --The municipal government recently turned-over 3,000 tablets to the Department of Education (DepEd) Noveleta for the use in online classes of students enrolled for SY 2020-2021.

In a simple turn-over ceremony held at the Noveleta National High School in Barangay San Rafael, Mayor Dino Reyes-Chua handed over the tablets to DepED Noveleta District Supervisor Dr. Arnel Zapanta together with Assistant Schools Division Superintendents Randy Punzalan and Dr. Diana Topacio

“Ang mga tablet po na ito ay para po sa mga mag-aaral

at mga guro at may mga laptop pa po ito for each public school. Sa modules po kase, may printing of modules, the distribution by teacher in every barangay, may contact, at masalimuot, every week you need to deliver modules. Since may tablet na sila, maaari na po tayong hindi mag-aksaya ng papel,” Mayor Dino said.

(These tablets are for the students and the teachers and including a laptop for each public school. In the modules, there is printing of modules, the distribution of modules in every barangay, there is contact and complicated, every week you need to deliver the modules. Since they have tablets, we can already save on paper.)

The provision of computer tablets is part of the *continue to page 3*

MOA signed to revolutionize transport system in Kawit town

By Ruel B. Francisco

KAWIT, Cavite--The Municipal Government here led by Mayor Angelo Aguinaldo recently entered into a partnership with Global Electric Transport (GET) Philippines to launch a modern public transportation in the town.

The mayor together with Municipal Administrator Engr. Rey Santos signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for this project that will revolutionize the town's transport system with GET Phils' technological innovations “Smart and Safe City System”

and the “Smart and Safe City Transport Network.”

GET Philippines is an innovative mobility management company that provides electric shuttles and mini buses for a safe, comfortable and environment friendly travel plus a system for an automated fare collection and passenger management systems for all types of vehicles which would support the mandate for ‘cashless’ transactions by the Department of Transportation.

Aside from the safety and convenience features of this system, the data gathered here

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DTI's 18th Bagsakan Project rolls out of NCR, sells in Tagaytay

By Ruel B. Francisco

TAGAYTAY CITY, Cavite-- The BAGSAKAN Special Project held its 18th activity here at La Bella Boutique Hotel last September 26, 2020, the first activity held outside the National

Capital Region (NCR) since the COVID-19 outbreak on March.

The activity is a project of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) through its Trade Promotions Group (TPG), Bureau of Domestic Trade and Promotion (BDTP) in coordination with DTI

Regional and Provincial Offices which has been assisting MSMEs, local farmers, fruit growers and cooperatives sell their fresh produce and food products.

During the event, 14 micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) from the provinces of Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Quezon and Samar showcased their choicest products, which also supports the department's “Shop Local, Eat Local, Travel Local” campaign.

The La Bella Boutique Hotel, the activity's venue is a *continue to page 3*

Roque announces IATF's approval of a dietary program for children, nutrition-at-risk pregnant women

By Susan G. De Leon

CALOOCAN CITY – Presidential Spokesperson Harry Roque announced today that the Inter-Agency Task Force on Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) has approved a resolution for the provision of a dietary supplementation program for children from six to 23 months old and nutrition-at-risk pregnant women.

“Kakatapos lang po ng meeting ng IATF ngayong araw kung saan nagbigay po ng isang bahagyang solusyon doon sa problemang pagkagutom na nanggaling po dito sa pandemya,” Roque said at the Laging Handa public briefing Friday.

According to Roque, the supplementation program will be provided either through cash aid or food packs, but did not

elaborate on the details as to how the program will be implemented.

“Inaprubahan ng IATF ang dietary supplementation program para sa mga bata po mula anim na buwan hanggang dalawampu't tatlong buwan, and ‘yung mga nutrition-at-risk pregnant women ang makakatanggap ng cash o food pack bilang dietary supplementation program,” Roque said.

Roque said the resolution was approved to help the vulnerable beneficiaries cope with nutritional challenges as the country continues to suffer from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“This forms part of improving the health care of the citizens and a means to eliminating hunger which has been aggravated by the pandemic,” Roque said. (PIA-NCR)





DTI'S BAGSAKAN SPECIAL PROJECT SUPPORTS LOCAL MSMEs

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Kaelyn Hui Ling Liew, co-founder of Reef Stakes® Malaysia, advised the youth to sustain their optimism during the new normal to achieve their goals. Kaelyn is an advocate of integrating creativity and fun in empowering individuals to take an active role in environmental conservation.

As one of the facilitators of the webinar, Mika Tan, coordinator of the ASEAN Youth Biodiversity Programme funded by the European Union, said the webinar showed the resilience

and ability of the youth to effect real change for a better society and environment.

"In building back better post-COVID-19, the youth have a large role to play as we are resourceful, digitally adept, and natural collaborators wanting to work across silos to achieve a vision of living in harmony with nature," Mika added.

The four-part interactive webinar series was organized by the ASEAN Secretariat, ASEAN Foundation, ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity, and the International

Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

The initiative aims to contribute to the implementation of the ASEAN Work Plan on Youth 2021-2025, the ASEAN Working Group on Nature Conservation and Biodiversity (AWGNB) Action Plan in mainstreaming biodiversity in human health and wellbeing, and the ASEAN Working Group on Environmental Education (AWGEE) Action Plan in fostering active participation of empowered youth in promoting environmental protection. (PIA NCR)

Gatchalian....

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Sa naturang pandinig, napag-alaman ni Gatchalian na ang mga guro at punong-guro ay nagsagawa ng "multi-tasking" bilang paghahanda sa pagbubukas ng klase sa Lunes, ika-5 ng Oktubre. Maliban kasi sa paghahanda ng mga learning materials tulad ng self-learning modules, kailangan ding makibahagi ng mga guro at punong-guro sa mga webinar at mga courses sa iba't ibang pamamaraan ng pagtuturo.

Upang matugunan ang mga hamong ito, pangungunahan ni Gatchalian ang isang pagdinig upang masuri ang pagpapatupad ng Magna Carta for Public School Teachers (Republic Act No. 4670), isang batas na inihain ng senador na layong balikan ang mga naging pagkakamali o pagkukulang hinggil sa pagtataguyod ng kapakanan ng mga guro sa mga pampublikong paaralan. Sa ilalim ng naturang batas, hindi dapat lalagpas ng

anim (6) na oras ang ilalaan ng mga guro para sa pagtuturo. Kung sakaling lumagpas sa anim na oras ang pagtuturo at kailangan nilang magsagawa ng karadagang tungkulin, maaaring makatanggap ng karadagang bayad ang mga guro.

Sa kabila ng mga probisyon sa batas na nabanggit, natatabunan pa rin ang mga guro ng mga gawaing walang kinalaman sa pagtuturo. Bago pa tumama ang pandemya ng COVID-19, isa na itong suliranin na kinakaharap ng mga guro, paliwanag ni Gatchalian.

Maliban sa pagtuturo, nabibigyan din ang mga guro ng karadagang tungkulin na may kinalaman sa pagba-budget, pagresponde sa mga sakuna, at sa kalusugan ng mga mag-aaral. Ito ay ayon sa isang pag-aaral ng Philippine Institute for Development Studies o PIDS. Ayon pa sa naturang pag-aaral, inaasahan din ang pakikilahok

ng mga guro pagdating sa mga programang tulad ng pagbabakuna, deworming, school feeding, at halalan.

"Ang ating mga guro at punong-guro ay maituturing nating mga frontliners sa pagpapatuloy ng edukasyon sa kabila ng banta ng COVID-19. Bahagi ng ating pangangalaga sa kanilang kapakanan ay ang panigurong hindi sila natatabunan ng napakaraming gawain. Kung sa simula pa lang ng klase ay pagod na ang ating mga guro, hindi magiging lubusang mabisa ang pagtuturo kung hindi sila nakatutok nang husto dito," ani Gatchalian.

"Saksi tayo sa mga sakripisyo ng mga guro na ginagawa ang lahat ng makakaya para lamang matugunan ang pangangailangan ng sistema ng edukasyon ngayong new normal. Hindi sila humihinto sa kanilang pagsisikap para masigurong magiging maayos ang lahat pagdating ng pasukan. Saludo ako sa mga guro!" dagdag pa ng senador. (PIA NCR)

50 contact tracing trainees under TESDA-NCR now ready for deployment

By Jimmyley E. Guzman

PASIG CITY--Contact Tracing Program trainees who recently completed the course offered by the Technical Education and Skills Development-NCR are now ready for deployment. According to TESDA-NCR, the 50 scholars from the MuntiParLasTaPat District (Muntinlupa, Parañaque, Las Piñas, Taguig, Pateros)

have successfully finished the Contact Tracing Level II Training Program are now ready to be employed as contact tracers.

TESDA will provide assistance to the new graduates in their application to the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) as well as endorse them to their respective local government units (LGUs).

Meanwhile, TESDA-

NCR is also preparing the next batches for the Contact Tracing Level training to ensure continuous delivery of the program in the coming months.

Likewise, TESDA-NCR continues to accept enrollees for said training program. Interested applicants may directly contact TESDA-NCR District Offices for further details. (TESDA-NCR/PIA-NCR)

DTI's Livelihood and Entrepreneurship project aids Bacoor fire victims

By Ruel B. Francisco

BACOR CITY, Cavite -- About 29 individuals from families affected by the recent fire that razed houses in Barangay Talaba 7 received livelihood assistance from the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI).

The DTI thru the Pangkabuhayan sa Pagbangon at Ginhawa (PPG) Livelihood and Entrepreneurship Program distributed "Negosyo Kits" that include packages for sari-sari store, rice trading, food stall, carinderia, fish vending, RTW business package, computer shop, and other businesses to the fire victims.

Under the program, DTI provides livelihood assistance to qualified beneficiaries who are victims of fire, typhoons, and

other calamities nationwide.

Bacoor Mayor Lani Mercado-Revilla and Vice-Mayor Karen Evaristo expressed gratitude to the DTI for the assistance extended to the fire victims.

DTI ROG Asec Dominic Tolentino, Deputy COS Antonio Vicente Ocampo, DTI IV-A Regional Director Marilou Q. Toledo, and DTI-Cavite OIC-PD Revelyn Cortez attended the activity.

"True to our objective, DTI will always extend our support to the people thru our various livelihood projects and training programs, and with these 'Negosyo Kits' these families would be able to restart their livelihood amid the ongoing pandemic," Ms. Revelyn Cortez said. (Ruel Francisco/DTI Information Office)

Esperon....

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government units, police and the military.

Among the programs included in the funding are the Road to Market Project, the establishment of schools, and the provision of livelihood to residents.

Esperon justified that such measures will weaken the forces of the New People's Army and will create more stable communities. Guerilla bases of the NPA will be eliminated which will make it easier for security forces to pursue them.

Meanwhile, Esperon countered the allegation of the progressive bloc that the program

is considered pork barrel.

He explained that the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) is in charge of releasing the fund directly to municipalities and that there is already a list of target beneficiaries.

"Hangga't may kahirapan d'yan, hangga't may social problem, hangga't may hinaing ang mga tao na hindi malulunasan ay mas madali silang makuha ng NPA na ma-recruit. Ang CPP-NPA (Communist Party of the Philippines-New People's Army) ay nabubuhay sa pagsasabi na kulang tayo sa serbisyo," he said. (PIA NCR)

Andanar vows to promote PH collective security as new Navy Reserve Commissioned Commander

By Jerome Carlo R. Paunan

recommended by the Chief of Staff.

CALOOCAN CITY -- Presidential Communications Operations Office (PCOO) Secretary Martin Andanar vowed to help promote the collective security of the country as he took oath as new commissioned commander of the Philippine Navy Reserve Force under the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP).

"Serving as a civilian in our Armed Forces' Reserve Force is truly one of the highest forms of national service, and, indeed, a staunch display of patriotism to our beloved country," he said during the Donning of Ranks and Oath-taking Ceremony at the Philippine Navy Headquarters on Friday.

The PCOO chief is now part of the Reserve Force of the Philippine Navy as commissioned commander pursuant to the National Defense Act, which grants military officership rank to Presidential appointees, as

"Now, as a commander in the Reserve Force of the Philippine Navy, my determination to further serve and to contribute to the preservation of peace and harmony for Filipinos and for our nation is amplified," he said.

"I am also at the ready to help promote our collective security against those who continue to undermine our national integrity and interests," he added.

"May the Armed Forces' collective and dedicated patriotic service to our country and our countrymen continue to be fruitful towards the attainment of the true change, lasting peace, and inclusive progress that our whole nation is working towards to achieve," he said, as he also expressed his appreciation to the AFP.

Andanar's commission order was released on May 25, 2020. (PIA NCR)

Alfonso town's agri-tourism to open 1st strawberry farm in the south

By Ruel B. Francisco

ALFONSO, Cavite -- Mayor Randy Salamat of this municipality recently revealed the town's agri-tourism must-see, the Queens Strawberry Farm with launching set on December this year.

"Ikinagagalak ko pong ipahayag sa inyo na magkakaroon na po tayo ng kauna-unahang strawberry farm in the south. Ito po ay matatagpuan sa Barangay Upli at inaasahang magbukas ngayong Disyembre 2020," Mayor Randy announced.

(I am happy to announce that we will have the 1st Strawberry Farm in the South. It is located in Barangay Upli and is expected to open this December 2020.)

The Queens Strawberry Farm is a two-hour drive from Manila via Tagaytay City or

from the Coastal-Cavitex-Indang Road. The farm is planted with 50,000 fruit-bearing strawberry plants using the vertical farming and aquaponics technology.

An agri-tourism site, the farm will offer several leisure and educational activities like dine-in restaurants where delectable foods created and crafted with strawberries and other sumptuous dishes to indulge in, strawberry picking, learning modern and intensive farming technologies in growing strawberries and raising tilapia, or just simply relaxing and enjoying the view of lighted ponds and fountains and the cool breeze of the upland weather.

This will boost the agri-tourism industry and contribute to the economy of Alfonso with the income generated from the business of the tourism site and from the sale of the different farm products. (Ruel Francisco/Randy Salamat FB page)

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will contribute to the contact tracing protocol for COVID-19 safety measures.

"We will continue to coordinate with the different agencies and companies in our objective to extend to you a modern and safe public service," said Mayor Aguinaldo.

The MOA signing was

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witnessed by Municipal Legal Counsel Atty. Pelayo, the heads of the different departments, and the representatives of GET Phils, Anthony A. Dy, Managing Director, Dang Jirante, Operations Manager, Val Reyes, Chief Technology Officer, and Franz Tipdas, Administration Associate. (Ruel Francisco/Kawit Information Office)

DTI....

boutique hotel cum mixed-use residential and commercial area that promotes intergenerational wellness and "wellness in mind and body for a more prosperous and joyful life!" was the reason for which healthy foods and wellness products from the CALABARZON Region were featured.

Organic coconut products, special delicacies from the Southern Tagalog Region, and tikog bags from Samar were on sale during the event.

Through the DTI-BDTP,

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the Bagsakan project had assisted about 93 MSMEs, farmers, fruit growers, and cooperatives from eleven regions in the country namely, CAR, 1, 2, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6, 8, 9 and NCR with generated income of almost seven million pesos (Php7M) over the last since months.

Bagsakan project will soon have an online version with an e-commerce platform for fresh produce and chilled products in line with the New Normal business approach. (Ruel Francisco/DTI Information Office)

Reproductive number, positivity rate of COVID-19 in QC maintain downward trend

By Susan G. De Leon

CALOOCAN CITY--The Quezon City government has continued to gain ground in the fight against the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), with reproductive number (Ro) and positivity rate maintaining their downward trend this week.

In the latest OCTA Research report, the city's Ro, which indicates how contagious the infectious disease, is now at 0.67 percent as of Sept. 30, from 0.79 last week. Quezon City's Ro is lower than the National Capital Region (0.71) and the entire Philippines (0.80).

In addition, the positivity rate is now at 10 percent, one point lower compared to last

week, while the number of daily cases (based on onset) per record by the City Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit (CESU) from Sept. 16 to 22 is just 41 from 122 the previous week.

Dr. Ranjit Rye of OCTA Research commended the city for making significant strides against COVID-19, but it must sustain its campaign to ensure the number will remain low.

"Quezon City is doing good. It should continue its campaign on wearing a mask, social distancing, and intensifying testing and contact tracing," he said.

Mayor Joy Belmonte on the other hand said, they are happy that slowly and surely, Quezon City is improving.

"Thanks to the cooperation of all sectors,



The BIG BAGSAKAN SALE starts today at Main Square Bacoor

City of Bacoor, Cavite!

Be a #BUYani by shopping top-quality products from Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal, Quezon, Bataan, NCR, and Samar in this three-day event which will run on 2-4 October 2020. This will not only help small entrepreneurs generate income but will also help uplift our economy during the pandemic.

Gracing today's opening is Usec. Abdulgani M. Macatoman of the DTI Trade Promotions Group, Dir. Marievic M. Bonoan of the Bureau of Domestic Trade Promotion, ARD Marissa C. Argente of DTI 4A, OIC-PD Revelyn A. Cortez of DTI Cavite and SVP Joselito F. Santos of Filinvest Land, Inc.

The DTI, as emphasized by Usec. Macatoman, strives to support and provide more opportunities for MSMEs, local farmers, fruit growers, and cooperatives but this will only be realized if our consumers will patronize local products or be a #BUYani.

For more info about the products sold at BAGSAKAN, please check BDTP's FB page. #iamDTIph #BagsakanSpecialProject #SupportLocal #BuyLocal

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local government's program in support of education in the New Normal with the use of blended learning modality, online classes supported with learning modules. In partnership with Smart PLDT, the free tablets include free Smart Sim cards with LTE or Free Data that can be used to access the

internet.

Also, the municipal government ensured access to the internet with the installation of Free WiFi Hotspots in all 16 Barangay Centers, 7 Public Elementary Schools, 1 Junior High School, 1 Senior High School, in some covered courts, and at the municipal plaza.

"We thank the LGU, Mayor Dino Chua for the initiatives to help us face the challenges of education in the New Normal, as you have always supported us and the students of Noveleta," Asst. Schools Division Supt. Randy Punzalan expressed in their appreciation for the LGU's support. (Ruel Francisco, PIA Cavite/Dennis Abrina)

DILG hires first batch of 10,000 plus COVID contact tracers

By Jerome Carlo R. Paunan

CALOOCAN CITY -- The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) today said the first batch of 10,136 contact tracers (CTs) have been hired nationwide as of yesterday, from the more than 55,000 aspirants who have applied for the post.

DILG Secretary Eduardo M. Año said that as soon as the Bayanihan to Recover as One Act or Bayanihan 2 Law was signed, the hiring process for 50,000 CTs began and is now in full swing with more than 47,000 applications which have now been processed by the DILG field offices all over the country.

"The hiring of CTs is being expedited as time is of the essence in our fight against COVID-19. Ngayon, higit sa 10k na ang ating na-hire and we intend to hit our commitment to employ the 50k CTS prescribed in the Bayanihan 2 Law before the end of this month," Año said.

"Hindi tumitigil ang mga tanggapan ng DILG sa mga highly urbanized cities at pagtanggap ng mga aplikante," he added.

Año shared that there is great interest from prospective applicants nationwide as more

than 55,000 applicants submitted the requirements. Of this number, he said, 47,000 are currently being processed by the DILG "and we are expecting to receive more applications in the coming days."

The DILG recently announced that it will not set any deadline for the hiring of the 50k CTs nationwide but has resorted to continuous hiring to fill up and employ personnel for the remaining slots.

"What's important to us is to fill up the slots and recruit the most number of CTs as provided in the Bayanihan 2 Law so those who met the deadline set earlier are now being processed but we will continue to accept applications until we have met our targets," DILG Undersecretary and Spokesperson Jonathan E. Malaya said.

Meanwhile, Malaya explained that the first batch of 10k CTs currently hired have now started to undergo training prior to their deployment to the communities where they will be assigned. "Hindi naman po natin sila isasabak nang basta-basta ng walang training," he pointed out.

He said that the DILG is looking for CTs aged 21-45 years old with a Bachelor's degree or college level in an allied medical course or criminology course. If there are none available, any course will do. Applicants must submit their Diploma or Transcript

of Records (TOR) to prove their educational attainment.

"We are looking for the most fit and qualified individuals for the job dahil very challenging ang kanilang magiging trabaho for the next 3 months. Their work on the ground is crucial in our battle against COVID-19," Malaya says.

He clarified though that in case the TOR or Diploma is not available, a certification from the university will suffice. Also, while the National Bureau of Investigation clearance is under process, he said, the DILG will accept a police clearance in the meantime.

Aspirants must also be skilled in data gathering and have assisted in research and documentation; able to interview COVID-19 cases and close contacts in order to gather data; possess the ability to advocate public health education messages; and have investigative capability.

Applicants are also required to submit a letter of intent, Personal Data Sheet, National Bureau of Investigation Clearance, drug test results and other documents to all DILG Provincial and City Field Offices nationwide or visit their websites for the posting of vacancies.

Under the guidelines drafted by the DILG, CTs will earn a minimum of P18,784 per month in a contract of service status. (PIA NCR)

from barangays to the business community and homeowners," Belmonte said.

But even with that, there's still more to be done and we should not relax our efforts," she added.

Despite the positive development, CESU head Rolly Cruz said the city will further

intensity contact tracing efforts through its SafePass app.

"But we need the support of Quezon City citizens because the less cases that we have, the more that we can contact trace," Cruz pointed out.

Joseph Juico, head of the QC COVID-19 Task Force, reiterated his call for cooperation from the residents, saying it is

needed to help keep the numbers low.

"Even if we have lowered our numbers, the uphill battle to reach our target remains so we need everybody's cooperation," said Juico.

"Reaching our target is one achievement, sustaining it is another," he added. (QC PAISD/PIA-NCR)

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EDITORIAL

Discard politics of transaction

THE House slashed the Department of Health budget for 2020 of P10.6 billion at a time when the Department of Health has to combat the spread of dengue virus, the measles epidemic and the resurgence of polio.

One of the veteran members of the House of Representatives blurted out that what's transpiring in the Chamber, where Speaker Alan Peter Cayetano and his clique are clinging to their posts like leeches, is not a battle for the speakership but for pork barrel.

He was referring to the adamant refusal of Cayetano to let go of his top House post without regard to President Rodrigo Duterte's intervention for him to honor the 15-21 term sharing deal.

The Supreme Court in 2013 ruled the pork barrel as unconstitutional but it has been resurrected in several mutations. Under Cayetano, who started his term in July 2019, the "reformed" House leaders perpetrated the use of pork through realignments in the budget.

Such is the reason for the predictable disputes during the budget review season when the insertions and realignments are scrutinized.

These squabbles resulted in the delay in the 2019 budget that lopped off from one to two percentage points from the growth figure for that year.

The juggled funds were then distributed to Cayetano's committee heads who are his allies and who take care of keeping the coalition in the chamber primarily from ousting the Speaker.

The redirected funds also went to Cayetano's appointed deputy speakers.

By keeping his allies well taken care of, the Speaker was able to keep his seat. After assuming his post, Cayetano and his House leaders gave all 22 deputy speakers an additional allocation of P1.5 billion each, while each member of the House of Representatives received P700 million in projects.

In the 2020 budget, P100 billion in clear pork was allotted each congressman which is aside from the extras that Cayetano provided.

The realignments are done through amendments in the House version of the budget. The Speaker then assured the Senate and the public that the planned realignments "will be transparent and will not be pork or parked funds."

Still these ended up as funding for projects intended for members of the House and meant to keep them content and wanting more under Cayetano.

Transmutation does not turn pork into something beneficial as the mostly unproductive undertakings are funded such as haphazard road projects. These are mere dumping of cement or asphalts on perfectly working roads, just to obtain kickbacks are the same racket as that in the outlawed Priority Development Assistance Fund (PDAF).

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Also, senators during the deliberation of the 2020 House version of the budget noted a form of artificial spending made possible by transferring allotments from one agency to another to cover up a failure to spend.

The thriving mentality under Cayetano's leadership is that he who has the pork has the House. If the host of deputy leaders are stripped of their billions in pork, so goes the speakership.

Only in Cayetano's term did the House have 22 deputy speakers, who mostly do nothing but wait for their turn to bang the gavel for a few minutes.

Also with the pork spree for the 300 House members, a total of P54 billion in projects goes to them, denying health and other departments their due as a result of the realignments.

Consider that the money of the Filipino people which goes to the congressmen had no other use but to keep the Speaker and his many leaders in their posts. The House slashed the Department of Health budget for 2020 of P10.6 billion at a time when the DoH has to combat the spread of dengue virus, the measles epidemic and the resurgence of polio.

Going by that experience, it will not be surprising that the DoH will be targeted for realignments with its huge allocations in 2021 to combat the coronavirus disease.

Elected members of the House have a chance of junking the rotten practice and it will be a testimony to their true worth as representatives of the people on what happens next.

Maintaining the age of transaction schemes at the House only means that traditional politics in the country is way beyond redemption.



KAPIRASONG Kritika

Ni Teo S. Marasigan

Vo Nguyen Giap

MULA sa kawalan, lumabas ang balitang si Vo Nguyen Giap – heneral at bayani ng dekadang armadong paglaban ng sambayanang Vietnamese sa kolonyalismong Pranses at sa imperyalismong Hapon at US, pangalawa sa katungkulan at prestihiyo kay Ho Chi Minh, at binansagang "Pulang Napoleon" bilang pagkilala sa kahusayan sa estratehiya at taktika ng gera – ay namatay na sa edad na 102. Para sa marami, dahil namatay siya nang napakatanda at nawala sa tanaw ng publikong pandaigdig sa maraming taon, isang balita rin na buhay pa pala ang maalamat na si Vo Nguyen Giap hanggang nitong huli.

Isang araw iyun bago ang World Teachers' Day. Akma dahil isang guro bago naging heneral si Vo Nguyen Giap, na ang buhay ay inialay sa pag-aarmas kapwa ng diwa at bisig ng sambayanang Vietnamese. Hindi ba't sinabi rin ni Ho Chi Minh, sa isang sipi na pinatanyag sa bansa ng makatang New People's Army na si Emmanuel Lacaba, na "ang makata'y kailangan ding matuto kung paano mamuno ng paglusob"? Maraming makata at iba pang klase ng tao ang tinuruan, tinuturuan at tuturuan pa ni Vo Nguyen Giap ng paglusob, siyang matama at mahusay na estudyante ng sambayanang Vietnamese.

Noong nasusukol na raw ang hukbong Pranses ng sambayanang Vietnamese na nasa mga burol ng Dien Bien Phu, inialok daw ni John Foster Dulles, Secretary of State ng US noon, ang paggamit ng armas-nukleyar laban sa mga pulang anay. Tumanggi ang mga Pranses, pero humalili ang gobyernong Amerikano sa pagtatangkang payukurin ang mga Vietnamese gamit ang brutal at barbarikong pandarahas: tone-toneladang bomba, Agent Orange, napalm... Pero ipinahiya ang imperyalismong US ng isang maliit na bansang pesante sa Asya: ang mga mamamayan, hindi mga bagay, ang mapagpasya!

Dahil sa paglaban ng sambayanang Vietnamese at kampanya ng mga progresibo sa US, nalantad sa US ang Gera

sa Vietnam. Para sa mga saksi sa diktadurang ipinataw sa mga Aprikano-Amerikano at Kilusang Civil Rights, hindi kapani-paniwala ang palusot na ang gera ay maghahatid ng demokrasya sa Vietnam. Para sa maraming Amerikano, hakbang-hakbang ang pagbabagong-loob, kasabay ni Daniel Ellsberg, military analyst na nagsiwalat ng kabuktutan: mula problemang kailangang resolbahin, naging pantay-lakas na kailangang bitawan, naging krimen na kailangang ilantad, labanan, ipatigil.

Sabi ng ekonomistang si Meghnad Desai, ang Gera sa Vietnam ang nagturo sa pinakamarami sa Kanluran ng Marxismo. Sabi naman ng teoristang pangkulturang si Fredric Jameson, nagtapos ang rebeldeng dekada '60 sa Kanluran sa pagbawi ng mga tropang Kano sa Vietnam noong 1973, na naging hudyat ng ibayong paghina ng New Left ["Periodizing the 60s," 1984]. May nagsabi namang tinapos ng sambayanang Vietnamese ang panahon ng kolonyalismo sa daigdig noong 1954 nang talunin nila ang hukbong Pranses. At sila ang unang bayan na gumapi sa gera sa imperyalismong US.

Sa harap ng matinding kahirapang dinanas ng sambayanang Vietnamese, higit sa lahat, mababalanse ang bantog na pangangaral ng konserbatibong pilosopong si Hannah Arendt: "Ang mga rebolusyonaryo, hindi sila gumagawa ng rebolusyon! Ang mga rebolusyonaryo ay iyung alam kung kailan ang kapangyarihan ay nakalatag sa kalye (lying in the street) at kung kailan nila ito pwedeng pulutin [Crises of the Republic, 1972]." May mga oportunidad na sinasamantala ang mga rebolusyon, pero hindi lang kapangyarihan ang nasa kalsada, kundi dugo rin, sa salita ng makatang si Pablo Neruda.

Kahit sa isang artikulo na naglalaman ng paninira, makabuluhan ang mga sipi kay Vo Nguyen Giap: "Kung determinadong tumindig ang isang bayan, napakalakas nito. Kinailangan naming gamitin ang

maliit laban sa malaki; atrasadong mga armas para gapiin ang modernong mga armas. Sa dulo, tao ang nagtakda ng tagumpay. Hindi sapat ang lakas namin para itaboy ang kalahating milyong tropang Kano, pero hindi iyun ang layunin namin. Ang layunin namin ay ang durugin ang kapasyahan ng gobyernong Kano na ituloy ang gera. Sa tagumpay ng Abril 30, [1975] ang mga alipin ay naging malaya."

Sa librong *The Military Art of People's War* [1970], koleksyon ng piling akda niya, maraming inulit-ulit si Vo Nguyen Giap. Magtatagumpay ang sambayanang Vietnamese dahil ang isinusulong nila ay digmang bayan. Digmaan ng mga mamamayan. Digmaang makatarungan. Dahil laban sa dayuhang mananakop. Dahil para sa pambansang paglaya. Dahil laban sa mga kolonyalista at imperyalista. Mabibigong imperyalismong US. Tiyak ang tagumpay. Payak ang mga pormulasyon, walang halong pagpapaganda. Tiyak, ang pinagsikapan nila ay ang gawing totoo, totoong-totoo, ang mga salita.

Tumanggap ng materyal na suporta mula Tsina ang mga rebolusyonaryo ng Vietnam, at malinaw sa kanila ang diwa ng internasyunal na pagkakapatiran ng mga sosyalista. Kwento ng aktibistang si Tariq Ali, na nagpunta sa Hanoi noong 1967, sa pulong daw ni Ho Chi Minh sa isang delegasyon ng politburo ng Partido Komunista ng Italya, tinanong ito kung anong klaseng tulong ang pinakamagamit ng sambayanang Vietnamese. Sa gitna ng pangwawasak ng imperyalismong US, ang sagot ni Ho: "Ang pinakamagandang paraan na matutulungan ninyo kami ay ang isulong ang rebolusyon sa Italya."

Para sa 99% ng daigdig na dumadanas ng pandarahas at pagpapahirap, hindi malilimutan si Vo Nguyen Giap. Sa pag-igting ng imperyalistang pandarabong at panggegera sa mundo, lalong mabubuhay ang diwa niya ngayon at sa hinaharap.

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
MULTIPLE SALA
IMUS, CAVITE

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

F.C. NO. 14366-16

PAG-IBIG FUND or HDMF,
Mortgagee,
-versus-

NOEL P. LAGDAMEO married
to MERCEDITA D. LAGDAMEO,
Mortgagors.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 as amended by Act 4118 filed by PAG-IBIG FUND or HDMF, mortgagee, with principal office at 14th Floor, JELP Business Solutions Center, No. 409 Shaw Blvd., Mandaluyong City against NOEL P. LAGDAMEO married to MERCEDITA D. LAGDAMEO with residence and postal address at Lot 83, Blk. 4, The Istana (Barklane), Malagasang Imus, Cavite and/or Lot 31, Blk. 2 Diamond St., Silvertowne 2 Subd., Malagasang 1-E, Imus, Cavite to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of March 28, 2016 amounts to SIX HUNDRED EIGHTY TWO THOUSAND SIXTY FIVE PESOS AND 16/100 (P682,065.16), 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 November 17, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. or soon thereafter at the main entrance of the Office of the Clerk of Court, RTC Multiple Sala, Bulwagan ng Katarungan, Aguinaldo Highway, Imus, Cavite, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all the improvements therein, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 057-2012031408

A parcel of land (Lot 83, Blk. 4 of the cons.-subd. plan. Pcs-04-024408, being a portion of Lot 2382-F (LRC) Psd-207775, Lot 2384-A, Psd-04-198262 and Lot 5896, Imus Estate (Rs-04-004664), situated in Malagasang, Imus, Cavite, Is. of Luzon. Bounded on the SE., along line 1-2 by Road Lot 2; on the SW., along line 2-3 by Lot 85, Blk. 4; on the NW., along line 3-4 by Lot 84, Blk. 4; on the NE., along line 4-1 by Lot 81, Blk. 4, all of the cons.-subd. plan. x x x containing an area of THIRTY SIX (36) SQUARE 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 should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on June November 24, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. without prior notice."

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

Imus, Cavite, Philippines, July 8, 2020.

ISRAEL S. MEDINA
Sheriff IV

APPROVED:

ARNIE A. FRANCISCO
Clerk of Court V
Officer in Charge

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Pag-Ibig Fund or HDMF
14th Floor, JELP Business Solutions Center
No. 409 Shaw Blvd., Mandaluyong City

Noel P. Lagdameo married to
Mercedita D. Lagdameo
Lot 83, Blk. 4, The Istana (Barklane)
Malagasang Imus, Cavite and/or
Lot 31, Blk. 2, Diamond St., Silvertowne 2 Subd.
Malagasang 1-E, Imus, Cavite

Ang Caviteño
October 05, 12 & 19, 2020

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT
City of Bacoor, Cavite

Foreclosure No. 2020-10
For: Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of
Real Estate Mortgage

NATIONAL HOME MORTGAGE FINANCE CORP.,
Mortgagee,

-versus-

ALEX L. CHENG married to CARMELITA M. CHENG,
Mortgagors.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extrajudicial for Sale under Act 3135 as Amended by Act 4118 filed by the mortgagee-assignee, NATIONAL HOME MORTGAGE FINANCE CORP., of 104 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Village, Makati City, and against the mortgagors, ALEX L. CHENG married to CARMELITA M. CHENG, of 377 Quirino Avenue, Don Galo, Paranaque City, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of July 30, 2019, amounts to ONE MILLION FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY FOUR THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED THIRTY SIX PESOS & 50/100 (P1,474,236.50), Philippine Currency, exclusive of penalty charges, the undersigned or her duly authorized representative will sell at the public at the public auction on November 3, 2020 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter, at the main entrance of the Hall of Justice of Bacoor City, Cavite, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following described properties with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-320178

"A parcel of Land (Lot 18, Blk. 2 of the cons./subd. Plan, Pcs-04-005310, being a portion of th cons. Of Lots 4937-F to 4937-N (Inclusive) Psd-04-020224, L.R.C. Rec. No.) situated in the Bo. Of Ligas, Mun. of Bacoor, Province of Cavite. x x x , containing an area of ONE HUNDRED TEN (110) SQUARE METERS".

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

"In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on November 10, 2020, without further notice."

Prospective buyers or bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the titles to the said properties and encumbrances, if any there be.

Bacoor City, Cavite, September 15, 2020

ATTY. LIZA D. VICTA
Clerk of Court VI

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ATTY. DANTE Q. RIZADA
5th Floor, Filomena Bldg., 104 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Village, Makati City

Mr. & Mrs. ALEX L. CHENG & CARMELITA M. CHENG
-377 Quirino Avenue, Don Galo, Paranaque City
Econtrend Subd., Lot 18, Blk. 20 Ligas, Bacoor City

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DOH advises public to contact BHERT even at the slightest suspicion, symptoms of COVID-19

By Lucia F. Broño

CALOOCAN CITY-- Health Secretary Francisco T. Duque III emphasized that even though an individual is just experiencing mild symptoms, it is still important for them to stay at home and isolate.

Moreover, Duque advised that, in such an occurrence, it is important to contact the Barangay Health Emergency Response Teams (BHERTs), a community organization tasked with managing all COVID-related healthcare needs.

BHERTs support the Local Epidemiology and Surveillance Units and Contact Tracing Teams in tracing confirmed COVID-19 patients and will visit houses to proactively find cases.

They will also facilitate the transfer of residents in the barangays and villages to temporary treatment and monitoring facilities (TTMFs) for isolation once they experience COVID-19 symptoms. With the help of the Barangay Disiplina Brigade, it will implement minimum public health standards in the barangays and promote awareness of the virus.

"BHERTs are our first-line respondents in our respective communities. Let us take part in our community response. Let us be proactive and make an effort to know who exactly our BHERTs are, so we know who to listen to, and who to get help from if needed," Duque, in a statement said.

Duque also added that the health department will coordinate with the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) and other Local Government Units (LGUs) in the country to ensure that all BHERTs are equipped, visible, and accessible in local communities.

"We will strengthen and expand the capacity of our BHERTs to provide basic support to our people. They are our frontliners in our community who are sacrificing to protect us, and our community in the fight against COVID-19," he said.

He also encouraged the public to help our

AFFIDAVIT OF SOLE ADJUDICATION WITH SALE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late CRISANTA SALAMAT AND RUFINO SALAMAT who died on February 3, 1984 and January 18, 2002 at Capt. M. Sarino Street, Brgy. Mabolo 2, Bacoor Cavite, respectively leaving a parcel of land covered by TCT No. T-98169 located at Barrio Panapaan, Bacoor Cavite has been extrajudicially settled by their heirs as per Doc. No. 241; Page No. 64; Book No. XI; Series of 2020, Notary Public Atty. Zenaida O. Balmas.

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Economic managers to decide on unutilized SAP fund - DSWD

By Lucia F. Broño

CALOOCAN CITY -- The country's economic managers will confer along with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) officials on what to do with the Social Amelioration Program (SAP) 2nd tranche unutilized fund worth more than P10 billion.

DSWD Secretary Rolando Bautista during the recent virtual media briefing explained that they cannot yet declare a savings because the distribution is on-going and whatever unutilized fund, he assured the public it will be used to benefit poor families greatly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Bautista said, there have been earlier meetings in August with the economic managers and DSWD was advised to request for a change of purpose specifically for livelihood assistance grants which is also a part of the recovery phase of Bayanihan II.

"DSWD will continue to coordinate and confer with the economic managers on the most effective program that will benefit the intended families," Bautista said.

On the update of the SAP 2nd tranche distribution, Bautista that more than P83B were distributed through manual and digital payouts to more than 13.9M SAP beneficiaries of which: more than 1.3 4Ps; almost 6M low income non-4Ps; almost 3.3M wait listed low income families nationwide; more than 1.8M waitlisted families from ECQ areas; 169,939 TNVS PUV drivers nationwide and 72,514 PUV drivers in former ECQ areas.

The Department also distributed financial assistance through Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situation (AICS) to more than 400K clients totalling P1.9B. Assistance were in the form of medical, burial, food, transportation and other support services.

More than 2.8M indigent senior citizens received their social pension costing P8.5B.

Distribution of family food packs (FPP) to local government units (LGUs) is continuously being done to assist them on the food needs of their constituents. A total of P1.9 FPP and non-food items were distributed to LGUs nationwide.

Returning overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) are being assisted through DSWD Helpdesks located in NAIA terminals 1-3. At the latest update, the Helpdesks were able to assist around 200 thousand OFWs and distressed returning Filipinos.

The DSWD was also able to process results of depression, anxiety, and stress scale of more than 10,000 OFWs. More than 1,000 OFWs who showed moderate, severe and extremely severe results were given online psycho social and emotional support services.

"These were done through the assistance of the Department of Health and the United Registered Social Workers," Bautista said.

Financial assistance was also given to returning 17 indigent OFWs and children worth more than P130,000. (PIA-NCR)

BHERT-friends in our communities by following our minimum health standards and ISOLATE once symptoms are detected. He further advised people to actively find out who their BHERTs are and keep tabs on their activities for easier history-taking during contact tracing.

"We should all make the effort to know who the BHERTs are in our communities so we know who to call if the need arises. Let us also make it a habit to track everything we do and everywhere we go to make it easier for our contact tracing teams to identify who we were in contact with. If we work together, we will get through this pandemic," Duque said. (DOH/PIA-NCR)

Word Search Puzzle

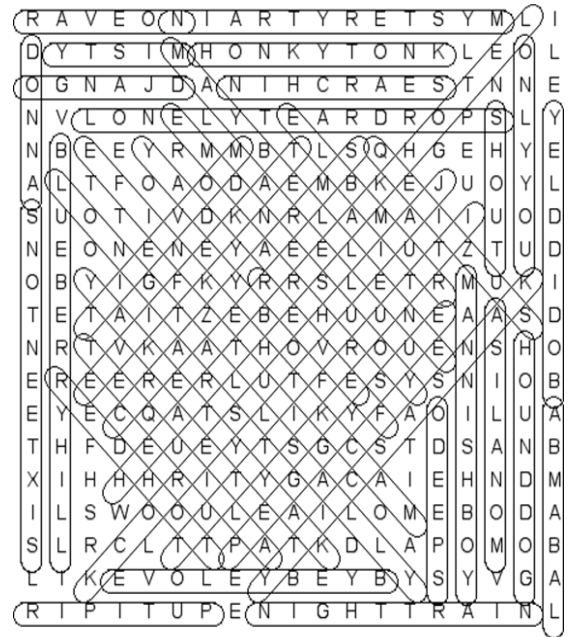
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Esperon defends pro-development, anti-insurgency budget

By Jerome Carlo R. Paunan

CALOOCAN CITY-- National Security Adviser Hermogenes Esperon over the weekend defended the P16.4-billion budget proposal for the National Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (NTF-ELCAC) under the proposed 2021 national budget, and said it would be used to spur economic development in far-flung areas where rebels used to settle.

A report by PTV-4 Sentro Balita said the requested budget for the government's campaign against insurgency has been allocated for the economic programs of barangays that have been declared insurgency-free. Each barangay will receive a Php

20 million-allocation.

Esperon reported that around 822 barangays are now recovering from the impacts of CPP-NPA violence that government now wishes to address under the task force's "Support to the Barangay Development Program."

"Ito ay social and economic program that will free up the countryside that are conflicted. Alam naman natin na hindi maka-take off ang ekonomiya sa mga lugar na may gulo," Esperon said.

"Sobra bang bigyan ng P20 million [worth of] projects ang barangay?" he added.

Esperon said the amount was determined by the local

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ASEAN youth webinar highlights youth's optimism, resilience in adapting to new normal

CALOOCAN CITY -- "Crisis is the best time to transform challenges into opportunity", shared Louise Mabulo to hundreds of youth participating in the recent interactive webinar series entitled, "#ASEANYouth and COVID-19: Success Stories and the Way Forward."

As a business champion, Louise provided insights and encouragement on how the youth can be social entrepreneurs during the second part of the webinar. Louise is the founder of the Cacao Project, a social venture aimed at equipping farmers for sustainable success, ensuring food security, and establishing resilient livelihoods.

The series of online polls during the webinar showed that most of the youth from the 10 ASEAN countries, 46 per cent of whom are students, enjoys studying and interacting with people through the digital platform while acknowledging that the new normal is challenging and they are most concerned about health.

When asked where they want to work in the future, almost half of the audiences responded that they want to set up their own business. In particular, they aspire to be a successful "socio-preneur" and work in a start-up or social enterprise that will enable them to create more jobs in their

community.

However, the youth audiences also shared that the lack of funding support, guidance from a mentor, and confidence in their business ideas, as well as the COVID-19 pandemic are major factors that prevent them from fulfilling their entrepreneurial dreams.

The 3rd episode of the Youth webinar was moderated by youth leader Marie Lan Anh Ngo, president of the ASEAN University Student Council Union (AUSCU). Marie's engaging way of moderating kept the audiences actively participating and voting in the two-hour webinar. Marie was joined by Thuy Nguyen, project lead in Asia-Pacific of the World Economic Forum and Mary Anne Therese Manuson, assistant director and head of Education, Youth and Sports Division of the ASEAN Secretariat, in the role of commentators.

The conversation on Education and the Future of Work featured Tyovan Widagdo, founder of Bahaso, a mobile app, which has picked up more than 100,000 users and was used by Indonesia's president to track infrastructure systems. Zwe Ye Htet, assistant HR Development Manager of Myanmar Red Cross, also spoke about human resource practices.

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Gatchalian: Workload ng mga guro dapat bawasan para iwas 'burnout'

By Jerome Carlo R. Paunan

LUNGSOD CALOOCAN-- Hindi dapat matabunan ang mga guro ng ibang mga gawain bilang paghahanda ng pagpapatupad sa distance learning, Ilang araw bago magsimula ang klase sa mga pampublikong paaralan, paalala ni Senador Sherwin Gatchalian, na siya rin chairperson ng Senate Committee on Basic Education, Arts and Culture

Nagbabala ang senador

na kung patuloy na matatabunan ng mga gawain ang guro, maliban sa pagtuturo, ay lalo silang makakaranas ng stress at burnout. Sa bandang huli, ang kalidad ng pagtuturo para sa mahigit dalawampu't dalawang (22) milyong mag-aaral sa mga pampublikong paaralan ang maaapektuhan.

Dagdag ng mambabatas, ang pangangalaga sa kapakanan ng mga guro ay isang pagkilala sa sakripisyo nila upang maipagpatuloy ang edukasyon sa

gitna ng pandemya.

Ang workload ng mga guro ang isa sa mga isyung tinalakay sa isang pandinig sa Senado ukol sa pagbubukas ng klase. Ayon kay Philippine Elementary School Principals Association (PESPA) president Dr. Ferdinand Millan, dapat maghinay-hinay ang Department of Education o DepEd sa pagbibigay ng iba pang mga gawain o aktibidad sa mga guro upang hindi sila mapagod.

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