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LGU Imus launches BIDA I-KonEK Mo project for city's online learning



Courtesy of PIA Cavite

By Ruel B. Francisco

IMUS CITY, Cavite-- The city government of Imus launched the "BIDA I-KonEK Mo: Bayanihang Imuseño, Damayang Areglado! Imus, Konektado sa Edukasyong Makabago" program in support of the online learning modality in the New Normal on Friday, August 28, 2020 at the Imus National High School-Main.

About 36 public schools in the city will benefit in this program which also included connectivity for households in

the partner communities with a total of 683 students from Sitio Pulo, Barangay Anabu 2-C and 93 students of Sitio Sto. Niño, Barangay Anabu 1-G.

The program, considered to be the first in the country is a collaboration between Converge ICT for a fast and reliable internet connection, and the Imus City Schools Division Office (DepEd Imus) for the delivery of quality education to all.

It boasts of localization of the educational platforms of *continue to page 3*

DSWD turns to cash cards for social pension, cash aid distribution

By Lucia F. Bronio

CALOOCAN CITY-- The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) will now be using cash cards in the distribution of the social pension as well as cash assistance for beneficiaries of the Unconditional Cash Transfer (UCT).

In a statement, the DSWD said this is to ensure

the safety of the beneficiaries and social workers as well who are conducting the manual payouts. It is also a faster way of delivering the assistance,

DSWD is working with the Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP) for the implementation of this new mode of delivering the social pension and UCT grants to the respective beneficiaries.

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DOH CALABARZON implements code strategy for barangays affected by COVID-19

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna--The Department of Health (DOH) – CALABARZON (Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal, Quezon) recently started implementing the "Coordinated Operations to Defeat Epidemic" or CODE strategy to 30 barangays with the highest confirmed or active cases of COVID-19 in the region.

According to Regional Director Eduardo C. Janairo, under the CODE COVID-19, each barangay will be closely monitored and ensure their accessibility to isolation facilities, including birthing facility, laboratory and dialysis center. The number of workers in each barangay will also be accounted for including the presence and assistance of Barangay Health Emergency Response Team (BHERT) and the Philippine National Police.

"Once these are all in

place, we will begin the massive swab testing immediately sa mga identified barangays. Magkakaroon tayo ng active case finding at magha-house-to-house tayo to check kung mayroong mga taong may covid symptoms sa kanilang mga bahay. Kapag mayroong nagpositibo na miyembro ng isang pamilya ay kailangang i-lockdown ang bahay at walang palalabasin upang hindi makahawa pa ng iba. We will isolate residence who are positive with COVID-19 including their close contacts." he stated.

Janairo added that the swab testing for residents of identified barangays will be free of charge.

The CODE strategy will involve close coordination between DOH representatives, the local government units

and the communities to ensure that communities are properly *continue to page 3*

Lalawigan ng Cavite, isinailalim na sa Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ)

Pinaaalalahanan parin ang lahat na sumunod sa minimum health standards katulad ng pagsusuot ng face mask at face shield, regular na paghugas ng kamay at proper physical distancing.

Ang mga below 21 years old , 60 years old pataas, buntis, may immunodeficiency, comorbidity at health risks ay nirerequire parin pong manatili sa kanilang mga bahay.

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can also check the status of their benefit claim and salary loan applications, their remaining loan balance, and update their contact information as well” Ignacio said. Through the years, we have incorporated other services in

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the SSS Mobile app, like the generation of Payment Reference Number (PRN) needed for SSS contribution payment and filing of maternity notification for female SSS members. They can also pay their contributions using PayMaya through the SSS Mobile

App,” Ignacio added.

“Among the transactions on SSS Mobile App, checking member’s salary loan status garnered the highest number of transactions. From January to June 2020, the SSS Mobile App recorded 7,628,068 transactions on salary loan status,” Ignacio further said. (SSS/PIA-NCR)

Encabo.....

madaling panahon.

“Sana maintindihan po ng ating kababayang LSIs na ang approach po ngayon is cluster. Depende po sa mga region o probinsya na pwedeng tumanggap,” paliwanag niya.

“Hindi natin mapauwina nang sabay-sabay, sana maintindihan nila na ang approached ngayon is clustered. Depende sa regions o probinsya na pwedeng tumanggap,” anyia.

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“Nananawagan kami na sundin nila ang proseso para sa Hatid Tulong initiative.” Dito, kailangan munang magpre-register ang mga LSIs sa kanilang LGUs upang matanggap ng Hatid Tulong ang listahan ng kanilang mga pangalan at iba pang detalye. “Dahil sa limitasyon ng ating kagamitan at sasakyan na gagamitin ay hindi po natin sila maiuwi nang sabay-sabay,” dagdag pa niya.

Ibinalita rin ni Encabo

na ang mga LGUs ng Bicol region bukod sa Masbate, Negros Oriental, Dumaguete, Caraga, Cotabato, South Cotabato, Jolo, Tawi-Tawi, at Palawan ay nagpahayag ng kagustuhang tanggapin ang mga kababayan nilang LSIs.

Simula noong nagumpisa ang Hatid Tulong initiative, sinabi ni Encabo na nakapagtala na sila nang bilang mula 126,000 hanggang 128,000 na natulungan sa buong bansa. (PIA NCR)

Govt launches game changer ‘StaySafe.PH’ as official COVID-19 contact tracing app

By Jerome Carlo R. Paunan

CALOOCAN CITY-- The government on Thursday launched its official contact-tracing app for COVID-19, known as StaySafe.PH, in a simple ceremony held in Manila.

Presidential Spokesperson Secretary Harry Roque made the announcement during the Malacañang media briefing and said the Department of Health (DOH) has officially taken over the web-based app earlier developed by the Multisys Technology Corporation.

“Nagkaroon po tayo ng game changer today nang ilunsad natin kaninang umaga ang StaySafe.PH. Ito po ay isang automated contact tracing program na inilunsad ngayong araw na ito sa SM Manila,” Roque said.

“At kung inyong matatandaan, pinagtibay po ng IATF noong Hunyo ang paggamit ng StaySafe.PH bilang opisyal na contact tracing app ng pamahalaan,” he said.

To recall, in its Resolution No. 45, series of 2020, the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases

(IATF) directed the DOH to sign a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Multisys for the said turnover.

“Kasama sa napagkasunduan ang mga sumusunod: Pagkakaroon ng MOA between Multisys at DOH,” Roque said.

Under the accord, Multisys will donate the source code, data, data ownership and intellectual property of StaySafe.PH to the DOH.

Also under the said agreement, the donated version of StaySafe.PH must be able to perform the functions of two separate applications, as follows: bluetooth digital contact tracing, which shall be connected to tracing technologies (ex. Google, Apple, etc.); and serve as the frontend application system for local government units.

The IATF said, “as part of the donation, all data currently in the database of StaySafe.PH shall be migrated to COVID-Kaya [system of the DOH].”

In preparation for the MOA, however, the IATF also instructed the Department of Information and Communication

Technology (DICT) and the National Privacy Commission (NPC) to ensure the donation is “technically feasible and secure, that systems are compatible, and that the arrangement is compliant with data privacy laws.”

“Pangalawa ay ang pagtanggap ng DOH sa StaySafe.PH app matapos mag-issue ng certification ang DICT at NPC,” Roque added. “Pangatlo, ang function po ng StaySafe application ay limitado lamang sa pagkalap ng mga datos,” he furthered.

Some of the app features include citizen registration, health condition reporting, social distancing, manual and digital contact tracing and QR code scanning to log the location of users.

Local government units using StaySafe.ph can also generate “heat maps” showing COVID-19 hot spots in their areas.

App developers, for their part, said mobile numbers are needed for the local government to reach out to users, who are also allowed to log their specific symptoms. (PIA NCR)

Bagong PNP chief tiniyak ang patuloy na pag responde kontra COVID-19

By Jimmyley E. Guzman

LUNGSOD PASIG-- Tiniyak ng bagong talagang hepe ng Philippine National Police (PNP) na si Police General Camilo Cascolan ang patuloy na pagresponde ng kapulisan kontra COVID-19.

Sa ginanap na Laging Handa Public Briefing nitong Biyernes, ibinahagi ni Cascolan na patuloy ang pakikiisa ng PNP sa pagsugpo laban COVID-19.

“Tinitiyak ng pamunuan ng PNP na kumpleto ang kakailangin ng mga kapulisan sa pagharap sa kanilang tungkulin,” ani Cascolan.

“Tinitingnan po natin ang pag responde sa mga requirements po ng ating mga kapulisan lalong-lalo na po sa mga logistics.”

Idinagdag din ng PNP chief na kinukumpleto nila ang lahat ng kakailanganin ng kanilang hanay sa pagharap ng mga ito sa mga pasyente sa quarantine facilities at swabbing centers.

Tiniyak din ni Cascolan na patuloy nilang

pinapangalagaan ang kanilang mga tauhan sakaling magkasakit ang mga ito sa gitna ng pandemya.

“May mga quarantine facilities po tayo sa loob ng Crame at sa loob ng Police Regional Offices.”

Ayon pa kay Cascolan, mayroong tatlong quarantine facilities sa loob mismo ng National Headquarters sa Camp Crame, kung saan tiniyak niya na patuloy nilang tinitingnan ang pangangailangan ng mga kapulisan.

Gayundin, ibinahagi ng opisyal ang pagtatalaga ng mga marshals, kung saan kasama ang PNP, upang magbantay at umikot sa mga barangay para mapagting ang pagpapasunod sa mga minimum health and safety protocols kontra COVID-19 sa mga barangay maging sa mga pampublikong lugar at mga checkpoints.

Samantala, nanawagan din si Cascolan sa publiko na patuloy na makipag-ugnayan sa kapulisan para sa kaayusan at kaligtasan sa kani-kanilang mga barangay. (PIA-NCR)

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and implementation of various company cost-cutting measures brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, it is all the more important that we have a labor force who is knowledgeable of their labor rights and remedies under the law in case their rights are violated,” continued the lawmaker, who also chairs the body’s labor committee. “Given all the above reasons, we seek the immediate passage of this bill.”

Senate Bill No. 1513, which consolidated related bills on labor education as well as a counterpart measure from the House of Representatives, proposed to require universities and colleges to integrate labor education into the mandatory social science subjects being offered under the general education curriculum in higher education courses. It also mandates the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) to include labor education in their training regulations.

The measure defines labor education as the “teaching of labor rights, workers’ welfare and benefits, core labor standards, labor laws and regulations, the national and global labor situation, labor market concerns, labor issues, overseas work and related problems, the nature of human labor, the role of labor in the self-realization of the human being, the foundations of the dignity of labor, and other topics related to labor and employment.”

In his speech, Villanueva noted that a huge number of Filipino workers, here and abroad, still face tremendous problems due to violations of current laws

on the rights and protection of workers.

The problems “range from unemployment and underemployment to problems concerning fair wages, job security, safe workplaces, social protection, and unfair labor practices,” he said.

“Disregarded are the labor rights of Filipino workers, and it is not uncommon to see that these rights are violated, at home, and more so abroad. Some of these rights include the rights of workers to self-organization, collective bargaining, security of tenure, and just and humane conditions of work,” he added.

The lawmaker stressed that “the Senate cannot afford to sit while these happen. We have to eradicate this evil at its roots. It certainly already is cliché, but we also know that the root cause of this predicament is ignorance.”

Villanueva said several Filipino workers were still unaware of their labor rights and access to legal aid or assistance remained inadequate, forcing some of them to compromise or to cower in the event that their rights are violated.

“Clearly, the government must strive to make every Filipino worker aware of his or her rights,” he said. “It is equally unfortunate that even Filipino entrepreneurs are also inadequately educated on labor rights. The Bureau of Local Employment reported that over half of the establishments they inspected in 2017 failed to comply with general labor standards.” (PIA NCR)

DILG temporarily reroutes calls to 911 to local call centers after two agents test positive for COVID-19

THE Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) has temporarily rerouted all Emergency Hotline 911 (E911) calls to local call centers after two of its call agents tested positive for COVID-19.

DILG Spokesperson and Undersecretary Jonathan Malaya said that all of their Emergency Telecommunicators (ETC), including the ten (10) Department of Health COVID Hotline agents assigned to E911, are under home quarantine as a safety precaution while the 911 National Call Center (NCC) is being disinfected, proper ventilation is being installed, and contact tracing is being conducted.

"In order to ensure the health of our personnel, we have adopted this temporary arrangement to continue serving the public with the help of call centers managed by Local Government Units. All of our personnel have undergone PCR tests, are currently under home quarantine, and will return to work as soon as they test negative or have completed the 14-day quarantine," he said.

"Because of the pandemic, we are facing serious technical, manpower, and operational challenges, but we are now addressing these issues, and we hope to partially operate by September 7 and then fully operate by September 16," he added.

Malaya said that they were supposed to have an additional 17 ETCs from the Bureau of Fire Protection; also an attached agency of the DILG, who underwent training this month but two (2) of them also tested positive of COVID-19 hence their deployment was suspended, and they are now undergoing quarantine.

The E911 hotline is a DILG-run security and development program that provides response and emergency assistance to people in distress. Calls coursed through this number include those that require

police assistance, fire reports, emergency medical assistance, search and rescue, and even those that concern chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosive (CBRNE) materials.

18 million E911 calls vs 80 ETCs

E911 Executive Director Diosdado Valeroso said that even before the COVID-19 pandemic, the E911 hotline was already handling an overwhelming number of calls despite only having 80 ETCs nationwide who work in shifts 24 hours/day to answer calls.

He said that in 2019 alone, E911 calls swelled from 18.482 million from 1.46-million calls in 2016. This figure was further exacerbated this year when the E911 National Call Center started taking COVID-related calls in a partnership with the Department of Health (DOH) that began on March 17.

He said that the 2 ETCs that tested positive for COVID are now recovering from the disease and are in isolation. "Our intention is to redeploy all our agents, together with the DOH agents assigned to us, as soon as its safe for our personnel," he said.

Malaya, on the other hand, said that they are now exploring a work-from-home arrangement for a portion of their workforce so that E911 can answer emergency calls and dispatch emergency responders if a similar situation happens again. "We are currently working on the technical issues that have to be resolved for the WFH arrangement," he said.

He said that, in the meantime, there is a delay in the handling of rerouted calls because there are only eight (8) local call centers handling the rerouted calls.

The DILG Spokesperson appealed to the public for understanding and promised that E911 should be fully operational as soon as the safety of their ETCs are assured.

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Laguna has the highest reported cases with 5,857 followed by Cavite with 3,492 and Rizal with 2,922. Batangas has 2,263 and Quezon with 761 cases.

"Ugaliin natin ang pagsusuot ng face mask pag lumalabas ng bahay at sanayin na natin ang ating sarili sa pagsunod sa mga minimum health standards gaya ng social distancing. Huwag ng lumabas ng bahay kung hindi naman kinakailangan. We may have to restrict our movements but this can help keep ourselves and our loved ones safe and secure," Janairo concluded. (PIA-4A/DOH CALABARZON)

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prepared as they return to GCQ.

"Dito ay magfo-focus tayo sa barangay level and we will address it through a more stringent enforcement of health protocols including localized lockdowns, curfews, staying at home and lesser social interactions to prevent the spread and transmission of the virus."

As of August 20, 2020, there are 15,292 COVID 19 cases in CALABARZON and 10,086 are active cases. There are 4,789 recoveries with 420 deaths reported.

Of The five provinces,



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the Department of Education (DepEd) that facilitates the quick access to the educational sites and materials that are needed by the school children which does not use a higher bandwidth.

Moreover, the program also launched the EKconnect: Educational Gadget Loan Promo in coordination with the City of Imus Coopertive, Livelihood and Entrepreneurial, and Enterprise Development Office (CICLEDO), Imus Cooperative Federation, Guardian Cooperatives and Eskwela Kooperatiba for the student members of EK, a city government's program that

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encourages children to save.

Under the EKconnect, members were given assistance in the procurement of their own gadgets which they will use for their online classes at affordable prices, and payable in 10 installment payments within five months.

The city government also distributed IT equipment to the public schools in the city and provided for the production of learning materials in support of the needs of the students and teachers for the coming school opening on October 5, 2020.

"This is the point-to-point solution of the city

government to help school children continue their studies amid the pandemic," Mayor Emmanuel Maliksi stated.

He further added that, "Education gives the children a bigger chance to a achieve a better future. I believe in the prowess and talent of every children for they will be the next leaders and professionals in the country."

The local chief executive encourages all the concerned sectors in society and the residents as well for their cooperation to help in the fight against the health crisis and to rise above the challenges that the pandemic brings. (Ruel Francisco/Imus City Information Office)

DSWD....

LBP has processed some 208,965 cash cards of social pensioners in NCR and Region II and has already forwarded these to the LBP servicing branches for distribution. Of this number, 104,694 cards are for pensioners in NCR, and 104,271 are for those in Region II.

The Department said that distribution of the cash cards will be done in LBP premises and offsite areas from

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9:00 am to 2:00pm. It shall be given by batches or per barangay basis to avoid crowding and in compliance with the social distancing protocol.

For the safety and security of everyone, minimum health protocol will be implemented during the distribution. Hand disinfectants or sanitizers will be available, social distancing will be implemented and beneficiaries will be requested to put on mask

and face shield.

Help desk officers and medical staff, in coordination with the local government units and Office of Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA), shall be present during the offsite distribution.

Meanwhile, for beneficiaries who are sick or bedridden, they can send their authorized representatives to claim their cards provided they are certified by the concerned OSCA or Local Social Welfare and Development Office. (DSWD/PIA-NCR)

2 Filipinos die in Abu Dhabi gas explosion

By Alehia Abuan

PARAÑAQUE CITY-- The Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) has cofirmed that two Filipinos have died in a recent gas explosion in a restaurant along Airport Road, Abu Dhabi.

In a report by PTV News this morning, it said Ambassador Hjayceelyn M. Quintana has reached out to the families of the deceased to express condolences and to give assurance that they will be provided

all necessary assistance.

"It is with deep sadness that the Department of Foreign Affairs, through the Philippine Embassy in Abu Dhabi, shares the latest information that two Filipinos died from the unfortunate accident yesterday caused by a gas explosion at a restaurant at Sheikh Rashid Bin Seed Road, (also known as Airport Road) in Abu Dhabi, as reported by UAE authorities," the DFA said in a statement.

Likewise, the Philippine

Embassy in the United Arab Emirates has been continuously coordinating with the authorities to help afflicted Filipinos who are currently recovering in hospitals.

The DFA has also reminded overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) to take the necessary precautions and be aware of UAE's safety measures.

Quintana, meanwhile, advised the Filipino community to "remain safe and to be always mindful of security and safety protocols of the host government." (PIA NCR)

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EDITORIAL

Tactless and she couldn't care less

Coming from one who supposedly earned her billions developing tracks of agricultural land into middle-class subdivisions, we think something is amiss somewhere.

Don't look now, but Senator Cynthia Villar is getting to be a good distraction to the misery and woes brought about by the pandemic.

Annoyed and bored by the mess at PhilHealth? Just listen to her open her mouth and you'll get instant entertainment.

Yes, she's the same feisty lady who made the public furious last month by forthrightly telling medical workers aching for a time-out that they should just improve their work instead of asking for a stricter quarantine for Metro Manila.

Although she has since apologized for her insensitive remarks, our health care workers simply can't be appeased. They believe Villar was lying through her teeth when she claimed that she was instead referring to people in government who should improve their work and not the frontliners battling the scourge.

Villar had also antagonized nurses before when she said that they do not have to get a BSN (Bachelor of Science in Nursing) degree since they only want to work abroad as room nurses.

"They do not have to be that good. They would end up as caregivers, anyway," she pointed out in the vernacular. This triggered an uproar in social media and instantly she became the target of memes and criticisms from netizens.

Again, it ended up with our tactless lawmaker issuing an apology with a corresponding palusot.

"What I was trying to say during the media forum was that nursing students affected by a CHed closure order several years ago deserved concrete and better career and academic options other than just an abrupt closure of the institutions that they were currently enrolled in," she said in her own gobbledygook.

Guess how her apology was received. With a grain of salt, of course.

Last Tuesday, our 2019 Senate topnotcher did it again. Shades of Britney? Oops, sorry.

Our billionaire senator pointed out in a Senate agricultural hearing that land and irrigation are not necessary for a country to become an agricultural powerhouse, emphasizing that there's nothing wrong with converting farmlands into homes because doing so drives the economy.

Uh-oh. Coming from one who supposedly earned her billions developing tracks of agricultural land into middle-class subdivisions, we think something is amiss somewhere. Let us not forget that sometime in 2018, this same lady was accused of using her chairmanship of the Senate's agricultural committee to favor her company, Vista Land. Yes, the same firm behind the recent cutting of several fully grown pine trees in Baguio City, which was denounced by activists and environmental groups.

You want to forget COVID-19? Listen to our Cynthia and weep: "(Like Israel) we don't need land, we don't need water (for agriculture). What we need is technology to be successful in farming. Those who say that we shouldn't convert farmlands into houses and factories, that's wrong. In cities, we can convert (lands into) small homes for Filipinos so they can have homes so they won't be squatters," she said.

"Those that are outside of cities, you can use that as farmland. Not all are being converted into homes and commercial (establishments). It's just limited to the cities. Why are you prohibiting that when it's also important to the economy?" Villar added.

What our Cynthia failed to drive home though or conveniently forgot to tell us is that there are Vista Land developments even in agricultural areas such as Rizal, a neighboring province outside Metro Manila.

Is this another case of economic oligarchy?

Villar declared a net worth of more than P3.611 billion with no liability at the end of 2017. Her net worth slightly grew from her P3.606 billion in 2016. In 2019, her husband was declared the richest man in the Philippines, boasting a net worth of \$5.5 billion.

The Villar family owns the Philippines' biggest homebuilder Vista Land and shopping center developer Starmalls Inc. They also own Golden Bria, a housing and condominium developer.

You don't have to be a rocket scientist to know where our senator is coming from. As one report puts it, politics, money and networks made her No. 1.



KAPIRASONG Kritika

Ni Teo S. Marasigan

Mas Opyo kaysa Opinyon

SYEMPRE pa, kabilang ang mga manggagawa sa mga uring pinagsasamantalahan ng imperyalismong US sa Pilipinas. Mahaba na rin ang kasaysayan ng mga manggagawang Pilipino sa paglaban sa imperyalismo, simula pa noong bago ang unang kilos-protesta sa Araw ng Paggawa sa bansa, noong 1903, na may sentral na panawagang "Kamatayan sa Imperyalismo!" Sa pagitan ng dalawang puntong ito, ng pagsasamantala at paglaban, mailulugar ang mga obserbasyon niyang inudyukan ng titulo-probokasyon ng isang pang-akademikong kumperensyang nakita niya sa Facebook – "Wika at Imperyalismo."

Pero saan siya kukuha ng kalipunan ng wika ng mga manggagawa? Wala siyang kopya ng mga mensaheng text mula sa kanilang mga cellular phones. O ng mga liham na ipinapadala ng mangilan-ngilan kanila sa pamilya sa probinsya. Bihira sa kanila ang aktibo sa mga social networking sites. Lalong mahirap makahanap ng sanaysay ng nakakarami sa kanila. Sa ganitong pagtatanong niya natumbok na kailangan niyang humango sa limitadong karanasan niya sa kilusang paggawa. Kailangan niyang tandaan ang mga napakinggan niya sa anumang inabot ng pakikisalamuha sa mga manggagawa.

Dahil hindi pa rin masigla ang wikang nakasulat sa hanay ng mga manggagawa habang masigla ang wikang pabigkas. Sa huli nila mas naisasatinig ang iba't ibang hinaing at saloobin. Pero mula pagrereklamo sa mabigat na trabaho at maliit na sahod hanggang sa usap-usapan ng pagtatayo ng unyon, mula pagpapalano ng pag-uunyon hanggang mga talakayan at pag-aaral – lahat ng iyan, sa wika dumadaan. Sa sama-samang pagkilos naipaglalaban ng mga manggagawa ang kanilang mga karapatan at kahilingan, at inihahanda ang pagkilos na iyan ng pagsasalita, na nananalaytay rin sa mga pagkilos.

Armas ng mga manggagawa ang wika, na mahalagang uliting wikang pabigkas, sa paglaban para sa kanilang mga karapatan at kahilingan. (Pansining ang "salita" na "word" sa Filipino, na pwedeng nakasulat o binibigkas, ay malapit na agad sa "pagsasalita" o "to speak.") Kapansin-pansing makulay ang mga salita nila sa pagbansag sa mga itinuturing na kalaban, tao man o patakaran. Sa bagay na ito, lumalabas ang kanilang kakayahan at hilig sa pagpapatawa, na nagiging pangungutya. Pedagogikal

din: mabilis kumapit sa alaala ang iba't ibang pangalan sa ganitong mga pagbabansag.

Ang tawag nila sa mga porma ng patakaran neoliberal: LAPIDA, para sa Liberalisasyon, Pribatisasyon at Deregulasyon.

Sa kontraktwal na empleyo na pumuputol sa kontrata ng manggagawa matapos ang limang buwan para hindi umabot sa anim at maging regular, sa paraang nagpapaalala ng sardinas na laging kinakain sa sahod sa ganitong trabaho: 5-5-5.

Sa napakababang sahod, malayo sa antas na nakakabuhay o living wage: Libing wage.

Kay Noynoy Aquino na maihahalintulad sa nabugok na itlog: Penoy.

Sa sekretaryo ng paggawa na nag-assume ng jurisdiction sa Hacienda Luisita at naglilalis sa masaker doon: Patricia Santatanas (Sto. Tomas).

Sa kasalukuyang sekretaryo ng paggawa na nagpatupad ng malawakang tanggalan at kontraktwalisasyon sa Philippine Airlines: Rosalinda Baldozer (Baldoz).

Sa PTGWO o Philippine Trade and General Workers' Organization, pederasyon ng dilawang Trade Union Congress of the Philippines na pahirap sa mga manggagawang miyembro nito: Pitong Taong Gutom at Walang Omento.

Ilan na nga ba ang kaso ni Lucio Tan? Walang nakakaalam? Hindi bale, lagi naman niyang nalu-Lucio Tan.

Kahit ang wikang nakasulat para sa mga manggagawa, nakabatay sa wikang pasalita. Ang polyeto para sa kanila, bukod sa dapat makamanggagawa ang nilalaman, dapat epektibo ang porma: gumagamit ng pang-araw-araw na salita at maiikling pangungusap. Kahit parang prase o hirit ang ilang pangungusap, walang problema; hindi kailangang buo tulad sa mga sulatin sa mga paaralan o opisina. Mas madulas din ang ganitong porma para sa paghahayag ng galit. Ang isang sukatan: Hindi hihingalin ang nagbabasa. Pinakamainam kung ang mga pangungusap, nasasabi ng karaniwang manggagawa.

Sa kabilang banda, ano ang sinasabi ng mga kapitalista, sa pamamagitan ng mga manedyer at superbisor, sa mga manggagawa? Bukod sa dapat gawin sa trabaho, samu't saring pagbabawal: mula pagpapahaba ng break hanggang pagkukumparahan ng pay slip, mula

pagkuha ng larawan ng empresa hanggang pagpapahayag sa mga social networking sites. Wala masyadong paliwanag, maliban sa pangangalaga sa pangalan ng kumpanya. Pero may dalang takot, dahil sinusupportahan ng mga parusa – ultimo ang matanggal sa trabaho. Laging may nasasampolan, ginagawang panakot sa mga naiwan.

Anu't anumang, hindi buong doktrina ang ipinapatanggap sa mga manggagawa para magtrabaho nang payapa alinsunod sa "industrial peace" na ipinapataw ng gobyerno. Walang sistematikong paliwanag kung bakit maganda ang kapitalismo at malayang pamilihan o tungkol sa "Katapusan ng Kasaysayan." Mas madalas, sa antas ng empresa, pilit pinapasunod ang mga manggagawa gamit ang banta ng pagtanggap sa trabaho. Ang mga kapitalista, matipid sa paliwanag sa mga manggagawa, pero sandamakmak naman ang mga mapanupil na patakaran ipinapatupad ng gobyerno pabor sa kanila.

Kung paggamit ng wika ng mga kapitalista sa antas-empresa sa layuning kumbinsihin ang mga manggagawa, mas ang pinakamalapit ay ang paggamit sa piling aspekto ng relihiyong Katoliko. Isa na diyan ang pagiging mapagpasalamat ("grateful") sa lahat ng nangyayari, mabuti man o masama. Bukod pa ang pagpapahalaga sa pamilya at trabaho – na batayan para manawagang huwag alintanin ang masamang kalagayan sa paggawa at magbuhos pa ng sipag sa pagtatrabaho. Ang paggamit ng mga kapitalista sa wika, mas pagbabawal-pananakot kaysa pagkumbinsi, at kung sa huli, mas opyo kaysa opinyon.

Sa dulo, madaling mapansin ang pagbabawal at pananakot sa paggamit ng wikang Filipino ng imperyalismo at mga alyado nitong naghaharing uri kapag kausap ang mga manggagawa – sa loob ng empresa, mahalagang idiin. Madali ring mapansin ang pagbabansag at katatawanan na tampok sa paggamit ng wika ng mga manggagawang lumalaban. Kontra sa pira-pirasong paniniwala na inilalahad ng mga naghahari sa mga manggagawa, makikita sa wika ng mga lumalabang manggagawa ang pagsisikap kamtin ang lampas-empresa, mas malawak, kung hindi man buo, na pag-unawa sa kalagayan.

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CHED appoints SEARCA Director as Chairperson of Technical Panel for Agriculture

By Carlo P. Gonzaga

LOS BANOS, Laguna-The Commission on Higher Education (CHED) has appointed Dr. Glenn B. Gregorio, Director of the Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA), as Chairperson of the CHED Technical Panel for Agriculture (TPA).

CHED said it “has appointed new technical panel members in the fields of public administration and agriculture to carry out the mandate of the Commission to harness the equal representation of the academe,

government and industry in curriculum reform and ensure that academic programs produce the needed manpower for local and international needs.”

The academe is represented in the TPA by Dr. Candida B. Adalla and Dr. Domingo E. Angeles, former College of Agriculture deans of the University of the Philippines Los Banos (UPLB), and Dr. Danilo E. Abayon, former President of Aklan State University. Ms. Nikole Ma. Nimfa Alicer, farmer and founder of Kalipayan Farms, represents the industry. According to CHED, the TPA members representing

the government will soon be appointed. Dr. Aimee Lyn Dupo, UPLB Graduate School Secretary and Professor at the UPLB Institute of Biological, was appointed as a technical evaluator.

With a term of four years, Technical Panel members are expected to assist the Commission in providing technical expertise, particularly in the development of disciplinary and degree program roadmaps, CHED said.

CHED added that the Technical Panel members will also review, revise and update policies, standards, and guidelines (PSGs) based on the policy direction set by

the Commission and consistent with local, regional, and international needs and industry trends.

The Technical Panel will also “develop or revise Policies and Guidelines on Centers of Excellence and Centers of Development (COE/COD) for the various disciplines and in the crafting of monitoring and evaluation instruments and systems, as well as orientation of technical evaluators.”

On the other hand, CHED explained that the technical evaluators are group of experts and specialists whose main function is to monitor and evaluate compliance of higher education institutions with the PSG set by the Commission.

“The reconstitution of technical panels is anchored on the need to align higher education to standards, priorities and needs in international, regional, and national settings. The experts from academe, government and industry will assist the Commission in policy

formulation and implementation consistent with the principles of transparency, accountability and participation,” said CHED Chairman J. Prospero E. De Vera III.

Dr. Gregorio said he welcomes the challenge to lead efforts in reforming the agriculture curriculum in the country’s higher education institutions (HEIs) to make it more relevant to the present and future job markets in the Philippines and abroad.

As agriculture remains a major engine of economic development in most Southeast Asian countries, Dr. Gregorio reiterated the strategic position of HEIs to pursue projects and initiatives related to food and nutrition security and their agility in designing their curricular and extension programs to produce professionals who can actively engage in achieving food and nutrition security goals. (PIA-4A/SEARCA)

CAVITEVIEW

LGU initiatives during pandemic help farmers, consumers



THE local officials have a big role to play to conform to coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) health directives and at the same in ensuring the local population’s food security.

The nature of the pandemic gives challenges to actors of the food system at every level such as the disruptions to food supply chains, market losses, and the required safety measures for workers.

In the Caraga region, local government units (LGUs) are now the first responders on the needs of the affected populations mainly to provide food for all.

LGU’s responsive measures

In the municipality of Claver, Surigao del Norte through the leadership of Mayor Georgia D. Gokiangkee, has found responsive measures to ensure the continuity of their food supply and ease market disruptions.

“The imposition of the localized community quarantine measures in the middle of March 2020 limits our work and field operations but this did not hinder us to continue our partnership with our local farmers to address food availability and

accessibility in the municipality. The LGU has bought over P1.69 million worth of agricultural goods directly from the farmers,” said Engr. Carlos S. Quirequire, OIC-Municipal Agriculturist of Claver.

The Municipal Agriculture Office (MAO) reached out to 35 rice farmers from the irrigator’s association and farmer groups within the town to supply milled rice for the relief operations. The LGU purchased 532 bags at P2,200 per bag of 50 kilograms.

Aside from the milled rice, they also bought 810 kilos of squash at P10 per kilo from a local farmer and outsource assorted vegetables from the other municipalities and cities in the region with a total worth P521,167.

Through this, a total of 13,674 families of the municipality benefited from the LGU’s procurement of rice and vegetables for project relief operations.

“We wanted to help our farmers by buying their products to ensure their income despite the implementation of the community quarantine. Aside from it, the LGU sees a

better alternative of providing nutritious food packs for our constituents,” said Quirequire.

According to Queriqueri, if a farmer will sell 100 bags of fresh palay directly to traders he can only earn around P85,000 while if a farmer will mill his products he can earn P116,000.

“Without the proactive measures of the municipal office, we will be selling our fresh palay to the rice traders at a farm gate price ranging from P16 to P18 per kilo. But the rice procurement initiated by the LGU during the lockdown aids us to earn more out of our products as they encouraged us to do value-adding to boost our income,” said Rene Taer, president of Ladgaron Irrigators Association.

He is also grateful for

the initiative of the LGU in buying out his 25 bags of milled rice wherein he sold it at a total of P55,000.

Pro farmer-consumer initiative

As the locals observed the community quarantine, the vegetable farmers and fishers were able to sell their fresh harvest as the municipal agriculture office initiated the ‘Tabo sa Munisipyo.’

“Tabo sa Munisipyo is our version of Kadiwa ni Ani at Kita here in our town. This is to help our farmers and fishers to continue earning even at the height of the pandemic. This is also our way to ease the difficulties of consumers in accessing fresh produce at a good price,” said Quirequire.

On the other hand, part of their assistance is to find market linkages to their local producers. The municipal agriculture office used the available platforms like social media to reach interested buyers.

Russell Acero, daughter of the watermelon farmer from Brgy. Sapa, Claver is grateful for the action taken by the MAO for helping them to sell their produce.

“Due to the lockdown, we encountered cancellation of

orders from our usual buyers. But with the quick response of the MAO, we were able to sell our 10,000 kilos of watermelon at P8 per kilo through online orders and tabo sa munisipyo,” she said.

The support of the municipal government did not leave the farmer-producers empty-handed nor let their goods go to waste with no return of their investments.

“The move of the LGU-Claver demonstrates that we could do more if we will strategize the food supply chain in our community. Hopefully, these initiatives will continue and be replicated with other LGU’s this will be instrumental in improving farm productivity, thereby improving the quality of lives of the farmers,” said DA-Caraga Regional Executive Director Abel James I. Monteagudo.

The DA continues to strengthen its ties with the LGUs to effectively strategize the support not just for the farmers but for all stakeholders. With a strong LGU’s decision making, the needs of the community are better identified. (Rhea Abao/DA13-RAFIS/PIA-Surigao del Norte)



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Amended

MOUNT CARMEL RURAL BANK, INC.,
Mortgagee,

-Versus -

BABY ROSETTE YASIN,
Mortgagor.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial foreclosure for sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed by Mortgagee, MOUNT CARMEL RURAL BANK, INC., A banking institution duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, with principal office and place of business at J.M. Kalaw St., Brgy. 5, Lipa City, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Mortgage Loan Agreement ("MORTGAGE") date October 26, 2016 that was executed by Mortgagor/Borrower, BABY ROSETTE YASIN, with residence and postal address at 327 Poooc II, Barangay II (Pob), Silang Cavite, Philippines, in favor of the Petitioner/Mortgagee, over a real estate property including improvements thereon, described in and covered by Original Certificate of Title No. 2016000295 of the Registry of deeds for Tagaytay City, in order to satisfy the outstanding loan obligation of the mortgagor in the amount of FIVE MILLION THREE HUNDRED SIXTEEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED THIRTY FIVE PESOS & 19/100 (Php5,316,935.19) excluding attorney's fees, other charges and expenses, as of June 30, 2020, the undersigned Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff of the Regional Trial Court of Cavite thru her deputy, Sheriff ALEX E. MARTINEZ, will sell at public auction on September 29, 2020 at 10:00 O'clock in the morning or soon thereafter, at the New Hall of Justice of Tagaytay City, to the highest bidder, for Cash or Manager's Check and in Philippine

Currency, the following proprties with all its improvements thereon, to wit:

ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 2016000295
Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION

Survey No./Cad No.: CSD-04-045020-D
Block: :
Lot No. : 8767-A
Portion of Lot : 8767, Cad-451-D, Silang Cadastre
Land Owner : BABY ROSETTE C. YASIN
Location : Brgy. of Poooc
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Boundaries	Direction	Adjoining Lots/Features
1-2	SW	Barangay Road, 10.00 m. wide
2-3	NW	Lot 8766, Cad-452-D, Silang Cadastre
3-4-1	NE & SE	LOT 8767-B, Csd-045020-D
Tie line	BLLM # 1,	Cad-452-D, Silang Cadastre

Lot Description

Line	Bearing	Distance
Tie Point 1	S 32° 26'E	3,808.63 m.
1-2	N 19° 46'W	12.00 m.
2-3	N 70° 41' E	26.00 m.
3-4	S 19° 46' E	12.00 m.
4-1	S 70° 41' W	26.00 m.

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1973-December 4, 1975

Date of Subd./Cons. Survey : October 4, 2015

Date Approved : February 4, 2016

Geodetic Engineer : Isabelo U. Munoz

Note* This lot is covered by Residential Free Patent Application No. 042118-821.

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on October 6, 2020 without further notice.

Prospective bidders or buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate and verify for themselves the CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 2016000295 the encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

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

Tagaytay City, Philippines, August 24, 2020.

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Case No. 20-2891

NOTICE OF HEARING:

This is an application for Certificate of Public Convenience to operate and maintain a waterworks system within Sterling Residences One Subdivision, Barangay Sabong, Naic, Cavite, with the following proposed rates:

Residential & Institutional		Commercial & Industrial	
Pipe Size: 1/2 inch		Pipe Size: 1/2 inch	
Consumption, cu. m.	Peso / cu.m.	Consumption, cu. m.	Peso / cu.m.
0-5 (min.)	P 432.00 (min.)	0 - 15 (min.)	P 1,333.00 (min.)
6-10	45.20	16 - 30	94.60
11-20	47.30	31 - 500	106.90
21-30	49.30	501 - 1000	119.20
31-40	51.40	Over 1000	127.40
Over 40	55.50	-	-

This application will be initially heard by the Board on **September 14, 2020**, hearing will start at **9:00 o'clock in the morning** at the NWRB-WUD Conference Room, 8th Floor, NIA Building, EDSA, Quezon City at which time applicant shall present its evidence.

At least **fifteen (15) days prior to the scheduled hearing**, applicant shall publish this notice once in a daily newspaper of general circulation in the province of **Cavite** and serve by personal delivery or registered mail a copy of the (i) application and its attachments, and (ii) this notice, to all affected parties appearing on page 2 hereof.

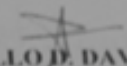
Parties opposed to the granting of the application must file their written opposition supported by documentary evidence on or before the above scheduled date of hearing, furnishing a copy of the same to the applicant.

Failure on the part of any person affected to file its opposition on time and to appear at the hearing will be construed, as a waiver of their right to be heard and the Board will proceed to hear and decide the application based on the evidence submitted.

Likewise, failure by the applicant to appear at the hearing shall amount to lack of interest on its part and the instant application shall be dismissed accordingly.

Witness the Honorable Executive Director of the National Water Resources Board this 13th day of July 2020.

By Authority of the Board:


Dr. SEVILLO J. DAVID, Jr., CESO III
Executive Director

Affected Parties:

The Secretary
Sangguniang Bayan
Naic, Cavite

The Barangay Chairman
Barangay Sabong
Naic, Cavite

The Homeowners Assn. President
Sterling Residences One Subdivision
Barangay Sabong, Naic, Cavite

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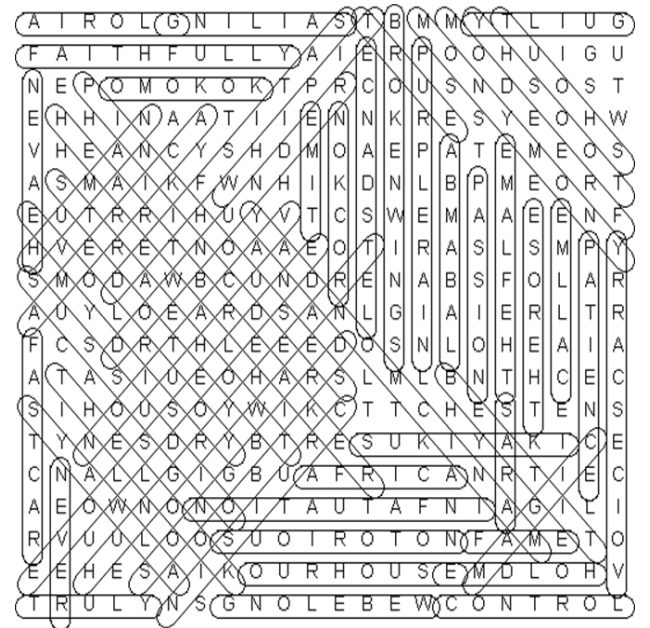
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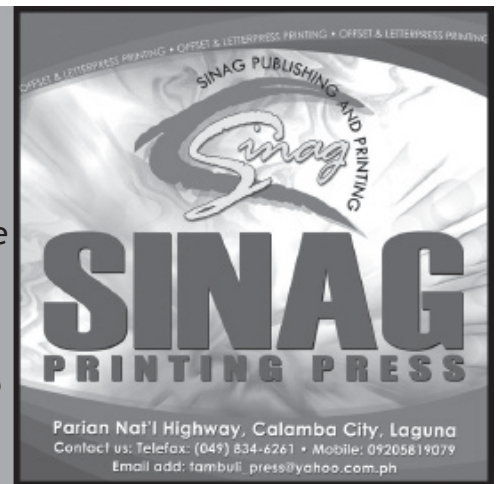
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Villanueva cites value of teaching labor laws to tertiary students

By Jerome Carlo R. Paunan

CALOOCAN CITY-- Senator Joel Villanueva on Thursday said teaching Philippine labor laws to students in tertiary education will help empower them in case they would opt to be future workers and help curb abuse in the workplace.

At the same time, the senator urged his colleagues in the Senate to pass the proposed Labor Education Act that would require tertiary education institutions to integrate into their general education curriculum the rights of Filipino laborers.

In a sponsorship speech, Villanueva said the proposed bill, which he submitted for plenary action on Tuesday afternoon, would address the problem of labor rights violations in the

workplaces by educating both workers and employers on existing labor laws.

"This legislation mandates the integration of Labor Education topics into selected core General Education (GE) subjects in the Higher Education Curriculum. It also decrees integrating Labor Education into the Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Curriculum through appropriate modules of instructions and other relevant materials crucial to empowering future Filipino workers, employers, and entrepreneurs," said Villanueva, chair of the Senate Committee on Higher and Technical and Vocational Education.

"During a period of massive job displacements

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Senator Joel Villanueva (PIA file)

SSS Mobile App among the most downloadable applications in its category

By Nonette N. Castillo

CALOOCAN CITY-- The Social Security Systems (SSS) Mobile App is among the most downloadable applications in its category on Google Play Store, Apple's App Store, and Huawei AppGallery, according to SSS President and Chief Executive Officer Aurora C. Ignacio.

As of July 2020, SSS Mobile App accumulated 7,485,817 downloads in the three mobile app markets.

The SSS Mobile App ranked as the most downloadable free app in Google Play Store under the productivity category, with 6,032,977 downloads from Android phone users.

It is among the top three most downloadable under the utilities category in Apple's App Store, with 726,840 downloads from iOS phone users.

Likewise, the mobile application is the third most downloadable app under the finance category among Huawei users, with 726,000 downloads.

"With the use of modern technology and with SSS' digitalization efforts, we further encourage all our members and the employers as well to use this mobile app to enjoy a simple, fast and easy way of conducting your transactions with SSS," Ignacio

said.

The Agency disclosed that the SSS Mobile App recorded nearly 22.4 million transactions from its members for the first half of 2020.

Ignacio said that the pension fund's mobile application facilitated 22,363,413 transactions from January to June 2020, with an average of 124,24 transactions daily.

Launched in 2018, the SSS Mobile App is a free downloadable app for smartphone users. It is designed to provide a more convenient way for members to transact with SSS without the hassle of queuing in the branches.

In 2010, SSS also had implemented the Text-SSS facility for members to obtain information on their contributions and loan records. A member may register in Text-SSS by sending their SSS number and birthdate using the format "SSS REG <SS Number> <MM/DD/YY>" to 2600.

"We are delighted that our members and employers have been using this app with their various SSS transactions, which is user-friendly and easy to access. Members can now view their contributions record, membership information, and SSS branches' location. They

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Encabo, nanawagan sa Metro Manila LGUs na maglaan ng 'temporary shelter' para sa mga LSIs

By Jerome Carlo R. Paunan

LUNGSOD CALOOCAN-- Nanawagan nitong Biyernes ang "Hatid Tulong" program lead na si Assistant Secretary Joseph Encabo sa mga lokal na pamahalaan na sana ay maglaan ng pansamantalang matutuluyan para sa mga locally stranded individuals (LSIs) sa Metro Manila.

Sa programang Laging Handa public briefing ng Presidential Communications Operations Office, hinikayat ni Encabo ang mga LGUs na ilaan ang kanilang mga covered court, gymnasium, at mga center upang magsilbing "temporary shelter" para sa tinatayang 430 LSIs na pansamantalang nakakampo sa

labas ng Libingan ng mga Bayani sa Taguig City.

"Kami po ay nakikipagugnayan sa ibang ahensya ng national government, ng local government units sa Kamaynilaan, kung makapagbigay po sila ng lugar kagaya po ng covered court o kaya gymnasiums o mga centers na puwede gawing [temporary shelters], bibigyan namin sila ng atensyon at doon natin sila dadalhin," aniya.

"[Nasa] 430 ang estimated number ng mga indibidwal na nasa Libingan ng mga Bayani at patuloy kaming nagka-conduct ng profiling. Kapag nakakita na kami ng tamang lugar para gawing temporary shelter ay bibigyan

namin sila ng pagkakataon na maka-avail noon," dagdag pa ng opisyal na bibigyang prayoridad ang mga nanunuluyan sa libingan.

Ani Encabo, kanila nang sinulatan ang mga Pamahalaang Lungsod ng Taguig at Pasay para sa posibleng temporary shelters sa lugar para sa mga LSIs.

Gayundin, aniya, nakipag-ugnayan din ang Hatid Tulong sa mga pribadong sektor para sa karagdagang tulong para sa kanila.

Sa kabila nito, nanawagan naman si Encabo sa mga LSIs na sa gitna ng umiiral na limitasyon ay sisikapin nilang mapauwi ang mga ito sa kani-kanilang lalawigan sa lalong

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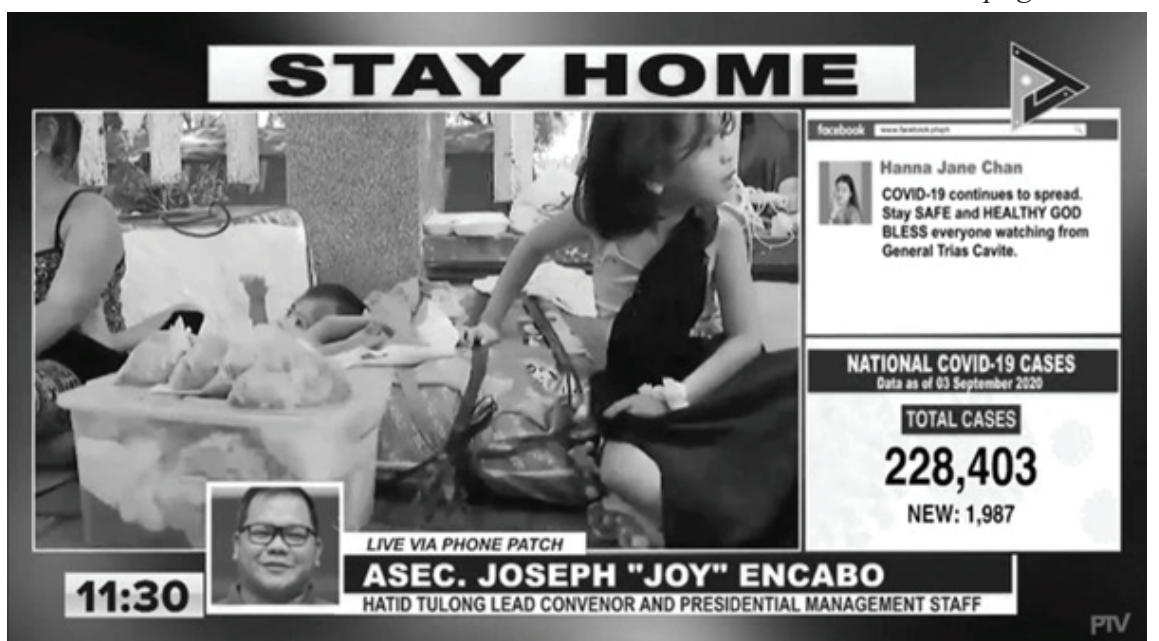


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